For the next six months, Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and the entire South Bend region will have two working area codes, while the 219 area code is introduced and the 219 area code is phased out. During this period of permanent duplicate area codes, both began on Tuesday, callers from outside the region may dial either area code until June 14 when the 219 area code will stop working for the region.

Officials from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's began preparations for the new area code last year to ensure that the campus infrastructure would support the change and to make sure all materials, such as stationery and business cards would be printed with the new area code.

Officials said no technology related changes could be made as a result of the change, and it is unlikely that many materials with the 219 area code will have to be discarded when the 574 area code becomes mandatory. According to Notre Dame telecommunications manager Steve Ellis, the vendors of various systems— including the voice mail system— have made changes to accommodate the new area code. At Saint Mary's, the voice mail system did not require changes, but telecommunications coordinator Sandy Handley reprogrammed the switch, a system that routes calls to either the local or long distance service provider.

The online phonebook at Saint Mary's has already been changed to show the 574 area code. The Office of Information Technologies will change the Notre Dame online phonebook within the next few weeks.

Both schools sent notices to departments last semester informing them of the changing area code and outlined procedures for ordering new supplies.

A letter was sent out to all departments, advising them to use up the existing stock and then, when placing an order, to change the area code," said Tim Gibney, assistant director for procurement services at Notre Dame.

"Although it is likely that some old materials will remain after the 219 area code can no longer be used, officials said they are not aware of departments that have much more than six months of materials in stock. "Most people tend to order on a yearly basis so the departments don't think they will be left with many old materials — I assume there will be some additional cost of changing materials, but I don't know exactly what that will be," said Nick Farmer, director of Marketing Communications at Saint Mary's.

Sandy Handley, Saint Mary's telecommunications coordinator, works to prepare the College for the area code switchover. The South Bend region will change from the 219 to the 574 area code in June. The change is the result of a statewide revision in area codes.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Let it snow

I was very unpleasantly surprised when my flight to South Bend Regional Airport landed at 7:15 p.m. on Sunday night, Jan. 13, 2002, and I saw nothing but bare ground. Let me reiterate: there was no snow on the ground in South Bend in JANUARY. Does anyone else find this odd? To make matters worse, students seemed lost on enrollment day, when temperatures "soared" to nearly 30 degrees, we wondered: did the ground have moved itself to the deep south? I might be a minority in saying this, but I miss snow. A lot.

I miss last year, when we had a day of finals rescheduled due to a nice, fresh, two-foot-deep blanket of snow on the ground. I miss that day in second grade when only half the school showed up because of the heavy snow, and we then proceeded to do nothing the entire day.

I miss getting up early at home each morning of a snowstorm, waiting to see if school was cancelled so I could get to go sledding or at least watch the snow fall on the street all day.

I miss just starting out any available window, entranced in watching this already picturesque campus turn into a sea of white.

I miss the nearly plowed-out paths around "amps, and losing sight of people's feet under the deep snow.

And, until the very last day of break, I missed curling up on my couch at home, listening to whatever music my parents popped into the stereo, and gazing longingly out the window as snow was piling up.

Of course, I'm not crazy, there are some things I don't miss about snow: I don't miss being driving in the snow — I did that once over break, and succeeded, but quite precariously.

I don't miss skidding my car into a snowbank on the way to work, and proceeding to watch my hours laugh at me as I tried to dig my car out.

I don't miss being pushed into the snow by my friends during a chilly 3 a.m. walk across campus (but I do miss being called a "trample-lizard" for being able to escape the attempted shove).

But all in all, snow is a wonderful thing. And Notice how it's been far too little of Jack Frost's drudgery this school year.

With the exception of the few inches of the white stuff will hopefully mark the beginning of a very snowy spring semester. I have my fingers crossed that there will be many a snowman and snowball fight on North Quad this January and February (and March?). Of course, I will probably end up eating my words after a Buffalo-style blizzard dumps four and snowball fight on North Quad this January and February (and March?).

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

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Yesterday's "What's Your Shade" article credited "Getting game sustaining united vision" was incorrectly attributed to Sandhya Ahuja. The actual author was Sundeep Sethi. The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regrets no profit as a publication and serves for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, request that we make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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Athlete's project nets $4,500 for relief fund

By HELENA PAYNE
Assistant News Editor

In addition to posters and Coca-Cola bottles among other things, the women's basketball team can add calendars to the list of items fans want the players to sign.

During the 2001 fall semester when junior guard Karen Swanson was presented with her management professor's "$20 challenge" to establish an entrepreneurial project, she came up with an idea after some deliberation. The next hurdle was convincing her hesitant teammates to be featured in calendars that would be sold to the public.

"I was trying to find some way to get the team involved and also use my background in photography," said Swanson who became interested in photography during her senior year of high school. "They were kind of skeptical at first."

After much coaxing, Swanson said she was able to convince her teammates to pose for pictures around campus for the calendar. Swanson, like all students enrolled in Professor David Hayes' Management 320 class, "Introduction to Entrepreneurship," received a $20 loan to establish her product.

"I wanted to show the women's basketball team in a light that people aren't used to seeing us in," said Swanson. "We wanted people to see us out of our uniforms and out of our sweatshirts.

Swanson said she began to realize how impressed others were when the ladies of the team donned more formal attire during last year's banquet at the end of the season.

"Some of the fans were saying how different we looked," said Swanson. "I was trying to find some way to get the team involved and also use my background in photography."

Karen Swanson Women's Basketball Player

scenes with each player in dress clothes for the month of January 2002 to January 2003. The calendar focused on the women's basketball team, her project has a more philanthropic goal. Swanson plans to donate all of the proceeds to the New York City Children's Relief Fund which provides aid to children who were 9/11 or were near Ground Zero, as well as the schools close to the area.

Because of NCAA guidelines, Swanson would not have been able to keep the profit even if she wanted to. For this reason, she had to present her project idea to the NCAA compliance field of the Notre Dame athletic department in addition to the Notre Dame licensing department and Student Activities to obtain a vendor's license.

She and freshman guard Jill Krause went with Swanson to shoot their pictures on the same day.

"It was fun," said Borton. "We were just goofing off."

Contact Helena Payne at Payne.30@nd.edu.

Important CSC Vehicle Driver Update

CSC Driver Authorization Certification cards issued prior to January 2002 will no longer be accepted!

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January 27, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
January 31, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
February 3, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
March 3, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

There is no need to register. Bring pen and driver's license to session.

Questions? e-mail: cscvans@nd.edu or csc web page at http://centersocialconcerns.nd.edu and scroll down to CSC driver update.

*If any additional training sessions are deemed necessary, the dates will be listed on the web page.
Area Code
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Handley said she is encouraging everyone to tell family and friends to start using the new area code so that there are no problems when the 219 area code is no longer functional for South Bend. "I know there will be a lot of people in the area who don't know the area code was changed, but my goal is get the other 99 percent used to dialing 574 so the transition will be transparent on June 14," said Handley.

Between June 14 and July 29, if a dialed uses the 219 area code to reach a number assigned in the 574 area code, they will hear a recorded message advising him to call South Bend, he will hear a transparent on June 14," said Handley.

Those who own a cell phone in the 219 area code need to know the phone number and area code they are calling. The area code change for South Bend became necessary because a large number of area codes, available to northern Indiana others, are already in use. In addition, will not remit the problem, officials from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and from Northern Indiana into three parts, each with its own area code for the surrounding regions including Fort Wayne, the central region including South Bend, and the western region including Gary.

During the summer, a lottery will be held to determine which region would keep the 219 area code the new area codes 260 and 574. The Gary area was randomly selected to keep 219, South Bend was assigned 574 and Fort Wayne was assigned 260. The new area codes are expected to last for about 20 years until it is a function of stronger connections with men and women from other nations.

There is no indication that the terrorist attacks and subsequent U.S.-led war on terrorism have caused a decrease in the number of Notre Dame students applying for spring semester international study programs, according to Thomas Bogenschield, director of the University's international and off-campus programs.

The IE's report, titled "Open Doors 2001," showed an overall 11 percent increase in students participating in interna­ tional study programs from the previous year.

"The dramatic increase in study abroad is very good news for our nation, as an indication that the next generation of leaders will have a greater understanding of the world around us," said Allan E. Goodman, president and chief executive officer of the IE. "This is a time when our world needs more international exchange, not less. The terrorists want to make us close our markets to the rest of the world, and we must make sure they do not succeed."

As it has been for many years, Europe is the most pop­ular destination for American college students.

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Institute earns grant for Brazilian study
Special to the Observer

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies at Notre Dame has received a $208,760 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support a U.S.-Brazil student exchange pro­ject titled "Building Capabilities for Social Progress: A Partnership for Leadership Development," to be developed in collaboration with Harvard University's David Rockefeller Center of Latin American Studies.

The grant has been awarded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education through the Department of Education's U.S.-Brazil Higher Education Consortium Program, which also includes the University of Sao Paulo and the Pontifical Catholic University in Rio de Janeiro, both of which have received similar federal funding through the Fundaçao Coordenaçao de Aperfeiçamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior in Brazil. The consortium, titled "Building Capabilities for Social Progress," will work to develop a program of comparative study of innovation to assist the poor in the United States and Brazil with the aim of strengthen­

ing international collaboration between the two countries. Each university will contribute expertise in social analysis and provide access to public and private agencies working with de­veloped groups in diverse set­tings.

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Study: ND sends more students abroad
Special to the Observer

Notre Dame has the second­highest percentage of students participating in study abroad programs among American research universities, according to a recently released report from the Institute of International Education.

In 1999-2000, the most recent academic year for which statistics are available, 37 percent of Notre Dame stu­dents participated in study pro­grams in other countries. Yeshiva University in New York City ranked first in the report with a 38.8 percent participation rate.

Virtually all of Yeshiva's study abroad students partici­pate in the university's S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program. Notre Dame offers international study programs in 17 nations worldwide: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Chile, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, and Spain.

"The value of our study abroad programs has never been higher," said Michael Francis, Notre Dame's assis­tant provost for international s­tudies. "In the wake of the Sep. 11 terrorist attacks, it's more important than ever for students to experience differ­ent cultures, develop mutu­al understandings, and build stronger connections with men and women from other nations.

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U.S. expands war on terrorism: American and Philippine military officers in Manila began preparing joint operations today against a Muslim extremist group linked to Al Qaeda in the southern Philippines. An American advance team is on the ground, and officials today created a joint command for the mission.

Powell begins peace push: Secretary of State Colin Powell arrived in Islamabad on the first leg of a South Asian peace shuttle to defuse a stand-off between the nuclear rivals. India's navy chief said forces were ready for war.

3 killed at Virginia law school: A struggling law school student who had just been suspended went on a shooting spree at the school Wednesday, killing the dean, a professor and a student before he was wrestled to the ground, school officials and witnesses said. Three students also were critically wounded in the hail of gunfire at the downtown spectacle of feuding agitators, bellowed hatreds and occasional punch-outs that followed hatreds and occasional punch-outs that today created a joint command for the mission.

Racial protests converge in York, PA: Just as this blue-collar city tries to face up toऔर की दिशा में काउंटर किया जाना चाहिए।

Danville schools to display motto: Framed prints of the nation's motto, "In God We Trust," are set to be displayed in this central Indiana town's schools under a proposal approved by the local school board. "It's our national motto. It's not all different from having the flag in the classroom," Danville Superintendent John McKinney told The Indianapolis Star for a story published on Wednesday. Meanwhile, a proposal to require public schools statewide to display the motto is before the Senate Education Committee.

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Kabul bans opium trafficking

A drug addict begs for money to buy heroin in Peshawar, Pakistan, where the price dropped to 30 U.S. cents a gram after Afghanistan's former ruling Taliban leaders lifted all restrictions on growing opium poppies.

Fired Enron auditor questioned

Congressional investigators questioned auditors at the firm's Houston office and ordered "an expended effort to destroy documents" on Oct. 23, the day after Enron disclosed that the S.E.C. had begun its inquiry, the firm said. The destruction apparently did not end until Mr. Duncan's assistant sent an e-mail message to other secretaries on Nov. 9 that said "stop the shredding," the firm said. Andersen had received a subpoena from the S.E.C. the day before.

This afternoon, Mr. Duncan was questioned in a private meeting with lawyers and staff members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The committee has not yet released details of that meeting, but committee officials and lawyers for Mr. Duncan said he was expected to cooperate with the investigation.

Also today, the White House disclosed that before Enron's collapse, Lawrence B. Lindsey, President Bush's top economic adviser, studied the impact the company's downfall might have on the economy.
FRANCE

Concorde report cites runway debris as crash cause

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush warned on Wednesday that Argentina will face a "bleak and stagnant future," unless it embraces international trade and other free-market economic policies amid a devastating recession.

Mr. Bush said that U.S. aid through global lending institutions will come only after Argentina assembles a long-term economic plan.

Bush also said he will propose an increase of almost $50 million in the American contribution to World Bank programs that help the poorest countries. On hemisphere matters, Bush said he will press for free-trade agreements with Central American countries, which could pave the way for the Free Trade Area of the Americas that Bush seeks.

Argentina President Eduardo Duhalde also has expressed interest in pursuing that hemisphere free-trade zone.

Bush said sharp words for Duhalde, a fierce critic of Argentina's last decade of free-market reforms that brought growth but often failed to close the gap between the few rich and the legions of poor. Bush answered that "free markets and open trade are the best weapons against poverty, disease and tyranny."

The report said a Continental Airlines DC-10 shed a piece of metal known as a wear strip onto a runway that the ill-fated Concorde later used for takeoff. The strip caused a Concorde tire to burst, propelling rubber debris into the fuel tanks and sparking a fuel leak and fire that brought the plane down. The loss of the metal piece "unquestionably played a role in the Concorde crash," the report said.

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"Those who promise painless transition to market-based reform, and open trade are the best weapons against poverty, disease and tyranny," the report said.

Bush did not specify what "half-measures" concerned him. But he offered a litany of steps he said lead to "success in the global marketplace": free trade, privatizing inefficient state firms, fiscal discipline.

He pledged unspecified help through institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, once Argentina has committed to a "sound and sustainable economic plan." The United States is the largest shareholder in the IMF and has great sway on its financial decisions.

Bush administration officials have all but ruled out direct aid like a $20 billion bailout.

A Concorde jet from the Air France fleet takes off. The supersonic jet is the same type that crashed in July 2000, killing 113 people.

Britton noted the report said that Continental's overseas maintenance subcontractors also should be examined. He said the wear strip was installed on June 11, 2000, by a contractor, Israel Aircraft Industries, under Continental supervision. It was replaced July 9, 2000, by a Continental mechanic in Houston.

"Once we discovered the wear strip was missing, we introduced supplemental procedures to ensure wear strip installation was secure in the future," Britton said.

The report also cited a number of weaknesses in the way French air carrier Air France maintained its fleet of Concorde. Although the report stressed that the deficiencies were not to blame for the crash.

"The technical investigation brought to light various malfunctions relating to the operation of the aircraft, for example the failure of the Concorde's emergency fuel system and control systems." The report added that the accident was due to the loss of the winglet and fire caused by a Concorde's maintenance.

"An inquiry to the BEA to establish the cause of the accident, but we disagree strongly with the findings in their report," the report said. Continental spokesman Nick Britton in London.

Britton said the incident "may never be the cause of the loss of an aircraft."

"All our maintenance has been in accordance with FAA regulations and manufacturers' procedures," he said.

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2001 marked by low inflation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Consumer inflation slowed to 1.6 percent in 2001, just half the increase of the previous year, in one of the few benefits

provided shoppers with bargains on everything from

gasoline to computers.

The modest advance in the Labor Department’s Consumer Price Index, a closely watched inflation gauge, came after consumer prices jumped 3.4

percent in 2000, the largest increase in a decade, the gov­

ernment reported Wednesday.

While a double-digit rise in energy prices led that spike, a

dramatic decline in those prices played a key role in the significantly lower inflation reading for 2001. Prices for other items also fell or didn’t

go up as much, contributing to the moderation.

"Consumers are getting a break, as lower inflation is not picking their pockets," said Stuart

Hoffman, chief econo­
mist at PNC Financial

Services Group.

Low infla­
nation is one of the slowed economy’s few silver lin­
gings for con­

sumers. Companies, facing sag­
ging demand, have heavily dis­
counted merchandise and offered more financing and other incentives to lure cus­
utomers.

In December, consumer prices edged down 0.2 percent

and in November, they were flat.

But the damage of the ailing economy, which slid into reces­sion in March, could be seen in another report.

After increasing 4.5 percent in 2000, industrial production sank 3.9 percent last year, the biggest annual drop since 1982, when the country was in the depths of its worst reces­
sion since the Great Depression, the Federal Reserve said.

Manufacturing, hardest hit by the economic slump, have
tried to cope by cutting produc­
tion and letting

to people go.

In December, industrial activ­

ty dipped only 0.1 percent after a steep 0.4

percent drop the month before. The smaller decline, along with an increase in automobile produc­tion last month, led some economists to believe manufac­turing could be on the mend.

"For manufacturers to recover fully, however, businesses will have to crank up investment again, and foreign companies and con­

sumers must increase their spending on American-made goods, boosting U.S. exports, economists said.

On Wall Street, worries that a recovery would take longer than expected sent stock prices tum­

bling. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 211.85 points to close at 9,717.7.

In a third report, businesses reduced their inventories of unsold goods by 1 percent in November even as sales fell 1.4

percent, the Commerce Department said.

The report indicated busi­

nesses continued to make progress whittling excess sup­
plies, which economists said is necessary to set the stage for increasing production.

"Inven­tories are flying out of the warehous­
es, off the shelves and out dealer lots," said economist Ken Mayland, president of GearView Economics.

To revive the economy, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates 11 times last year. Many analysts believe the rate reduc­tions will fuel a recovery this year.

A nationwide survey of busi­

ness conditions released by the Fed on Wednesday found "scattered reports of improve­
ment" with production up at auto plants and consumer spending posting gains in late December and early January.

The survey also said business executives were hopeful for a rebound by midyear. The Fed has been able to cut rates so aggressively because inflation has been low. Last year, energy prices, which had plunged 33 per­

cent, the largest annual decline since 1986, reflecting weak demand amid a worldwide eco­

nomic slump.

3 groups file suit against Boeing Corp.

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Three groups of female

Boeing employees on

Wednesday filed federal

lawsuits against the aerospace giant alleging gender discrimi­
nation, several months after a

similar suit in Seattle was

granted class-action status.

The lawsuits were filed in federal courts in California, Kansas and Missouri by the Seattle law firm Hagens Berman. They also seek to be classified as class-actions.

In October, a suit filed by another Seattle law firm, McNaul Ebel Nawrot Helgren & Vance, was granted class-action status to represent female employees in the Seattle area.

The lawsuits allege Boeing denied women promotions, equal pay and other employment opportuni­

ties because of their gender.

Ken Mercer, a spokesman for Boeing in Chicago, said the company is reviewing the law­
suits and had no immediate comment.

But in general, he said, "Boeing is absolutely commit­
ed to equal opportunities for all of its employees and does not tolerate discrimination of any kind."

Steve Berman, a lawyer rep­

resenting the women, said in a statement that the suits allege Boeing has "deep-seated gen­

der bias within its organiza­tion" and has done little to change its policies.

The lawsuits ask the court to order a halt to discriminatory actions. They also seek back pay, compensatory damages and other punitive damages for the workers.

The law firm said the suits are on behalf of several current and former employees in each state. The plaintiffs cite various examples of incidents they con­
tend reflect gender discrimina­

tion.

• Cheryl Lee Persinger, a technical specialist in Wichita, Kansas, contends she has been passed over for 17 different jobs although she was more qualified.

• Treodola Groz, who was

fired in July from her position as an electrical engineer in the company’s Long Beach, Calif., plant after working there since 1996, alleges she made consid­
erably less money than her male counterparts.

• In 1999, Boeing settled two class-action lawsuits that alleged sex discrimination. In the settlement approved by a U.S. District Court judge in Seattle, the company agreed to spend $15 million to compen­
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The Mirror newspaper reported receiving a rambling phone call from Ant from inside the hospital.

"They’ve put me in the ‘Alice in Wonderland’ ward because they think I’m crazy,” the tabloid quoted Ant as saying. "The whole thing is a conspiracy and I don’t know how to get to me. I’m not mad.”

The singer, famous for his painted face and flamboyant dress sense, scored a string of hits with albums including “Stand and Deliver,” “Prince Charming,” and “Goody Two Shoes.” He was also campaigned to headline a 1980s nostalgia tour this spring.
Column

Screensers deserve congratulations

Last week, Michigan Rep. John Dingell was stopped in the Reagan National Airport because his fake hip kept going off in the metal detectors. OK, nothing can't be resolved. The "problem" came when the security personnel (known as screeners) asked Dingell to step aside and remove the knee brace he was wearing. His shoes and then his socks (regrettably) were scanned as well. But then the worst (as I am sure the politicians think) happened. Dingell and the screeners went to a separate room where Dingell dropped his pants and was scanned with a handheld metal detector. Dingell cooperated, but later said to his wife, according to an article in the Washington Post, "Woman, do you realize what they made me do?"

My question is this — no —

Two weeks ago, I was subject to two random searches, once entering the airport and once boarding the plane, at the Sea-Tac International Airport in Seattle. Granted, I didn't have to strip down, but I felt better about flying because they were checking the passengers so thoroughly. That's how people who are upset about the situation feel secure. But no, they are busy whining about rights and whininess. Have they forgotten about Sept. 11 already? Security is called security for one reason — to make things secure. If that means strip-searching Dubya or Dick Cheney (my confidences to the one who has to do so), then I am all for it.

The point is that it shouldn't matter what race, religion, etc. you are when it comes to airport security, or anything else for that matter, especially after Sept. 11. I always follow one rule, which seems that the screeners at Reagan follow as well. The rule goes something like this:

"If it looks suspicious, it is."

This is a bit distorting coming from our transportation sec­retary. Shouldn't he be defending the actions of the screeners since they are in a service, in a sense, their employers?

Northern Star

Viewpoint

Student family housing is not adequate

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Mauritania gets running water and the Internet

The major theme of last semester's columns was my life with lack of running water. Before I even got to the airport, the Mauritians and Peace Corps staff kept telling me that the city of Toulde would get running water soon. There were even faucets spotted throughout the village. At first I was hopeful. But the longer I lived here the more I became resigned to the prospect that I may get running water in my last few months of service.

Then a miracle happened. A couple of weeks ago, as I walked to my friends for lunch I saw someone turn on the faucets and water actually came out. I stopped. I watched in awe throughout the village. At first I thought the water would get running water soon. There were even faucets spaced intermittently waiting in line, watching a part of me liked going to well a woman called me water, on my way to the couple of weeks ago. I resigned to the prospect that I would miss." I was hopeful. But the longer I lived here the more I became died between the start of bombing that at least 3,767 Afghan civilians have died. Unfortunately, the dossier is the only document I have encountered that attempts to estimate the total civilian casualties in Afghanistan. Technology is coming in such a way that decades of technological development — and in some cases the entire twentieth century — were skipped over. My village of 2,000 people and I are a luxury of the rich or of people whose relatives work at the water company. I still walk on the verge of running water, cell phones and internet capabilities all in the same year.

By my second trip that morning I decided to stop. I set my bucket down, turned the faucet and watched as a clear liquid came out. I was used to cloudy water on good days and brown water on bad. Before "running water" I walked 300 yards and used a well bucket. I guess it is all relative, but I feel spoiled. I have only lived here for eight months, yet running water in Toulde is just one example of the changes within Mauritania. Technology is coming in such a way that decades of technological development — and in some cases the entire twentieth century — were skipped over. My village of 2,000 people and I are a luxury of the rich or of people whose relatives work at the water company.

Instead of malfunctions, on a wider scale, Mauritanian people have walked on the moon. I have even asked how long the drive is From America to Africa. They do not understand the concept of photo manipulation so anything they see, most will believe. This is an interesting time to be here in a country on the verge of running water and Internet.

Maite Uranga
Life in Africa

Afghan civilian casualties need recognition

In December, Marc W. Herold, an economics professor and former senior advisor to the United States government, published a paper titled "A Dossier on Civilian Victims of the United States' Aerial Bombing of Afghanistan: A Comprehensive Accounting." This paper, which contained an estimated 2,000 pages of data and eyewitness accounts, illustrated the extent of civilian casualties in Afghanistan.

The paper included estimates that at least 3,767 Afghan civilians died between the start of the bombing on Oct. 7 and Dec. 6. I do not know how close Herold's estimate comes to reality. I would hope that it is not far off, but certainly some number of civilians have died. Unfortunately, the dossier is the only document I have encountered that attempts to estimate the total civilian casualties in the American-Afghan conflict. Individual reports of civilian casualties in the American mainstream media are few. As Herold notes, they are usually accompanied by the disclaimer that "the report is based on independently verified." Yet the media have made no substantive efforts to independently verify them.

Questions remain regarding the morality and necessity of such "counterterrorism," as the Pentagon views it. Many of the civilians had been proportional, moral or necessary? Though I have doubts, I welcome frank discussion with those who claim these three criteria have been met.

I will not tolerate the U.S. mainstream media's reluctance to cover civilian casualties in Afghanistan. I do not believe that it is a valid criticism that Afghan lives lost in the bombing serve our national interests. By refusing to publish this, the press is allowing the American public to hide behind a curtain of silence. The public needs to be aware of the extent of civilian deaths.

Morality is often a sticking point for those who claim the bombing was justified by the need to prevent further terrorist attacks. But, we cannot popularize evil and use it as leverage for future actions.

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Let's Talk to the Editor

Willingham is what Notre Dame needs

After viewing the press conference introducing Tyrone Willingham as the new Irish head coach, I felt much better about the decision that had been made in the wake of the embarrassing O'Leary debacle.

Despite the obvious pressures of recruiting at an Ivy League-caliber school, I was still skeptical about the winning percentage of Coach Willingham at Stanford, a good football school, but not elite.

I enjoyed a sense of confidence after hearing him speak to reporters, however. He portrayed himself as a man of class and virtue, and he emphasized winning at all levels of the student-athlete experience. He has shown in his short tenure that he is what Notre Dame needs to move past its troubled recent history.

Jon Gruden or Steve Mariucci were the fantasies of many, mostly due to the media attention they received, but no one should be disappointed with the hiring decision. Coach Willingham will bring Notre Dame back to where it belongs by leading a championship caliber team that will also be the most respected group in college football.

Paul Zederbaum
Coast-to-Coast
Jan. 16, 2002

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defense officials claim loss of 
civilian life and limb to be a nec-

essary part of military action, and 

that this action was taken to protect 

America. We exchanged their 

slaughter for the greater good. Why then should we hide or minimize civilian deaths? 

For one, our leaders' refusal to acknowled-
g the extent of civilian casualties 

reduces criticism of their campaign 

from the American public. But it also 

offers inspirational fodder for 
those who would follow maniacs 

like bin Laden. America's fail-
ure to account for deaths should be 

interpreted as indifference toward 

people of the Third World. 

The best course of action would be to treat 

Afghan civilian casualties with the 

gravity and respect their tragic 

loss deserves by including 
them in coverage of the current 
campaign. Only with all the evi-
dence out in the open can we hope 

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"Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring"

Go see this movie. Now, later, today, tomorrow, whenever — "The Lord of the Rings" is a worthy film at every turn, and especially thrilling on the big screen. Director Peter Jackson and the combined genius of concept artists, cinematographers and computer graphics render the New Zealand landscapes as fantastic portraits. The film virtually sings of magnificent kingdoms, unearthly creatures and lost Solo便利店. The strength of the film lies in the endearment of his family and wife, Etheline (Angolina Houston).

Jackson's cast only serves to enhance the enchanting scenery in which they play. Sir Ian McKellen brings a sober vitality to his complex role as Gandalf, and Elijah Wood is equally acute as the protagonist Frodo. While the rest of the cast is also noteworthy, perhaps the most engaging supporting role comes from Sir Ian Holm in his rendition of the hobbit Bilbo. Holm's scenes reveal a tormented soul teetering on the brink of madness and oblivion, darkening the narrative and yet enriching it at the same time.

Above all, the substance of the film, J.R.R. Tolkien's books, shines through as the most prominent and essential aspect. Tolkien fans may be surprised by a few additions and subtractions, but Jackson and his screenwriters manage to preserve the overall integrity of the original story line. Even Tolkien's Christian overtones are embedded in the narrative and remain intact. "The Lord of the Rings" is truly that rare thing: a great story made into a great film.

"A Beautiful Mind"

Director Ron Howard bridges excellent chemistry with an intriguing plot to make "A Beautiful Mind" one of the best films of 2001. In a year that was mediocre at best until the holiday rush, this movie sets itself apart with its psychological twists and turns that delve deeply into the mind of a schizophrenic.

The film tells the true story of mathematician John Forbes Nash, Jr. (Russell Crowe). While studying rigorously at Princeton, Nash finally succeeds in finding an original theory of equilibrium, laying the foundation for the game theory of economics. His subsequent dealings with the government in its Cold War efforts have a mysterious effect and question what Nash is really up to. During this time, he marries Alicia (Jennifer Connelly) and soon she becomes pregnant.

Nash's fall from grace commences as he is diagnosed with schizophrenia. He is hospitalized and put on an intense medication. His courage to return to a normal life despite his disorder is the focus of the remainder of the film. Ultimately, Nash becomes a character who possesses not only a keen intellect, but also a sense of compassion, bravery and dedication that transcend the mathematical equations for which he won the Nobel Prize.

The chemistry between Crowe and Connelly is first-rate. As Nash approaches a crisis, his already paranoid husband and a newborn baby, Crowe's intense performance showcases his acting ability and goes far beyond the epic hero he played in "Gladiator." It would not be surprising if both were nominated for Oscars.

"All"

With "All," Michael Mann chooses to focus in on only one decade of the boxer's epic life story. The years between 1964 and 1974 were the most turbulent of Ali's career and it is no overstatement to say that Mann succeeds in creating a film that celebrates Ali's determination and steadfast beliefs, two qualities that made him one the most revered figures in history.

For an actor, portraying Muhammad Ali is a trickiest of roles. A balance must be found between giving an emotionally honest performance while also evoking the sounds and mannerisms of a man who has been documented all his life. Thankfully, Will Smith nails Ali's distinct mannerisms and boxing style to near perfection. The fight sequences, though, are the film's highlights. The rapid-fire editing and quick bursts of blurred slow motion stand in visually for what it must have been like to be in the ring.

Considering the pressure and high levels of expectation Mann probably felt as he began to tackle this project, it's not hard to see why the film is ultimately so unfulfilling. By attempting to juggle everyone's expectations, Mann shows his expertise by still making a mildly pleasing film that, unfortunately, never lands a knockout.
from Hollywood

managed to spread some holiday cheer of its own

"Vanilla Sky" is a thriller in which the audience is not participatory in piecing together the mystery.

In the film, Sofia (Penelope Cruz) entices David (Tom Cruise) to forgo his vain, womanizing existence for a chance at true love.

David immediately dissolves his relationship with the volatile Julie (Cameron Diaz), who upon hearing the news of his switch, which has no apparent motive, but whose gene-condition. His shattered vanity catalyzes a dangerous psychological construction.

After the crash, the paves of "Vanilla Sky" crawls with blackluster scenes exploring David's deteriorating mental condition. His shattered vanity catalyzes a dangerous psychological construction.

"Vanilla Sky" unites two underdeveloped romances with a conclusion that is anticlimactic instead of thrilling. The film explores too much ground, trying to incorporate into a single film the impingement of technology on the moral and social order, the problems of life as a dream, and the discovery of true love. In the end, it does not add new or interesting ideas to any of these premises.

"Ocean's Eleven" blends the structure and flow of a "Mission Impossible" movie with the feel of previous Soderbergh features "Out of Sight" and "The Limey." The time the director forges imaginative cinematography for a slicker look, reinforcing the smooth operation of the heist itself.

The movie pays off all of its tense moments with its brilliant re-imagization of the 1960s plot, adding computer wizardry and a comic cast to make things both action-packed and well scripted. Ultimately, "Ocean's Eleven" doesn't challenge the intellectual properties of the mind, but it's still a fun way to spend a couple hours.

"Gosford Park" showcases the assured direction of Robert Altman, starring a who's who of talented name actors.

Audrey Tautou plays the lovable lead in the whimsical French film, "Amelie."

"The Majestic" is the story of Peter Appleton (Jim Carrey), a screenwriter who is blacklisted by the major studios during the 1951 House Un-American Activities probe. While out bewailing his excommunication, Peter drives his car -off a bridge, only to wash up on a beach in a small town with no memory of who he is. The residents of the town mistake him for Luke Trimble, the last bystander presumed dead of harry Trimble (Martin Landau). While Peter attempts to rediscover his past, he walks into the lives of several townpeople, including Luke's only love, Sandra (Amanda Detmer).

"The Majestic," directed by Frank Darabont ("The Shawshank Redemption"), is littered with problematic moments, including its attempt to revive historic events in order to promote its message of freedom and bravery. However, any audience that is willing to suspend their disbelief for the 120-minute running time will find a very Frank Capra-esque universe that is comforting in its construction.

In the end, the plot presents little more than a back- n eyed structure about the amnesia condition, but Carey and Landau do their best to make the characters they portray likable.

"Ocean's Eleven" does not overindulge in the genre's customary allotment of sappiness, making this a date movie that is accessible to both men and women.

"In the Bedroom" is an emotionally charged story about a couple confronting the schism that is slowly developing within their relationship. Tom Wilkinson and Sissy Spacek do their best to make the characters they portray believably human.

Director Todd Field does a remarkable job capturing the authenticity of the movie becomes difficult to watch.

Despite notions that films like this exist without any purpose except to make the audience feel empty by their construction, "In the Bedroom" challenges its audience to participate in a manner not seen in most Hollywood films these days.

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Over the next few weeks, American audiences will see the wide releases of several other 2001 Hollywood films that are currently playing in select major cities. These include the Ridley Scott's gritty war epic "Black Hawk Down," Sean Penn's "I Am Sam," the genre blending "Brotherhood of the Wolf," and the rare drama "Monster's Ball," starring Oscar buzzers Halle Berry and Billy Bob Thornton.
John Henry (from left), Tom Werner and Larry Lucchino, shown here at a Dec. 21 press conference, are members of the group cleared to buy Boston Red Sox for $700 million. The deal was approved by baseball owners Wednesday.

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Lucchino and Mitchell, the incoming owners read statements from each of the Russians, who have not won a World Series since they traded Babe Ruth to the hated Yankees.

Reilly said he expects the sale to close in mid-to-late February. The approval set in motion deals for Henry to sell the Red Sox to the Yawkey Trust for money to finance his Broadway musical, "No, No, Nanette."

Thomas Yawkey bought the team from J.A. Robert Quinn in 1918 and when Thomas Yawkey died in 1976, his wife took over.

When Jean Yawkey died, she willed all her holdings to her husband, who was the most likely to gain quick approval, was not at the meeting. "There may not seem obvious at the moment, but running this team is one of the greatest jobs in the world," Harrington said in a statement. "The most important aspect of this approval is that new ownership, who know the game, will be in place and in control by opening day. Winning teams don't happen by accident and they don't happen overnight. Our time to turn this around with Henry and his group to get moving."

The sale of the Red Sox will mark the first time since 1933 the Yawkey name isn't associated with the team.

The Red Sox, who lost the World Series in 1918, had six owners from 1901-33, most notably Harry Frazee, infamous for selling Ruth to the Yankees for money to finance his Broadway musical, "No, No, Nanette."

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Educated by Holy Cross

By Fr. Bill Wack, CSC, Director, Freshman Retreat Program

For those of you who attended a Catholic high school, you may know that your school probably had a certain "charism" or feel to it. Many congregations and orders such as the Jesuits, Marists, Dominicans, Christian Brothers, and others attempt to pass on to the students in their schools specific values and disciplines - both inside and outside the classroom. But what about the Congregation of Holy Cross (the congregation which founded and runs or sponsors the University of Notre Dame, St. Mary's College, and Holy Cross College as well as dozens of high schools and colleges around the world)? What is it about these places that is distinctively "Holy Cross"?

There are about fifty Holy Cross high schools, colleges, and universities around the world. They are located in India, Chile, Brazil, Peru, Bangladesh, Africa, Canada and the United States. Of all of them, Notre Dame has the most international recognition.

Though it may not always be evident in every place, there are several marks of a "Holy Cross education", as introduced by our founder, Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC. Among these are the following:

1) In Holy Cross schools there is a great deal of emphasis placed on forming and maintaining community. We try to do this in our high schools by focusing on how our decisions and actions affect others. Also, we are challenged to see others not just as students, faculty, and staff, but also as brothers and sisters in the Lord. At our colleges and universities, Holy Cross prides itself on fostering community through residential living, especially in halls on campus. As Bishop Daniel Jenky, CSC, writes in a recent article, "From the very beginning Holy Cross religious were never intended to be confined to the classroom alone. They were challenged by Moreau to share their lives as well as their learning. It is a vision of education unique to Holy Cross and traceable to Fr. Moreau's own understanding that a Holy Cross educator's role is more than providing classroom instruction but to help students to discover their deepest longings in life as disciples of Jesus Christ."

2) Moreau also was a champion of the modern liturgical movement, and believed that liturgy should be at the heart of any Holy Cross school. Accordingly, the Eucharist is celebrated daily in all of our schools, from large "all-school" Masses to small liturgies in our residence hall chapels. We also hope to pass on to our students a love of liturgy and a sense of responsibility to celebrate the sacraments well in their parishes at home.

3) Schools run or sponsored by Holy Cross priests, brothers, and sisters attempt to promote service as a way to respond to the invitation of Christ, who sent his disciples out to preach, heal, and teach. There are many opportunities available to the community, both on campus and off, during one's academic career and long afterwards. Further, our students should be taught to think of themselves as servants of the rest. Fr. Moreau wrote, "I have always been convinced that the first duty of any teacher is to produce Christians; society has a greater need for people of values than it has for scholars."

4) We hope to foster collaboration of religious and laypeople for the common purpose of furthering the mission. Holy Cross was founded to assist parishes and schools in teaching all of God's people the Gospel of Christ. To that end, the priests, brothers, and sisters of Holy Cross work side by side with women and men of good will for the building up the Kingdom.

There are many objectives Holy Cross has in sponsoring high schools, colleges, and universities. Some of these are evident, some are not so obvious. Sometimes we are blessed by a tremendous amount of success; sometimes we fail at achieving these goals. But we press on as 'educators in the faith', more hopeful than ever that God's will be done in and through us. All of us at Notre Dame, St. Mary's, and Holy Cross College - students, faculty, staff, clergy, lay, and religious - can benefit from Fr. Moreau's vision of what a true Christian education is all about.
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Free agents sign contracts

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Pedro Astacio landed with the New York Mets on Wednesday and Eric Young signed with the Milwaukee Brewers as the slow-moving free-agent market pushed forward. Meanwhile, Jermaine Dye agreed to a $32 million, three-year contract with Oakland, one of seven deals among the 90 players who filed for salary arbitration a day earlier.

Minnesota right-hander Joe Mays got a $20 million, four-year contract, and Detroit right-hander Danny Patterson agreed to a $7 million, three-year deal.

Four players agreed to one-year contracts:

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But Astacio had a partial tear in his right shoulder and, after going 2-1 with a 3.14 ERA for the Astros, did not pitch again.

Astacio, 32, finished the season at 8-14 with a 5.09 ERA in 26 starts for the Rockies and Astros.

The Mets watched Astacio pitch four times in the Dominican Republic winter league. The team brought him to New York for an MRI exam on Wednesday.

"He's loose and pain-free," Phillips said. "He clearly didn't have a sure arm."

Young, a second baseman, batted .279 with six home runs, 42 RBIs and 31 stolen bases last season.

"Eric is a quality, proven lefty hitter," general manager Dean Taylor said. "He is a guy who knows how to get on base."

Dye, acquired by Oakland from Kansas City in a July trade, could have earned a $400,000, one-year contract if he's healthy.

"We're in the second half of the season now, we're getting into real critical games and we have to be more responsible defensively," Carolina general manager Jim Rutherford said. "We have to have a little more energy and a little more grit."

"We're in the second half of the season and we're starting to put up a tremendous amount of numbers and to create things that early and it cost us defensively," Carolina coach Paul Maurice said. "He wasn't able to do things this year and it cost us defensively a bit and his confidence went and he had a hard time getting that back."

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NBA
Cuban works at Dairy Queen for two hours

♦ Owner honors promise to ice cream parlor

Associated Press

COPPELL, Texas

Trying desperately to perfect the curvy tip on a soft-serve cone, Mark Cuban licked the remains of another failed effort from his fingertips and handed the messy treat to an excited 3-year-old boy.

That was about the only thing that went wrong Wednesday when the billionaire owner of the Dallas Mavericks worked two hours behind a Dairy Queen counter, making good on a promise to manage the fast-food restaurant.

The company's offer came in response to Cuban's assertion that he wouldn't hire Ed Rush, the NBA's head of officiating, "to manage a Dairy Queen."

The league fined Cuban $500,000 for the comment, a record for an individual. For about $650,000, Cuban could've bought a startup Dairy Queen.

So, after doing the job himself, does he still think Rush could've bought a startup Dairy Queen?

"I'd love to send Parrish up to in tern with Rush and have him meet with the Colts at an undisclosed location either Wednesday night or Thursday. He was uncertain if the meeting would ever happen.

But he did take his temporary job seriously. He arrived at 6 a.m., after flying home from a Mavericks game in Atlanta, and began training by 6:30.

Kim Skefflington, a regional field consultant whose duties include working with new managers, spent about two hours teaching him the finer points of curving soft serves and mixing a frozen dessert.

James Kelly, who waited about two hours to be first in line, ordered a strawberry version of the dessert—which Skefflington made—then had Cuban sign a novelty $1 million bill.

"What I can confirm is that we had contact with Cuban and Carolinas today and interviews will be forth­ coming," Anderson said. "We certainly appreciate the chance to talk to Indianapolis and Carolina."

Dungy was fired as Tampa Bay's coach Monday night after going 54-42 and leading the Buccaneers to four playoff appearances in six years. He also guided Tampa Bay to the 1999 NFC Championship game, where the Buccaneers lost to eventual Super Bowl champion St. Louis.

Colts president Bill Polian has said he will not comment on the coaching search until Thursday. Team spokesman Craig Kelley, citing team policy, declined comment on the search Wednesday night.

"We certainly appreciate the chance to talk to Indianapolis and Carolina."

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INDIANAPOLIS

The Indianapolis Colts sched­uled interviews with former Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy and New York Jets defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell, agents for the two coaches told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Joe Linta said his client, Cottrell, was expected to meet with the Colts at an undisclosed location either Wednesday night or Thursday. He was uncertain if the meeting would ever happen.

"We're going to let people proceed as they deem appropriate, and we're looking forward to meeting with them," Cottrell said. "The Colts were granted permission to speak with Cottrell, who is still under contract to the Jets, on Monday.

Cottrell has spent 18 seasons in the NFL, 11 of those with Buffalo, including three seasons while Polian was the Bills' general manager during the 1980s.

Cottrell's second stint with the Bills was 1994-2000 and he spent his last three seasons in Buffalo as the defensive coordinator. With Cottrell in charge, the Bills ranked No. 1 in 1999 and No. 3 in 2000 before he left for New York.

"He's flat­tered," Linta said. "Being in control of the show somewhere is something every guy dreams of, that's why you work your rear end off for 20 years.

Last year, Cottrell interviewed for head coaching jobs in Buffalo, where he lost out to Gregg Williams, and with the Jets, who selected Herman Edwards.

But the Indianapolis job, Linta said, may be Cottrell's most attractive option.

"I think Indianapolis is more camera ready," Linta said. "The offense is in pretty good shape and they have some good players on defense, too. They just need someone to get them playing together.

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**Boone will stay with Mariners**

Seattle's Bret Boone is ready to stay put.

The second baseman agreed to a $25 million, three-year contract Wednesday to remain with the Seattle Mariners.

Boone had been eligible for a one-year contract in salary arbitration, but he decided to sign a multiyear deal instead.

He had played with four teams over the last four seasons, including helping Seattle to a record 116 wins in 2001.

"I was sick of renting houses," Boone said. "When you're on a year-to-year you don't know where you'll be. From day one, Seattle's been the place I wanted to play."

His deal contains a team option for 2005 that would become guaranteed if he has about 400 plate appearances in the previous year. The contract would be worth $33 million over four seasons.

Boone decided to test the market as a free agent after last season. When there were no blockbuster offers from other teams, he was happy to stay where he had his best season.

Boone, 32, finished third in the American League MVP voting last year after setting All-Star records for second basemen in home runs and RBIs. He hit 331 with 36 homers and 141 RBIs.

He won't guarantee a repeat of those numbers — but is plenty confident he can provide similar production.

"I think last year was a big year for me, not just from a numbers standpoint, but learning," Boone said Wednesday night in a conference call from his home in Orlando, Fla. "I think something just kind of clicked with me last year. I think I can keep this kind of pace up. I can't explain how or why, it's just a feeling."

"I feel I can put up these kinds of numbers year in and year out."

The Associated Press

**Gators beat up Tigers 102-70**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Brett Nelson equaled his career-high with 26 points Wednesday night to help No. 2 Florida beat LSU 102-70 and match a school record with its 11th straight Southeastern Conference victory.

Nelson wasn't the only one setting personal bests for the Gators (11-5, 4-0). Orien Greene had 14 points and 11 assists, both career-highs, and Udoni Haslem matched his career-high with 16 rebounds to go with his 20 points.

Florida shut out 60 percent of the field and extended its school-record winning streak to 14 games. The Gators' No. 2 ranking is the highest in school history.

The loss was a startling defeat for LSU (11-5, 2-2), and Tigers coach John Brady had the right idea: He got ejected with 17:52 remaining after refusing to move from center court when referee John Clougherty hit him with his first technical foul.

Before his ejection, Brady was the only form of entertainment the Tigers could offer. He yelled at players, officials, his own assistants, and at one point, got so angry, he raised his heels to his chest, put both feet on the edge of his chair and screamed in frustration.

Much of his anger was directed at LSU's biggest star, Collis Temple III. Temple had 15 points, but they were all meaningless. The team's leading scorer this season was invisible — both on the court and on the score sheet — until LSU trailed 58-35 with 16:06 left.

Florida had too many high lights to list.

The Tigers were James White's steal and hip-twisting dunk. David Lee's two-hand dunk off a pass from Nelson, who went to the floor and scraped hard for a loose ball — even though his team was ahead by 29 points.

It was enough to make Florida fans forget that the Gators were without starting guard Justin Hamilton, who separated his shoulder Sunday against Vanderbilt.

Ronald Dupree led the Tigers with 19 points and eight rebounds.

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**MLB**

**NHL**

**All-Star reserves named**

Jerome Iginla, the league's leading scorer, was selected to a North American reserve Wednesday for February's NHL All-Star game.

Iginla, the Calgary Flames right wing who leads the NHL with 29 goals and 53 points, will be making his All-Star debut.

Boston's Joe Thornton, who ranks second in points with 31 and Chicago's Eric Daze, second in assists with 46, were entering play Wednesday, will also make their All-Star debuts as reserves for the North American team.

Washington defender Sergei Gonchar, who leads all NHL defensemen in scoring, heads the list of players added to the World Team.

Gonchar has 17 goals and is on pace to become the first defenseman in nine years to post a 30-goal campaign.

Two players from the host Los Angeles Kings, forward Zigmond Palffy and defenseman Jaroslav Modry, also were selected to the World Team.

Other first-time All-Stars for the North American team are Minnesota goaltender Jose Theodore, New Jersey defense man Brian Rafalski and Florida defense man Wade Redden and New York Islanders forward Mark Parrish.

Others named to the North American team were Phoenix goaltender Sean Burke, Vancouver defense man Ed Jovanovski, New York Rangers defense man Brian Leetch, Rangers forward Mike Theodore, Anaheim forward Paul Kariya, Pittsburgh forward Mario Lemieux, Philadelphia forward Jeremy Roenick and Colorado forward Joe Sakic.

Kariya is an All-Star for the sixth time, but the first as a reserve.

"It's good enough — especially after the way the first half of the season went," Kariya said.

I didn't pay much attention to it because I had a lot of concerns here with our team to worry about whether I was picked to the All-Star Game."

"If I didn't get invited, I would have never played the rest," he added. "But anybody you're selected to the All-Star Game, it's a huge honor."

The roster additions were selected by the NHL's Hockey Operations Department, after consultation with League General Managers.

Rounding out the World Team reserves are Toronto defenseman Tomas Kaberle, Chicago forward Alexei Zhamnov, Carolina forward Sami Kapanen, Edmonton goalie Tommy Salo, Buffalo defense man Alexei Zhitnik, St. Louis forward Pavol Demitra and New Jersey forward Patrik Elias.

The North American starters, announced Saturday, are Toronto goalie Curtis Joseph, Colorado defense man Rob Blake, St. Louis defense man Chris Pronger, Detroit forward Brendan Shanahan and San Jose forwards Owen Nolan and Vincent Damphousse.

Ry, Lemiux and Sakic each will be making his 10th career All-Star game appearance.

Leetch is a nine-time All-Star.

The North American team will be coached by Toronto's Pat Quinn and assisted by Boston's Robbie Ftorek.

The World Team starters are Detroit goalie Dominik Hasek, Detroit defense man Nicklas Lidstrom, Florida defense man Sandis Ozolinsh, San Jose forward Teemu Selanne, Washington forward Jaromir Jagr and Detroit forward Sergei Fedorov.

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Clement exits following loss in early rounds

Associated Press

MELBOROUGH, Australia Arnaud Clement, last year's runner-up, joined the list of players making early exits from the Australian Open, spraying shots wide and long in a loss Thursday to Argentina's Gaston Gaudio.

Gaudio, who had lost in the first round in his last six Grand Slam events, advanced to the third round with a 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (3) victory.

Clement, seeded 12th, mixed up in four of the last five points, netting a forehand in a short-range exchange at the net.

All five of the men's top seeds are gone, and No. 9 Pete Sampras, the U.S. Open runner-up, is the only player left from among the finalists at last year's four Grand Slam titles.

No. 7 Tommy Haas and No. 9 Marat Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open runner-up, joined the list of players out of the first round in his last six Grand Slam events with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3) victory over the Australian Open Panthers Wednesday night.

Justyn Thibault's 16 shots for his fifth straight victory over the Florida Panthers Wednesday night.

The Panthers lost all four games on their homecourt, the last three with leading-scorer Pavel Bure sitting out with a broken left hand.

The Blackhows have won nine of their last 11, and 12 of 17.

Safin saved his 17th game with 10-05 remaining. Using teammate Mike Pechosk as a screen, Zhamnov ripped a straightforward wrist shot past Roberto Luongo, who made 27 saves.

With 5:26 left, Nyländer circled Florida's net and slid a backhander by Luongo. Chicago took a 1-0 first-period lead on Phil Housely's dazzling power-play goal at 11:49. Taking a slap shot, Housely baited Robert Svehla into diving. Skating left around the fallen Svehla, Housely then tucked in a wrist shot high to Luongo's stick side.

Chicago was on a four-minute power play because Ollie Jokinen was called for high-sticking.

Kyle Calder and Eric Daze each had two assists.

Desperate for offense, Florida started defenseman Sandis Ozolinsh, acquired in a trade Wednesday morning with Carolina, center Byron Ritchie, also claimed in the trade, saw limited action.

Canadians 2, Capitals 1

Jose Theodore stopped 28 shots and Jan Bulis and Patrick Brisbois scored second-period goals to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 2-0 win over the Washington Capitals Wednesday night.

Theodore, who was added to the North American team's roster for the All-Star game in Los Angeles on Feb. 2, recorded his 12th career shutout, and fourth of the season.

Bulis scored 4:50 into the second to end Capitals goalie Olaf Kolzig's shutout streak at 164 minutes and 24 seconds.

Brisbois scored his second goal of the season on a power play with 3:00 left in the period. With several key players still out of the lineup — including star right wing Jaromir Jagr — and eight defensemen dressed for the game, Washington coach Ben Wilson once again employed a unique 7-1-2 alignment.

The Captials, who ended the game unbeaten in their last four games (3-0-1), frequently used defensemen Ken Klef and Sergei Gonchar as forwards along with two forwards and two defensemen.

Washington first used the system in a 3-2 tie with Toronto on Jan. 11 before posting 1-0 wins in Florida and over Boston in its last two outings.

Kolzig, who recorded successive shutouts against the Panthers and the Bruins, held Montreal scoreless through the first as the Canadiens outshot the Captials 13-5 in the period.

Bulls, who was playing his second game since missing 20 games with a sprained knee, put Andre Markov's rebound past Kolzig from the slot for his fifth goal of the season to end the Washington goalie's shutout streak.

Brisbois put the Canadiens up by two 17-0 into the second period with a slap shot from the point into the left corner to Kolzig's right.

ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, January 17

5:15 p.m. - ND Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:00 p.m. - Film: crazy/beautiful, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - Drop-in Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center
9:00 p.m. - Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. - Club ND, Alumni Senior Club
10:00 p.m. - 12:45 a.m. - Winterfest Java and Jazz Ice Skating, Joyce Center Fieldhouse

Friday, January 18

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Band Concert & ISSA Welcome Back Event, Alumni Senior Club
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5:15 p.m. - ND Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
6:00 p.m. - ND Men's and Women's Track vs. Ball State, Western Michigan, Loftus Sports Center
6:00 p.m. - Women's Swimming, Dual Invitational Meet, Rolfs Aquatic Center
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Drop-in Badminton, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
7:05 p.m. - ND Ice Hockey vs. Nebraska-Omaha, Joyce Center Fieldhouse
7:30 p.m. - Movies: Jay & Silent Bob and Malratts, DeBartolo 101 and 155
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Open Karaoke, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Comic and Hypnotist, Dale K, Washington Hall

Saturday, January 19

5:00 p.m. - ND Daily Vigil Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
5:00 p.m. - Women's Swimming, Dual Invitational Meet, Rolfs Aquatic Center
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7:05 p.m. - ND Ice Hockey vs. Nebraska-Omaha, Joyce Center Fieldhouse
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NBA

 Nets’ early start leads to 111-67 win over Wizards

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New Jersey Nets filled their arena for the first time this season, and even Michael Jordan spent most of the night sitting and watching in awe.

The Nets got off to an absurdly good start Wednesday night, hitting their first 13 shots and opening a 41-point lead before halftime to defeat the Washington Wizards 111-67 for the franchise’s first six-game winning streak in nine years.

New Jersey (26-11) matched its victory total from last season, improved the Eastern Conference to its best record and sent Jordan’s Wizards to their fourth consecutive defeat.

Keith Van Horn scored 27, Aaron Williams had 17, Kenyon Martin 14 and Jason Kidd added 11 points, 12 assists and five rebounds for the Nets, who had their largest victory margin of the season.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish rack up wins over break

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Under sunny skies and warmer temperatures, both the men's and women's swim teams added to their win columns during winter training trips. In a matchup between the women's team and the University of Iowa, the Irish won 12 of 13 events at a meet in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The meet schedule featured non-official collegiate events, including 3-length races and shorter distance events. Carrie Nixon was the big winner for the Irish, winning three events. Nixon claimed victories in the 100-yard individual medley, the 75-yard freestyle and 150-yard butterfly.

Senior Allison Lloyd won two events, grabbing the 75-yard breaststroke and butterfly. Senior Kelly Hecking won the 75-yard backstroke and butterfly. Senior Kelly Barton finished the day with a win in the 400-yard freestyle.

In Plantation, Fla., the men's team won two meets during break, defeating both Xavier University and University of Maine.

Senior David Horak grabbed a win in the 100-yard backstroke. Jason Fitzpatrick won the 100-yard breaststroke, and Andrew Pittman won the 50-yard freestyle. Senior Austin Anderson won the 100-yard freestyle.

Other event winners included Matt Obringer in the 200-yard freestyle, David Moisan in the 200-yard individual medley. Lucas Wymore in the 100-yard butterfly and Jonathan Pierre in the 500-yard freestyle.

Both teams will compete this weekend. The women compete in the ND Dual Meet Invitational at Rolls Aquatic Center Friday and Saturday, and the men will race Oakland Saturday at Rolls.

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percent from beyond that arc. In other words, the Tigers scored a single three point shot and 0 out of 16 attempts.

"We expected them to be a three point shooting team. We shut them down. That's what we had a focus on," said freshman forward Emily Creachbaum, who had 13 boards.

At the end of the first half, the Belles led by just a point, 27-26. They got off to a slow start at the beginning of game, but as time went on they opened up, started shooting, and started scoring more.

During the second half, Saint Mary's focused on driving the ball to the inside, using the Tigers' lack of height to its advantage. The Belles only made four three point attempts in the second period after shooting 4-10 from beyond the arc before halftime.

"We knew they didn't have a big starting lineup and that we had to get in the post more." Smith said.

Blair was flawless from the free throw line, shooting 5-5. Overall, Saint Mary's shot 67.5 percent from the line — a great advantage. The Belles only made four three point attempts in the second period after shooting 4-10 from beyond the arc before halftime.

"We shoot free throws every day. I think people are stepping up to the line more confidently," Creachbaum said.

"The hustle was there tonight. We real­

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Marlins expect third owner in five years

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The Florida Marlins seemed set to get their third owner in five seasons after a group headed by John Henry was given approval Wednesday to buy the Boston Red Sox.

Before he can close on his record $500 million deal in Boston, Henry must work out an agreement to sell the Marlins, the team he pur­

The Marlins have struggled since winning the World Series in just their fifth sea­

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Happy Birthday: You will improve those around you with your colorful and unique approach to life. Your positive actions will bring good results and you should be able to persuade others to help you along the way. Your numbers are 9, 12, 24, 33, 39.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will find it easy to research and investigate anything that you have been questioning. Avoid secret affairs, regardless of the temptation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A genuine desire to learn knowledgeable approach will make you a force among any group that you join. Be prepared to take some opposing action along the way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): (Unusual) circumstances will evolve around work with those you work with. You must avoid getting involved in your coworker’s personal problems.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make new friends if you participate in groups that interest you. Creative outlets will help ease your tension.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may have good fortune when it comes to your home and family. You will do well working from home or meeting your own need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Now is the time you should get involved in new social activities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will make good use of your potential today. Focus on your work and be successful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be intuitive today. Focus on yourself and your goals. Don’t be afraid to ask for favors. Career changes look possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be attracted to organizations that deal with human issues that concern you. Mingle with people who can help you achieve your dreams, hopes, and wishes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You’ll be attracted to organizations that deal with human issues that concern you. Mingle with people who can help you achieve your dreams, hopes, and wishes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be tempted by pigeonhole quick schemes today that will leave you cash poor if you aren’t careful. Learn the value of a dollar.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your efforts into learning something new instead of trying to do two things at the same time.

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Women's Basketball

Morale boosts Belles to 73-48 win over Olivet

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Sports Writer

After losing four players — including two captains — in just a few weeks, most teams would have trouble coping.

But Saint Mary's was not deterred by the recent loss as the team beat Olivet 73-48 for an MIAA victory Wednesday night at Anglea Athletic Facility.

Morale was boosted by the presence of their former teammates at the game. Kristen Matha, Katie Christensen and Meghan Fitzgibbons were all sidelined for the season due to injury, and Mary Campion left the team during the holiday break.

"It's not like the girls have totally left us. Matha sat on the bench with us tonight. Katie and Megan were in the stands. They're still there," said senior forward Anne Blair, who led the Belles with 23 points.

"I thought of it as a new start for our team, because we've had so many hurdles to come over. We stepped it up a lot," said Katie Miller, who posted 19 points for the Belles.

"We have realized that it's hard with out them, but if we stay positive, we can do it. The bench is big," added Miller.

The Belles were expecting a fight from Olivet, especially because of its three-point shooting, but they only allowed Tigers to shoot 15 points.

Spores Writer

The long-delayed debut of sophomore épéeist Kerry Walton highlighted an undefeated weekend by the women's fencing team at the Northwestern Invitational.

Walton, the top recruit in the class of 2004, was ruled academic ineligible last season and did not fence for the Irish. In her first meet with the Irish, she showed why she is the No. 1-ranked junior women's épéeist in the country, as she won 11 of 15 bouts.

"It was a long wait but it was definitely worth it," she said.

Walton's 11 wins led the épée squad, which tallied 29 teams votes against Temple, Fairleigh Dickinson and Johns Hopkins. Junior epee captain Anna Carrick was right behind Walton with 10 wins and one loss, while All-American Megan Call started the season with a 7-4 record.

The women's foil and sabre squads also swept Temple, FDU and Johns Hopkins. The foil squad had the best weekend of any Irish weapon as they won 30 bouts — even without their top two fencers.

Freshman fōlist Alicia Kryczalo and Andrea Ament did not fence in the meet because of a conflict with a senior World Cup event in Hungary. Junior Lisa Boutsikaris and sophomore Maggie Jordan stepped up in the absence of the two top recruits. Boutsikaris appeared to put a rough 2001 season behind her, as she opened the season with 12 wins and no losses.

Jordan also went undefeated with 11 wins despite switching from saber to foil to fill in for the loss of the two freshmen. Last year Jordan fenced foil for the Irish and qualified for the NCAA Championship but switched back to saber this year.

Although she is considered a better saber fencer than a foil fencer, she was flawless at her old weapon.

"I didn't really know how read she was going to be," Boutsikaris said. "She did just as good as she did last year. I was pleased with that."

Sophomore Destanie Milo opened the season undefeated at saber for the Irish with a 10-0 record.

"It felt real well. I was surprised to do as well as I did because I didn't practice as much as I should have over break," Milo said. "There was a little rust but there was a lot of things I didn't forget."

Although the Irish said they were pleased with the three wins, they know tougher bouts lie ahead.

"The first tournament wasn't the hardest tournament we had. It was probably one of our easiest," Walton said. "It's more of a warm up."

The Irish also showed their strength in the distance events, as sophomore Kevin Avenius won the 1600 meters in 4:19.62. Freshman Eric Morrison was third (4:22.95), while senior Tom Lennon took seventh (4:26.39).

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The field events for the men: Junior Tom Gilbert won the long jump with a jump of 22'-10", and senior Quill Redwine took second on the triple jump.

Derek Dyer finished fifth in both the shot put preliminaries and finals.