‘Cybersquatters’ make monitoring essential

By ERIN LAUFFA
News Writer

Searching for the words “Notre Dame” on an Internet search engine will return numerous results including the University’s official Web-site, sports-related sites and the sites of other schools with similar names. Since these Web addresses are often similar to the official Notre Dame site, it is possible to confuse an unrelated site with the one related to the school. While most of the sites are harmless, Notre Dame and other colleges across the country are worried about the use of their trademarked names as domain names for Web-sites. “There are ongoing efforts to enforce [Notre Dame] trademarks,” said Larry Williams, Director of Licensing for the University. “We had always dealt with trademark infringement in other mediums.” Registering a domain name is relatively easy and inexpensive. Since domain names are meant to serve only as addresses for Web-sites, only one numeral or digit has to differ between two separate domain names. Companies that register names do not check
OUTSIDE THE DOME

Stanford group scrutinizes campus recruiters

The mission of SICD is not without its own bit of controversy. Some University officials worry that highlighting negative information about companies will cause them to cease coming to campus, or will at least discourage them from hiring Stanford students.

In fact, tobacco giant Philip Morris canceled scheduled interviews with students last November after students organized a protest to inform the campus of what they allie to be unethical marketing policies.

At the time, Tozun told Stanford's student newspaper, "Philip Morris actually canceled their interviews...I guess they wanted to avoid the bad publicity."

Another factor is that many of these corporations are donors to the University.

Police arrest OSU students at protest

Corvallis, Ore.

Five people were arrested by the Oregon State Police Friday evening, ending a 12-hour sit-in at the College of Veterinary Medicine in protest of a small-animal surgery class. Three of those arrested were students at Oregon State University, while two others were Corvallis residents. The five were taken to jail and charged with criminal trespass, which is a misdemeanor. They were released.

Three other OSU students who were also participating in the protest were not charged because they walked away from the protest voluntarily following requests from the police. The rest of the protesters, however, had to be forcibly removed. "They had to cut us out," Tozun said.

"This was too important for us to just get up and leave," Administrator of the College of Veterinary Medicine stated that the animals used in the small-animal surgery course come from shelters where they are already scheduled to be euthanized. Lincoln and the rest of the protesters contend that the administration is not telling the truth. "The administrators have misrepresented the whole situation," Lincoln said.

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The University of Notre Dame has the highest percentage of students participating in study abroad programs among American research universities, according to a report released by the Institute of International Education. "We've worked very hard on getting students to study abroad, and we've found they very much want to," said Michael Francis, assistant provost for international studies.

"It isn't just rhetoric when the University says it wants to internationalize. Sending students abroad is a part of that, and it will be even more so as our numbers rise," Francis said.

The increase in the number of students studying abroad is due in part to the recent enhancement and expansion of programs in London and Dublin along with the expected addition of new programs, Francis noted. In addition to the integration of programs, Francis points out that students themselves are also responsible for the increased numbers. "The student grapevine is powerful," Francis said.

"As students rave about their experiences, other students find themselves interested in studying abroad as well. Students of all majors are getting involved. Ten years ago, 85 percent of students studying abroad were in the Arts and Letters program, said Francis. That number has since dropped to 50 percent, while the other 50 percent has grown from multiple other programs.

More opportunities are especially opening up for science majors. Specifically, the expanded programs in London and Dublin allow science students to study abroad. For example, in London, there is a pre-med-oriented physics program, while in Dublin, several courses are now available in the sciences. Several Notre Dame programs include distinctive components that are unmatched amid higher education facilities. In Jerusalem, students study at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies at Tantur, a center established jointly by Notre Dame and Pope Paul VI in 1971.

The Dublin program is located in historic Newman House and includes a partnership with University College Dublin and Trinity College, Dublin. Students in Fremanville study at the University of Notre Dame-Australia, a Catholic institution modeled after Notre Dame.

The Rome program provides a required year of study for students in the School of Architecture and is considered by many the loading center for classicalism among American colleges and universities.

"Wherever the program is located, the personal and academic growth students gain by studying abroad is immeasurable," Francis said. "The value of studying in another country is related to globalization," he said. "Our students will end up working abroad as well as in companies that have other operations in other countries. It's just vital to have this kind of experience as an undergraduate.

"The students in our programs come back with their lives changed," said Francis. "They invariably say, 'This was the best semester of my life.'"
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for similarities between new addresses and existing ones.

People known as cybersquatters buy large quantities of domain names in hopes of selling the names later. Cybersquatters try to make a profit commercially from the names they register. Laws passed late in 1999 established financial penalties for cybersquatters who purposely exploited domain names.

Trademark owners, such as Notre Dame, are required to protect their trademarks, including uses which are "confusingly similar" to the trademark, said Williams. He added that if any trademark owner failed to prevent such uses, the owner would forfeit the rights to the trademark.

"We at Notre Dame don't mind if there's excitement about the sports programs," he said, referring to fan-based sites about the school's sports teams. The University does not mind most sites focusing on other University programs, either.

As with other colleges and universities, Notre Dame wants to prevent its name from being used in a disrespectful manner.

The University has a reputation that it holds near and dear, and it doesn't want its name used in any way that would be demeaning to it," Williams said, adding that the University examines each use of its name on an individual basis.

The University would object to an unaffiliated site that used its name for profit through advertisements or sales. Using the University's name in relation to a site for pornography is another.

Although the University has gone to court in the past to protect its trademark from misuse in other mediums, it has not yet had to go to court because of a domain name. The University would seek legal action over a Web-site if such action became necessary, Williams said.

Monitoring the use of the Notre Dame name is difficult because there are infinite ways in which a name could be incorporated into a Web address. Notre Dame does its own monitoring and also relies on supporters such as alumni to report questionable usage.

Companies who pay money for the use of the Notre Dame trademark also alert the University to unauthorized use of the mark.

The first step in dealing with an objectionable domain name is to send a cease-and-desist letter to the person to whom the site is registered. Such a letter would request that the owner stop using the Notre Dame name and would also threaten a lawsuit. The University has taken this step, although Williams could not discuss details of those cases.

The next step after a cease-and-desist letter would be to receive a court injunction to stop the trade-mark usage.

The University has not yet needed to take such an action. Under new legislation to protect trademarked names from being used improperly for Internet addresses, Harvard University is currently suing a Web-site designer who registered over 60 Internet addresses containing the word "Harvard" or "Hadies." According to officials at Harvard, the man demanded money from the University, a claim the man denies.

Other schools have also faced problems. New York University, for instance, recently dealt with a site called nyudormcam.com that claimed to have video cameras in the University's dorm rooms. The site's owners agreed to change the name of their site and all other references to NYU before legal action was necessary.

"There are ongoing efforts to enforce [Notre Dame] trademarks," Larry Williams, director of licensing for Notre Dame.

Williams said, adding that the University is in a "defensive" and "protective" posture.

"We [at Notre Dame] don't want to see [our name] used in any way that devalues it," Williams said, adding that the University hopes to "defend" the name "as long as there's an action."
Attacks delay peace with Syria

JERUSALEM

Prime Minister Ehud Barak said today that talks with Syria would not resume until it is removed in the Hezbollah guerrilla army, a stance that would likely freeze U.S. efforts to revive the stalled negotiations. Just hours after three Israeli soldiers were killed in Lebanon, Hezbollah guerrillas blasted an Israeli patrol with rocket-propelled grenades and machine-gun fire, also wounded five other Israeli workers. By Monday night, 86 bodies had been brought to shore, rescue workers said, and most searchers had given up on the mission. The plane, an Airbus 310, took off at 9:08 p.m. Sunday into overcast skies. destined for Lagos, Nigeria, it crashed into the ocean after only one minute in the air, according to George Dapre Yao, the head of the Boeing. The Syrian government says it has not restrained the Hezbollah guerrillas from using against the Israeli army in the security zone. Barak said in a statement issued on Defense Ministry letterhead, "We are not going to negotiate with the government of the war against the Israeli army."

At least 86 dead in Kenya

IVORY COAST

As dawn broke Monday across the sly waters of the Atlantic, the men of the Artaban launched their ship into a nightmarish waters of the Atlantic, the men of the Artaban launched their ship into a nightmarish night. The plane, an Airbus 310, took off at 9:08 p.m. Sunday into overcast skies. destined for Lagos, Nigeria, it crashed into the ocean after only one minute in the air, according to George Dapre Yao, the head of the Boeing. The Syrian government says it has not restrained the Hezbollah guerrillas from using against the Israeli army in the security zone. Barak said in a statement issued on Defense Ministry letterhead, "We are not going to negotiate with the government of the war against the Israeli army."

North Korea will allow U.S. inspection of human remains

WASHINGTON

North Korea invited the United States on Monday to send forensics experts to an area where the communist government says it unearthed hundreds of human remains that may be American servicemen killed in the Korean War. The Pentagon said the offer is for a "thorough" investigation of human remains. According to a report in the Berliner Tageblatt, the Syrian government says it has not restrained the Hezbollah guerrillas from using against the Israeli army in the security zone. Barak said in a statement issued on Defense Ministry letterhead, "We are not going to negotiate with the government of the war against the Israeli army."

Leaders pick Clinton as Nobel nominee

OSLO, Norway

American peace envoy George Mitchell was among those nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize as the deadline ran out Monday. Clinton was nominated for at least the fifth straight year, this time by two Norwegian parliamentarians, Vidar Kleppe, of the right-wing Party of Progress and Steinar Basteden, an independent. Clinton was named president of the world's most powerful nation and throughout his presidential term has been a guarantor and friend of peace," a news release from the legislators said. They said he was a key player in ending war and conflicts in the former Yugoslavia, and defends human rights worldwide. The Norwegian awards committee said it may not release the number of nominations until its first meeting on Feb. 23. The secretive five-member Nobel Peace Committee never releases the names of candidates. However, those making nominations often announce their pick. The winner is announced in mid-October.

World Nation
Airliner crashes near L.A.

Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — An Alaska Airlines jet carrying 65 passengers and five crew members from Mexico to San Francisco crashed Monday in the Pacific Ocean after reporting mechanical difficulties.

Flight 261 from Puerto Vallarta was reported down 20 miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport about 3:45 p.m., the Federal Aviation Administration said. Pieces of wreckage could be seen in the water, but there was no sign of survivors.

A Coast Guard helicopter, a Navy airplane and small boats were searching a large field of debris rolling in swells off Point Mugu as darkness began to descend on the ocean.

"Right now they are searching for survivors." Jeanne Reincke, lieutenant, U.S. coast guard

Radar indicates it fell from 17,000 feet and then was lost from radar," Wilson told KRON-TV in San Francisco.

FAA spokesman Mitch Barker said the plane was a Boeing 737. Boeing spokesman Craig Martin said the company was told by Alaska Airlines that the plane was an MD-80.

Cynthia Emery, FAA flight operations officer in Seattle, confirmed the number of passengers and crew.

On Sunday, a Kenya Airways flight crashed into the Atlantic Ocean shortly after takeoff from Abidjan, Ivory Coast. The Airbus 310 carried 10 crew members and 169 passengers. At least 10 people survived.

Last Oct. 31, EgyptAir Flight 990 plummeted into the ocean 66 miles south of the Massachusetts island of Nantucket. All 217 people aboard the Boeing 767 were killed.

Alaska Airlines, which has a distinctive image of an Eskimo painted on the tails of its planes, has an excellent safety record. It has built itself into a western power by serving more than 40 cities in Alaska, Canada, Mexico and five Western states. Its headquarters are in Seattle.

The airline had two fatal accidents in the 1970s, both in Alaska, according to Airsafe.com, a Web site that tracks plane crashes.

In 1971, an Alaska Airlines Boeing 727 approaching Juneau crashed into a mountain slope after the crew had received misleading navigational information. All 104 passengers and seven crew members were killed.
Come to Me all you who labor and are heavily burdened,  
And I will give you rest...

Jesus is here with us in the Eucharist to give us answers—answers that will lead us to truth, happiness and peace. In this culture of death, it is easy for people to become weary and indifferent to God and His gift of life. People often fall short of their obligation to care for and nurture the spiritual and physical lives of themselves and others. Eucharistic Adoration gives a person the opportunity to nurture his own spiritual life, as well as the spiritual lives of others (through prayer for them.) Prayer also protects the physical lives of those endangered by abortion, euthanasia and other forms of violence. This is because, it is only through the grace which comes from prayer that other’s hearts can be changed from seeking death to loving life. Christ gives us the strength to press on in our battle for life. In order to be Christ-like in our service to preserve life, we must be filled with His life through prayer. To be Christian, we must follow Christ. If He is not the source of all we do, it is worth nothing. We ask you to join us in prayer for life...

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

God is present to us in many ways in our world, but He is especially present to us in the Eucharist. As Roman Catholics, we believe that Jesus Christ, who lived 2000 years ago, is truly present in the Eucharist. In Eucharistic Adoration, the Host is placed in a monstrance, in order for us to be able to come and pray. Jesus is always hidden in the tabernacle, but in adoration he is exposed so that we can come and kneel before Him, face to face, and speak with our God. When Jesus is exposed like this, He can never be left alone. Thus, people sign up to be responsible to some and pray with Him for a certain amount of time (usually 1 hour) every week.

Why should I go?

If Jesus were to come to the JACC, would you come and stand in line for ours just to talk to Him for a minute? Even if you weren’t Christian, wouldn't you be at least interested in this God so many people talk about? Well, Jesus is truly, physically present here on campus- in the Eucharist. IN ADORATION YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO AND SPEAK WITH YOUR GOD FACE TO FACE. You confide in Him, plead with Him, question Him. And if you sit quietly enough, he will inspire you with answers.

What do I do when I am there?

When you enter the chapel, you should genuflect as a sign of reverence to Jesus. It is common practice during Adoration to genuflect on two knees, instead of just one (like you do whenever you enter a chapel.) You can stand, sit, or kneel- whatever position you pray best in. And then you pray. There are many ways to pray: you can do spiritual reading; you can pray a rosary; you can sit in silence; you can even just talk to Jesus-like you would to a friend. The most important thing is that you love Him and allow Him to love and strengthen you.

What does the Church think?

"Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, whether in a pyx or a monstrance, is a recognition of the wondrous Presence of Christ in the sacrament and stimulates us to unite ourselves to Him in a spiritual communion. It is, accordingly, eminently in harmony with the worship which we owe Him in spirit and truth..." -Post-Conciliar (Vatican II) Document, S.C.D.W.

**Eucharistic Adoration On Campus:**

Friday: Lady Chapel in the Basilica: 12:00pm (following 11:30 Mass) — 5:00pm with a Rosary beginning at 4:15. (Ends with Benediction at 4:45)  
Monday beginning at 11:30pm (following 11:00pm Mass) through Tuesday at 10:00pm (Ending with Benediction at 9:45-10:00) In Fisher Hall Chapel.

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Group attacks Bradley

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A New Jersey anti-tax group with a history of opposition to Democrat Bill Bradley is running ads that criticize him on campaign finance reform — even as the group uses a financing provision that allows it to keep its contributors secret.

Hands Across New Jersey refuses to say who is paying for the ads, which have run for a week in New Hampshire. The group is considering running them in other states with upcoming primaries.

"Let us be the example of what the laws should be changed," said John Sheridan, spokesman for Hands Across New Jersey. "If they don't change [the law], they will be the thorn of those sorts of ads in the future, and they will feel as helpless as the public does in trying to bring about change."

As it were, it was hypothetical to advocate change while exploiting, what is widely viewed as a loophole in the campaign finance law, Sheridan said: "It is hypothetical."

The ad in question shows three late New Jersey residents sitting around a kitchen table accessing Bradley of a variety of campaign financing methods, including arranging favors for special interest contributors.

"I don't know who sent the money," he said. "I don't ask the membership their party affiliation."

He said contributions range from a couple hundred dollars and an add that he didn't know the politics of even large donors. He said the group is target- ing Bradley because it is familiar with his record, even as (though Vice President Gore has had well-publicized ques- tions about his record on cam- paign finance.

The Observer • NATIONAL NEWS

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

GOP offers bigger marriage tax cut

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Aiming for a House vote prior to Valentine's Day, Republicans promised a plan that makes 25 million two-income couples pay lower income taxes than if they were single.

"The American people support this, representatives and senators of both parties support this, so there's no excuse why this shouldn't be done," said Bill Archer, U.S. Rep., R-Texas.

It would raise the lowest 15 percent income tax bracket to $18,000 in 2000 and $5,000 when married couples, Archer said.

House Republican leaders have decided not to pursue a repeat of last year's giant $792 billion tax cut that was vetoed by Clinton, preferring to break it into a series of popular, smaller tax-relief bills more difficult for Democrats to oppose.

While House officials say the president's support will depend on how the GOP balances pro- jected budget surpluses among the overall priorities of Social Security, Medicare, govern- ment spending, debt repay- ment and tax cuts.

"It's going to depend on the entire picture," said Clinton spokesman Jake Stedler. "It's difficult to address these items in isolation."

The Treasury Department estimates that 25 million mar- ried couples pay higher income taxes than if they were single, mainly when both spouses have jobs. The tax strikes most often when the higher-earning spouse makes between $20,000 and $75,000 in adjusted gross income a year, according to the Congressional Budget Office, but some single-earner house- holds actually receive a mar- riage bonus.

The GOP bill would reduce government revenue by $182.3 billion, or 10 percent of the project- ed deficit surplus for the ear- ly years, marked for Soc i al Security.

It would raise the lowest 15 percent income tax bracket to $18,000 in 2000 and $7,351 for couples who don't itemize.

The Ways and Means Committee is prepared to consider the bill Wednesday, with the House Floor likely to rule the measure in the Senate is uncertain. Partly because of Senate rules and partly because of philosophical differences, Senate Republicans are divided on the House approach of passing a series of smaller tax cuts rather than one large tax relief package.

Memorial ceremony lead by Cambodian Buddhist Monks.

Ceremony to Remember the Dead of Cambodia

Father Martin Nguyen of the Notre Dame Art Department will offer reflections from the Christian tradition.

Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, February 1, 5:00 PM at the Snite Museum
Call 631-4722 for more information.

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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Where do you see yourself this summer? 

Choose A or B

A. Sharing a trail with a mountain goat as you hike through snow capped glacier peaks? B. Commuting in bumper to bumper traffic?

A. Meeting your new best friend under the "Big Sky" of Montana? B. With the same old crowd?

A. Watching millions of stars as you hike through snow capped glacier peaks? B. With the same old crowd?

If you answered "A" to any of the above, choose a summer in the "Lost Best Place".

St. Mary Lodge & Resort
(Glacier Park's finest)

We will be interviewing on campus February 2nd for our 2000 summer season. Call 800-368-3689 today to schedule an interview.
Death penalty suspended in Illinois

Gov. George Ryan took the unprecedented step Monday of putting all executions on hold in Illinois, which over the past two decades has freed some inmates from death row — 13 since it has put to death.

"There is no margin for error when it comes to putting a person to death," the Republican governor said. "Until I can be sure that everyone sentenced to death in Illinois is truly can be sure that everyone sentenced to death, "I am the fellow who has to make the ultimate decision," he said.

Illinois considers a similar halt to executions last year. But a moratorium passed by the legislature was vetoed by the governor.

The only other state where more death row inmates have been exonerated is Florida, where 18 have been freed from death row and 44 executed. But there has been little talk of a moratorium there.

"In Florida, the issue of executing the innocent is a nonissue," said Michael Hadeleit, a University of Florida sociology professor who has written extensively on the death penalty. "I'm not aware of any legislator who has lost interest at all in learning from these blunders.

In another noteworthy case, Anthony Porter spent 15 years on death row — once coming within two days of being executed — before a college journalism class proved his innocence. Porter was released last year.

Within the past month, prosecutors have strengthened the case against a former Chicago police officer who was convicted and sentenced to die based on the word of a jailhouse informant. "In Illinois, it's looking more like the rule that you cannot trust the system," Gabrielesen said.

When asked whether the panel might lead to the abolition of the death penalty in Illinois, the governor said he is keeping all options open.

He did not set a deadline for the investigation, saying he did not want the panel to be rushed, since it is responsible for sending inmates to death, "I am the fellow who has to make the ultimate decision," he said.

Ryan called the death penalty system "fraught with error" and said he will appoint a committee to help revamp it.

Thirteen inmates have been released from Illinois' death row since 1987, exposing what critics say are serious flaws in the criminal justice system and calling for a moratorium.

In most of those cases, prosecutors acknowledged they had the wrong man after they were confronted with DNA evidence, new witnesses or confessions from others. In other cases, the inmates' convictions were thrown out on appeal and prosecutors have yet to pursue a retrial.

Ryan, who insisted he remained a supporter of capital punishment, said the committee will help revamp the system.

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The notion that Illinois cannot guarantee that an innocent person would not be put to death even led the state Supreme Court's chief justice, Moses Harrison II, to call the Illinois law unconstitutional.

Nearly a year ago, Harrison said the governor had the power to declare a moratorium. But after Porter's release last February, Ryan said he saw no need for a moratorium or a "knee-jerk reaction."

"There is no margin for error when it comes to putting a person to death." — George Ryan, Illinois governor

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Set up an interview with Sister Deanna Sabetta at the Center before February 6.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**We were left in the cold**

I am writing this letter at 3 a.m. I just got back from the College Republicans' election and want to say something about why I have for why it took me an hour to get back home is because I damn shuttle broke down early. Three Zahns guys, a Sean guy, a billion boy, and I walked through the falling snow, driving winds and ateric temperatures. On the way back, we met a seemingly kind student who offered to give us a ride. He informed us politely that we were dedicated individuals and informed us that he couldn't give us a ride because he was only allowed to give Saint Mary's students rides. Then, he proceeded to drive in front of us at an obiously slow speed, leaving just enough room so that we couldn't hang on to the bumper. So, all this having been said, I'm cold and wet and want to know why Trance thinks that it can mess with the shuttle schedules on a whim. If anybody has an answer, pray tell.

Jacob T. Roodenbinder
Fremont, Knox Hall
January 30, 2000

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**EDITORIAL**

**Sophomore Sibs Weekend cancellation unfair, unfounded**

The recent cancellation of Sophomore Sibs Weekend by director of Student Activities Joe Cassidy is unfortunate, unfair and unfounded.

The several reasons Cassidy cited for the cancellation of the growing tradition are rife with hypocrisy, particularly the arguments that families are too small or live too far away.

Despite the national trend in decreasing family size, more students than not have siblings, and it is disingenuous to base the decision to cancel a local, campus event on a national statistic.

The average number of siblings students actually have, however, is immaterial in discussing whether or not such siblings should be allowed to visit during an organized weekend.

"If the likelihood that a sophomore student would have an eligible sibling in the right age [middle school] is very small," said Cassidy. There is no "right" age to visit a brother or sister at Notre Dame. Limiting the age group to middle school is unfair to siblings younger and older than this age and creates an elitist attitude that they need to be the "right" age and somehow don't belong if they are not.

It is also wrong to base, in part, the decision to cancel Sophomore Sibs on the notion that siblings do not have equal opportunity to attend because of travel distance. Does the University cancel Parents Weekend during football season or Junior Parents Weekend because some families live too far away? No. Does the admissions office decide who is admitted based on where they are from and whether or not they can afford to travel? No. This University is definitely not an "equal opportunity lender" when it comes to considering the distance people travel to visit, whether it's for four years or a weekend.

Another reason Cassidy cited was low attendance.

Neither is the concern for underage drinking. If Cassidy and the administration are so concerned about underage drinking by visiting siblings, maybe they should consider orienting their efforts toward a more effective solution to the student underage drinking that is already here.

Each of the concerns Cassidy cited about Sophomore Sibs could have been easily remedied, it is absolutely absurd to cancel the event without exploring and testing options for improvement. If Student Activities really cared about the problems with this event, it would solve them. Such a rash and unjustified decision is just one more item to add to the swelling list of ways administrators let students down.

It is no surprise to members of the Class of 2002, however, for taking a strong stand in their appeal to Cassidy's decision last semester. Their efforts to fight for tradition and classmates are to be commended and celebrated. By voicing their concerns, they defended the right to be heard in the atmosphere of petty dictatorship that all too often guides the way decisions are made on this campus.

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**Call for Pope to resign is wrong**

On Thursday, Mr. Gary Caruso took a fairly routine article by the Chinese government, which is used to foster a broad indictment of Pope John Paul II. Indeed, Mr. Caruso even asks for the Pope's retirement.

These latest appointments of Catholic bishops by China are merely the latest shots in a long-drawn battle over control of organized religion in China. The Chinese government has a policy of maintaining control over religions. The most famous of these government-appointed religious leaders are the anti-Lamas routinely appointed by the Chinese government to the Falun Gong movement. So, appointment of Chinese bishops not recognized by the Vatican should not be seen as any sign of weakness on the part of our Pope. The Chinese government will do this as a matter of policy no matter who is Pope. The only way to force this to stop is with a major restructuring of the Chinese government.

What's more, Mr. Caruso goes on to say that these appointments threaten the very survival of Catholicism in all of Asia. In so doing, he makes an unspoken, and less dangerous error of thinking that China in Asia and that China is Asia. He also forgets that the vast majority of Catholics in Asia are in the Philippines. Catholicism will go on very nicely in Asia with or without Chinese intervention.

Pope John Paul has done more than any Pope to make the Catholic Church a truly universal Church. He should not be judged on the basis of extremely weak extrapolations based on one news item.

Luis F. Razon '81, '85
January 31, 2000
Uninformed atheism is perhaps the most blind faith of all

Today I read a letter from a person claiming that God does not exist. Contrary to what usually happens, I am NOT writing directly to the person’s view. I am also not writing to agree with him, because I personally do believe in God. The reason I am writing is in hopes that perhaps I can cut off the probably near 20 letters, in utter disgust of Mr. Dillon’s view. When did we go so judgmental? Last week some one expressed the opinion that pre-marital sex is okay, and was promptly responded to with letters claiming he doesn’t belong here. Today someone wrote a letter about not believing in God. I assure you that if THS letter didn’t make the page, then one telling him about how wrong he is did. There are all types of religion in this world. Protestants, Jews, Muslims and any religion you can think of are represented. We don’t condone your right to be here, so why, are there 20 people writing letters as I speak, condemning views of an Atheist?

Keith Anderson
Supreme, Kansas Hall
January 31, 2000

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CONCERT REVIEW

Umphrey’s returns to State Theatre

By DAVE CLARK
Scene Music Critic

For those who believe that nothing exciting ever happens in South Bend on the weekends, Umphrey’s McGee has two words — you’re wrong.

Something very exciting happened on Friday night at the State Theatre. After a two-year hiatus from the recently reopened venue, Umphrey’s McGee returned and presented the staidness and locale with one of the best performances of the band’s history. While that may sound like a broad superlative, there were many factors to take into consideration.

First, it is important to consider what has happened and what the band has achieved in the two years since their last appearance at the State. Back in 1998 Umphrey’s McGee was a freshly hatched campus band from Notre Dame which impressed many people by playing such a large venue so early in its career. That was then, and now Umphrey’s McGee has two albums under its belt along with many appearances in areas such as Milwaukee, Kalamazoo, Madison, Indianapolis, Ann Arbor, Cincinnati and their most frequent stop, Chicago. Playing almost 80 shows a year has brought the band a couple of successful east coast jaunts with stops in New York, Boston, Boston, Montreal, Pittsburgh and Burlington, Vt. Their most recent album, Songs for Older Women was ranked number 46th in Jamband.com’s top 50 albums of the year.

With the momentum on their side, it seemed that their return to the State Theatre would be a fitting way to reflect on the past two years while bringing their music up to a new level as they look to the future.

As there was some historical significance, there was also a presence of a potent intangibility — the atmosphere within the building. For those who have never been to the re-opened State Theatre, its enormous size, push decor, and old-style nostalgia blend with plentiful bar availability, and well-remodeled seating and dance areas to create what is undoubtedly the best place to see a concert in South Bend.

The crowd was a mix of people, many of whom came to see Umphrey’s McGee familiar with what they would see, and many of whom came to enjoy the State Theatre, having little idea what Umphrey’s McGee was all about. What was probably most important about the crowd was its size. Late in the evening the crowd spilled deep into the upper level seating areas and balconies creating one of the largest crowds ever at an Umphrey’s McGee show. The crowd’s size lent itself to high energy and eager response to the music.

The element that completed the recipe for such a great show was of course, the music. The band opened up early, having limited playing time, and played one long set. The band opened with old favorites like “All In Time” and “Front Porch,” intermingled a new song called “Prowler” which explored Latin inspiration along with flowing melodies congruent with the Umphrey’s sound. With the special inclusion of guest saxophonists Rich Cohen and John Wiseman, the band brought out many improvisational jazz themes familiar to audiences such as John Coltrane and Miles Davis, along with funk sounds likened to the Meters and Karl Denver’s Tiny Universe.

An amusing treat was the tease of Van Morrison’s “Brown-Eyed Girl” which led into the Led Zeppelin classic, “Fool in the Rain.” Other songs the band covered which made the “highlight reel” were Michael Jackson’s “Billy Jean”, Lionel Richie’s “All Night Long,” The Average White Band’s “Pick Up the Piece,” Galactica’s “Church,” and Paul Simon’s “Late in the Evening” (perfect with horns).

The band’s newer original’s such as “Q-Bert,” Fussy Dutchman and “Mama” kept the music’s balance of experimentation and exploration with the sounds that Umphrey’s McGee likes: intricate yet fluid. It seemed from an audience standpoint that the band was having fun, especially with their special guests. Only in certain rare occasions did one instrument seem overpowering and there were almost no technical flaws from the musicians or technicians. One drawback was that the band’s performance was cut off at a relatively early 12:15 a.m.

By the end of the show, it was undoubtedly that the elements which make a great concert had fallen together perfectly and energy was in the air. Broad smiles amid the crowd spoke loud and clear: “Something exciting is going on.”

UPCOMING CONCERTS

South Bend

Transoms, Doe Brown, Benchwarmers Feb. 18
Butterfly Effect & American Standard

Indianapolis

Paula Cole
Fiona Apple
Vogue Theatre
Murat Theatre
Feb. 29
Mar. 7

Chicago

Cowboy Junkies
Samples
Macy Gray
Tonic
Smashmouth
Prentenders
Fiona Apple
Park West
House of Blues
House of Blues
Double Door
Aragon
Riviera Theatre
Feb. 4
Feb. 4
Feb. 9
Feb. 19
Feb. 20
Feb. 25-26
Feb. 11

NEW RELEASES

Today

Bernard Butler - Friends & Lovers
Le Fidelity Allstars - On the Floor at the Boutique
Morphine - The Night
Michael Penn - MP4
The Rockfords - The Rockfords
Snoop Dogg - Snoop Dogg Presents the Eastsidaz
Tina Turner - Twenty Four Seven
Yungstar - Threwed Yung Playa

February 8

Sarah - Cracknell - Lipslide
Ghostface Killah - Supreme Clientele
Joni Mitchell - Both Sides Now
Sekoe Sundiata - Longstory Short

Courtesy of ticketmaster.com

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ALBUM REVIEW

Ani gets lucky with No. 13

By LISA BRUNO

Over the past ten years, Ani Difranco has released 13 self-produced albums on her label, Righteous Babe Records. Having her own label affords Ani the opportunity to do what she wants. She wants it. Fans reap the ultimate benefits of this because Ani always comes with something new, something fresh and something real.

Ani Difranco

One is driven then to the question, is there anything Ani can't do? Probably not and she proves this on her third — yes, third — release of 1999, To The Teeth. On these 13 tracks, Ani plays electric, acoustic guitar, bass, drums, piano and banjo. With her trademark songwriting, Ani earns fans and critics alike with her lyrical wizardry.

To The Teeth offers an eclectic mix of sounds and lyrics. In the anticipated Ani style, she goes from social awareness to replay-worthy poetically driven songs. Some of the songs may prove unsuitable to first time Ani listeners and perhaps even longtime fans. The Ani of yesterday, with just her guitar guiding her through each song, has taken second stage. This album continues on the musically experimental path started in Little Plastic Castle, released in 1998, and Up Up Up Up Up Up, released in 1999. As the tracks continue on this record, they become more daring and innovative. When the play button is pressed, watch out because something great and unexpected lies within the next song.

Ani’s albums historically have a social message, but she masks them in great music and even better lyrics. Out of nowhere listeners will begin singing along to lyrics in To The Teeth like, "Look at where the poppies are. This is how you'll find the source of the big lie that you and I both know so well. In the time it takes a cultural death wish to run its course, they'll make a pretty penny." Most of this record was recorded in Ani’s hometown of Buffalo, NY and the comfort of being home is definitely felt here. There is also an unmeasurable energy and confidence on To The Teeth. It is especially evident in "The Arrivals Gate."

It would be in order to first mention Shirley Manson of Garbage who contributes her vocals to the track "Reef’s Rack Back." Ani fans longing for her poetic songs of records past will be more than satisfied with lyrics like, "Two people pulled over on the same night to look up at the stars. They both found their wheels were spinning in a soft shoulder when they both got back into their cars and they missed fate’s appointed rendezvous." This poetic vibe continues in "Providence" which features the Artist (formerly known as Prince). This song expresses a situation that many people have been in, "It's a narrow margin. Just room enough for regret in the inch and a half between boy, how ya been? And can I kiss you yet?"

As always, Ani brings her unabashed talent to this latest release. Purchasing To The Teeth is more like an investment in great music. This album is truly a lucky thirteenth for Ani and listeners will collectively remark, "Bring on number 14!"

ALBUM REVIEW

Tribute album fails to honor The Jam

By GEOFFREY RAHIE

The British invasion brought many bands to the forefront of modern popular culture. While the Beatles and the Who might be the most recognizable British forces to grace the earth, there were countless numbers of bands that have now been forgotten. The Jam was one of these bands.

A 70s British band that was inspired both by the poppy tunes of the Beatles and the Mob revolution set forth by the Who, The Jam’s style ranged from slow blues ballads to hard-rocking early punk numbers. "Fire and Skill: The Songs of The Jam" is a various artists’ tribute album that sets out to capture The Jam’s fiery style on one album.

It would be in order to first mention that tribute compilation albums rarely work. While intentions to honor the band are always heartfelt, these types of albums lack continuity and purpose. The same rings true for this effort. It is just too hard to get into a CD when a band only has one shot to crank out a song. Once a song starts to gain momentum, the next track seems to disappoint. A good example of this takes place on the second and third tracks of the disc. The Beastie Boys do a terrific funky almost-instrumental version of "Start." Laid-back guitars and a Fender Rhodes keyboard captivate the spectacular groove. However, the next track, Reef’s take on "That’s Entertainment," greatly disappoints. The rest of the album seems to follow this sorry meandering pattern.

Sadly, the two brightest spots on the CD come courtesy of those naughty Oasis boys. Singer Liam Gallagher collaborates with Søve Cradock to produce a wonderfully serene song called "Carnation" that kicks the album off. Liam’s voice seems to be less annoying than usual and shows great direction throughout the song. Fittingly, brother Noel closes the album by himself with the beautiful "To Be Someone." Noel proves that he can hold his own by singing heartfelt lyrics that just jump right out at you.

The biggest disappointment seems to be Ben Harper’s try at "The Modern World." Harper’s usually calm voice seems to be less soothing than usual and shows great direction throughout the song. Fittingly, brother Noel closes the album by himself with the beautiful "To Be Someone." Noel proves that he can hold his own by singing heartfelt lyrics that just jump right out at you.

Garbage proves once again that they are the most overrated act in the industry today. Their horrible rendition of "The Butterfly Collector" should not have even been considered for this album. Shirley Manson needs to find something she is good at because playing music is not her cup of tea.

As stated before it’s very difficult to pull off a good tribute album. Big names are not always the formula for success, but it’s nearly impossible to have one band do an entire tribute. That is just illogical. It seems to be a shame that a seasoned band like The Jam will be remembered in this light.

Various Artists

Fire & Skill: The Songs of The Jam

Epic Records

(out of five)
Rams' quarterback Kurt Warner is greeted by young fans in Monday's parade held in St. Louis. Warner became only the sixth player in history to win the regular-season and Super Bowl MVP awards.

### Super Bowl champion Rams welcomed at home

#### Super Bowl XXXIV

**Statehouse recognizes Rams' achievement**

**Associated Press**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Never mind political affiliations or geography. On Monday, just about everyone in the Statehouse was a St. Louis Rams fan.

"And why not?" The Rams won Missouri's first Super Bowl since the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Minnesota Vikings in 1970.

Of course, some of the same lawmakers who stood and applauded the Rams had opposed using taxpayer dollars to pay for the team's current home in the Trans World Dome when the team moved from Los Angeles.

But all was forgiven Monday as legislators in the House and Senate praised the Rams for their 23-16 victory over the Tennessee Titans in Atlanta.

Though neither the House nor the Senate honored the Rams with a formal resolution Monday, the achievement of the Super Bowl heroes didn't go unheralded.

"I think all of us should give recognition for a great victory on behalf of St. Louis and the state of Missouri," said House Speaker Stephen Papich.

The Rams even received a mention in the ceremonial opening prayers in each chamber.

"I think everybody in Kansas City was a big Rams fan this weekend," Kenney said. "I wish the Chiefs could go. Maybe it's our year next year."

**St. Louis hosts parade for Super Bowl champs**

**Associated Press**

ST. LOUIS — With coach Dick Vermeil riding a wagon pulled by the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales, tens of thousands of fans lined the streets of downtown Monday evening for a parade honoring the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams.

The parade began about 40 minutes late, but the crowd didn't seem to mind. Players rode in trucks behind the wagon pulling Vermeil and his wife, Carol.

"Thank you very much world champions," Vermeil told the crowd. "As a representative of these guys, the management and the coaching staff, I'd like to thank you for your support. I'd like to know that the Rams aren't world champions. St. Louis is world champions."

Rams owner Georgia Frontiere raised the Vince Lombardi trophy, causing the crowd to cheer even louder.

"Georgia, baby, I love you," one male fan shouted.

Faiths also broke into a chant of "MVP" as the truck carrying Kurt Warner made its way through the throngs of people. Warner is only the sixth player in league history to win the regular-season and Super Bowl MVP awards.

Warner — who went from stocking grocery store shelves at the Hy-Vee in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to help the Rams improve from 4-12 to 16-3 in a single season — give high-fives to several fans, who ran up to greet him.

"I think in that we forget about the grocery stores and all that stuff, and we start thinking about a repeat," Warner said.

Meanwhile, traffic on nearby highway 40 backed up for miles, thanks to the added congestion of people making their way to the celebration.

A rally at nearby Kiener Plaza, which began earlier in the afternoon, was to resume once the parade ends.

"This is great. It's a dream come true," said Marshall Faulk, after making his way to the stage at the Kiener Plaza. "The fans have been great. We appreciate you guys supporting us. Thank you!"

St. Louis fans also were signing a large "get well" banner that will be sent to Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas, paralyzed from the chest down following a car crash on Jan. 23.

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OFF CAMPUS PROGRAM
Miami holds onto first place

Associated Press

Miami Heat responded by routing the slumping Detroit Pistons 104-82.

Jamil Mashburn had 23 points, eight rebounds and six assists to lead the Heat, whose starters enjoyed a short night. Miami shot 56 percent.

With a loss, the Heat would have fallen out of first place in the Atlantic Division for the first time since Nov. 19. Instead they took a half-game lead over the New York Knicks.

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The Heat responded by routing first place at stake, the Miami Heat were back on top.

Lenard and Mashburn made it a 19-4 spurt that put the Heat in control.

Tim Hardaway's 3-pointer capped a 19-4 spurt that put the Heat in control.

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Excluding his dunks, Stackhouse shot 2-for-13.

Timberwolves 105, Kings 90

Bobby Jackson had 17 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds as the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Sacramento Kings 105-90.

Jackson, starting for the third time this season in place of the injured Terrell Brandon, has shown himself in rebounds and assists.

Brandon sat out after spraining his left ankle in Saturday's victory over Utah.

It was the third triple-double by the Timberwolves this season and seventh in franchise history.

Kevin Garnett had 31 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists for Minnesota, which won 18 of 22 since snapping an eight-game losing streak.

At 25-17, the Wolves have won six of seven.

Walt Bellamy scored 14 points to lead seven players in double-figures for Sacramento, which has lost four of six since winning seven in a row.

The Kings were making their fifth stop on an eight-game road trip, the longest trip by an NBA team this season.

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Garnett scored 13 points in the third quarter as Minnesota took control against a worn down Sacramento.

The Kings fell behind 66-49 early in the third before Glav Divac scored nine of their next 11 points to make it 68- 60 with 4:24 left.

But, Garnett answered with 7-0 of his own, including a one-handed dunk over Divac. The Wolves took an 84- 66 lead into the fourth and didn't look back.

Meanwhile, Garnett's presence was felt.

Minnesota went on a 20-2 run in the first quarter to take a 26-12 lead with 4:16 left in the period. The Timberwolves shot 15-for-23 (65.2%) in the quarter and held a 32-21 lead into the second.

The Kings' bench provided a spark in the second, as Sean Pollard scored eight points and Darrick Martin scored seven to bring Sacramento within 47-43 at the 5-39 mark.

But, Minnesota ended the quarter on a 13-6 run to take a 60-49 halftime lead.

Notes:

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This Week in Campus Ministry

Monday, December 6 through Monday, February 7
103 Hesburgh Library
Freshman Retreat #27 (Feb. 11-12) Sign-Up
Targeted Dorms: Badin, Keenan, Lewis, O'Neill, Pasquerilla East, St. Edward's, Siegfried, Walsh, and Zahm

Monday, January 17 through Friday, February 4
103 Hesburgh Library
Senior Retreat (February 11-12) Sign-Up

Tuesday, February 1
Badin Hall Chapel
Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, February 1, 7:00 pm
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
JPW Reader Auditions

Wednesday, February 2, 5:00 p.m.
Log Chapel
Dia de la Candelaria Mass
Followed by Dinner and Celebration at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room in South Dining Hall

Wednesday, February 2, 8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons
Graduate Student Bible Study Group

Wednesday, February 2, 10:00-10:30 p.m.
Walsh Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Friday-Sunday, February 4-6
Fatima Retreat Center
Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #59

Saturday-Sunday, February 5-6
Pilsen, Chicago, IL
Encuentro Chicago Retreat
Depart from Library Circle at 8:00 a.m. Sponsored by Campus Ministry and Center for Social Concerns

Sunday, February 6, 4:00 p.m.
Sain Hall Chapel
Rejoice! Mass and
Black History Month Reflection
Presider: Rev. Steve Gibson, csc

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Braves' Rocker suspended until May for racial comments

Associated Press

NEW YORK

John Rocker was suspended until May 1 by commissioner Bud Selig on Monday for racial and ethnic remarks that "offended practically every element of society." The Atlanta Braves' reliever also was fined and also was ordered to undergo sensitivity training for disparaging foreigners, homosexuals and minorities in a magazine interview. The amount of the fine was not immediately known.

The players' union said it intends to fight the ruling. "Major league baseball takes seriously its role as an American institution and the important social responsibility that goes with it," Selig said.

"We will not dodge our responsibility. Mr. Rocker should understand that his remarks offended practically every element of society and brought dishonor to himself, the Atlanta Braves and major league baseball. The terrible example set by Mr. Rocker is not what our great game is about and, in fact, is a profound breach of the social compact we hold in such high regard."

The players' association said it expects to file a grievance appealing the ruling. "We will not dodge our responsibility. Mr. Rocker should understand that his remarks offended practically every element of society and brought dishonor to himself, the Atlanta Braves and major league baseball. The terrible example set by Mr. Rocker is not what our great game is about and, in fact, is a profound breach of the social compact we hold in such high regard."

A grievance would force the players' association to appeal the ruling, which is expected to be heard by Shaym Das, the league baseball's top arbitrator. "We have been in consultation with Mr. Rocker and it is our present intention to appeal," said Gene Orza, the union's No. 2 official. "It is literally unprecedented to impose a penalty on a player for pure speech, offensive though the speech may be. That, coupled with the magnitude of the penalty, just as unprecedented, makes us optimistic about the outcome of the appeal."

With the season to start April 3, the suspension technically is to last 28 days. A suspension will not affect his salary, expected to be between $200,000 and $300,000. The 25-year-old pitcher was barred from joining the Braves at spring training. A high-ranking baseball official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the commissioner's office did not want Rocker to report with other Braves' pitchers and catchers, thus minimizing the number of media descending on Kissimmee, Fla., when camp opens Feb. 17.

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations, disputed that, saying it was not a factor. Rocker's comments drew a strong response from Braves executive Hank Aaron and civil rights groups. Several Braves players have said they expect Rocker to have a difficult time when he rejoins the team.

The pitcher was ordered by Selig on Jan. 6 to undergo psychological tests, but the results of those tests have not been disclosed.

Rocker said in a Sports Illustrated story published last month that he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a subway train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also said, "I'm not a very big fan of foreigners.... How the hell did they get in this country?"

He also called a black teammate a "fat monkey."

Braves owner Ted Turner has said Rocker deserves a second chance, and pointed out the reliever had apologized. "I don't think we ought to hold it against him forever," Turner said. "He didn't commit a crime."

Rocker told ESPN last month that he had lost his cool and said things he didn't mean about New York fans because he wanted "to inflict some emotional pain in retaliation to the pain that had been inflicted on me."

Rocker said he was frustrated on him during the playoffs. The pitcher was ordered by

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Syracuse tops St. John's, remains undefeated

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

The streak lives.

Jason Hart hit a clutch 3-pointer to forge a late tie, then set up Damone Brown for a three-point play as No. 4 Syracuse rallied past St. John's 63-57 to remain unbeaten.

Hart, plagued by foul trouble, came off the bench with 8:30 left to spark the Orange to their 18th straight victory and keep them the only undefeated team in Division I.

The Red Storm (13-3, 5-3 Big East) gave Syracuse (18-0, 8-0) fits all night, using their crisp passing attack to befuddle the Orange.

It seemed like St. John's would end the winning streak when Anthony Glover connected on a three-point play to put the Red Storm up 54-49 with 5:23 left. They double-teamed Syracuse center Etan Thomas all night, preventing the Orange from taking advantage of his strong inside game.

But Syracuse, which went nearly eight minutes in the second half without a basket, came back behind Hart, who had four fouls, as St. John's fladed down the stretch for a third time in four game.

After Brown hit a baseline jumper, Hart hit a 3 from the right corner to tie the game 54-54.

Bootsy Thornton then hit a jumper in close over the out-stretched arms of Brown for a 56-54 St. John's lead, but that was the Red Storm's last field goal of the game.

Thomas tied it with two free throws, then Hart, double-teamed by Erick Barkley and Chudney Gray as St. John's fouled on the play, converted the free throw for a 59-56 lead.

The Orange used their tough zone defense to shut down St. John's in the closing minutes.

Thomas, who had six blocks, stuffed Gray to force a shot clock violation and Hart, Brown and DeShaun Williams hit free throws over the final two minutes to secure the victory.

Brown, Hart and Williams each had 12 points, while Thomas had eight points and 11 rebounds.

Thorton led St. John's with 13 points, while Barkley and Glover each had 12 and Lavor Postell added 11.

St. John's shot 47.3 percent for the game (26-for-55) and might have come out on top if not for some awful foul shooting (2-for-9). Barkley missed four free throws and Glover missed two more when the Red Storm were clinging to a slim lead before Hart turned the game around.

Ohio State closed its win over St. John's with an 11-0 run, while Notre Dame finished its victory last Saturday with a 17-2 run. Syracuse closed this game with a 20-8 run.

Oklahoma 83, Texas 59

J.J. Raymond scored 25 points and Eduardo Najera had 18 points and 16 rebounds as No. 18 Oklahoma handed No. 16 Texas its most lopsided loss of the season, 83-59.

The Sooners (17-3, 5-2 Big 12) held Texas to 34 percent shooting, a far cry from the 57 percent the Longhorns shot in beating Oklahoma 79-66 on Jan. 15.

Gabe Muoneke of Texas tied a career high with 30 points in that game, but wasn't a factor this time. The Longhorns (14-6, 6-2) had to rely on 7-footer Chris Mihm, who had 21 points and 12 rebounds but was swarmed by two and three defenders just about every time he touched the ball. As a result, he was just 7-of-17 from the field.

Najera didn't appear bothered by a broken bone in his left hand, an injury suffered in practice last week. He banged up Mihm all night, and occasionally Muoneke, and sparked Oklahoma with his hustle.

Muoneke, who averages 14 points per game, picked up two fouls, one of them a technical, in the first two minutes. He never got going and finished with six points.

The Longhorns survived from the perimeter early, but didn't hit from inside or outside while going nearly 7 1/2 minutes without scoring midway through the first half.

Oklahoma outscored the Longhorn 11-0 during that stretch to take a 27-17 lead. Texas got within 29-25 with 2:43 remaining, but Najera fueled an 11-3 spurt the rest of the way, scoring six points and making a steal as Oklahoma took a 40-24 lead.

Anthony Glover posts up Harold Swanagan in St. John's 73-60 loss to Notre Dame. Glover scored 12 points against Syracuse Monday, but his team fell to Syracuse.
Dallas awaits Rodman's answer

Associated Press

The Dallas Mavericks would probably have a better chance of getting an answer out of Dennis Rodman if they were inviting him to a party Tuesday night rather than asking him to play in a game.

As of Monday afternoon, the Mavericks were still waiting to hear whether Rodman was ready to return to the NBA or if he planned to continue celebrating being Dennis Rodman.

Neither Rodman's agent, Steve Chasman, nor his publicist immediately returned phone calls to The Associated Press.

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He's especially hoping the Lakers will call because it would mean a reunion with Phil Jackson, his former coach in Chicago.

Cuban, though, is willing to give Rodman the same free reign Jackson did.

The Internet billionaire figured that's the best way to treat Rodman after talking to parker center Sean Rowks and new team executive Derek Harper, both of whom played with Rodman on the Lakers last season.

Cuban has agreed to let Rodman ride a stationary bike instead of practicing and said he can keep pedaling during games.

Rodman also has permission to arrive at games 75 minutes prior to tipoff instead of the usual 100.

And, because of Rodman's rock star-like following, Cuban also is planning to beef up security at games.

Attention on the Mavericks is divided, but one reason the Mavericks are interested in Rodman, although it is a bit part of it.

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Major League Baseball

Manuel concerned about star's future

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Manuel expects Manny Ramirez to walk to him one day soon, perhaps during spring training next month, and ask for some advice.

"Not on how to hit a curveball or Pedro Martinez's sinker."

No, Ramirez, Cleveland's All-Star right fielder and soon-to-be free agent, will be looking for guidance about his playing future.

Stay in Cleveland or take bigger, free-agent money elsewhere?

Manuel has his answer prepared.

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**Ultimate Frisbee**
The Ultimate Club competed in the University of Michigan Invitational, an event featuring the best teams from the Midwest. In men's competition, the Irish posted a decisive 2-3 record. Defeats were over Ohio State, 11-6, and Michigan B, 12-4, were offset with close losses decided in the final minute. Dayton scored twice in the last minute to walk away an 8-7 victor, and then the Irish fought ninth-ranked Michigan to the wire before dropping a 9-8 overtime decision in the semifinals, and later losing 12-9 in a game that was close to the end. Matt Anderson's valiant play against Dayton was the individual Irish highlight of the tournament, as he scored five of Notre Dame's seven points. Cory Padesky's standout play throughout the entire event paced the club.

In women's play, the Irish played several club teams, before squaring off against the other top two Midwest teams. These matches lived up to their billing as the Irish split two hard fought games, losing to Michigan 9-8, and rebounding against defending regional champion Illinois 8-7. These three teams figure to dominate Midwest intercol legiate competition, and will likely meet again in the season ending championships.

**Late Night Olympics**
In addition to several competitions this weekend, seven clubs will stay at home to help with ReSports Late Night Olympics. The Equestrian, Rodeo, Field Hockey, Judo, Ultimate, Men's Water Polo and Women's Boxing Clubs have volunteered their time to support LND.

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Diver Huesman sets school record, leads Irish to victory

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Vice Mary's Editor

Herb Huesman did a lot more than just lead the Irish to victory on Saturday. He achieved a goal that one year ago, doctors could have said would be impossible.

Dedicated as one of the leading divers in the Notre Dame diving program's history, Huesman was about to enter his junior season as a two-time NCAA Zone qualifier and as a two-time record holder in the 1-meter diving.

But a questionable tumor discovered in Huesman's lung shortly before the season began would postpone any dreams of qualifying for NCAA championships that year. Surgery completed in late fall that removed a benign tumor on his chest red-shirted the diver, leaving him to watch from the sidelines yearning to return.

And return he did. Posting a collegiate-best score, Huesman climbed out of the water after his last dive Saturday and smiled at his beaming coach. He had finished the dive eclipsing his personal best and the school 3-meter diving record, and Huesman knew he was back.

Completing his final dive, a back 1 1/2 somersault with a 2 1/2 twist, Huesman knew he had achieved his goal.

"I knew I broke it," he said. "It's something I'd been shooting for, and the 3 meter is my favorite, so this was important."

The diving record was previously held by Sean Huyck's mark of 351.60 set in 1992. Huesman's mark of 360.90 shattered the record by nine points.

If that victory weren't enough, Huesman answered again in the 1 meter diving, posting another first place finish for the day.

"Right before conference, this is a good time to feel back where you were," Huesman said.

Huesman will look to the Big East Championships Feb 17-21 in Uniondale, N.Y. for some solid competition and a preview of what he will taste at the NCAA championships.

"This is a great meet to prepare you for the next," Huesman said. "The competition is great. We have the best people in the world in our conference."

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The Irish also picked up wins from junior Dan Selgier, junior Ryan Verlin and sophomore Jonathan Pierce. Selgier swept the breaststroke events, while Verlin dominated both the 100 and 200 butterfly. Pierce wrapped up with wins in both distance freestyle events.

The Irish will wrap up their dual meet season against St. Bonaventure Saturday, February 5 at 1 p.m. at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Notre Dame's men's swimming team posted a victory over Oakland University this weekend. The Irish now stand at 4-4 in dual meets this season.

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Baltimore's Lewis charged with murder

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Police charged Pro Bowl linebacker Ray Lewis with murder late Monday in the slayings of two people outside an Atlanta nightclub hours after the Super Bowl.

Lewis, middle linebacker for the Baltimore Ravens, was charged after a day of investigation into the slaying at the Cobalt lounge in Atlanta's Buckhead neighborhood about 4 a.m. Monday.

Lewis, thought to be en route to the Pro Bowl in Hawaii, was taken into custody and expected to appear in court on Wednesday.

Two men were stabbed during a fight that broke out just as the party was ending at the club.

Witnesses said six men had fought and argued with the two victims. The men fled in a black Lincoln Navigator stretch limousine, bringing at least five guns with them as they drove away.

Police found the vehicle, with New York license plates, in a parking lot behind a hotel near the shooting scene. Atlanta police spokesman John Quigley said.

Quigley and Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead both said they could not release details of the investigation.

Local broadcast outlets said earlier that Lewis had been questioned as a possible witness but was not a suspect.

One man died at the scene and the other victim died at Grady Memorial Hospital. The Fulton County Medical Examiner's office identified both victims as Jaclinta Baker, 21, and Richard Lollar, 24, both of Atlanta.

Despite the report of shots, Atlanta police Lt. M.C. Smith said the preliminary investigations indicated both victims were stabbed to death.

The 24-year-old Lewis, from Lakeland, Fla., became the second NFL player this month charged with murder.

On Jan. 4, Carolina Panthers wide receiver Rae Carruth was charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Cherica Adams, who was pregnant with their son.
Irish serve up 9-0 win over Yale

By KEVIN BERCHOU

The Notre Dame women's tennis team continued its winning ways as it served up an impressive 9-0 victory over Yale Saturday. A dominant singles match dropped just one set in favor of the Bulldogs, who were clearly overwhelmed.

"I thought we played very well," Irish head coach Jay Yale's Elizabeth Oosterhuis. "She's really playing well," said Loudonback of Dasso. "Her opponent was really a strong player. Now I think it's just a matter of getting some more matches under her belt before she's all the way back from that injury."

Junior All-American Michelle Dasso, coming off a recent injury, seemed to prove to be instrumental in Saturday's emphatic victory over Yale, when they take to the courts next weekend to compete in the Rolex National Indoor Championships in Dallas, Texas, an event which will serve as the third leg of the intercollegiate Tennis Association collegiate grand slam.

The Friars have had a sea of ups and downs — each week puts the Friars.

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Green turned in another top-notch performance against the Hoyas, notching 14 points on the night. Green has increased her point production in the latter half of the season and has led the Irish in scoring in two of the team's last four outings. Center Beth Riley has dominated under the basket all season. Leading the Irish in points and rebounds, the 6-foott-5 junior has outmatched her opponents each time she has stepped on the court. Even when Georgetown hit led its 6-foot-10 center Suzy Bendegue against Riley, the Hoyas' freshman was no match for the All-American candidate, as Riley bested her way in 12 points, despite sitting out most of the second half in order to give the bench experience on the floor.

Riley's next opponent will be Friar center Monika Roberts. Roberts is Providence's leading scorer, averaging 14.1 points per game, just below Riley's 14.3 average. The Friars have had a sea of ups and downs — each game a different-caliber team takes the court. Suffered with injuries that have left the squad at less than top-strength the entire year, the Friars have struggled to stay at the .500 mark with a 9-9 overall record, the Friars are split 4-4 in the Big East and remain stuck in the conference's seventh spot.

Suffering in the midst of a four game slide, a win over the Irish would be a perfect way for the Friars to get their season back on track. Realizing No. 5 Notre Dame will be a formidable task for the unranked Providence squad. The Irish hold a 7-0 edge in regular season matchups with the Friars.
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By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

Two years ago, the Providence Friars traveled to Notre Dame only to suffer a 49-point loss at the hands of the Irish. Last season, the Irish traveled to Providence and repeated their stellar performance in their series with the Friars with a 38-point victory. Crushing their Big East rival at home, the Irish showed no mercy as they left Rhode Island with a 97-59 win.

This season, the Irish are travelling to Providence again with the same game plan. Taking the court against the Friars tonight, the Irish are looking for their 14th straight win in an attempt to extend their longest winning streak in nine seasons.

Holding feet to an undefeated conference record, the 17-2 Irish share the top spot in the Big East with the Connecticut Huskies. The Irish will face the Huskies in their toughest test of the season at the end of February, but first they must take on Providence on unfamiliar turf.

Irish guards Niele Ivey and Danielle Green have combined to form a powerful backcourt duo and have led the Irish all season and will continue to run the offense against Providence. Ivey, at the point, leads the team in steals and assists and Green has stepped into a recent games to become a scoring machine.

Ivey powered the Irish squad in their largest victory of the season Saturday over Georgetown with 18 points and five steals.

The Irish winned and weeded out the Friars 97-59, snapping a five-game losing streak and a losing streak with five steals.

The tim ing couldn’t have been h i t t e r. With their final dual meet against No. 8 Michigan only a week away, No. 23 Notre Dame needed a little bit of encouragement — and a big boost of confidence.

With an unbeaten dual meet record and their first victory against a top 10 team all season, the Irish had little to worry about.

Until Friday night.

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Women’s Swimming
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