Off-campus development proposed

By MAUDIE HANNA
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Arriving on campus, Notre Dame students are quick to lament that their new home lacks two major assets—sunny days and off-campus options. Although they can’t change the weather, Notre Dame and South Bend officials are targeting the second complaint by developing a new retail and residential district just outside Notre Dame’s campus, a change that will benefit both students and the surrounding South Bend community.

“Our goal is to create a community neighborhood that students can walk to, that really doesn’t exist in the Notre Dame experience,” said Greg Hakowski, director of asset management and real estate developer for Notre Dame.

According to John Affleck-Graves, executive vice-president of Notre Dame, the new project will begin where Angela Woodruff meets Eddy Street at the soon-to-relocate Logan Center, and will continue along the entire east-west stretch between the Urban and Social Sciences division.

Affleck-Graves said he hopes to create a commercial district with one block of restaurants, stores and apartments followed by two rows of townhouses and another block.

Panel addresses humanitarian crisis in Sudan

Experts brainstorm new paths to peace

By MICHAEL BUKS
News Writer

Editor’s note: This is the first article in a two-part series focusing on the background of and possible solutions to the current crisis in Sudan.

Three experts on the humanitarian crisis in Darfur criticized the lack of international response to the war crimes there in a symposium Wednesday afternoon. The three also recommended the increased use of outside groups, arms embargoes and targeted sanctions against Sudan, and the preservation of those who have perpetrated genocide through the implementation of the International Criminal Court.

John Prendergast, the former ambassador to Sudan, Africa, spoke harshly of the apartheid international reaction to the Darfur crisis, saying that the United Nations, the United States and other countries have used diplomatic ploys to skirt the real, complicated decisions that they would have to make otherwise.

The international community deliberately portrays the situations on the ground as more complicated than they actually are,” said Prendergast. “It’s a very difficult, a very specific way of absolving yourself of responsibility in the short-run, to say it’s just too difficult.”

Larry Minear, director of the Humanitarianism and War Project at Tufts University, declared the international humanitarian response particularly lacking.

“I don’t think there’s anyone in the humanitarian community that would call that effort robust,” Minear said. He added further that within approximately the first 12 months of the conflict, only six percent of affected Darfurians had received clean drinking water from aid organizations and only eight percent had been given food.

Prendergast warned that the members of the U.N. Security Council and others would have to spend a real political capital in order to secure lasting changes in the region.

“We see the Security Council, the United States and the Europeans doing on a regular basis, see them calling for cease-fires, rather than specifically owning up to the perpetrators, those who have perpetrated mass killings,” said Prendergast.

The result of this diplomatic maneuvering, Prendergast said, was in fact the implicit justification of the Khartoum government’s activities.

“The message is unambiguous—clear to the killers, that they can do anything up to the perpetrators, those who have perpetrated mass killings,” said Prendergast.

The symposium listens as Frances Deng, former Sudanese ambassador to the United States, makes a point.

World Trade Center engineer discusses work

By JULIE BENDER
News Writer

Amid a candlelit dinner in the stadium press box Wednesday night, renowned structural engineer Leslie Robertson treated a select group of engineering students and professors to a lecture entitled, “The Merging of Structural Engineering and Architecture: A Short History of the Towers of Les Robertson.”

Robertson, whose structural designs include the World Trade Center in New York City, the United States Steel Headquarters in Pittsburgh and the Bank of China Tower in Hong Kong, began the evening on a note of humility, refusing to take personal credit for any of the structures he designed.

“Those structures aren’t the work of Mr. Robertson but of a group of people. People make great projects, not persons,” he said, as images of some of the world’s most notable buildings flashed on the screen behind him.

Robertson doesn’t even take credit for his own humility, saying that it’s what he has learned from his work abroad in other cultures, especially his time with conference engineers where his work is highly revered.

“If there’s anything I’ve learned from working in the Far East, it’s ROTC regarded in positive light

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Roger’s article this is the second in a two-part series exploring the perceptions and realities of the ROTC program at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s.

Despite the Catholic Church’s opposition to the war in Iraq, Notre Dame has maintained a strong commitment to the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, and students and faculty say they hold the program and its participants in high regard.

Professor David Gerig, a research fellow for the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, said he believes Notre Dame is the ideal place for members of the armed forces to be educated. For example, he said, many students in ROTC take a course called “War, Law, and Ethics” in the theology department, teaching them about ethical principles that apply to avoiding and minimizing harm to non-combatants, as well as the Church’s just war principles.

“I think we want an armed forces imbued with the best moral values and best education on critical and ethical issues,” Gerig said. “We want our officers to be able to think critically—not to be robots in responding to crisis, but to apply independent critical thinking.”

While ROTC students do participate in regular activities, freshman Caitlin Regan of Punxsutawney said she has noticed something extra in her ROTC classroom.

“I admire them; it requires a lot of dedication,” she said. “They do it continuously, they commit themselves officially and respectfully.”

Sophomore Michael Crowley said he was impressed by those in ROTC, noting that he didn’t quite have their stamina. “It’s hard. They don’t go out much and they have to get up early,” he said. “They have to join the armed forces after

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What would you say it is you do?

Lately I've been feeling an overwhelming urge to procrastinate. I'm sure we can all relate. Midterms and essays await me but the urge to pop in an episode of "The O.C." or search aimlessly through thefacebook.com seems too tempting.

Some people might claim they never procrastinate and finish all their work promptly and on time. For the rest of us, we'd rather pull the all-nighter and not worry ourselves. So with apologies to Jeff Foxworthy, here's my top list of when "you know you're a procrastinator."

10. You know you're a procrastinator when you'd rather watch EastEnders' weekend in its entirety rather than starting that philo paper that you have due in two days.

9. You know you're a procrastinator if you try to start a research project but don't even make it to the library after you remember that you could be doing nothing instead.

8. You know you're a procrastinator if you put off until tomorrow what can be put off until the day after tomorrow just as easily.

7. You know you're a procrastinator if you decide to start studying but never procrastinate when you'd rather watch Elminster from the Library of the Realms.

6. You know you're a procrastinator if you can type conversations with your friends in your sleep.

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4. You know you're a procrastinator if you set out to finish your calculus homework but instead decide to spend an entire day playing football on X-box.

3. You know you're a procrastinator if you type conversations with your friends in your sleep but instead decide to spend an entire day playing football on X-box.

2. You know you're a procrastinator when you wake up on Thursday with all your work done on Thursday night and tell all your friends about it.

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Corrections

Due to an editing error, midshipmen in Notre Dame Navy ROTC program were mistakenly labeled as "cadets" on page 1 and 8 of the Feb. 15 edition of The Observer. The Observer regrets the error.

In Brief

A blood drive will be held today in Rolls Sports Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To sign up call Recsports at 631-6100.


The 1962 film "To Kill a Mockingbird" will be shown at 10 p.m. tonight in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center as part of the Spring Arts Fest 2005: Tolerance and Reconciliation. Call 631-2900 for tickets.

Sean O'Brien will give a lecture entitled "Passive Resistance: Michael Davitt and the Positivist School of Criminology from 3 to 4:15 p.m. today in 424 Flanner Hall. The event is sponsored by the Keough Institute for Irish Studies.

Karen Riffman will give a lecture titled "Italian Vedute: Art, Culture and Religion" at 7 p.m. today in the Snite Museum of Art.

The Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams will participate in the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observeronline@nd.edu.
Weiner addresses eating disorders, body image issues

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Student government's Eating Disorders Awareness Week continued Wednesday night with a lecture by author and speaker Jessica Weiner. Weiner's program, entitled "Do I Look Fat in This?: Decoding the Language of Body Image," explored topics of eating disorders, body image and self-esteem through her own experiences and those of others.

Weiner has spoken at college campuses since she was an undergraduate and has toured professionally for ten years. Her book, "A Very Hungry Girl," was also featured on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

According to Weiner, her struggle with eating disorders began in childhood. She described the development of her illness from the time when she was a young girl growing up in a home of very weight-conscious parents.

"There are three flavors of eating disorders: anorexia, bulimia and binge eating," she said. "Growing up, I struggled with all of them. I started dieting with my mom when I was eleven. I learned how to count calories at too young of an age. I was 14 years old and exercising for four hours every day, but I did it all."

Weiner described breaking out during her freshman year in college, only to experience an epiphany when she witnessed other women sharing their struggles with various problems.

"It was a pinnacle turning point for me. At that moment in time, I had a name for what I was doing (receptive bulimia), and I knew that I wasn't alone. That was an amazing feeling," she said.

Weiner noted the tendency of women to express themselves in terms of body image rather than emotions, noting that complaints about attractiveness frequently stem from other concerns and problems.

"Fat is not a feeling. It is a catchphrase and substitute for what we are feeling. The emotions we can feel are things like happiness, sadness and anger," she said.

According to Weiner, eating disorders represent an enormous and underestimated problem in the United States.

"While 10 million women and one million men have a diagnosed eating disorder, an estimated 25 million people in total have some form of an eating disorder," she said. "... Anorexia is the number one mental health disorder resulting in death, as 20 percent of those who struggle with this disease succumb to it. That is hundreds of thousands of women every year."

Weiner also pointed out that eating disorders are not limited to only women or to only white women. Fatima and black women have shown huge increases in rates of eating disorders, she said.

While physically-focused pursuits, such as dance and athletics, may increase a person's chances of developing an eating disorder, Weiner said, an overemphasis on body image and body comparison can create unbearable pressure on individuals. She described America's "incredibly fat-phobic" culture, which allows destructive and restrictive behavior to flourish in the category of health. Weiner said that people with eating disorders are often afraid of being fat, "so they work to fight it in this country. Eighty percent of elementary school children surveyed said they were afraid of being fat," she said.

This culture of fearing fat and worshiping health has created even more impediments to fighting unhealthy eating, according to Weiner. She noted that research for isolating a gene that could increase susceptibility to anorexia has been stymied due to lack of funds, while the American health industry nets $80 billion each year.

"The need to talk about this issue is profound. Like many college campuses, Notre Dame is an incredibly tough school, and you all are perfectionists. There is incredible pressure on you," she said.

According to Weiner, one of the main ways to address the issue of low self-image is through careful use of language. Words of body hatred intensify the problem dramatically, she said. While refraining to speak in terms of body hatred might be difficult, Weiner noted that it is essential to any social change.

"Ghani said to be the change you wish to see in the world. You have to be the one person in your group who does not bow to self-hating body hatred," she said.

Weiner also emphasized the need for women to monitor the exposure they allow themselves to the media. She noted that no model, male or female, reaches a magazine cover without being airbrushed and worked over by an entire team of professionals.

"You are not supposed to look like her. She doesn't even look like her," Weiner said.

She advised students who have friends suffering from eating disorders to remember the importance of being a relationship. When they cannot solve their friend's problem, she explained, that being there and caring is often the best approach to the situation.

Weiner emphasized that no person should be defined in terms of appearance and numbers. She recently refused to reveal her weight to a New York Times reporter at the bottom point of her sickness, deciding instead to use terms that would not lead to any comparisons by readers.

"Like my friends who choose to resonate fully in their bodies and their lives," she said.

Weiner mentioned resources on campus for individuals struggling with eating disorders or anyone who might have questions. She cited the University Counseling Center as one venue for students to find support. She also mentioned a campus group called A Life Uncommon, which meets Wednesdays at 9 p.m. in room 316 of the Coleman-Morse Building.

"A Life Uncommon is an incredible group. It has become a viable, tangible presence on this campus," she said.

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Representatives discuss postponing transition date

Changes to campaign funding, election day procedures debated

By AMANDA MICHAELS

Senators discussed student government election and transition issues at their meeting Wednesday night, focusing for the majority of the time on the prospect of pushing the transition day to a later date.

James Leito, Siegfried senator and member of the Committee on Oversight, asked for the senators' opinions on a calendar that featured a May 1 transition date — as opposed to the constitutionally-mandated April 1 date — for all student government bodies besides the Financial Management Board and the Club Coordination Council. He said he wanted to assess the level of support for the measure before beginning the tedious process of changing all the dates in the constitution for presentation in resolution form.

Leito argued that adding an extra month to current leaders' terms and giving newly-elected officials an extra month to observe would make the transition process easier and more productive. He also reasoned that new representatives would have more opportunities to attend meetings before they themselves have to run them, and experienced representatives would be given more time in which to wrap up their end-of-the-year projects.

Fisher senator Sujal Pandya opposed the change, arguing that the new leaders need the month at the end of the year to "get their feet wet," and that simply observing meetings for a month does not provide them an opportunity to do so. "Being in a meeting in April entails that you're actually in the job, working," Pandya said. "It is important that you come to own the role before summer, or you will lose momentum coming into the new school year."

Pandya also asked that the senators take into consideration the opinion of the Hall President's Council, which has voiced its opposition to the date change.

Fisher Hall president Jacob Benedict was given the floor to offer his assent to Pandya's statement. "In Senate, a lot of your work is done in meetings, but HPC isn't like that," Benedict said. "The majority of the work is done within the dorms, when the president is there. You don't get your feet wet at meetings, so an extra month wouldn't prepare new presidents at all."

Proponents of the change said starting a new term on April 1 makes continuity of projects during the summer break difficult, and it would be more beneficial for the student body to have experienced leaders in office for an extra month at the end of their term, when productivity tends to be higher.

In detractors, however, said an extra month of preparation for incoming representatives was not necessarily beneficial, and cautioned that not everyone would take advantage of the time anyways. "Frankly, I came to three Senate meetings before I became senator, but I still didn't know what I was doing until a few meetings after I took office," Josh Pasquesi, Morrissey senator, said. "At least I had the benefit of being able to go to the old senator for advice."

Benedict said that voting begin at midnight on election day to a transition date would make the transition process easier and more productive.

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Sujal Pandya
Fisher senator

by student body president, vice president and class council candidates during the campaign. Currently, candidates are permitted to spend up to $200 on their campaigns, all of which they must procure on their own.

"There are kids on this campus that want to make a change, and it's unfortunate that they have to spend their own money to get the chance to do it," Leito said.

Vice president-elect and Badin senator Elizzi Shappell supported the idea, saying that she knew many interested students who declined to run after discovering the costs involved.

President-elect and chief executive assistant Dave Baron, however, said reimbursement was unnecessary. "If you're going to run for office, you have to be willing to sacrifice your time, your effort and even your money," Baron said. "There are means and places out there already to provide for candidates who may not have the finances to pull the money from their own pockets."

The second idea was to take away the ban on campaigning on election day. Most senators stood in support of repealing the ban after Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, explained that the restriction's original purpose was to prevent voter intimidation when students voted on paper ballots at locations in their individual dorms.

The final idea, to which no one voiced objections, proposed that voting begin at midnight on election day rather than 8 a.m., to accommodate for abroad students in different time zones.

In other Senate news:

• Senators Julie Pearce and Agus Galmarini told the Senate that during their discussion about football seat distribution with the athletic department's director of ticketing Josh Berlo, they learned that included in a new campus system upgrade will be software that will allow students to purchase tickets online. Though this technology would not be in place until the 2006-2007 years, Pearce and Galmarini asked senators to see how their constituents felt about possibly purchasing football tickets over the summer instead of in the fall.

• Student body vice president Karla Bell said that U2's manager, who is a student himself, had informed them that Bono and the band would not be able to fit a stop in South Bend into their spring tour schedule. However, a campaign to get U2 to come in the fall will continue, Bell said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Queen's absence fuels speculation**

**LONDON** — Buckingham Palace says Queen Elizabeth II won't be there, but her son's wedding to keep the occasion "low key".

Fat chance.

"Queen's anger at wedding shambles," said London's Evening Standard newspaper on Wednesday, while The Sun heaped its coverage "Royal brouhaha!"

Among royal watchers and wedding organizers alike, there was agreement that the impending nuptials in the presence of a hint of queasy disapproval and lingering questions over the civil ceremony's legality were tipping the envelope of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles toward farce.

"I'm actually quite shocked," said Emma Pattram, director of Zen Events, a firm of wedding planners. "They don't seem to have thought it through at all."

**Leader signals willingness to resign**

**BISHU, Lebanon** — Lebanon's pro-Syrian prime minister said Wednesday he was willing to resign in an effort to contain growing anger at his government and Damascus over the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Prime Minister Tammam Karami made the offer to step down in a newspaper interview. "I am ready to resign on condition that we agree on a new government in order to avoid falling into a constitutional vacuum," he told the daily Al-Nahar.

Karami said he would seek a vote of confidence in Parliament on Monday, when lawmakers meet to discuss Hariri's assassination in a Feb. 14 bombing in Beirut that also killed 16 others. The debate was requested by opposition legislators.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Prosecutors say man not tortured**

**WASHINGTON** — A Virginia man accused of plotting to kill President Bush should be held indefinitely, federal prosecutors said Wednesday in court filings that also rejected his contention that he was tortured while held in Saudi Arabia.

At a court hearing a day earlier in Alexandria, the 36-year-old Ahmed Abu Ali offered to display scars on his back as proof that he was tortured by Saudi authorities. In the filings, federal prosecutors said, "There is no credible evidence to support these claims."

Abu Ali never complained about his treatment during several meetings with an American diplomat in Saudi Arabia, according to the filing. Moreover, an American doctor examined him Monday and found "no evidence of any significant injuries or marks on his back or any part of his body."

**Gov't will pay more medical costs**

**WASHINGTON** — Within a decade, the government will be paying the bill for nearly half the nation's medical costs, its share propelled higher by the new Medicare drug program, a administration economists estimated Wednesday.

At the same time, total health spending — both private and government — will take an ever-larger portion of America's economic output, said the report from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Zoo sees rare captivity birth**

**FORT WAYNE** — Visitors to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo will be treated to a rare sight when it opens for the season April 30: a baby striped hyena.

It is believed to be only the sixth striped hyena born in captivity, said Elaine Kirchner, executive director of the zoo's Australia After Dark exhibit.

"It's adorable," Kirchner said. "Zeke" was discovered in the birth in December during a routine physical on Alkira, a female striped hyena, Kirchner said.

**IRAQ**

**Interim leader challenges pick**

**Countering Shiite alliance, prime minister Allawi builds coalition to protect his job**

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Ayad Allawi, the secular interim prime minister who is putting together a coalition to try to hold unto the job in the next government and block the candidate of the dominant Shiite political alliance, Karlala parties, also weighed in with demands for top posts, setting up a possible showdown over the role of religion in a new Iraq.

Allawi's call for an inclusive coalition that would attract minority Sunni Arabs who form the core of the insurgency came as support for Ibrahim al-Jaafari, the leading Shiite candidate, began slipping in his United Iraq Alliance.

One day after al-Jaafari, 58, was nominated for the post of prime minister by the clergy-backed alliance, a Shiite political group that supports his one-time challenger, Ahmad Chalabi, threatened to withdraw its support.

The Shiite Political Council demanded that the alliance make moves after forcing Chalabi to end his pursuit of the prime minister's post by nominating one of the council's members for its largely ceremonial post of Iraqi president.

But the Kurdish coalition controlling 75 of the 275 seats in the newly elected National Assembly has long taken for granted that the alliance, which controls 136 seats, will give the presidency to one of its leaders — Jalal Talabani.

"Regarding the nomination of the presidential post, no names were presented officially and we are not punished if they fall short, and who decides when the rules are waived for struggling districts?"

That include reinforcing autonomy in their northern provinces.

A two-thirds majority of the assembly is required for approval of the presidency — the first step in a complicated process of filling the top positions. What this boils down to is that for al-Jaafari to become prime minister, he must win the approval of his own Shiite alliance, including Chalabi's supporters, and an additional 44 legislators.

Much is at stake.

The next prime minister will oversee the drafting of a new constitution, and four al-Jaafari could lead Iraq toward an Islamic theocracy, or even a strictly secularist Shiite one. Allawi, Chalabi and the Kurds oppose efforts to codify or legislate religion.

Allawi, whose ticket won 40 seats in the assembly, said he considered al-Jaafari an "honorable man." But when asked if he feared that the alliance could impose Islamic rule in Iraq, Allawi said he opposed the creation of any formal Islamic government.

"We are liberal peoples and we believe in a liberal Iraq and not an Iraq governed by political Islamists."

As a person he is an honorable man, flexible and a good brother," Allawi said.

Allawi is one of the interim government's two vice presidents and heads Dawa, a conservative Islamic religious party. He fought Saddam Hussein and took refuge in Iran for a decade in the 1980's, when Shiite clergy solidified their rule in Iran.

In forming his new coalition to unseat al-Jaafari, Allawi asked the Sunni Arab minority, which mostly boycotted the Jan. 30 election, to play a role in the new government. Such a move could go a long way toward helping defuse the insurgency, mostly thought to be made up of Sunnis who once belonged to Saddam's Baath party.

**States rebuke education overhaul**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — State lawmakers issued a scathing report Wednesday on President Bush's education overhaul on Wednesday, calling it a coercive, unconstitutionalral art that sets an unreachable goal of getting every child up to par in reading and math.

The National Conference of State Legislatures wants changes in the fundamental part of the No Child Left Behind Act: how student progress is measured, how schools are punished if they fall short, and who decides when the rules are waived for struggling districts.

Overall, the proposal would give states significantly more power to administer the law. As a bipartisan statement from all 50 legislatures, the report is significant for its sweep and tone, under-scoring tensions over which level of government has final say over education.

Schools are traditionally a state matter, but the federal role has grown much more aggressive as Bush and Congress have ordered schools to meet higher achievement among all students.

The new report contends the law leads to unintended consequences and that the federal government is indifferent to them — the lowering of academic standards, increasing segregation in school, and the driving away of top teachers from needy schools. It claims the government is also violating the Constitution by coercing state compliance.

Republican state Sen. Steve Saland of New York, co-chairman of the task force that reviewed the law, compared it to a "weed" that has stifled state innovation. Co-chairman Steve Kelley, a Democratic state senator from Minnesota, said the federal government is right to target the achievement gap among poor and minorities but wrong to meddle with the states.
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commercial development up to the townhouses." He said that he wants to see new cafes and Graves said.

"You're not going to get a Gap, a Banana Republic, something like that. It will be a good mix, a boutique, some restaurants, a Pottery Barn, maybe a bookstore."

Affleck-Graves also said that he thought the townhomes would be a good idea, as the franchises owned and the apartments would not be marketed directly to students.

"I think it's really great," said Affleck-Graves.

Hakanen believed that the University's role in the process would entail selling the proposed land to developers inquiring about students living in the townhouses, and the actual residents while planning the development.

The high turnout at presentations didn't surprise Hakanen, said.

"It'll be a good place to be, especially with the commercial development up to the townhouses, and maybe decrease the separation between students and the people, it's a good place to be, it's better for it to be led by ROTC," said Affleck Gravens.

"There's a lot of potential," said Edward's Hall agreed the district would be appealing residents, and he also said that the townhouses would be a good idea, as the franchises owned and the apartments would not be marketed directly to students.

"It's important to get their input and approval in the actual process," Hakanen said. Consequently, he said, "there should be a lot of community interest in this."

Both Affleck-Graves and Hakanen believed that finding a developer for the project would not be difficult, as the community strongly supported by the high turnout at presentations pitching the project one month ago in Chicago and yesterday in South Bend.

Affleck-Graves said the new district would be appealing residents, especially with the commercial district. South Bend doesn't have anything like that, and it's a great opportunity.

The timeline for the project will depend on how quickly developers commit, said Affleck-Graves.

"We would like to see this begin pretty aggressively," he said, noting that the site would be available in July or August for development.

Students said they were pleased with the announcement.

"I think it will definitively have a good impact on the community," senior Amy Kern said. "It will turn South Bend into more of a college town and maybe decrease the separation there seems to be between South Bend and the rest of the city."

Kern said she hopes to see coffee shops and "some kind of laid-back places where students can just hang out, read or whatever."

Student Government Manager of St. Edward's Hall agreed the district would benefit students.

"It will be good for the students because it will encourage them to leave campus," said Detwiler who also said he thought the townhouses would be a good idea, as the franchises owned and the apartments would not be marketed directly to students.

"That collectively they had raised the community from which they could all share something. It's a story of a big success, great beauty, and, perhaps most importantly, great networking."

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graduation. I would never want to do it."

Other students commented the ROTC program as a whole. Specialist 1st Class Patrick Cain said he liked ROTC because it "provides an added incentive" for those interested in defending the nation.

Sophomore Dan Sportiello said he admired the economies of the program, calling it a "simple exchange of tuition for military service," but also said he believes some are "only in the program because they have no choice," due to financial constraints.

According to Gortright, there has been an ongoing dialogue of monthly meetings between ROTC commanders and Peace Studies staff members since the Peace Studies program was established. During these "informal" dialogues, Gortright said, discussion has surrounded concerns relating to contemporary peace and security issues.

"We often find we don't differ that much in our opinions — a number of the officers share the same skepticism and concern about the education of Peace Studies professors," Gortright said. "But I feel there are ways in which we share perspectives and ways in which we can learn from each other."

Sophomore Andrew Yi said that despite his anti-war sentiments, he has "great respect for the program and its participants."

"I am grateful for their sacrifice and courage," he said.

Gortright, though, stressed the need for such a program, even on campus — or especially on a Catholic campus.

"Unless we are advocating an absolutely pacifist position, as long as there is an army, it is better for it to be led by officers trained in ethical decision-making," said Gortright. "We have a broadly understanding of civilian values," Gortright said, "and who therefore will be more reflective of the society from which they come when they are out in military service."

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that you must be humble," he said. "... you learn about a lot through reading and through interacting and experiencing what is around you, not by expecting people to listen to you."

South said he liked the structures he has designed for construction, Robertson spoke in detail about the design process and the complications engineers must deal with. Robertson said the goal of his company — Leslie E. Robertson Associates, R.L.P. — is "simple structures with robustness."

"We build redundancy into our buildings, allowing them to remain standing if something should go wrong," he said. "We design so that if you take a tree out of any of our buildings, the building will continue to stand."

Though the World Trade Center was not the focus of this lecture, Robertson touched on the subject of the end of his career when questioned about the modern obstacles of structural engineering. Robertson said the Trade Center had actually been designed to withstand impact with low flying aircraft, but due to the speed and size of the planes on Sept. 11, the tower could not remain standing.

Robertson stressed, however, that engineers should not change their designs to be able to withstand the impact of high-speed planes. Robertson recalled that in the weeks following Sept. 11, engineers were speculating about how to redesign their work in case of a terrorist attack.

"To me this is a non-issue," he said. "We should be spending our money on trying to make peace with the Middle East, not spending it on tactics for how tocounteract them."

Robertson, who has received several honorary degrees for his work — including one from Notre Dame — filled his talk by stressing the educational development of young people just starting their careers. Robertson said that when he was a undergraduate and graduate student, Robertson gave words of encouragement to the young engineers in the room.

"Everything you see and teach is engineered," he said. "To be a good engineer it is important that you be yourself, be frank with the people you collaborate with and know the fundamentals of engineering."

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one of our campaign managers," Baron said.

Following the approval of her nomination by the Council of Representatives, Kozlow will assume the role of community advisor, organizer and coordinator for CFAA's administration. Kozlow said she is confident in her abilities to meet those extensive expectations, but she noted that Baron's shoes would be hard to fill.

"If anything intimidates me about filling the position of CEA, it's following Dave and trying to live up to the same high standard he has set for the position," Kozlow said.

Having served as Evan's CEA this year, Baron admitted the job is demanding.

In past years the CEA has been responsible for all press releases and publicity for the administration. This year, however, Baron and Shappell have created a new position whose chief role will be that of a communicator. This decision reflects Baron and Shappell's slogan calling for "One Student Voice, Eight Thousand Strong." Baron said he hopes the new position of director of communications will help to bridge the gap between the student body and their government leaders.

Baron said he believes Kozlow's unwavering determination to complete goals will allow her to redefine the role of CEA and guide it in a new direction.

"I have a preconception of what the role of CEA is, but I think I will change the position by her personality and her dedication to put forth the necessary amount of effort until the job is accomplished," Baron said.

Evolving the platform of Baron and Shappell, Kozlow said she will be a common woman in all her work as CEA.

"We want to unite the students and make a significant impact in improving student life," Kozlow said. "When I think we've done that, I will be pleased."

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Market Recap

**Defense calls on whistleblower**

**Women testifies against former WorldCom chief accused of accounting fraud**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lawyers for former WorldCom Inc. chief Bernard Ebbers began mounting a defense Wednesday, calling as their first witnesses the woman credited with blowing the whistle on WorldCom's massive accounting fraud.

Sonia Byrd, the former head of internal auditing at WorldCom, told jurors that Arthur Andersen gave her a "green light" rating to the company's accounting for 2000 and 2001.

In 2002, Byrd alerted the board of directors to irregular accounting practices, touching off the scandal that eventually sank WorldCom. Cooper later shared in Time magazine's Person of the Year award.

She testified after federal prosecutors rested their case against Ebbers, who is accused of overseeing the $11 billion accounting fraud. The government called 14 witnesses over 16 days of testimony.

U.S. District Judge Barbara Jones denied a defense motion to clear Ebbers on all nine counts against him. Defense lawyers routinely make such a motion after prosecution rests their case.

Defense lawyer Brian Hebert argued that the government had not proved criminal conduct because it failed to show WorldCom's books violated generally accepted accounting principles, commonly known as GAAP.

While the government could conceivably have offered evidence to support the defense's submission that was a failure of proof on this critical element. "Hebert told the judge.

Jones ruled the government had only to prove WorldCom made false statements in its financial statements — not necessarily that they had violated specific accounting rules.

Cooper was forced to return to the witness stand Thursday morning for more testimony. The defense team has not said in open court whether it plans to call Ebbers himself as a witness.

Defense lawyers also want to call three former WorldCom executives as witnesses, but have been told those witnesses will plead the Fifth Amendment, presumably worried they might be prosecuted for personal gain.

Ebbers denied a motion Wednesday to grant immunity to those three witnesses, but said he will consider the issue later.

The government's case rests heavily on Sullivan, who testified that Ebbers ordered him to "hit our numbers" — a remark he said he interpreted as an instruction to carry out the enormous fraud.

Another government witness is former WorldCom controller David Myers, said Ebbers once apologized to him in a hallway for what the accountants had been forced to do.

A former Bank of America accountant also testified about the $400 million in personal loans Ebbers took out, backed by WorldCom stock and later shoved up by guarantees from WorldCom's board of directors.

The government contends Ebbers, worried about margin calls on the loans, was obsessed with keeping WorldCom's share price high and earnings figures that pleased Wall Street.

**Consumers inflation shows increase**

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices, helped by a second monthly drop in energy costs, were well behaved in January, but a weaker dollar and increases in crude oil prices this month could mean trouble ahead.

The Labor Department reported Wednesday that its Consumer Price Index edged up a tiny 0.1 percent in January after having been flat in December, no change in December.

Both months were helped by big declines in energy costs, but that situation is expected to reverse in February and March as a rebound in world crude oil prices hit American consumers.

Some analysts projected that energy costs could push the February CPI up by as much as 0.6 percent with March consumer prices projected to surge as well, reflecting the fact that crude oil prices have climbed above $50 per barrel again.

Analysis is also worried about the impact the U.S. dollar's three-year decline against other currencies will have on inflation, given the record levels of imported consumer goods Americans are buying.

Late starters can still save nest egg

NEW YORK — Many Americans know they haven't saved enough for retirement and, apparently convinced it's too late to catch up, do nothing about it.

Freezing like a deer caught in oncoming headlights isn't going to solve the problem. What's needed is to start immediately setting aside enough savings to fund retirement, financial experts say.

The most common reason, Americans, especially baby boomers, haven't put enough away for retirement is that they've been living beyond their means, said financial planner Alan Havir, who works at Ablais & Associates in Phoenix.

"If you're 45 or 50, and you haven't saved or you haven't saved enough, you have to seriously look at reducing your costs," he said. "You have to spend less than you earn. You have to stop spending your retirement money today and start to save and save and save."

That's tough advice to follow, but Havir believes people can do it if they take the time to imagine the life they want in retirement.

Travelers not dismayed by prices

MIAMI — Alisa Skuppong considers herself a fairly savvy bargain vacationer. So when she started looking for a resort cruise to Alaska this summer, she expected to pay around $1,000, the amount she spent two years ago.

Skuppong was in for a surprise; the trip now costs $1,400, even through bargain retailer Costco Wholesale Corp.

"If you're looking for a specific cruise itinerary, you need to book 10 months to a year in advance to get it. It's hard to get what you want at the price you want," said the legal assistant from Los Angeles, who booked the trip anyway.

Cruise prices are climbing, but that's not deterring vacationers who are buying tickets at a rapidly growing pace — extending the industry's recovery from the recession and Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks that devastated the travel business and forced cruise operators to slash their prices.

About halfway through the busiest booking quarter of the year, cruise lines say they are making reservations even faster than in 2004 despite the higher prices.

Passengers are inching closer to spending as much on tickets and extras on board as they did during the boom times of 1999 and 2000, analysts said. Carnival Corp. & plc, the world's largest cruise company, had its most profitable year ever in 2004 and expects to do better this year. No. 2 Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. and smaller players also report strong demand.

"People are generally feeling optimistic about the economy. It's been nice and cold across the country, which always encourages people to take a [cruise] vacation," said Andy Stuart, NCL Corp. Ltd.'s executive vice president of marketing, sales and passenger services. NCL operates Norwegian Cruise Line, NCL America and Orient Lines.

Travel agent Joe Canino said his clients still seem willing to pay an extra $50 or $100 for the same trip they took a year or two ago.

"They say, "It's higher, but it doesn't deter them," said Canino, a cruise expert at Hibern Travel in Hoboken, Conn.
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can kill whoever they want without consequence to their actions," he said.

Instead, Prendergast said, the United States and others should acquiesce to the authority of the International Criminal Court, which would investigate human rights abuses in Darfur and bring perpetrators to justice.

What makes the diplomatic situation in Darfur so sticky is that any meaningful international action requires the support of all five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the United States, France, Britain, Russia and China. Although Prendergast, like the two other speakers, is in favor of targeted economic sanctions and the increased use of international peacekeeping troops in Darfur, he said four out of the five permanent members of the Security Council are currently supplying arms to the Sudanese government and directly or indirectly profiting from Sudan’s crude oil exports. The result of this, he said, has been a lack of real economic sanctions and a weakening of the legitimacy of the few African Union troops currently on a peacekeeping mission in Darfur. Prendergast said the United Nations should supply troops merely "have front row seats to the carnage," but are unable to do anything to stop it.

However, Juan Mendez, special advisor to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, said that recently African Union troops have been given more jurisdiction to keep the peace in Darfur, to "protect people in imminent danger." Under the old mandate, A.U. troops were allowed only to document the Darfurian carnage. Nonetheless, Mendez said that even the mandate is insufficient, and like Prendergast, agreed that there was a tremendous need for more peacekeeping troops to protect Darfurian civilians. Such protections are most critical for Darfurian refugee camps on the Sudanese/Chadian border, where women, leaving the protection of their make-shift shelters, are at high risk of being raped by Janjaweed marauders, Mendez said.

A Darfur issue that looms large in the coming months is an impending famine in the region, quite likely because little to no planting has taken place since the conflict began almost two years ago. Jan Egeland, the U.N.'s emergency relief coordinator, said this week that as many as four million Darfurians are in danger of starvation in the coming months.

Another topic that recurred throughout the symposium was the issue of whether or not the crisis in Darfur should be considered genocide. Mendez discussed the U.N. Security Council committee that traveled to Darfur to investigate whether or not accusations of genocide were correct.

"It did not find a policy of genocide in the Sudanese government," said Mendez. "But it is still possible for a court to find certain Sudanese government officials guilty of genocide, although that would have to be done in a separate criminal court."

Francis Deng, the symposium's third speaker and former Sudanese ambassador to the United States, put the genocide issue in perspective, saying that although the U.N. has not officially declared that genocide had been committed, it has said that war crimes on par with genocide had taken place. Deng concluded that the language used to describe the crisis was less important — if something on the level of genocide had occurred, the international community had a responsibility to do something about it, he said.

Moreover, Deng continued, the Khartoum regime has used the U.N.'s statement as a shield, declaring themselves innocent since what happened was not officially declared genocide. Echoing the sentiments of all the speakers, Mendez said that a solution to the crisis in Darfur would require a number of actions taken together.

"We need a package of measures," he said, "not simply sanctions, not simply strengthening the African Union, not simply employing the International Criminal Court. But with a complete package, with all of these taken together, we might just be able to save some lives."

Deng lectured primarily on the deeper cultural roots of the behind the violence in Darfur, explaining the complex role that race and ethnicity have played in the bloodshed, both recently in Darfur and in the southern part of the country.

"What is happening in Darfur is part of a struggle for the soul of the nation," he said. Deng went on to say that the current Arab/black African dichotomy is a new one in Sudanese history and that the real differences between the two groups are few — that foreigners would have a difficult time differentiating between those called Arabs and those called Africans.

Deng traced the source of this racial distinction to British colonization of Sudan in the 19th century, when the British government intentionally tried to divide the nation culturally into the Arab North and non-Arab, African South. The result of this separation quickly caused a tense hierarchy to develop, with those considered Arabs being considered generally superior to those considered native Africans, he said. It is along these artificial lines that tensions between Arabs and non-Arab Africans have developed in Darfur, Deng said.

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Silent Auction Featuring Gift Certificates from Local Restaurants from 7:00-9:30 pm! Performances by The Solid Underground at 7:45, and The Irish Dancers at 8:45!
This Sunday the 77th annual Academy Awards wrapped up and faltered; if I had a vote for Best Picture, it would go to the acclaimed "Million Dollar Baby." Confidently directed and beautifully shot, the film manages to bring special seriousness to the table without threatening to become a cinematic op- ed piece. It is, in short, a film for grown-ups—a rare thing in Hollywood these days. When a good movie comes along, the achievement should be acknowledged, lest the species become extinct.

Of the three key performers, Hilary Swank will undoubtedly garner the most attention. She gained 20 pounds, all of it muscle, to play a female boxer. Changing body type for a role has been fashionable ever since Robert DeNiro loved up and won an Oscar playing Jake La Motta.

The psychological appeal for the audience is hardly mysterious; movie stars earn obscene amounts of money, and we know that they suffer for it. Swank does a film job, as does Eastwood, but in my opinion, Morgan Freeman's performance is what makes the film work.

"Team America: World Police" has not been seen for good reason; and if I had a vote for Best Picture, I would have chosen "The Last Samurai." After watching a film like "Oscar, I truly out of her league."

Peter Wicks

Managing Editor

Englishman Abroad

This year, Goldman wrote, only one American director who could have directed Society Desk, for which they are perhaps the only major American film-makers whose commercial success does not depend on the stars themselves.

One theory, auteurs theory, treats a film's director as the analogue of a novel's creator—in effect, as its sole creator. William Goldman pointed out some time ago that in order to hold this theory, it is necessary to have no knowledge about how films are actually made.

There was, Goldman wrote, only one American director who could have directed "The Last Samurai," and that was Michael Mann. He has a point; anyone familiar with Mann's Vixen, Supervixens and Beneath the Valley of the UltraVixens—cannot help but be struck by its thematic unity.

In fact, one could surely interchange scenes of any of Meyer's movies without making any more sense. Meyer has said that since Stone and Parker have inherited his mantle, if not his penchant for hotheaded go-go dancers. They write, direct, produce even voice their own work. They just might be Hollywood's only auteurs."

Let the movie credits roll
Need no credit card to ride this train

Much like my muse and new personal hero, Charlie Watts...

There was a room in my world for frills and ornamentation; past—just give me the basics, please, I'm a man who likes his coffee black, his blue-books blue, and his hamburgers delicious. I have always been for shades of gray or any desire to muddle in the mushy-moished middle ground. Don't try to call both sides of the rain or to have my cake and eat it, too. Like a veritable John Wayne, I pick one side or the other, and don't look back. I won't take simple one-to-one correspondences in my life; yes or no, good or bad, up or down, fish or clay.

With me, things are black or white, not somewhere in-between. Basic, plain and simple; that's what I like.

Of course, understand that I'm not talking about applying this black-and-white philosophy to matters of life, love, taxes or politics. No, I'm directing my uncomplicated ethos toward the walls of O'Sugh and the rush of fiercely competitive advertising that they produce.

You can imagine how important it is for me to see the eyes of a man of my strong forebear, plain Jane, to see others walk down the normally sterile corridors this time of year. Bright, exciting posters have crawled out of the woodwork virtually everywhere.

On your average day, I've been taunted by sprawling hot-pink banners with dark silhouettes of beautiful women. I've been mocked by long-dead literary figures urging me to learn their native tongue. I've seen some passing, exotic locales—all of them urging me to spend a semester studying in the glares of dreams—Home, Dublin and Florida State University.

These affronts to undamaged, old fashioned taste have all been carried on in amazing, blinding, enraging Technicolor.

While the Student Activities Office may approve these posters for a time, the Bob Masters Office of Poster Endorsement only likes two ads. We recommend that the remaining hundreds of needlessly colorful posters be removed immediately and replaced with good old fashioned pen and ink. The first ad that may remain is a few squares Mr. Worl's from Star Trek. This advert, as I understand, was sponsored by the Nameless Subway Bar, and while it's not only printed in soothing black and white. So it stays. The second ad is a portrayal of the "Love Is" advertisement sponsored by the Notre Dame football team. This adstruck me for two reasons: First, it's right black and white, and much, much Mr. Worl and much the appealing simplicity I've argued for earlier in this column.

Secondly, the background of the poster contains absolutely beautiful poetry that I strained to read one evening while stumbling the ad's effortless elegance. For the record, Star Trek and poetry are about the only things I do indeed approve of.

Since I've recently hired a fact-checker for my column, this poster had a bit too much time to impress itself on me. I discovered, after closer examination of the "Love Is" poster, that the Right to Life group was not quoting a Shakespearean sonnet, as I had originally thought.

The selected ruminations on what love is featured in this ad are actually the words of Saint Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians. In I Corinthians 13, Paul states that love "suffereth long, and is kind." Furthermore, love "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." And, Paul adds, while the virgins are weeping, "love will remain a remnant, the "greatest of these is love."

I'm sure all of you know the story, but Paul's touching beautifully assessed portrayal of love at various points in our lives. I know those to whom Paul's words are meaningful the readings at many of those all too short and tender times.

But there was something there to the second ad, a simple presentation of the "Love Is" poster that made it clear. Saint Paul's words even more poignant this time around. Contrasted against the gray of gaudy attention-seeking ads, Paul's thoughts—in consonant white lettering—stood solidly on their own. Contrasted against the false artifice or dressing-up.

Rather, the natural beauty of his insight would be lost if we continue to believe that the stimulus of neon colors, laser light shows and ear-shattering sounds get to any point.

That's why I'm closing this column with an endorsement of Blue Lewis for Commencement speaker. Those to whom Paul's simple words are meaningful will find this the point.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.

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**U-Wire**

**Applying science to love**

The Weather Girls harmonize, "It's rainin' men... It's rainin' men every specimen tall blonde dark and lean / rough and tough and strong / and one of the last great anthems of the disco era." The lyrics lead me to believe that the writers of this song must have experienced what I like to call The Planet Phenomenon (TPP). She probably went for months, perhaps even years, without a man to sight—not a single prospect—and trapped in a veritable dating drought.

One day, she fell in love, and the herd instinct took over. Suddenly, in the middle of her Sahara, "It's rainin' men." My TPP theory, arrived at by carefully conducted, completely unscientific research, is that men are highly evolved pack animals. They are capable of smelling female desperation from 14,000 miles away, but able to deflect the scent of contentedness from a worldwide radius.

Therefore, when a woman falls in love, she becomes an irresistible target of the entire bunch. Immediately, her phone starts ringing. There's the 3 a.m. call from her ex-boyfriend, the call from the one that got away, and, individually, calls from every guy who has ever asked for her number. It's all true. And, far out of the woodwork come the, I work. I know TPP happens; I have both observed and experienced it.

However, the single most pressing question remains unanswered, How does the word get out? Smoke signals? The woman is simply being in love causes a supernatural SOS signal (She's Not Single) visible to everyone and who be suitors. My postulate explains many, but becomes problematic when other factors are considered: Campus cat-calls, random run-ins with gorgeous hunks and truck drivers, street harassment, to name a few.

I concluded there must be something more that makes a woman in love glow like a Lile Brie in a dark cloud. The Boyfriend Brilliance Effect (BBBE). According to my rationale, the BBBE generates luminence confidence. This confident glow is what complex previously passive men to action; it catalyzes The Planet Phenomenon. (Disclaimer: I do not have any data regarding reversal of gender roles, but I think we may be one tame of blunder also threatening to lose the phenomenon when it happens.)

I'm now turning to my book, "New Ways to Analyze Love", and have had far too much data to analyze, I had forgotten to even consider psychologist's placebo effect. In case you aren't familiar with it, the placebo effect occurs when you take a pill believing it to be effective when, in fact, it is simply a sugar pill. Research (the real, scientific kind) shows that the consequences of simple belief to be true are profound. It might be impossible to bottle the intangible effects of belief, but it is possible to achieve a high level of glowing confidence and self-contentment—despite current relational status. The placebo effect is a powerful tool.

I think I'm prepared to believe that the BBBE, or the Planet Phenomenon (TPP), with no boyfriend required. Don't just take my word for it. I've run a small survey of statistical significance, and believe we've shown that the universe sends us a way let it rain.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Proud to be a transfer student**

I would like to respond to the implications made in "True Life: I'm a transfer student" in Tuesday's edition of the Observer. I am offered that the perspective offered in this article gives the impression that all transfers are thrust into a state of isolation. This is, of course, not the sentiment among some transfer students, it is not applicable to all.

I transferred last fall, but not as a result of being previously rejected. Rather, I had applied early decision to a small liberal arts school near my home on the East coast. My decision to come to Notre Dame was a result of the realization that I had changed, and the school I chose in high school no longer fit my academic needs or my character.

The aforementioned speaker also told us that after orientation, we would no longer need to introduce or think of ourselves as "transfers." I do not believe this was only a suggestion as their way of saying "try to fit in...I know the presumptions made about transfers." But personally thinking that transferring was a result of growth and change, I refuse to accept this as my life experience. I thought it meant we were as much a part of the Notre Dame family as those who transferred in the fall.

I am not ashamed that I am a transfer student; in fact, I feel unique in the perspective I bring, having experienced another college. I am not alone; most of the students who transferred here were five or six. I consider myself lucky that I discovered a wonderful school in my second year. I was only disappointed to see the transfer student stereotype perpetuated; we are here now, and regardless of how we did it, that should be all that matters.

Katherine Hayes

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**VIEWPOINT**

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Ludacris coats but still satisfies

By KENYATTA STORIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Another Ludacris album, another million sold. At this point, Ludacris could probably come out with a folk album and it would still fly off the shelves. Ludacris’ latest platinum album, “The Red Light District,” is not all that different from his past work, but that is not necessarily a bad thing. Although Ludacris’ songs are always rather simple in scope—think, money, partying, women, marijuana, etc.—more often than not, his distinguished, charismatic flow and knack for coming up with sharp, witty one-liners make more than make up for his lack of original content.

While Ludacris is not the best rapper out there, he is certainly one of the wildest and funniest. And he is never one to take himself too seriously, as shown on “Number One Spot,” where Ludacris raps to a remix of the “Austin Powers” theme, spouting references to the movie with lines like, “Causin’ lyrical disasters, it’s the master / Make music for Mini-Me’s, models and Fat Bastards,” while also taking the time to take a shot at Bill O’Reilly, “If Mr. O’Reilly / hope all is well, kiss the plaintiff and the wiley.” Although “Austin Powers” jokes are a bit dated and cliché nowadays, Ludacris makes the film references spectacularly enough to pull them off without becoming annoying. He shows he can be serious every once and then too, like on the introspective “Child of the Night,” where he raps, “It seems like the whole world is out for sinkin’ my boat / But with God as my navigator I’ll be stayin’ afloat.”

However, by far the worst cut is “Who Not Me,” which features horrible rappers Small World and Dolla Boy, along with a dull, uninspiring verse by Ludacris himself. Like most successful rap stars, Ludacris has lost some of his edge and drive over the course of his career. He still boasts and brags that he is one of the best, but as evidenced by tracks like “Who Not Me” and “Put Your Money,” he does not put his all into every song. And although he is usually clever and humorous, the lack of originality in his song content prevents “The Red Light District” from being as good as it could have been. That being said, it is still entertaining, and fans of his past albums hoping for more of the same will get exactly what they are looking for.

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Ludacris
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Alecia Keys and Lauren Hill have some new competition, but it is not from another female artist. No, this is a fresh new competition born of R&B and hip-hop. John Legend has grown in popularity in the past months following the release of his first album on Columbia records, “Get Lifted.” The album has been a moderate success both commercially and critically, but it deserves all the praise it receives.

“Get Lifted” is an even mix of slow and fast R&B songs with a touch of hip-hop and a bit of soul. Legend’s textured voice covers a vast vocal range and his strong sense for melody and music composition is consistently shown throughout the 14 songs on “Get Lifted.” Legend has always had big plans for his future. This is most obviously shown by his choice for his last name, which was formerly Stephens and has since been changed to Legend. An English major from the University of Pennsylvania, Legend spent nine years as the music and choir director at Bethel A.M.E. Church outside Philadelphia at one point early in his career, according to his Web site. Legend’s musical talent. The first half of the album is generally faster, with more of a hip-hop feel. A couple of songs showcase this hip-hop element more than others, particularly “Number One” (featuring Kanye West and I Can Change) (featuring Snoop Dogg). Although those songs are the heaviest in hip-hop influence, they are also two of the best songs on the album. Conversely, some of the remaining best songs on “Get Lifted” are in the second half of the predominantly slow songs, “Ordinary People” and “Stay With You” are both slow songs that basically feature Legend and a piano, and those two elements are entirely enough to constitute musically, lyrically and melodically strong songs.

While the balance between Legend’s ability to create both fast and slow R&B is clear on the very balanced “Get Lifted,” one of the high points of the album comes in the very soulful, “It Don’t Have To Change” (featuring the Stephens Family). Backed by the voices of his own family, the gospel and soul sound of “It Don’t Have To Change” makes it stand out on “Get Lifted.”

Lyrically, the album is above average. Legend falls into the trap of clichéd lyrics at times, such as in “Alright,” a faster song on the album when he sings, “Good Lord, you got body for days.” At other points in the album, Legend redeems himself with stronger lyrics such as in “Refuge (When It’s Cold Outside)” when he sings more philosophically, “You know and I know / Friends come and friends go / Storms rise and winds blow / But one thing I know for sure ...” and he goes into a description of a relationship that comes from a much deeper place than a “body for days.”

Not every song on “Get Lifted” is great, such as the weaker “Alright” and “Let’s Get Lifted Again,” but the album is certainly a strong beginning for any artist. Legend may have some areas to improve, but overall “Get Lifted” is a solid album with a unique male R&B sound. He’s no legend yet, but he just may be on his way to becoming one.

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Legend has solid studio debut

The Red Light District has much better production than Ludacris’ last album, "Chicken-N-Beer."
Oscar diversity at a peak

Associated Press

Black comedian and Oscar host-to-be Chris Rock confirmed recently that he had seldom watched the Academy Awards, except in 2002 when he tuned in to see the historic triumphs of Halle Berry and Denzel Washington.

"Come on, it's a fashion show," he said in a surprisingly serious interview. "What straight black man sits there and watches the Oscars? Show me one. And they don't recognize comedy and you don't see a lot of black people nominated, so why should I watch it?"

This year he is not only watching but hosting, in which role a number of minority performers are vying for top honors.

Four blacks -- Jamie Foxx, Don Cheadle, Morgan Freeman and Sophie Okonedo -- and a Latina actress, Colombian native Catalina Sandino Moreno, have amassed a total of six nominations.

And "Ray," the biographical drama about soul music legend Ray Charles, is the first film with a predominantly African-American cast to be nominated as best picture since Steven Spielberg's "The Color Purple" two decades ago.

Author George Andrew Alexander, whose book "Why We Make Movies" explored the work of black filmmakers, said this year's nominations reflect the long-overdue strides blacks have made in Hollywood since Hattie McDaniel broke the Oscar color barrier in 1939 with her Academy Award-winning supporting role as Mammy in "Gone With the Wind."

"We're seeing that actors who have enormous talent but who perhaps hadn't the opportunity to be leading men, have stepped up to the plate and gotten those opportunities, like Jamie Foxx," Alexander told Reuters.

Few blacks in the arts are being recognized this year for performances in overtly heroic roles that transcend race.

Foxx, the first African-American to garner two nominations in a single year, is considered a favorite to win the best actor prize for his title role in "Ray," playing the legendary musician who overcame blindness, bigotry and drug addiction to become one of America's most beloved entertainers.

"We have been so flooded with so many negative things in our communities," Foxx told the London Times. "For something positive like this to happen just makes those kids and everybody just say, 'Man, maybe I can do it like Jamie Foxx did.'"

Foxx in good company

If he wins, Foxx would be only the third black named best lead actor, following Sidney Poitier for the 1963 film "Lilies of the Field" and Washington three years ago for "Training Day."

Foxx also picked up a nomination as best supporting actor for playing a kidnapped taxi driver opposite Tom Cruise as a contract killer in "Collateral."

In the race for best actor, Foxx faces another black performer nominated for a breakthrough leading role, Cheadle, who in "Hotel Rwanda" plays a real-life hotel manager who helped save some 1,200 people from mass murder. Okonedo, a British-born newcomer of Nigerian descent, earned a nod as best supporting actress for playing his wife.

The nominations of Foxx and Cheadle for best actor mark only the second time in 77 years of Oscar history that two blacks are competing in that category at the same time. Washington and Will Smith went head to head three years ago.

Regardless of who wins this year, the Oscar attention accorded Foxx and Cheadle is likely to thrust both first-time nominees to the Hollywood forefront.

Meanwhile, veteran actor Freeman is hoping to finally take home a statue from the awards circuit after he agreed a nomination for his supporting role as the elderly manager of a boxing gym and the voice of reason in Clint Eastwood's "Million Dollar Baby." He was previously nominated for roles as a pimp in "Street Smart," a chauffeur "Driving Miss Daisy" and a prison inmate in "The Shawshank Redemption."

The lone minority actress up for an Oscar this year is the previously unknown Sandino, making her feature film debut as a drug bust in Latin-tinted Spanish-language drama "Maria Full of Grace."

Racial diversity has been slow in coming to the Oscars.

It took 19 years after McDaniel's triumph for a second black performer even to be nominated -- Ethel Walters for the 1949 racial drama "Pinky" -- and nearly a quarter of a century for Poitier to win his landmark Oscar for "Lilies of the Field."

Only six blacks have gone to black actors since then, and no more than three had been nominated at once before now.

Part of that is a function of limited opportunities in Hollywood for blacks, who were long relegated to clownish parts in comedies or to menial and criminal roles in dramas.

Blacks have also fared far worse behind the camera at the Academy Awards. Only John Singleton, has been nominated as best director, for "Boyz N the Hood" in 1991.

NBA

Sixers acquire Kings' Webber in six-man deal

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Sacramento Kings traded Chris Webber to the Philadelphia 76ers late Wednesday night, parting ways with the cornerstone of its 1990s renaissance in a stunning six-player deal that dramatically reshaped both teams.

The Sixers acquired Webber, one of the NBA's elite power forwards and a five-time All-Star, along with reserve forwards Matt Barnes and Michael Bradley. Philadelphia sent forwards Brian Skinner, Kenny Thomas and Greg Foster to the Kings, who finally diverted themselves of Webster's mammoth contract after years of rumors and speculation.

Geoff Petrie, the Kings' president of basketball operations, acquired Webster from Washington before the 1999 season in a deal that transformed Sacramento into an interesting, contending team. The Kings then re-signed Webster to a seven-year deal worth approximately $127 million in 2001.

Webber has played exception­ally well this season, averaging 23.1 points, 9.7 rebounds and 5.5 assists per game — though he isn't the athlete he was before undergoing serious knee surgery following the 2003 playoffs.

"The message that we're sending is that we went out and acquired a player who's averaging 21 and 10 to go along with our young players," Philadelphia president Billy King said at a news conference late Wednesday night. "After scoring 30 points in the Kings' 114-104 win over Atlanta on Tuesday night, Webber acknowledged the annual uncertainty over his future with a shrug — but then forward, who has three years remain and $62 million left on his contract, clearly didn't believe he was about to be traded." Webber said. "It's getting very old, the speculation, the nothing you can about it. If I believe everything I read and everything I hear, I'd be an emotional roller coaster.

"The Kings did not have an intention of granting his request, but Stojakovic — the NBA's second-leading scorer last season — hasn't been the same player since Webster returned from surgery last season, looking tentative and deferring to Webber on offense.

King was looking to make a deal to improve the Sixers' frontcourt as they make their playoff push. The Sixers are 26-27 and just a half-game behind Boston for first place in the Atlantic Division, and Webster, pairing with Allen Iverson should be one of the Eastern Conference's most potent duos.

The Kings have the NBA's seventh-best record at 31-21, but the deal is a tremendously risky move by Petrie, who had never made a significant in-season trade before this season. He has made two in recent weeks. The Kings acquired Cuttino Mobley from Orlando for Doug Christie last month.

The Kings were in Dallas on Wednesday night preparing for a game against the Mavericks — the first in a six-game road trip, their longest of the season. King insisted he wouldn't part with any of his prized nucleus of the second half! When I don't have to. Thomas had fallen out of favor with first-year Sixers coach Jim O'Brien, while Skinner was a free-agent bust. Stojakovic was a valuable sixth man off the bench, but none of them have the pedigree of Webber.

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The Sixth Man of the Year in 2001-02 with the Pistons, Williamson was a career aver­ge of 11.8 points and 4.1 rebounds per game. He was aver­aging 10.8 points and 3.7 rebounds in 22 minutes per game this season.

Thomas, in his sixth year in the league, is averaging 11.3 points and 6.6rebounds this season after averaging a dou­ble-double — 13.6 points and 10.1 rebounds — last season for the Sixers.

Skinner, who will be playing for his fifth team in seven sea­sons, missed about a month earlier this season with an injured left knee and is aver­ing only 10 points and 2.6 rebounds.

Barnes, a Sacramento native, has been a seldom-used reserve for the Kings this season, thought he took Peja Stojakovic's spot in the starting lineup recently. Bradley was acquired earlier in the season.

BC falls at Villanova, suffers second defeat of season

Associated Press

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Villanova's fans may have to stop storming the court. After all, online over ranked teams are suddenly becoming routine for the Wildcats.

Villanova guard Mike Mooney drove into the lane and shook hands with coach Jay Wright after the 114-104 win over then-No. 2 Kansas last month, and bolstered their NCAA tournament chances in the first half to 57-47 and seemed in control.

The Eagles — who rallied from halftime deficits to win four of the past five this season — started their run while Villanova went into a field goal drought that stretched over last 9.9 min­utes. Steve Cailey capped a 12-2 spurt with a 3-pointer that pulled the Eagles to 62-60 with 6:23 left.

Foye banked a 6-footer for a 67-64 lead, ending the long stretch without a field goal. The Wildcats never lost the lead thanks to 10 free throw shooting during that span. They were 36- of 41 over­all from the line. "It's very difficult to win a game when the opposing team shoots 41 free throws," Boston College coach Al Skinner said. "We just didn't make the plays that were going to tie it and make them feel uncomfortable. We never got over the hump."

No, but they gave the Wildcats a scare.

Hailey pulled BC to 67-66 with a jumper, but fouled out on the next possession. He finished with 11 points. Foye pushed the lead to 73-68 with an arcing baseline jump that nearly skimmed the shot clock on the way down.

Last month, the Eagles escaped with a 67-66 win.

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Red Sox will receive rings while Yankees visit Fenway

Ex-Cub Sosa begins first spring training with Orioles

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Boston Red Sox will ring in the home portion of their schedule by getting their World Series rings at their home opener April 11 before a full house of 35,000 fans — and the New York Yankees.

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**GOLF**

**Wie, Creamer leading rejuvenation of LPGA**

*Eight teens competing in this weekend’s SBS Open in Hawaii*

Associated Press

KAHUKU, Hawaii — Michelle Wie and Paula Creamer quickly shoot down any notion of a rivalry brewing between the teen stars.

"We don’t talk about that kind of thing," said Creamer, who will make her first LPGA Tour start as a pro Thursday at the season-opening SBS Open. "We talk more about girl stuff, I guess."

The LPGA is banking otherwise, touting the talented youngsters as the future faces of women’s golf.

The pair was featured in an LPGA press release this week entitled "Rivalry in the making," and were the only golfers with scheduled news conferences Wednesday.

Creamer and Wie are among eight teens playing in the 54-hole event. Others include the 18-year-old twins Aree and Narro Song.

"I really don’t think about rivals," said the 15-year-old Wie, who is making her 18th LPGA Tour start. "I just think about my own game and what I have to do better."

"It’s just me on the golf course," she said. "It’s always going to be me fighting against myself."

Creamer, 18, agreed. "Right now, I’m trying to think about this golf tournament," she said. "There are 132 people in the field. She is just one of those other players out in that field."

The inaugural SBS Open marks the return of the LPGA Tour to Wie’s home state. The last LPGA tournament in Hawaii was the 2002 Takefuji Classic, where Wie became the youngest to qualify for an LPGA Tour event at the age 12.

"It’s really nice to play at home," said the soft-spoken 6-footer who can outdrive many male pros. "I was talking to my mom and said, ‘Oh wow. This is my fourth year out here.’ It’s pretty cool how time has passed."

The $1 million SBS Open played at the Turtle Bay Resort’s 6,563-yard, oceanside Palmer Course marks the first of eight LPGA Tour events Wie will enter this season.

But she has already faced some heavy competition.

**NCAA BASKETBALL**

**Temple coach Chaney suspended one game**

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Temple coach John Chaney suspended himself Wednesday for one game and apologized for putting a player in against Saint Joseph’s a day earlier for the sole purpose of rough play and quick fouls.

Chaney offered the self-imposed one-game suspension after meeting with Temple president David Adamany and athletic director Bill Bradshaw. He will be replaced on the bench by assistant Dan Leibovitz for Saturday’s game against Massachusetts.

"I would like to apologize to Saint Joseph’s University, its fans, student-athletes and head coach Phil Martelli for my reprehensible behavior during Tuesday night’s game," Chaney said in a statement. "I spoke with Coach Martelli today to voice my apology to him and his team."

Upset by what he thought were illegal screens by Saint Joseph’s that were not being called by the officials, Chaney turned to seldom-used 6-foot-7, 250-pound Nehemiah Ingram to send a message.

Ingram started throwing his arms around and tossing elbows, once connecting hard to the chin of Hawks center Dwayne Jones, and had a bare fist on John Bryant that left him sprawled on the court for several minutes.

Ingram fouled out in four minutes.

"I’m sending a message," Chaney said after the game. "I’m going in to send in what we used to do years ago, send in the goon."

Atlantic 10 commissioner Linda Bruno supported the decision. "Coach Chaney’s behavior was uncharacteristic of the way he runs his program and I expect that a similar occurrence will not happen again," Bruno said.

Chaney’s only other career suspension came in 1994. Temple suspended the Hall of Fame for one game after he publicly threatened to kill then-Massachusetts coach John Calipari.
Cowboys reunite with Patriots: Bledsoe, Parcells

Q8 will share Dallas backfield with ex-NFL standouts Julius Jones

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Drew Bledsoe set preserving records and reached the Super Bowl as a young quarterback playing for Bill Parcells in New England. Nearly a decade later, the don will try doing it again with the Dallas Cowboys.

Bledsoe signed a three-year contract Wednesday, one day after he was released by the Buffalo Bills. Financial terms were not immediately available.

Bledsoe knew last week that he was going to be cut and with¬

in days decided he wanted to be reunited with Parcells, whom the Bills filed the paperwork, the Cowboys quickly showed they also were eager to strike a deal.

Parcells called Bledsoe — and told him he'd be the starter — while team vice president Jerry Jones called the quar¬

terback's agent, David Dunn. Owner Jerry Jones then spoke with Bledsoe and Dunn, and the pair flew to Dallas on Wednesday and held an after¬

noon news conference.

"I was very hopeful that this would be the opportunity for me," said Bledsoe, already sporting a tie that nicely matched the team's colors.

"I'm very thankful it happened as quickly as it did. I'm very excit¬

ed to be a Dallas Cowboy. I can't wait to go home and dress my kids with the little stars and get rid of all the old gear from the other team." Bledsoe was smiling as his jab at the Bills drew laughs, but he also was seriously disappointed about how things turned out in Buffalo. He mentioned needing time to get over his anger toward the team for handing his job to youngster J.P. Losman without an on-field competition and later added that he hopes to prove them wrong.

"There's no question that is a motivating factor," said Bledsoe, who proved something to the Patriots by throwing for more than 4,000 yards and making the Pro Bowl the season after they traded him to Buffalo. "It's not THE motivating factor. The motivating factor is that I want to stand on the field and hold up that trophy at the end of the season."

Jones repeated several themes throughout the news conference: That signing Bledsoe was supported by him¬

self and everyone else in the organization [meaning not just Parcells] and that having Bledsoe makes Dallas an imme¬

diate contender despite having gone 6-10 last season.

"We think we got the very best option available to us," Jones said.

Bledsoe's attraction to Dallas began with Parcells, the coach who chided him so much during his first four years in the NFL that the quarterback once told his father, "I can't wait until Sundays because I can get on the field and he can't be yelling at me. You're out there in front of 70,000 fans and it's the qui¬

etest it's been on the field all year.

Yet as the years passed, Bledsoe learned to appreciate Parcells' gruff style. They even developed somewhat of a friendship, with Parcells oc¬

tionally calling Bledsoe when times were tough — such as 2001, when he was injured, lost his job to Tom Brady and eventu¬

ally was traded to the Bills.

Parcells, who didn't attend the news conference, showed what he thought of Bledsoe by mak¬

ing him the top overall pick in the 1993 draft, starting him as a rookie and letting him throw a league-record 601 passes his second season. Two years later, the Patriots reached the Super Bowl but lost to Green Bay.

Bledsoe led New England to the playoffs the next two years, but hasn't started a playoff game since 1998. The Bills went 23-25 over his three seasons and never made the playoffs. They came closest last season, rebounding from 0-4 to 9-6 going into the finale, which is

why he was so upset Buffalo gave up on him.

"Now Bledsoe's main emotion is excitement over his new teammates. He knows Terry Glenn from their six seasons together in New England and Parcells says he'll love light end Jason Witten. Bledsoe also is looking forward to playing with running back Julius Jones and receiver Keyshawn Johnson.

"I can't wait to go sit down with Bill, sit down with (pass
game coordinator) Sean Payton, and start talking about what we're going to do," Bledsoe said.

While the 33-year-old Bledsoe is eight years younger than predecessor Vinny Testaieverde, his personal means Drew Henry must wait even longer if he's to become Dallas' quarterback of the future.

Last spring, the Cowboys out¬

maneuvered many teams to land Henso.

Quarterback Drew Bledsoe smiles at a press conference after signing with the Cowboys Wednesday in Irving, Texas.
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Agent: Moss going west to Oakland

MINNEAPOLIS — Randy Moss is heading for Oakland, the receiver's agent said Wednesday.

"It's just like any other contract. There's a meeting of the minds between the people who negotiate for the Vikings and the people who negotiate for the Raiders," DiTrapano said. "It just hasn't been reduced to writing yet and it won't be until March 2.

The flamboyant Moss had been the subject of trade rumors following this past season. He struggled with a hamstring injury, but still finished with 13 touchdown catches. He was fined $10,000 for pretending to pull down his pants and moon the Green Bay crowd during Minnesota's NFC Wildcard playoff win. He also drew criticism for leaving the field with 2 seconds left in a regular-season loss against Washington.

DiTrapano said Moss was "very pleased to be going to Oakland and looking forward to playing with a team that's promised they're going to throw the ball deep a whole lot to him and having a chance at winning the Super Bowl."

On Tuesday, the Raiders re-signed Jerry Porter, their star wide receiver to a contract worth $30 million over five years. Porter could have become a free agent on March 2.

In Brief

House committee advances plan for new Colts stadium

INDIANAPOLIS — A proposal to fund a new stadium for the Indianapolis Colts through a mix that includes hotel and gambling tax increases and a surcharge on game tickets advanced out of an Indiana House committee Wednesday.

The move keeps the legislation alive even though Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson and others had concerns about the details of the plan. The House Ways and Means Committee voted 17-5 to advance the bill, which would provide $44 million a year to replace the RCA Dome with a 63,000-seat, retractable-roof stadium that has been estimated to cost between $550 million and $700 million.

Legislators and Peterson said it was important for the bill to be out of committees to meet a Tuesday deadline for legislation to be passed by the House. "It keeps the issue alive," Peterson said, adding that the specifics of the bill are not important at this stage.

Dolphins release Fiedler, Freeman, Wooden, Williams

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins released quarterback Jay Fiedler on Wednesday, ending his five-year run as the franchise's third-leading passer behind Marino and Bob Griese.

Fiedler was 36-23 as a starter, throwing for 11,040 yards, 66 touchdowns and 63 interceptions. He ranks as the franchise's third-leading passer behind Marino and Griese.

Schroeders staffed up for after Heat return to Miami

INDIANAPOLIS — Shaquille O'Neal won't play before doctors examine his injured knee in Miami on Thursday.

Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said the team trainer doesn't think O'Neal's injury is serious.

Miami's next game will be at home on Saturday against Orlando. Van Gundy wouldn't speculate how long O'Neal might be out.

O'Neal left the game against Chicago on Tuesday night after landing awkwardly early in the first quarter. He fell onto Bulls forward Othella Harrington, after going up for an alley-oop pass from Dwyane Wade, and stayed on the floor for several minutes holding his knee.

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Men's College Basketball

Wisconsin at Michigan State, 7 p.m., ESPN
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NFL

Randy Moss breaks away from Green Bay Packers cornerback Al Harris after catching a pass in the NFC wildcard game. Moss' agent reported that the Minnesota Vikings are trading the receiver to the Oakland Raiders.

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in each of the last three years. With a strong showing in the upcoming NCAA finals he is poised to join an elite group of only 21 Notre Dame student athletes who have received that honor. Four times, a club that includes eight fencers. Because of his previous experience in the National Finals, Sobieraj feels more prepared said.

"I think the previous experience helps, actually," he said. "I had troubles the first time, but now I can know what to expect.

Sobieraj also has many international accolades under his belt. He is a defending champion of the North American Cup, and he is considered to be part of the national team in his native Poland, having served as a part of the squad that placed 4th in the 2003 World Championships and is being considered to be part of the country's Olympic contingent in 2008. "I'm a high class athlete. He's a top international fencer, and, naturally, by his record he's a star," Irish head coach Janusz Bednarski said.

Because of his success and experience, Sobieraj is seen as both a leader and a go-to guy in pressure situations. "He is the person who creates the situation for everybody. Because of his abilities, they put him in a hard position, force him to be observed by everybody, lie, by his class, is used by others to [shoulder lots] of the responsibility," Bednarski said. However, Sobieraj does not back away from his roles as captain. "I think I can provide some help, some advice to the guys on the team, especially technical things," he said. "I can show people how to win and how to prepare for bouts."

The importance of preparation is something Sobieraj began to realize early in his fencing career. "At first [when I started fencing], I didn't realize that psychology played as big a role in fencing (as it does). You have to be mentally prepared to figure out opponents, and they call it physical chess," he said.

Sobieraj first began playing this brand of chess at the age of 12 in his hometown of Krakow, Poland, following his mother's suggestion. "My mom was the chief of the fencing club [in Krakow] and she told me there was a fencing club in my hometown and that I should try it. I tried it, and stayed for the next 10 years," he said.

Over the course of those years, Sobieraj became so successful in part because he began mastering the mental aspects of the sport. Bednarski said he is impressed with his fencer's competitive IQ. "He's smart in bouting, using his intellectual side to read opponents by quick analyzing," he said.

This intellectual side is another facet of himself that Sobieraj has cultivated. He has an appreciation of literature, primarily that of Europe and Poland, and is especially fond of the work of writers such as Dostoevsky and Ichish Heiler. "I read a lot and enjoy reading," Sobieraj said.

Beyond his prestigious fencing program, Notre Dame attracted Sobieraj because of its academic reputation. "I have gotten a very good education, and I think I have learned a lot. That's the reason I came here, and hopefully, it will pay off and be useful in the future," he said.

In the course of their time together, Bednarski has seen Sobieraj's academic advancement firsthand. "He came as an athlete, and he became an educated person," Bednarski said.

Sobieraj plans to use that education to possibly pursue an MBA and enter the business world at home in Krakow. "I want to stay in Poland," he said. "Four years away from home is kind of a lot for me."

However, Bednarski is confident that his star is not quite ready to focus on what comes after Notre Dame fencing. "I hope he will use the chance to get a gold medal in the NCAA Finals," Bednarski said. "He's one of the best fencers in the NCAA and he should try this year to get the medal he didn't get [the last 3 years]. Let's hope he has the drive to do this.

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Nominations are due by Friday, March 4, 2005.
Kegelman's career is one big broken record

Sophomore already holds numerous team and conference marks

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

If winning races is an art form, then call Tim Kegelman the Michelangelo of swimming.

"He knows how to win," coach Tim Welsh said. "Not everyone knows how to win, or else everyone would be winning every race. You've got to give everything you've got to the race at hand. That's what he does, That's why he wins." At last weekend's Big East Championships, Kegelman added a number of wins to his already impressive resume, including titles in the 200 individual medley (1 minute, 49.62 seconds), the 400 freestyle relay (3:16.93) and the 100-yard butterfly — an event in which he also holds the Big East Championship record with 48.96.

But the accolades didn't end there. The sophomore also set school records in the 200- and 400-yard medley relays. Teamed with junior Doug Raiman, junior Tim Randolph, and senior Frank Krakowski, Kegelman's relays clocked 1:30.12 and 3:16.93 respectively.

Later on, Kegelman combined efforts with Randolph, Krakowski and sophomore Louis Cavadini to set school records in the 200-yard freestyle relay (3:00.02).

Kegelman was also named all-Big East in the 200-yard medley relay, 250-yard freestyle relay, 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard fly, 400-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay. Additionally, invitations to the NCAA championships in the 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard fly, 400 medley relay, and 200 free relay are pending. But despite so many awards to his name, the unassuming Kegelman chose to focus on the team's success.

"It's exciting to be part of a team that has so much talent," Kegelman said. "I think all of the records we broke and the awards we got were just a sign of how much depth the team has. We were following through with the work we have done all season." Kegelman's performance was especially characteristic of his performances and hard work this season, Welsh said.

"He is always a vital part of the team's success," Welsh said. "This season was a tribute to his gaminess and competitiveness." Welsh said the meet against then-No. 17 Pittsburgh, last year's Big East champion, was also testament to Kegelman's capabilities and potential as a competitor.

Touching the wall, .04 seconds ahead of Pittsburgh Darryl Washington in the 500-yard freestyle event, Kegelman clinched the win for the Irish. As anchor of the 400-yard freestyle relay, which consisted of Krakowski, Cavadini and sophomore Nick Fuslau, Kegelman secured the first place finish with a time of 3:04.13.

The win in the 400-yard freestyle relay was just the icing on the cake. Earlier in the meet, Kegelman claimed a win in the 100-yard butterfly (49.17) and placed second in the 200-yard fly.

With the toughest dual meets of the season and the Big East Championship behind him, Kegelman is looking forward to the NCAAs. Welsh said he is confident Kegelman will make the team proud in the competition.

"He has the heart of a champion," Welsh said. "And I think he'll rise to the occasion if given the opportunity. He's a great competitor of the team and of Notre Dame."
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Notre Dame's scheduling in the near future and the necessary work to accomplish such a task, the "neutral" game would not fit into the mix until at least around 2009, Heisler said. Until the legislation is reviewed, Notre Dame athletic officials will look into playing the "neutral" game in the Southeast or Southwest regions of the country, areas in which the school and team receive less exposure.
"The prospect of these neutral site games - if you call them that - were appealing for a couple of reasons," Heisler said. "One, we'd be able to go to some places in the country that weren't routinely being seen by our football program, which could be a positive in terms of recruiting."
"Also, just the number of alumni and fans in some of these areas where Notre Dame doesn't go every season, or even every few seasons, would have a chance to see the team," Heisler said.
"Good thing right now is we would expect these [games] to not be that much different than a home game," Heisler said, "except we'd be playing it somewhere else." -John Heisler senior associate athletic director

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on both the East and West squads.
Legendary coach Morgan Wooden, who won more than 1,200 games at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md, is the chairman of the selection committee, while Wooden served as an advisor. Current Irish men's basketball coach Mike Brey played for Wooden and later became an assistant coach at his alma mater.
Ryan Ayers and Kyle McAlarney, two other high school seniors joining Brey's team, participated in the game. McAlarney, the other early signee for Irish women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw's class of 2009, was also a finalist.
On the girls' teams, Texas has three incoming freshmen playing in the game, while Georgia, Maryland, Duke, California and Oklahoma each have two.
On the boys' side Duke, North Carolina, Kansas each have three signees on the team while Oklahoma State, Washington each have two.
Schrader will join current Irish players Courtney LaVere and Crystal Erwin as McDonald's All-Americans. Zeller is the first Notre Dame recruit to be named to the "bulk" of the ticket sales should the game happen, Heisler said.
"Our feeling right now is we would expect these [games] to not be that much different than a home game," Heisler said, "except we'd be playing it somewhere else." -Contact Pat Leonard at plouna@nd.edu

Borton
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But this year, she said she has handled her aches and pains the best.
"I feel that I have to realize that I'm going to be injury prone and chronic pain, and I have to play through that," Borton said. I think I'm stronger, maybe healthier. I still have the pains, but I'm used to it."
But East, the only other senior on the Irish roster, said her teammate has taken the pressure off of her this season.
"It's really done a lot," the All-American said. "I'm only averaging about 6.5 rebounds this year because she's getting a lot more. She's been more of a presence down on the block, she's been scoring and she's consistent this whole year."
Borton, whose 56.7 field goal percentage would lead the Big East if she had made enough shots to qualify, leads the Irish by example, as she is one of the less outspoken leaders on this Notre Dame team.
"I think most of the time Megan (Duffy) is more of the vocal leader, just because she's the point guard, she's a natural leader," Borton said. "I'm more of a quiet leader, I believe, as a post, so hopefully they follow my lead just by my actions and not by my speech."
And after averaging just 5.8 points and four rebounds per game last year, the senior is having the most fun since she made the choice between Connecticut and Notre Dame four years ago.
"I think it's been the best season so far in my four years," Borton said. "I really enjoy all my teammates, and I think we have a great atmosphere here with the team chemistry."
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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

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Happy Birthday. You've been a little confused, and your life has been up and down. The roller coaster ride isn't over, so hold on tight but don't fight it. The more you give in to what is happening around you, the better you will do in the end. Change can be good and in your case, bring about some interesting revelations this year. Your numbers are 6, 19, 28, 31, 36, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Not everyone will be on your team, but the ones who will work just as hard as you do. You are on a quest to make it to the next level, and with all the support you are getting you should be able to reach whatever goal you set. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't complicate matters. Take the simplest route and you will discover that life isn't that difficult. Don't let your personal life interfere with getting things done. The more you move, the less you will have to deal with on the side.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You must react quickly and get things done. Too much talk will slow you down and lead to opposition. Change can be expected and although it may not be what you want, it will be for your favor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Not everyone will want to hear about your dreams, and really, things aren't as bad as you think. You should be intent on getting along fluidly and not wasting time quarreling over something you can resolve in a very short time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Consider what is dragging you down and holding you back. If you can focus on the good instead of the bad, you will do much better. Think outside the box and you will come up with a really good plan.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a long look at your life. You may have to alter some of your goals in order to be successful. Talk to people who have been where you are and move forward instead of wishing your wheels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are probably thinking too big. Buck up and size down. You can be a fish in a small pond and achieve happiness, security and a better lifestyle. Don't undermine yourself.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get in with what you feel is right and stop waiting for others to come to you. Nothing will be accomplished if you don't take the initiative and make things happen. You are in a highly creative cycle so don't miss a beat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may think you know what you want, but when you get it, you will probably change your mind. Take a breath and spend a little time having fun with friends or your lover. This is not the day for serious discussions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can and will accomplish, but not if you take on so much that you end up moving in circles. Partnerships can be formed, so drum up support to help you achieve your goals. It's all in the way you play the games today.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Travel, learning and trying to get ahead should be your main. You can accomplish something you've been trying to do for a long time, the way of the way for some time. Have faith in what you are capable of doing. Let the past go and move on to the future.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It's time to make whatever change is necessary to fulfill the life you have gathered along the way. Take a breath and in the way you live and approach responsibilities will lead to a much happier future.****

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Athletic officials evaluate schedule

Proposal to extend the college football season opens doors for Irish

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Next season’s Notre Dame football schedule is all but set in stone. Though the Irish cannot make drastic scheduling changes for the near future, program officials are planning to add one home game per season and play a possible “neutral-site” game should the NCAA vote in April to extend the college football season to 12 games.

Regardless of the NCAA’s decision, the Irish athletic department wants to add an extra game at Notre Dame Stadium.

“We’re trying to get to the point where we would be able to play seven home games routinely in South Bend,” Senior Associate Athletic Director John Heisler said. “I think if you look at some of the other major Division-I programs, whether it’s Ohio State or Oklahoma, they may not be doing it every year, but they’re certainly trying to do it on a fairly regular basis.”

Pending the result of April’s meeting, the Irish also would like to investigate the possibility of playing one game each season at a neutral venue that would give the team and the University more exposure, Heisler said.

Heisler, athletic director Kevin White and others will be working until April to prepare a researched proposal on plans for structuring Notre Dame’s schedule to seven home games, four road games and one “neutral-site” game should the NCAA approve the increase to annual 12-game seasons, Heisler said.

The legislation, which will be sponsored by the Big East and Big Ten conferences, would take effect beginning in 2006. Due to

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Borton gives Irish experienced leadership

One of two seniors, starting center leads team by example

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Teresa Borton had a choice in 2001 — play for defending champion Notre Dame or play for the team who had won it all the year before, the Connecticut Huskies.

Borton chose Notre Dame, and since she has been with the Irish, the team has played seven games against Connecticut, splitting the season series with the Huskies the past two years.

“It’s been pretty exciting every time we get to play them,” Borton said. “Sometimes we win, and sometimes we win. That shows that it was a really competitive choice because both teams are great basketball programs, but I think we have much better academics.”

In her final year in an Irish uniform, Borton has emerged as one of the team’s most consistent performers. The 6-foot-3 center is averaging a solid 8.8 points per game, third on the team behind only All-American Jacqueline Batteast (17.7 points per game) and point guard Megan Duffy (11.7 points per game). Borton is also second on the team in rebounding with 5.9 per game, behind Batteast’s 6.6. She is also fourth in the Big East with 1.9 blocks per game.

But Borton, who will play her last home game at the Joyce Center Saturday afternoon, doesn’t see herself as a star on this Notre Dame team.

“I consider myself a role player,” Borton said. “I do little things. I’m not the star player, but that’s all right. I can’t like that role. Getting a win — that makes me happy.”

Borton, who was highly touted coming out of high school, has finally found a way to play through the aches and pains of college basketball. As a junior last year, the center had previous surgery to correct Henry’s Deformity, a bone protrusion in the heel that affects the Achilles tendon in the ankle. She has not missed a game through her four years,

ND BASKETBALL

McDonald’s All-Americans named

Two ND signees are chosen for March 30 game at the JACC

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Two Notre Dame basketball signees will play on the Joyce Center court months before donning an Irish uniform.

Lindsay Schrader and Luke Zeller were named to the 2005 McDonald’s All-American high school basketball teams, according to a Wednesday afternoon press release.

Both games are set for March 30.

“Any athlete would be honored to simply get nominated, but to get selected for the McDonald’s All American Game ... as a young athlete, there’s just no better feeling,” chairman of the game and legendary coach John Wooden said in the release.

“McDonald’s All American players are leaders on and off the court. It’s not just athletic talent that makes them role models, but the contribution that they make to the lives around them.”

More than 2,500 high school players were nominated for the game with 48 b e i n g selected.

24 boys and 24 girls with 12

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FENCING

Dominant epeeist looks to cap career

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

It’s lonely at the top. Michal Sobieraj knows, and he would like to have that solitude again this spring after the finals.

Sobieraj, the senior epeeist and elder statesman of the squad, is ready to cap off his already impressive career on a high note.

“It would be nice to get an individual ring,” he said.

An NCAA individual title would be the final piece in the growing trophy case of his collegiate career. In addition to winning a national team championship as part of the 2002-2003 team and placing 3rd and 2nd in the NCAA the last two seasons, Sobieraj has been named an All-American

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NBA

Sixers get Webber in six-player deal

Sacramento Kings forward Chris Webber was sent to Philadelphia with two teammates for 76ers.

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