Busts may paralyze businesses

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

The windows of Finnigan’s Irish Pub may be darkened after the Oct. 12 raid that netted 147 underage citations, but that doesn’t mean Benchwarmer’s owner Steve Mitchell is happy about the reduced competition.

"Business creates business. The more people in the downtown area the better," Mitchell said. "I’ll get my share.

Despite the early morning Jan. 25 raid on Benchwarmer’s that yielded 18 underage citations, Mitchell refuses to compare his establishment with the McGuire’s Filling Station where numerous underage patrons were cited.

"As far as raids are concerned, I’m not worried because I’ve got good guys at the door. My philosophy is that I don’t want underagers," he said.

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ICONN owners changed their bar into a young adult dance club called the Four Penny Oasis. The owners of Finnigan’s were unavailable for comment on the fate of their establishment.

A group gathers to get into Benchwarmer’s while others wait outside for underage citations during the South Bend police raid early Thursday, Jan. 25.

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Bauer said she was unaware of the heavy underage patronage to Bridge’s, blaming the bust on incompetent bouncers at the door. She said owning and managing Molly’s is much easier than owning Bridge’s.

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"I’ve been working on the Web page for months, and it’s been a struggle," O’Donoghue said. "We’ve been working with a Web designer on the project, and I’ve been working on the design.

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Native Americans, dressed in costume and giving out feathers, entertained parents at JPW, but was the laugh at the expense of a culture?

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"We believe students would rather see their money go to programming events than to a static site. Furthermore, the counter indicated that last year not many students visited the Web page," said O’Donoghue.

In response to these issues, O’Donoghue and Norton opted to use The Observer, Scholastic and class list serves as forums for communication, confident that these types of outlets would reach a greater number of students.

As student body president-elect, Norton expressed interest in revamping the Web page next year. One of the planks in her communication platform was increased use of the Web page. "I would like to lobby for more money with which to construct the Web page," Norton said. "If this is not possible, I will ensure that the Web page is updated by the technology division.

According to Norton, a successful student government Web page would feature a list of
INSIDE COLUMN

From within this bubble

This campus, this University, is not reality. It is a fantastical place where students are all blessed beyond belief. The future is ours to take. The sky is limitless. I find myself struggling with how I should give back to the world that has given me so much.

This past weekend, in an attempt to escape from Junior Parent Weekend and cable fever, my friend and I packed up for a trip to Chicago.

On Saturday night, my parents took us out to a nice dinner on Michigan Avenue, and then we headed to the House of Blues. We did a funny trick to drop $200 dollars apiece for tickets, and once inside proceeded to ring up a drink tab.

By the end of the evening, we had spent well over $200 dollars.

As my friend and I headed back towards our car, we were approached by a homeless African-American man. He was dressed in two blouses and a mini-skirt. We didn't think twice to talk to him, to find out what his story was.

It was such a small act, but I think it meant a lot to him.

I leave you with this simple parting thought: To who much is given, much is expected.

Pedro Noguera
former professor

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INSIDE COLUMN

This Week in South Bend

Wednesday

- Event: Men's Basketball Game, Joyce Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Fundraising: St. Joseph Tree Sales Program, the Soil and Conservation Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday

- Event: Michiana Boat & Outdoor Show, Century Center, 5 p.m.
- Theater: "The Winter's Tale," Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

- Event: Women's Basketball Game, Joyce Center, 1 p.m.

Saturday

- Event: "Best in Show," DeBartolo 101, 8 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

U. of California's SAT policy questioned

BERKELEY, Calif. Four days after the initial announcement that University of California's President Richard Atkinson recommendation to make the SAT optional for UC applicants, many academics are left questioning his unprecedented move and how it will change the university system and colleges across the nation.

While the long trip to implementation could take more than a year, the mere mention of the proposal was enough to cause speculation to circulate nationwide.

"The University of California is the premier higher learning institution in the country, and I think this will be very important for universities across the country," said Pedro Noguera, a former University of California-Berkeley professor who now teaches at Harvard University.

Some academics have hailed the proposal as a step in the right direction for the university, while others defend the SAT's ability to reliably predict how students will perform in college. They all agree, however, that the UC president's landmark recommendation is sure to challenge one of the nation's most influential standardized tests.

"The rest of the nation will look to California and begin long-overdue debate about the standards of these tests," said Michael Bues, a UC spokesperson.

The UC system has often been viewed as a leader among public universities, setting the trend on a variety of issues.

Most private schools already utilize a more comprehensive process for evaluating applications, said Michael Bowar, chair of the executive board of the Academic Senate, the statewide faculty governing body for academic policy.

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LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

National Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Wednesday, Feb. 21.

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Underprivileged students are at a distinct disadvantage due to the intricacies and biases of the admissions process against economically disadvantaged students, Stevens said. "If you're from an unprivileged background, you can either be an exceptional student or a racial minority. Being a racial minority is the only way a social disadvantage can be translated into an advantage for admittance to a top college or university," Stevens said. "Multicultural status places students into a different decision-making matrix with clearly different standards."

"The admissions process systematically favors students coming from privileged backgrounds." Mitchell Stevens, professor at Hamilton College

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Stevens said that elite colleges and universities naturally target students from elite high schools at the expense of less prominent schools. "If you're an admissions officer and walk into a school in South Philly to recruit, no one will show up because they've either never heard of your school or your school is not going to skip their AP class to meet with you," he said. "But go to a privileged school out on the Main Line and the students are practically bandcamped for you."

"The admissions process is further skewed by outside factors that can either be an exceptional student or a racial minority. Being a racial minority is the only way a social disadvantage can be translated into an advantage for admittance to a top college or university," Stevens said. "Multicultural status places students into a different decision-making matrix with clearly different standards."

Admissions officers face the difficult task of comparing an applicant's broad academic and personal profile to those of others in an effective and efficient manner. "The process consists of reducing an applicant to a grid sheet full of numbers and then recreating their personal narrative," Stevens said. "Decisions are rarely made by officers from prominent schools. Authorities have refused to discuss a motive or any connection between the boys and the victims, who were stabbed repeatedly. Friends and acquaintances in this isolated town of 1,200 people are grouping for an explanation.

"Whatever he did, there was a reason for it," said Kip Batley, Tulloch's friend and a fellow debater. "He's really smart, very logical. Everything he did, there was a reason for it."

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"Bringing this center into being has been a very important and gratifying activity for the University to carry out, especially in conjunction with northeast neighborhood residents," Moore said. "We're looking forward to this formal opening."

"N e t r e D a m e a n n o u n c e d plans for the CLC in August. University administrators said the costs of renovating and equipping the center exceeded $500,000, and its annual operating budget will be about $300,000.

Bauer recalled a much different bar scene when she was a Belle. She said Eddy Street was the place to be, with one bar after another running up and down the street. Both Bauer and Mitchell agree that the nation's current drinking age should be re-evaluated.

"I think 18 year olds should be allowed to drink. You could get drafted and go lose your life but you can't drink a beer," Mitchell said. "But, the laws are the law and you've got to obey the law."

"I don't think the government will ever change it. It's just going to get tighter and tighter," Bauer said.

Bauer offered some advice to the other bars in town -- and the underage drinkers getting into them. "Anyone in the bar business should know, it's a time bomb," she said.

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Any full-time undergraduate or graduate student at Notre Dame or Saint Mary's is encouraged to apply. A three-page statement of intent and a resume must be submitted by Friday, Feb. 23 to the basement of South Dining Hall.
FBI agent accused of espionage

Associated Press

A veteran FBI agent was accused Tuesday of spying for the Soviet Union over more than 15 years, betraying three Russian undercover agents to Moscow and disclosing valuable information in return for dividends up to $1.4 million. The FBI director called the case "the most treasonous actions imaginable.

Robert Philip Hanssen, 56, the father of six, was only the third FBI agent ever accused of espionage. President Bush called the case "a difficult day," particularly for the law enforcement and intelligence communities.

Hanssen, a 25-year FBI agent, was arrested Sunday night at a park in suburban Virginia after dropping a package of documents for his Russian contacts, authorities said. FBI agents confiscated $50,000 hidden for him at a nearby drop point.

Hanssen provided the identities of two KGB officials who had been recruited by the U.S. government to serve as agents in-place at the Soviet Embassy in Washington. FBI Director Louis Freeh said the agents, whose names were first compromised by Aldrich Ames, were on espionage charges on their return to Moscow and executed. A third KGB official identified by Hanssen was unconfirmed but ultimately released, Freeh said.

Hanssen pleaded guilty to spying for the Soviet Union in 1994. Operating under the codename "Ruben," Hanssen kept his identity and occupation secret from the Russians. Freeh said. He said Hanssen frequently ran his name, address and his drop point through FBI computers to see if they had raised any alarms.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., who said he was briefed on the case a week to 10 days ago as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said Hanssen may have caused grave harm.

"This could be a very, very, very serious case of espionage," Shelby said in a telephone interview from Alabama. "Here's an agent who is a veteran of the FBI who has been doing counterintelligence for a long time. He knows a lot. He could have given them a lot.

Hanssen provided the KGB and its successor agency, SVR, with information on the U.S., intelligence and counterintelligence activities, including investigative techniques, sources, technical operations, double agents and targets of U.S. intelligence, according to a 106-page FBI affidavit.

He also tipped off the KGB to the FBI's secret investigation of Felix Bloch, a foreign service agent suspected of spying for Moscow in 1989, the FBI said.

YUGOSLAVIA

Families mourn victims of bombing

Associated Press

GRACANICA

Carefully, Slavisa Cokic laid out the clothing he bought: Sunday best for his brother and sister-in-law and pajamas for his 2-year-old nephew, Danilo.

"I wanted to make sure he was warm," Cokic said as he prepared for the virtual certainty that the bodies of loved ones are among the mutilated remains of at least 10 Serbs killed in a bus bombing that has left Kosovo teeming with ethnic tension.

Families of the passengers missing after Friday’s attack gathered Tuesday in Gracanica, just south of the capital, Pristina, to wait for peacekeepers to deliver the remains of their relatives — or at least tell them when the victims will be identified.

They waited outside all day in freezing temperatures, pacing and smoking cigarettes — in vain.

The bus was carrying Serbs on a pilgrimage to the graves of their ancestors when the bomb blast tore it apart on a road near Podujevo, 25 miles northeast of Pristina. Bodies were disfigured, making it difficult to establish identities.

The hours of uncertainty took their toll on Radoslav Kragovic, 36, who wept as darkness fell and another day ended without information on his missing brother.

"We can’t even get our dead out of here," he said, his body shaking, tears streaming down his weathered cheeks. "I’ve lost my brother. I can’t tell you the pain I feel."

To reduce the shock of seeing confronted by mutilated bodies of loved ones, top Yugoslav officials planned to inform family members identify relatives before actually showing them the remains.

But that wasn’t happening for most people Tuesday, and the waiting fueled anger, feeding deep-seated opinions that the NATO-led peacekeepers and U.N. officials who govern the province are insensitive to Serb concerns.

Tens of thousands of Serbs have the protection of NATO peacekeepers since the 78-day alliance air war forced former Yugoslavia’s Slobodan Milosevic’s forces to with­draw in mid-1999. Those who remained have felt attacks leveled in revenge for Milosevic’s crackdown on ethnic Albanians.

Several Serbs have been killed in the Serbian province since the escalation of fighting after the Yugoslav withdrawal. The bus bombing was the deadliest attack since July 1999, when 14 Serb farmers were machine-gunned to death in a field.

Some angry Serbs claim the U.N. peacekeepers and NATO peacekeepers have understated the number of vic­tims in the bus bombing in order to minimize publicity and avoid further violence. They say as many as 23 people died along the route — and never came home.

A woman from Kosovo holds a placard of her missing relatives, during the protest organized by the group known as the Union of Relatives.
Barak turns down defense post: a step farther from peace

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

In a dramatic turnaround, caretaker Prime Minister Ehud Barak said on Tuesday he will not serve in Ariel Sharon's Cabinet, throwing into disarray plans for unity government that both seek to renew peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

Barak had said in recent days he would serve as defense minister under Sharon, drawing a whirlwind of criticism from his allies in the Labor Party, charging he had sold out.

But Barak's latest change of mind means a government without Labor, Sharon will be forced into a narrow coalition dependent of right-wing parties - hawks and religious nationalists - who would have little flexibility in talks with Arabs and who oppose any territorial concessions to the Palestinians.

Such a grouping would likely be unable to make progress in peace talks with the Palestinians.

Barak announced his latest change of mind Tuesday in a letter to Sharon - a sharp reversal to the prime minister-elect's efforts to set up a national unity government with his Likud and Barak's Labor.

Sharon, who trounced Barak in a Feb. 6 election, has said he needs a broad-based government to deal with nearly five months of Palestinian-Israeli violence.

It is unclear whether Barak's statement meant the Labor party would not join the unity government. Some leaders of the party have said they would favor such a coalition but one without Barak.

In Washington, the State Department had no comment on Barak's move, but said the administration looks forward to working with whatever government emerges.

In his Tuesday letter, Barak charged that Sharon had dealt with the Labor Party "in a way that seriously harms the trust between us and does not allow me to accept the position" of defense minister.

Barak's decision to enter Sharon's government had set off a groundswell of opposition in his own party among activists who blamed him for the election failure. They also charged that his continued presence on the scene would undermine their efforts to revive peacemaking.

The activists also saw Barak's landslide loss as a repudiation of his peace policies. They also blamed him for a low voter turnout, and claimed he had fritzed them out of the decision-making process. One by one, his political allies dropped away.

Barak's frequent changes of mind also angered party members. Right after the election he said that he would resign from politics. But a few days later, he accepted Sharon's offer to serve as defense minister in a joint Likud-Labor government.

Barak lost his majority in parliament last July over concessions he planned to offer the Palestinians at a summit meeting in Camp David, near Washington. There and at a last-minute round of intensive negotiations just before the election, Barak suggested a Palestinian state in almost all the West Bank and Gaza, with Palestinian control over parts of Jerusalem. The Palestinians did not accept the proposals.

Voters who backed Barak in an election in May 1999 switched to Sharon in droves, complaining about Barak's frequent policy shifts.

After the negotiations with the Palestinians ended without agreement several days before the election, Barak began talking of the need for unilateral separation, drawing a border between Israel and the Palestinians without further talks, if necessary.

Barak led his party directly into negotiations with Sharon after the election, though he had warned the people that a Sharon government might bring war to the Middle East. When he accepted Sharon's offer to serve as defense minister, along with party veteran Shimon Peres as foreign minister, both sides expressed confidence that a coalition agreement was near.

But negotiations between Likud and Labor hit a snag over the inclusion in the government of far-right parties that reject compromise with the Palestinians.

Barak's six-year-term expires next March. Under the constitution, Sharon, 76, can only call an early election if he resigns, leaving his deputy to act as caretaker during the campaign. Mugabe might prefer to face voters before the country's situation further deteriorates, analysts said.

Instability in the country and Mugabe's increasingly authoritarian rule has crippled the economy, scared away foreign investors and drawn scathing criticism from the international community.

Monday night's warning follows a weekend crackdown on foreign journalists, in which two newsmen were ordered deported.

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International observers monitoring parliamentary elections last June said pre-election violence, mainly committed by ruling militants of Mugabe's party, had tainted the result.

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Zimbabwe

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Associated Press said Tuesday.

June, Annan called for an important factor is global and the most impact of AIDS, and the most critically reduce the spread and make low-cost generic drugs available to those infected with the HIV virus. He also called for intensified development of affordable AIDS vaccines and new HIV treatments, greater efforts to alleviate the social and economic impact of the epidemic, and more money to fight it.

"The most important lesson learned from countries that have successfully responded to the epidemic has been the critical role of government and civil society leadership in increasing the visibility of the epidemic while decreasing the stigma associated with it," Annan said.

But despite successful AIDS prevention programs in a host of countries from Uganda to Thailand, last year also saw an estimated 5.3 million new infections around the globe, and 3 million deaths, the highest annual total of AIDS death ever, the report said.

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Kofi Annan
UN Secretary-General

36.1 million people are living with HIV or AIDS worldwide today, 50 percent higher than the figure projected in 1991. The modes of transmission remain the same — unprotected sex, unscreened blood and blood products, contaminated needles, mother-to-child transmission, and breast feeding, he said. While AIDS is now found everywhere, Africa is home to 70 percent of adults and 80 percent of children living with HIV, and to three quarters of the nearly 22 million people who have died of AIDS since the epidemic began two decades ago, he said.

Nonetheless, Annan said, "Collective experience with HIV/AIDS has evolved to the point where it is now possible to state with confidence that it is technically, politically and financially feasible to contain HIV/AIDS and dramatically reduce its spread and impact."

"Leadership — at the global as well as the country level — is the single most important factor in reversing the epidemic," the secretary-general said in the report.

There is strong evidence that the incidence of HIV infection has declined in Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America and sub-Saharan Africa when people have access to effective prevention programs, he said.

Annan called for intensive education programs to reduce the risk of sexual transmission, greater accessibility to male and female condoms, and much cheaper antiretroviral drugs so people with HIV in Africa and other developing countries can get the same treatment as those in industrialized nations.

The availability of low-cost generic drugs needs to be expanded, in accordance with national laws and international trade agreements and with guarantees of their quality, he said.

"Other approaches, including tiered pricing, improved global and regional procurement policies and new funding mechanisms, also need to be explored."

**Napster attempts to settle lawsuit for $1B**

**Associated Press**

SAN FRANCISCO - Napster Inc. offered $1 billion to the recording industry Tuesday to settle a copyright infringement lawsuit that threatens to shut down the free Internet song-swapping service.

Under the proposal, $150 million would be paid annually for five years to Sony, Warner, BMG, EMI and Universal. Another $50 million would go to independent labels in each of those five years.

Napster believes it can generate hundreds of millions of dollars to pay record companies, mostly through monthly subscriptions. It has tried to reach agreements with record companies, but has done so only with BMG parent Bertelsmann Inc.

Analysts said they doubted the rest of the recording industry would allow Napster and Bertelsmann to control the online distribution of their music.

"Napster is basically trying to purchase the copyrights and resell them," said Susan Billheimer, an analyst with Zona Research.

Universal Music Group called Napster's offer a rebuff of previous promises that have gone unfulfilled.

"It is Napster's responsibility to come to the creative community with a legitimate business model and a system that protects our artists and copyrights," the company said. "Nothing we have heard in the past and nothing we have heard today suggests they have yet been able to accomplish that task."

An industry group urged Napster to accept a federal injunction ordering it to block copyrighted music from its service.

"This path would be more productive than trying to engage in business negotiations through the media," said Hillary Rosen, president of the Recording Industry Association of America.

A week ago, a federal appeals court said the music industry almost certainly will win its lawsuit against Napster. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Napster to stop millions of users from swapping copyrighted music without charge and with a financial settlement, Napster, whose lawyers have said such action would be virtually impossible, vowed to appeal.

The company has argued it is not to blame for how subscribers use copyrighted material. But the appeals court said there was evidence of "massive, unauthorized downloading and distributing of plaintiffs' copyrights" — as many as 10,000 songs per second by defendants' own admission. Napster's popularity exploded in 1999 after founder Shawn Fanning released software that made it easy for personal computer users to locate and trade songs stored as computer files as MP3 format, which compresses digital recordings with minimal sound quality.

The five largest record labels sued as soon as Napster took hold, and have pushed them of billions of dollars in profits. Bertelsmann reached a deal with Napster, promising much-needed capital if Napster switchover to a subscription-based service that pays artists' royalties.

Napster's new service could be ready by July, according to Middlehoff, head of Bertelsmann.

Napster said monthly subscribers paying from $2.95 to $9.95 would be able to download a limited number of songs, while unlimited service would be available to those paying double that amount.

Transferring files to blank CDs or portable music players would cost extra, the company said.

Napster chief executive Hank Barry estimated that 17 million fee-paying, registered users could generate more than $1 billion by the fifth year of the deal.

"It's the biggest, largest collection of music lovers," said Andreas Schmidt, president and CEO of Bertelsmann's e-commerce group.

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Jury convicts doctor in botched abortion

Associated Press

A doctor was convicted of manslaughter Tuesday in the death of a patient following a botched abortion and the former clinic administrator was found guilty of negligent homicide.

Dr. John Biskind, 75, and Carol Stuart-Schadoff, 63, were both charged with manslaughter in the death of Louanne Herron, who died three hours after an abortion at the now-closed A-Z Women's Center in Phoenix in 1998. An autopsy found Herron's uterus had been ruptured by a medical instrument.

"We don't usually prosecute doctors for bad medicine, but this case was so bad we had to make a stand," prosecutor Paul Ahler said.

Prosecutors said Biskind and Stuart-Schadoff caused the death by providing little care of ignoring sonograms showing Herron had a pregnancy too advanced to be terminated.

Sentencing was set for March 20. Jurors disapproved of Biskind's decision to leave the clinic as his patient lay dying.

"We all agreed from the start of deliberations that he was guilty," said jury foreman Russell Craig, a 56-year-old retired government worker.

Jurors also were struck by Stuart-Schadoff's disregard for a sonogram showing the fetus was more than 24 weeks old and her failure to schedule a nurse during Herron's abortion.

Biskind had no comment. His attorney, Lawrence Kazan, said the jury made a crime out of a medical mistake, and he wondered what implications that would have.

"We're sorry the jury didn't see it our way," Kazan said.

"We think at worst this was a case of medical mal-practice."

Paul Ahler

prosecutor

Stuart-Schadoff's attorney

Cameron Morgan, said he wants a new trial. "Obviously we disagree with the verdict," Morgan said.

The case led to a state law, now being wrangled in the courts, that would require a medical license for clinics performing more than six abortions per month and analysis of fetuses aborted after 12 weeks. The Legislature is also considering a bill requiring doctors to provide abortion information to women at least 24 hours before undergoing the procedure.

Arizona law does not give a specific date after which a doctor cannot terminate a pregnancy, but it prohibits aborting a fetus after it becomes viable, or able to live outside the womb — usually 22 to 26 weeks.

The clinic advertised itself as the only place in Arizona performing abortions up to 24 weeks.

and no houses were damaged. About 30 homes were evacuated in a sparsely populated area near Polk City.

"Because of the swampy area, this fire isn't going to be susceptible for a long while," Gov. Jeb Bush said Monday as ash coated the area, this fire isn't going to reach the dirt."

Some residents returned to their homes Sunday afternoon after being told to leave Saturday night. Others ignored the evacuation orders, choosing to run sprinklers on top of their homes and in their yards.

The Detroit Tigers, who hold spring baseball training in Lakeland, had to use alternate routes to get to their practice facility from Haines City hotels.

The Polk County Correctional Institute took 120 inmates with respiratory problems to neighboring jails, authorities said.

A federal fire suppression grant was approved for the state, said Joe Myers, Florida's emergency management director.
Planned uprisings end in 15 dead

BRAZIL

SAO PAULO, Brazil—Brazil's largest prison riot in history ended with at least 15 dead and many questions about just who's truly in charge of the nation's penitentiaries — the state or organized crime.

The uprising by the First Capital Command organization, or PCC, started Sunday afternoon at Brazil's huge Carandiru prison complex and spread to 28 other prisons in the state before negotiators regained control Monday.

In Carandiru, some of the 10,000 inmates took guards hostage and held nearly 9,000 visitors inside.

"It was a carefully planned operation by an organization that exerts its influence over inmates in other prisons," said Marco Vinicio Petreluzzi, Sao Paulo's public security secretary.

The inmates demanded the return of 10 PCC leaders who were transferred from Carandiru to other facilities last Friday after stockpiles of illegal phones were found in their cells.

"I made it clear that the NGO allies accept that the United States has made its decision to have an effective missile defense," Robertsson said.

"But what is important now is that we now have a Russian proposal to deal with the same kind of perceived threat," Lord Robertson, NATO Secretary-General, said.

"The uprising was clearly the organization's way of getting back at us for the transfer," said a wife, said in reference to an operation to quell a riot at Carandiru that left at least 111 inmates dead.

Officials had made it clear they would not return the PCC leaders to Carandiru, and the uprising ended peacefully.

Authorities said at least 15 inmates were killed, including seven at Carandiru, five at the Franco da Rocha prison, one at a penitentiary in Pirajuí and two at Belém, a jail.

Most of the violence appeared to take place between prisoners. But authorities were investigating the deaths of two inmates at Carandiru who may have been killed when police returned fire.

Inmates set bedding on fire in prisons, and smoke was seen pouring from windows of Carandiru as the revolt began.

A night before, television footage Monday evening showed naked inmates in recreation yards while guards in body armor searched prison cells.

Troops suspended the searches before nightfall, and officials said they would return in the morning.

The riots threw a spotlight on the PCC and its increasing influence in the state prison system, which holds more than 90,000 inmates. The state is about the size of Oregon.

Most observers say that the group was formed four years ago by convicted bank robbers and drug dealers serving time in the Taubaté Penitentiary, 55 miles northeast of Sao Paulo.

In a 1997 television interview that was rebroadcast Monday, a prison guard said the group controlled drug trade in the prisons and extorted money inmate who refuse to join them. The guard, who was not identified, claimed those who don't pay or who betray the group are killed.

The size of the latest uprising reflects the group's growing power, said Renato Simoes, president of the Sao Paulo State Legislature's Human Rights Commission.

"With the rebellion, the PCC has shown that it has become a parallel power and that the state's prison system is completely bankrupt," Simoes said.

"The government has only itself to blame," he added. "Because its focus is on repression instead of rehabilitation, the prison system is fertile ground for the PCC and its growing influence."

In W ashington, Pentagon officials insisted that Washington has not seen the Russian proposal but was "hastened" by Russia's acknowledgment that Europe faces possible missile threats.

Defense Minister Igor Sergeev presented Russian with Russia's official proposal in a Kremlin meeting.

Putin first made the proposal last year, but the lack of details prompted observers to call it an attempt to draw a wedge between European allies and members of the United States.

Putin urged Lord Robertson to quickly consider the proposal. "Our military and civilian experts are ready to arrive in Brussels to explain the meaning of Russian proposals to the United States," Putin told Robertson at a Kremlin meeting.

The mobile anti-missile units will be deployed in the directions of the greatest risk of missiles to cover the most important facilities," a top Defense Ministry official, Col. Leonid Ivashov, told reporters.

In Beijing, Chinese President Jiang Zemin on Tuesday denounced U.S. plans for a missile defense shield, saying the system could "sabotage global strategic balance and security."

Jiang made his comments to German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping.

"I made it clear that the NATO allies accept that the United States has made its decision to have an effective missile defense."
LEXINGTON, Kan.

So, we're all guilty. For the record though I don't think any thought they were doing was legal.

Yep, Napster is soon to be a thing of the past. Sad, I know. I too will miss being able to get practically any song that I wanted at any given time. But let's be honest, kids, did anyone really think this was legal? Did anyone really think that stealing the creative works of thousands of artists wouldn't be, I don't know, a slight bit unethical at least?

For those of you who bust out with the "hey-music-should-be-free-to-everyone-dude" side, sit down a minute and listen to yourself. Unless you can prove that the musical equivalent of communism or even heavy-grade socialism you can't go out and purchase anything from a store and then ask a hard-working (or hardly working) artist to just give you his music, his "wars" if you will.

Our society (however screwy it seems) doesn't really think this was legal? Did anyone really think that stealing the creative works of thousands of artists wouldn't be, I don't know, a slight bit unethical at least?

I thoroughly enjoyed the Arts and Letters faculty presentation last weekend as a helped justify to my own mind, my switch to that college in the hopes of a more fulfilling career. The faculty members who spoke emphasized, among other things, the absolutely vital role of open and ongoing discussion and debate of "tough questions" — academic, as well as moral, ethical, and spiritual — among students, faculty and administrators in a university of Notre Dame's reputation.

Contrast this with the paraphrase in Monday's issue of The Observer of Marilou Eldred which indicated that "The Vagina Monologues" would not be allowed because of concern that the play "would draw more controversy than healthy discussion.

Pardon me, but doesn't the debate of tough questions that the Arts and Letters faculty spoke of imply a degree of controversy? I may go further and infer that Marilou Eldred's idea, then, of "healthy discussion" involves everybody agreeing on everything. Which also implies that nobody learns anything from anybody. As students in the Notre Dame family we are special. But are we not also just normal people? Don't we also have the same concerns and personal issues as students elsewhere? In particular are violence, sexuality and the combination of violence and sexuality not crucial to our developing lives? If sex isn't a part of a Catholic's life, then how is it that they have such big families?

Suggesting otherwise is that we somehow abandon above these issues — is turning a blind eye to stark reality; it being in our hands in the stead. I don't want to live an ostrich. If our leaders are ostriches then I don't want to follow them.

I'd like to close this letter with a story about a close friend of mine with whom I had the pleasure of talking over Christmas break. I'll call her Valerie.

Valerie is a student at a Michigan state school, is a theater major and is deeply religious. She was also sexually assaulted recently — an event that shattered her life. It was through hearing "The Vagina Monologues" and eventually through participating in the production that she was able to find strength, meaning and direction again in her life.

I thank God that she chose not to come to Notre Dame.
Learning center enriches community

Can you imagine knocking on the door of a house in your neighborhood and finding out that the family living there has never before seen a computer? As I, a resident here at Notre Dame, was visiting the neighborhood do not have computers. It was then that I learned about certain students, staff and faculty members of the Center for Social Concerns who were working with an initiative of the President’s Office and residents of the Northeast Neighborhood to create a center in the old Goodwilling Center. They hoped in partner in a way “strengthen interaction between the Northeast Neighborhood and Notre Dame by building trust through partnerships that stimulate community revitalization” (excerpt from the Community Learning Center Mission Statement).

Sadly, many in this neighborhood have in the past felt neglected and some abused by the powerful institution of Notre Dame. Why, many ask, has the University, a place of such education and philanthropy, not given and shared much with its neighbors? This sense is long fostered in the generations of some families within the Northeast Neighborhood, is now being addressed structurally and through programs. The University is extending itself into the area in the form of a major revitalization program. One part of this program is the development of the Community Learning Center. I think that we may see the impact of our education in our own lives but this Center offers us a chance to enrich our education and experience within a neighborhood of which we are fortunate to be a part.

The Community Learning Center will be a place of mutuality where students and neighbors alike will engage in shared learning. I must stress that the time you will spend in this Center will in no way be a one-way flow of information and both students and faculty can both give and receive from this unique and beautiful Center.

Today members of the University and residents of the Northeast Neighborhood are coming together for the grand opening of the Community Learning Center. This celebration from 4 to 7 p.m. is the culmination of a two-year partnership and will serve as a place of gathering, welcoming students, staff and faculty and others to perform in a side-show that propagated stereotypes set in place by old television westerns? Do we see these things as deserving of equal treatment? I may be accused of falling prey to the very racism and exoticism that I am trying to question in my failure to take offense at some of the other displays, however, none of this existed in a vacuum and the social-historical context in which these Americans have been marginalized cannot be separated from this event. The bottom line is that we invited these people to perform here and then we paid little attention to them and wore feathered headbands, actively participating in a situation which could potentially be very degrading. I hope to be able to see more events on campus that could work towards a greater understanding of Native American cultures and issues today; however these events should be held in a respectful setting.

Krista Schoning

protest against sweatshops should persevere

The brochure from the Junior Parents Weekend Gala last weekend listed a number of displays, including “Indians: A panoramic view of Indian heritage through decoration and scenes.” However, this week I saw some of the more traditional images from thisevent although I hope to contact them to find out.

My intent is to encourage questions within the Notre Dame community as to why we were comfortable with the placement of Native American dancers right in the fake wild West scene and a teepee with moving Indian statues. We are playing with this grotesque juxtaposition of the majority of the people in attendance did not seem bothered; on the contrary, many cheerfully sported feathered headbands that said “JPW 2001.” I admit, I too have worn a headband such as this when I was in kindergarten for a Thanksgiving celebration. Back then I was too young to know the tragic effects of the conquest and European colonization on the indigenous peoples of the Americas.

I am not mean to offend. I am not questioning the Native Americans who were present at the gala dancing, drumming and singing. I do not know how they felt about the event although I hope to contact them to find out.

The WRC is the best way for this University to stop using sweatshops. It is the only way that Notre Dame can have any of the abuses it finds either, without any of the abuses it finds either, leaving the public and students in the dark. Although Notre Dame has a chance of doing good alone, by joining with 74 other schools so much more can be done.

Notre Dame has many things to be proud of but this pride should not get in the way of doing what is best to end sweatshops. Notre Dame should resume its position as a national leader and join the WRC. My heart is heavy knowing that the WRC as have some of our closest football rivals: University of Michigan and Purdue.

Joe Smith

Letters to the Editor

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display mocked culture

The WRC is the best way for this University to stop using sweatshops. It gives a voice to those who know best what goes on in a sweatshop — the workers. It also publishes the information it finds so that the public will know what abuses are present in any factories. The WRC, which is the National Organizational Government (NGO) of independent organizations, that are already in countries with sweatshops. These NGOs will continuously monitor the situation at apparel factories. Notre Dame is a founding member of the National Fair Labor Association (FLA). The FLA was created by the Apparel Industry Partnership in 1999 to present the public with confidence that their clothes are not made in sweatshops. Many student and human rights groups feel that the FLA is just a public relations plan to cover up only de minimis changes to change the current industry-wide use of sweatshops. The FLA will only check an average of 10 percent of the apparel factories each year once it is in full operation. It could be over 10 years from one factory check to the next.
New technologies can identify songs, babysit your kids

We’ve all done it. We’re rolling in our ’83 Datsun or Dad’s 2000 Explorer. We hear a new song that sounds like Madonna circa 1987 and we say, “What’s this song called? I want to go home and download it, so I don’t have to buy another CD for just one song — that Vanilla Ice album really sucked except for ‘Ice, Ice Baby.’” But then at the end of the new song, the smart-mouthed DJ starts talking about how Britney is denying her alleged surgery to distance her nipple from the rest of her body, and they never get around to saying the title of the song. What do you do? Whip out that cell phone, EtonXon, a company out of Pennsylvania, has a free service called *CD* where you hit *E3* on your phone, punch in the station’s frequency and then get the title of the track you just heard, as well as titles of other songs you heard earlier in the day on the same station.

There you can be a sucker and actually buy the CD using your cell phone instead of just downloading the songs from one of the dozens of MP3 sites the University hasn’t blocked. I would mention them, but I don’t want to give anyone any ideas.

EtonXus runs this service by using sound-recognition technology on a dozen of the top radio stations in each city. Then the song is compared to a database with one million tracks stored in it.

Spiffy, you say? The best thing about it, it doesn’t cost a thing. The bad news is that it’s only available in Philly and San Francisco. But the company is monitoring radio stations in 32 other cities, looking to expand the service.

Do you think South Bend is one of those lucky towns? I don’t. Has anyone ever used the words “lucky” and “South Bend” in the same sentence? I’ll have to do some research on that one.

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The 1-Robot-LE also climbs stairs, just like a real babysitter. While that may not be good news for NASA, it’s good news for you to draw you to their site to drum up business, so they can sell you something else.

All catches and loopholes aside, there are an enormous number of freebies out there for the taking. As long as you are careful and use common sense, you’ll be OK.

On many of these Internet sites, you will be required to answer some marketing questions in order to have something sent to you for free.

Other sites simply require you to sign up for one or more mailing lists. And there are a couple of Web sites which offer free computer downloads that generally require nothing at all.

There are numerous search engines linked to these “freebie” pages, which are an easy way to start your quest for free stuff. On all of the search engine sites you can sign up for a newsletter that will keep you aware of the new freebies being added daily.

If you are looking for free downloads of any type, the best site to visit is TheFreeSite.com.

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TheFreeSite.com also has a listing for free goods. Some of the easy and interesting offers include samples from Physique hair products, free stickers from eSticker.com and a free mouse pad from the aptly named FreeMousepads.com.

Another search engine for free stuff is Free-Stuff-Center.com. This site has fewer offers than TheFreeSite.com, but what they do have is more exciting.

The “samples” section at Free-StuffCenter.com has many enticing offers. The samples range from free makeup and beauty samples to free long distance phone cards.

The page also has a link to PostageShop.com, a site which will send you a stamped envelope as well as coupons for free samples.

A perk to

By MERIDETH PIERCE
Scene Write

It has long been man’s goal to obtain something for nothing. And with the birth of the Internet, we may finally be reaching that goal.

Believe it or not, there are actually thousands of Internet sites that want to give you free stuff.

If you set your mind to it, and point your browser in the right direction, even you can obtain products and offers completely free from the Internet.

In fact many sites are practically begging for you to take their samples or free services.

Granted, there may be some drawbacks and catches to these freebies.

It is always best to remember that people usually don’t give away free stuff out of the goodness of their hearts.

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Internet sites offer freebies

FreeStuff-Center.com is the category marked “contests.”

If you are feeling lucky, this option is for you — with one click you are instantly linked up to win $1 million. For those of you who like something a little more assured, there is also a category for coupons.

With this option you can print off coupons from CoolSavings.com or have them sent to you from SaveCoupons.com.

If by chance you have any spare time and not enough school-related reading, check out the category of books on FreeStuffCenter.com.

Here, leisure readers can link up to TheFreeCart.com where you can get a number of paper-back books for no cost at all.

In the book category you can also surf mystery and sci-fi book clubs that have a very low fee.

TheFreebieDirectory.com is yet another of the hundreds of freebie resources on the Internet.

Of the many search directories, this site is the easiest to read and use. What makes this site unique is that once you pick from the wide variety of categories of freebies, it lists them all.

Besides general information about the product or offer, TheFreebieDirectory.com also ranks the freebie, tells you when it was added and how many people have visited it from TheFreebieDirectory.com and allows you to read reviews that other users have written about the freebie.

There are many links on TheFreebieDirectory.com to useful tools for students.

Through these links you can get free samples of Excedrin and Folgers Coffee through these products’ Web pages.

Other perks are a free CR-B disk from FileBurner.com. After registering to FileBurner.com and referring others to the site, you can earn even more free disks.

You may also choose to visit GreenTearLife.com to have a free sample of green tea sent right to your dorm room.

Pantene Pro-V is also a part of TheFreebieDirectory.com and you can have hair product samples sent to you as well as coupons for their products.

Some people, however, might be better off checking out the link to Beano.com. There you can request a sample of the dietary supplement that helps prevent gas and subscribe to Beano’s free mailing list.

A very helpful service that TheFreebieDirectory.com provides is the “Find a link to DiniPad.com.”

This unique service lets you make free unlimited long distance calls via your computer.

Dialpad is Java-powered, so you don’t need to download and install software to use the service. This is a freebie you cannot miss out on — you might never have to pay for long distance again.

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YourFreeStuff.com specializes in name brand item samples. SamplePirate.com is another worthwhile engine with links to freebie sites.

Manufacturers of food and small household items are continually sending out coupons and free samples all the time.

So get online and make sure you don’t miss out on all that’s free for the taking. Who says you can’t get something for nothing?

AP Entertainment Briefs

A 20-year-old computer hacker, who used this photo of tennis star Anna Kournikova to spread a computer virus, has been offered a job by a Netherlands mayor.

Kournikova hacker offered interview: A local mayor in Sneek, Netherlands, has offered a job interview to a 20-year-old hacker who used a photo of tennis star Anna Kournikova that he hacked up to spread virus software worldwide.

Mayor Siebold Hartkamp did not specify what sort of post he might offer the man, who was arrested by police on Wednesday. But he suggested the hacker — known as "OnTheFly" — would be a good expert on computer security.

"I’ve learned that former poachers make the best game wardens," Hartkamp told Dutch television this weekend. "We're looking for just these kinds of kids. He should come and have a chat with us." But he said "OnTheFly," whose identity has been withheld under privacy rules, "should finish school first," presumably referring to college studies.

Web weddings offered in California: Couples tying the knot in San Mateo County will soon have the option of inviting the world. After a few test runs on Valentine's Day, officials in the county clerk's office in Redwood City, Calif., are preparing to offer Internet broadcasts for all civil marriages.

"This is the Silicon Valley," said county clerk Warren Slocum. "We're surrounded by technology, and I'm interested in how technology can better serve people." Couples will send e-mail invitations to guests, who can then enter a password and watch the ceremony live on their computer screens.

Although the first, $1,200 wedding Webcast isn't "like going to a movie theater," Slocum said the relative low cost and quality doesn't seem to bother the couples. So far the Webcasts have been free, but Slocum said future Internet weddings will likely run about $10. A marriage license costs $75, and a civil ceremony is an additional $35. This isn't the first high-tech project Slocum's office has come up with. It already posts voter registration lists online and is experimenting with Internet voting.

The county first offered Web weddings two years ago, and this year, five couples broadcast their Valentine's Day weddings online. "If you wanted to invite your family from Texas, they could join you in cyberspace," Slocum said.

New online imprint to feature E-books: Nobel Prize winner Gao Xingjian, Joyce Carol Oates and children's author R.L. Stine are among those who will have e-books published around the world under a new imprint announced Tuesday by HarperCollins in New York City. "We will publish each e-book with full editorial design, marketing and publicity support — we will not just digitize books and release them into cyberspace," HarperCollins' president and CEO, said in a statement. Starting Tuesday with Gao's novel "Soul Mountain," 15 titles will be published this month and in March and will be released in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia. Many of the books will have features unavailable in print form, too. Inexpensive, Oates' short story collection "Faultless" will include an interview with the author and "Soul Mountain" will come with Gao's Nobel acceptance speech.

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**NBA**

Marion scores 28; leads Suns to 104-102 victory

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - Shawn Marion scored 28 points, grabbed eight rebounds, sank a key 3-pointer as the Phoenix Suns beat Orlando 110-104 Tuesday night, snapping the Magic's five-game winning streak.

Jarron Collins added 15 points and 15 assists for the Suns, who have beaten the Magic six straight times. Terrell Scott contributed 22 points.

Orlando's Tracy McGrady had a career-high 44 points, including 19 in the fourth quarter. However, McGrady missed three of four foul shots in the final 5.5 seconds.

The Magic last won nine straight games early in the 1994-95 season.

Marion, who also had 11 rebounds, hit a 13-foot jumper from the left baseline with 1.1 seconds remaining to give Suns a 105-101 lead.

McGrady, who was perfect on four free-throw attempts up to that point, missed two free throws on Orlando's ensuing possession.

Marion finished 8-for-12 from the field and 11-of-13 from the free throw line.

Phoenix had 55 free-throw attempts, a record for an Orlando opponent. The Suns sank 43 fouls, while the Magic shot 16-for-23 from the line.

Kidd hit two free throws to put the Heat ahead 101-100 with 2:22 left. After Darrell Armstrong missed a 3-pointer, Rodney Rogers followed with a scoop layin as the Suns assumed a four-point lead. Rogers finished with 20 points.

Kidd shot 18-for-39 from the field, hit a fadeaway from the left baseline to bring Orlando within 101-103, but Marion responded with his last three points of the quarter. McGrady had nine of his points in the run.

Knicks 76, Heat 74

Tim Hardaway threw up an airball and an off-target 3-pointer before the first quarter ended, and the New York Knicks held the Heat to 12 points in the first quarter to take a 29-17 lead.

After Eddie Jones of the Heat stole the ball from Latrell Sprewell with 15 seconds left, Hardaway was given a foul attempt that missed badly. Charlie Ward was fouled with 3.3 seconds left and made one of two from the line, giving the Heat another chance.

Hardaway attempted another 3-pointer just before the shot clock hounded off the rim as time expired.

The Knicks opened the second quarter leading with 39 points. Sprewell led the Knicks with 17 points, while Larry Johnson had 14, Marcus Camby 13 and Anthony Mason 11.

Neither team led by more than five points over the first three quarters, when Hardaway's jumper with 34 seconds left gave the Knicks a 59-54 lead with 1.9 seconds remaining.

Washington scored the first four points of the fourth quarter, trimmed its deficit to five points, 59-54, two minutes into the third quarter.

But Dickerson seized control, hitting two 3-pointers and capsul­ing a 13-foot jumper for a three-point play, as the Grizzlies moved ahead 63-54.

Raptors 133, Wizards 102

Vince Carter scored 33 points and Mark Jackson moved past Isaiah Thomas into fourth place on the NBA career assist list as the Toronto Raptors beat the Golden State Warriors 113-102 Tuesday night.

Jackson had 13 assists, raising his career total to 9,065. After passing Thomas with his 11th assist in the fourth quarter, Jackson was given a standing ovation, and he left the court to a cheer when he scored the 12th assist, which gave the Raptors a nine-point lead with 1:56 left.

After a turnover by Antawn Jamison, Jackson sealed the win with a 3-pointer with 1:20 remaining.

Jamison had 31 points for the Wizards, who have lost five straight and 10 of their last 11. Blaylock had 19 points, Kenton Grant 19 points and 13 assists, included 12 in the second half for Vancouver, which received 40 points from Kevin Ollie.

The Grizzlies improved to 23-31, the Wizards fell to 34-20.

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**The Observer v SPORTS**

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Bucks 101, Bulls 92

Glen Robinson beat up on the Milwaukee Bucks in Tuesday night's victory over the Bulls. The game started with a bit of an ugly scrape between Robinson and Chicago forward Ron Artis in the third quarter.

"I think that was the turning point, because I got it going a little bit," Allen said.

With approximately 3:55 left in the third, Artis and Robinson were jockeying for position near the Bucks' basket. Robinson threw an elbow that hit Artis in the stomach. Artis fell on the ground and Robinson's shoulders and pulled him to the floor behind the basket. Robinson delivered a pair of punches and kicks before being separated after several minutes. Carolina police said they would seek charges about fifteen minutes after the game.

Robinson was technical fouls and were ejected. Artis also received a flagrant foul.

Team officials accompanied both players off the court to make sure there wasn't another run-in. Robinson also remained on the bench for the rest of the game, and he refused to comment.

"For Artis, he was sorry the whole mess ever happened. But we're just being aggressive all game, we were being competitive all game and I might have blown it out of proportion," Artis said. "I was just trying to play hard. I think I was just trying to play hard.

This is the second time the two players have clashed. Robinson was ejected during a game in Chicago last year for a hard foul on Alvin Williams.

But Artis said there's no problem between the two.
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Belle still bothered by hip

Associated Press
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — His limp was more troubling than the physical he passed hours earlier.

Albert Belle worked out with the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday, but his arthritic right hip hindered his ability to run and forced him to perform at less than full speed.

Belle is coming off arguably the worst season of his career. Forced to miss 20 games in September with an inflamed bursa sac in the right hip pointer, the outfielder finished with a 281 batting average and only 23 homers, the first time since 1991 he failed to hit at least 30.

He worked during the off-season to rehabilitate the degenerative hip, but at this point he's working primarily to prevent it from getting any worse. Belle also put on 15 pounds in his upper body during the winter — some in his chest but a good portion in his belly.

After being examined by team physicians Tuesday morning, Belle was hindered by a restrictive limp as he participated in his first practice of this spring. Right from the outset, as he hobbled in the outfield while jogging in line with his teammates, Belle showed that he is not nearly at 100 percent.

"Swaying the bat, he looked fine," manager Mike Hargrove said. "I thought he looked a little limited in his running, but it was only the first day." Hargrove has projected Belle to be his starting right fielder, did not back off that assertion.

"If Albert either proves to himself, or to us, or breaks down or something happens that says he can't, obviously we will adjust," Hargrove said. "But until that happens, Albert is the right fielder."

Passing the physical was an important step for Belle, but it didn't provide any assurance that he will be able to play effectively, if at all, when the regular season gets underway in April.

"We just have to wait and see what he does and see how he reacts out there," said Syd Thrift, the Orioles' vice president of baseball operations. "The first thing we're going to do is see if he can play the outfield. We have to see how he plays the outfield, how he runs, how he hits."

Belle did not talk to the media after practice. But he told reporters Sunday that he was healthy enough to man his usual spot in right field.

"I feel like right now I can play. How many games, I couldn't tell you," Belle said. "I'll be day by day. But I'm pretty much on course."

Belle has three years left on his $65 million, five-year guaranteed contract. He will receive the remaining $39 million even if his injury prevents him from playing for any or part of that time.

Orioles third baseman Cal Ripken, who once played in 2,632 straight games, missed dozens of games over the past two NLCS seasons with a back injury. He can sympathize with Belle, whose string of playing in 232 consecutive games ended on August 27. Belle never sat out more than 20 games in a full season before.

"I can relate," Ripken said. "I would imagine that there's a lot of frustration inside Albert."
NBA

Nelson returns to Mavericks

Associated Press

DALLAS

Leaving it to Don Nelson to turn his return from beating cancer into a laughing mat was what Associated Press thought on Wednesday, February 21, 2001.

Seeking levity on what could have been an emotional night, the Dallas Mavericks' coach celebrated the end of his 52-day absence to treat prostate cancer by wearing a red foam ball on his nose and ending his pseudo-feud with Shaquille O'Neal.

Nelson, looking tan and about 10 pounds lighter, was beaming as he walked into Reunion Arena for his pregame introduction Tuesday night for the Mavs' game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

He explained his recovery to the media prior to the game.

Nelson's gesture wasn't meant to re-ignite O'Neal's fire. The hatchet had long been buried as O'Neal called Nelson during his recovery and has been saying "I love you, Don Nelson" since hitting town Monday.

O'Neal, even in on the prank as he came over to Nelson, took the ball off the coach and wore it himself.

The pair hugged then Dallas assistant coach Del Harris, formerly O’Neal’s coach in Los Angeles, put on another foam ball.

"I am a bit of a clown," the 60-year-old Nelson said before the stunt.

Nelson, a master prankster and former advocate of the fish tie, was coaching for the Mavericks' coach and wore it himself.

His son, Donnie, coached the 89-cent, racquetball-sized toy him the last time the Mavericks played each other.

"I didn't even think about it when a couple of weeks ago, then I kind of circled it," Nelson said. "I wouldn't call it a big splash. I had to come back against somebody. I thought this was a logical one.

While he was gone, Nelson watched about half the games and talked to Donnie roughly every other day. He returned to Dallas on Saturday, met with coaches Sunday and led the team through a workout Monday. The practice included plenty of hugs.

"I needed that from them more than they needed it from me," Nelson said.

Nelson, who also is the Mavs' general manager, said he never considered returning only to the front-office post.

"I wouldn't change this particular job for any job in the NBA," said Nelson, who has two seasons of coaching left on an 11-year deal that will wind him retire into team. "I'm enjoying coaching and I'm enjoying working with Mark.

That would be owner Mark Cuban, who missed this game while serving the second of a two-game suspension for rac- ing on court last week to break up a fight.

"Although Cuban wasn’t present, he said via e-mail that he supported the foam noses.

"I'm for anything that is fun," he said. "After all, this is a game and games are supposed to be fun."
Andrew Jones became the first player in nine years to set a salary arbitration record with a win when a panel selected his $9.25 million request Tuesday over Atlanta's $6.4 million offer.

"We felt like we had a strong case," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said. "I'm surprised a little bit, but not entirely. That's the nature of this process."

Jones' salary eclipsed the previous arbitration high of $7.25 million set last year by New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera — who had requested $9.25 million but lost his hearing.

"It's always difficult when you have young players like Andruw and Alex," Boras said. "You're going to have to have a contract to allow adjustments within the contract. So while it's open for us, it's going to take special considerations on the part of the club and it's usually something they don't want to do until a player's a free agent."

Players and owners have split the 12 cases decided so far.

There was no decision in the case of Baltimore right-hander Jose Mercedes, who also went to a hearing Monday. He asked to be awarded $3.8 million instead of the team's $2.75 million offer.

Mercedes made $800,000 last year, going 14-7 with a 4.02 ERA in 20 starts and 16 relief appearances. His case will be decided by Block, Reginald Finken for $1.2 million instead of the team's $1.0 million, three-year deal.

Cincinnati pitcher Osvaldo Fernandez had his hearing Tuesday, asking Neumeier, Richard Bloch and Matthew Alleyne and Kenneth Perea.

Notre Dame junior forward Ryan Humphrey (center) battles for a rebound with St. John's forward Anthony Glover in a game earlier this season.

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Notre Dame can stand tall as the Irish Guard.

"We're still in first place," Murphy said Sunday of Notre Dame's lead in the Big East West Division. "We're still in the driver's seat."

The game tempo could be key, as the Eagles are 12-0 when they score more than 80 points. Another point to watch will be the shooting. The Irish, whose normally strong 3-point shooters Martin Ingelsby, David Graves and Carroll were off against the Pirates, but won't be likely to stay that way for long.

The Eagles are confident, coming off a close home win over Providence, but the Irish are hungry after a disappointing loss to the Pirates that ended an eight-game win streak.

"It's going to be a big win for us," said Carroll.

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because they have the ability
to rebound, the ability to pen­
trate," Labati said, explain­
ing why her young team was out-rebounded 47-33.

"You get into the NCAA Tournament [other teams] will start shutting down your transition game," Labati con­
tinued, explaining how good teams can do what her 13-12 team cannot. "But they're going to have a hard time with Notre Dame if you give them 19 rebounds on the offensive glass and they really play well as a team in the full­
court.

Quite simply, what Labati saw was the team that opened the season with a 23-game winning streak.

She saw a team that cuts through ranked opponents like an Oregon State running back cutting through the Notre Dame defense.

She saw the team that top­
pied powerhouse Connecticut. This was not the team that suffered a humiliating 1-point loss to Rutgers only three nights earlier.

Against the Scarlet Knights, only five Irish players scored. Tuesday, all 12 players on the Irish roster put the ball in the basket.

To put this teamwork in per­pective, never before in this "dream season" have as many as 11 players scored in a single game for Notre Dame.

"They haven't been given a lot of opportunity in the last three games," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They were just ready to come out and they were ready to play."

Freshman Jerrika Joyce, often mistaken for a team manager as she sat out with a fractured foot in December and January, scored a career-high 13, ran the offense through most of the second half. She also hit two key 3-

pointers.

Center Amanda Barksdale, known more for her shot blocking than her offense hit a pretty turn-around jumper at the end of the game.

Even Karen Swanson, the only player on the Irish roster who has to worry about pay­ing back loans following grad­u­
ation, got into the act.

After a loyal fan contingent cheered her onto the court, the 5-foot-7 Swanson did her best Ruth Biley impersonation — heading full-speed into the lane to draw two fouls. She hit three of her four free-throw attempts.

These players have spent more time standing and lis­
tening to the national anthem than standing on the court with the clock ticking down lately.

But they will be essential in the Big East Tournament. With games on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the Irish cannot expect to com­
pete with deeper teams such as Rutgers and Connecticut if each of their starters have to play 35 minutes in the first two games.

The bench will not be expected to extend a lead, but it needs to be able to maintain a large lead as the clock winds down. They could not do so against Pittsburgh or Providence. They extended the lead against the Hurricanes Tuesday.

The Irish also blow the Hurricanes over with another impressive crowd of 6,533 fans. Labati praised that, too.

"Look what Notre Dame has done this past year," Labati said. "They went out and hired a full-time marketing person. You guys pack the place now. It shows a tremendous effort from a media and a marketing standpoint."

Thanks Ferne, don't forget to kiss the pig on the way out.

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Women's College Basketball

Connecticut crushes West Virginia, 97-34

HARTFORD, Conn. — The Huskies dominated the glass 56-29. Keinonira Johnson, who started in place of Taurasi, finished with 15 points, four assists and two steals.

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Rutgers, the Irish rebounded with their usual domination of a second-tier Big East squad. All 12 players scored and the reserves, who failed to score against the Scarlet Knights and tallied just 20 in the previous four games, chipped in with 32 points last night.

Swanson's free throw with 1:04 remaining was her first point scored since Jan. 24.

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Ferne Labati
Miami head coach

As has been the case for the past few weeks, the Irish struggled at the beginning. They led 19-15 10 minutes into the game and 29-20 with two minutes left in the first half. The Irish missed all seven of their 3-point attempts and turned the ball over 12 times. After abandoning the full-court offense in the past few weeks, Notre Dame attempted to return to a transition game, which caused problems.

"It was a track meet and it was ugly for a couple of minutes," McGraw said. "But I'll definitely tolerate the turnovers."

By midway through the second half, the lead expanded to 55-34 and Miami never got any closer. Sheila James led the Hurricanes with 11 points but shot just 3-of-9 from the field. Miami connected on 16-of-57 from the field and shot 4-of-18 on 3s.

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Stavisky earns national honors

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame sophomore right-
fielder Brian Stavisky lived up to his preseason billing as a first-
team All-American and Big East
player of the year, earning national
player-of-the-week honors after
batting .682 (9-for-13) and reach-
ing base on 10 consecutive
plate appearances at last week's
National Bank of Commerce
Classic.

Stavisky was recognized by
College Baseball magazine as
the national player of the week
while the National Collegiate
Baseball Writers Association
tabbed Stavisky as its national
"hitter of the week." The 6-3,
220-pound leftfielder also earned the first Big East player-of-
the-week award for the 2001
season.

Stavisky's rare 10 consecutive
times on base included hits in his
first two at-bats versus New
Orleans on Feb. 17 and a two-
inning (with two walks) later that
day versus host Mississippi State.
In the final game of the NCC, he then collected hits in his
first three at-bats versus MSU,
yielding 10 straight times on
base.

A strikeout to open the eighth
inning halted Stavisky's streak
of 10 straight times on base.
The day's first run. In the first
inning of the 4-2 win.

In the fifth inning and scored for
Earnhardt over MSU, Stavisky doubled
times on base.

Three of the fours finished the lead for Earnhardt's team headquar-
ters, leaving a 150-foot-long
tribute to the fallen racing champion.

State police estimated
10,000 stopped by on Monday and the turnout was just as
enormous in the fall as when
the weather turned dark and windy.

Employees were all back at
dale Earnhardt Inc., and his three drivers were inside the shop somberly
preparing for this weekend's
race at the Dura-Lube 400 at
North Carolina Speedway in
Rockingham. Daytona winner
Michael Waltrip, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Steve Park, who
drove Dale cars, take part.

Earnhardt's family was at the Mooresville complex, too,
planning the funeral.

For the 49-year-old
Earnhardt will be held at
Calvary Church,
which seats 5,800
on three levels and features
huge video screens inside.

Because it is impossible to
accommodate
the tremendous
outpouring of support from those
followed Dale, we
are unable to open the service to the public," NASCAR said in
a statement.

"With that in mind the family
has chosen to broadcast the
service live on television
enabling fans across the coun-
try to share in this service for
Dale.

The service will be broadcast
live on Fox Sports Net.
Earnhardt was killed on the
last turn of the last lap Sunday in
the Daytona 500, slamming into
the concrete wall after making
contact with Sterling
Marlin at the head of a tight
pack of five cars fighting for
position.

Driver Rusty Wallace
described how difficult it has
been to come to grips with
Earnhardt's death.
"He and I were about as
close of friends as you can get
in our sport, with the competi-
tion and all that goes along with
it," Wallace said in a statement."I've had a hard
time leaving that last lap in my
mind and keep saying to myself,
'Man, if I'd been able to give
him a little tap from the
rear ... that could have meant
a whole difference in the world.
It's just a helpless feeling I
have.

At Earnhardt's headquar-
ters, a 27-foot long banner
was draped up for fans to
write their thoughts. When it
was full, a security officer
brought it inside the DEI com-
plex and replaced it with a
memorial.

When the weather turned
dreary, thousands of fans em-
erged from Earnhardt's garage
carrying clear plastic
umbrellas, walking to themakeshift memorial to the
seven-time Winston Cup
champion. Flowers, T-shirts, letters and banners were being
handed out.

One employee went to
a clear spot along the fence
and hung a sign: "Due to the weather and preservation of the
memorials, they are being
moved inside."

A man who called himself
"Wild Bill" Byrd rode along
the memorial on a motorized
wheelchair, passing out flers
to the fans with a tribute to
Earnhardt on them. On his lap
he wore his 13-year-old German
Dachshund, wearing a small
black hard hat with a No. 3
mark on it. A pair of sunglasses
and a pair of the sunglasses
Earnhardt was famous for
wearing.

"If we go anywhere, she
wants to get the sunglasses and the sunglasses in case she
sees Dale," the 77-year-
old Byrd.

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IT IS OUR TURN.
Carroll carves own mark into family game

**Sophomore guard took great coaching, became great player**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Lots of sports figures say athletic talent runs in families, but Irish basketball player Matt Carroll can one-up their claim. Basketball is not only in Carroll’s bloodlines; it brought his family together.

The sophomore guard’s parents, John and Maureen, both played basketball. He was a senior playing basketball at Pennsylvania's North Catholic High School. And his grandfather, Walt “Ozzie” Ostrowski at Hatboro-Horsham High School outside Philadelphia. Rumors of Carroll’s skills reached Ostrowski before the moving truck did, leading the Hatters to test the talk by giving his新生儿 an outrageous challenge — one the 14-year-old easily fulfilled.

“The first time I saw him ever walk in the gym at the end of eighth grade, I said, "Go up and dunk,'” Ostrowski said. “The first shot I ever saw him take was a dunk. I knew he was something special.”

Ostrowski, who called his former prodigy “the kid with the life of a legend” and was proud of his grandson, whom he expected to be future All-American, said Ostrowski’s Casey Jacobsen and Arizona's Michael Miller, Orlando Magic's Michael Miller, and New York's Carmelo Anthony were among the schools that came calling.

“When he first started playing basketball in an organized league, he would say, "When you grow up, you can make that choice,"” Ostrowski said. “When I first saw him ever walk in the gym, I said, "You can make that choice." He's a defender.”

John Carroll's uncle Don had told him to pick his college early. That's to win, "No matter what it takes," Carroll said. "I want to be known as a defensive guy." Carroll is content to fill any role necessary, be it scoring or shutting down the ball. According to Brey, he also leads the team in floor burns.

The current Irish players are aware of Carroll’s ability as well. “I think he will be one of the first people in Notre Dame history to record a triple-double, because he can do it all — score, pass, rebound,” Huffman said. “Plus, he's a defender.”

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Invisible Man

Notre Dame's leading 3-point shooter tallies 12.4 points, 4.5 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game. Rather than playing behind Murphy’s spotlight. Even when Carroll posted a team-high 70 points Feb. 14 against Rutgers, Murphy reined the headlines by putting up a point 18 points before a hostile home-state crowd.

Not that Carroll minds being an invisible assassin for the 17-6 Irish.

“I came in here pretty much known as having a reputation for being a scorer and a shooter. My freshman season, I felt that I wanted to be known as a complete player. In the off-season, I worked hard at getting stronger and trying to become a defensive player. E I think I'll always be able to score, but I want to be known as a defensive guy."

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As long as it leads to wins.

“He was a freshman at Penn State, and the daughter of Donald Graham, John's bloodlines; it brought his family together.

The Observer

Graham retired in 1999 as the win­ningest high school coach in Pennsylvania history, following 53 years on the job. Two of Maureen’s brothers played Division I basketball, Mike for American University and Don for St. Francis (Pa.). John Carroll was one of Pennsylvania’s top basketball players a senior, but opted for football instead.

Now the next generation is making its mark. Matt Carroll says it’s not just for the Irish, his younger brother Pat is a signee with St. Joseph’s in Philadelphia. In a family filled with basketball talent, Matt Carroll may be the best of them all.

**Halftime Show to Highlight Reef**

Carroll got his start in organized basket­ball in second grade. It wasn’t long before Carroll, who put on dribbling shows at half­time while a ball boy for Duquesne University, began dreaming of someday following in his father’s footsteps.

At the end of high school, Carroll signed second in scoring in the history of southeastern Pennsylvania, trailing only current Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant. Carroll surpassed Bryant by becoming the only Pennsylvania player to pass 500 career Basketball twos.

Basketball gurus around the nation noticed, as they selected Carroll for the United States Junior National Team twice. That selection teamed the son of two Penn State alums picked by the son of two Penn State alums, and behind a hot commodity.

In a family filled with basketball talent, Carroll has a bad word for. His “best player in 25 years,” but the fami­ly isn't so confident against West Virginia on his third Notre Dame coach. He was recruited by Coach John MacLeod, played for Matt Doherty as a freshman and now has Mike Brey at the helm, none of whom Carroll has a bad word for.

At Notre Dame, Carroll's role has evolved from the go-to offensive guy he was in high school.

High school opponents used to get so excited about taking on an All-American that they constantly seemed to put up career-best performances against Carroll.

That doesn’t happen anymore. Brey often holds Carroll responsible for keeping opposing teams’ top player in check. While Carroll can defend, Carroll knows he can do more than that, too.

"The first six weeks of the season, before our first exhibition game, no one was better than Matt Carroll, and that includes Troy Murphy, Ryan Humphrey. He was as consistent as anybody," Brey said of Carroll. "He’s absolutely delivered. He had the mark, the reputation as a shooter. This young man is a basketball player."

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Irish guard Matt Carroll is helping the Irish work towards goals of a Big East reg­gional season title, Big East tournament title and NCAA Championship.

"I write on my shoes, "Play for one rea­son," and that’s to win," Carroll said. "No matter what it takes, I’ll do whatever it takes to win."

Although still early in his Notre Dame career, the 20-year-old Carroll is already a floor leader for the Irish. When team­mate Jerre Masura became the victim of a foot in the face earlier this season, Carroll remained in to calm the fears and two arms around the waist. But the normally calm sophomore wasn’t complicated against West Virginia on Feb. 11. He reacted to a hostile West Virginia crowd by flicking the fans off after the game, surprising Brey and Ostrowski, who called his former prodigy good-natured on and off the court.

"I know about how classy Matt is," Ostrowski said. "But he as someone who would be reasonably good. He was really out of character."

Because the action was so unusual for Carroll, Brey didn’t suspend the starter. Instead, he talked with Carroll about the problem and asked him to write a letter of apology to West Virginia’s coach. The incident is over and behind Carroll, who’s focused on his future in basketball, not his past.

"He’s got short-term goals, which include a Big East regular season title, a Big East tournament title and an NCAA Championship."

Then there are long-term goals, includ­ing a career in the NBA. He hasn’t dis­closed that possibility with Brey. He’s leav­ing that for a future date when Brey doesn’t have to deal with rumors of Murphy jumping to the NBA.

But Carroll’s career prospects have already crossed Brey’s mind.

"Absolutely, he is definitely an NBA prospect," Brey said. "The sky is the limit."
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Irish, Eagles battle for top spot in conference

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The possession arrow points toward Boston College. Notre Dame's loss to Seton Hall Sunday gave the Eagles a one-game lead in the race for the top spot in the regular season title, but that just means the Irish need a steal. The Irish (17-6, 9-3 Big East) can swipe the advantage away from the Eagles (19-3, 10-2) by knocking off their cross-divisional rivals in a 7:30 p.m. Joyce Center clash tonight. A Notre Dame win would leave both teams at 10-3 in the league.

"We still dream about maybe winning a regular season championship," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said Sunday. "Notre Dame's schedule makes that a reasonable goal, since the one team higher than Notre Dame in the standings — Boston College — must beat the Irish tonight in order to stay there.

The Eagles and the Irish are both sharp shooting squads with Player of the Year candidates in BC sophomore Troy Bell and ND junior Troy Murphy but legions apart in most areas.

The Eagles are small and quick, with four players in their starting lineup who could be considered guards. Having a court full of ball-handlers, with point guard Bell at the helm, helps the Eagles hold onto the ball, as they boast the best turnover margin in the Big East. The squad coached by Al Skinner also tops the Big East in steals per game — Bell alone averages three per contest — and scoring.

Boston College's speed should concern Notre Dame, which was battered by Seton Hall's pressure defense Sunday. "They're No. 1 over in their division," Irish guard Matt Carroll said. "They're probably going to be the favorite in this game."

Notre Dame's other downfall Sunday was a shorter wingspan than Seton Hall, which won't come into play against a shorter Boston College team.

Height in which Notre Dame holds the advantage tonight. All-American Murphy, at 6-foot-11, towers over all Boston College's players, and 6-8 Ryan Humphrey has a great vertical leap. Behind Murphy, Humphrey and junior Harold Swanagan, the Irish are second in the conference in both rebounding and blocks, while

Irish return to winning ways with 81-43 victory

♦ McGraw records 400th career victory as Irish head coach

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

A large contingent of teenage and pre-girls, all season ticket holders, gathered between sections 9 and 11 at the Joyce Center, normally chanting "The Ruth, the Ruth, the Ruth is on fire," at least 10 times per game.

Last night in Notre Dame's 81-43 win against Miami, the group added another cheer to their growing repertoire. With 4:12 left and the Irish ahead by 35 points, the girls screamed, "We want Swanson, we want Swanson.

As in seldom-used sophomore walk-on guard Karen Swanagan. Seconds later, coach Muffet McGraw looked down the bench, pointed at Swanagan and signaled her to enter.

"That was coincidental," said McGraw, with a smile, "that I put her in at that exact moment." McGraw could manage to be sarcastic after an 81-43 win over Miami, which was also her 400th career victory. Following the contest, athletic director Kevin White and his husband Matt presented McGraw with a brown and white basketball and a bouquet of flowers.

"It doesn't feel any different," McGraw said of her 400th win. "It's just a chance to look back and remember all the great people that have been in this program. I'm so happy to be where I am right now."

She should be.

Three nights after the loss to