Officials detail bar renovations

By JASON McFARLEY

The University’s top student life official unveiled Monday plans for major renovations in the Alumni-Senior Club, a venue whose use for social gatherings student groups had long urged administrators to expand. In the first public disclosure of the renovations, Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, told the Campus Life Council that changing the club to a sports-themed restaurant and bar will allow all students to socialize together on campus.

“We have heard the message loud and clear that we need social venues on campus that bring together undergraduate and postgraduate students,” Poorman said, addressing the CLC for the first time in more than two years. As presented Monday, the plans will increase the club’s area by some 50 percent, from about 10,000 square feet to more than 15,000, according to a Jan. 21 project cost summary from the Office of the University Architect. The summary estimated total cost for the initiative at more than $2 million.

At presented Monday, the plans will include the club’s area by some 50 percent, from about 10,000 square feet to more than 15,000, according to a Jan. 21 project cost summary from the Office of the University Architect. The summary estimated total cost for the initiative at more than $2 million.

The revamped facility will be ready for use in fall 2003.

Speaker discusses architecture’s role in the Holocaust

By MEGHAN MARTIN

There is a connection between the architecture and function of German concentration camps at Auschwitz and the Third Reich, according to Robert Jan van Pelt, a full-time professor at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada.

Working with Carroll William Westfall, chair of Notre Dame’s School of Architecture, van Pelt, who has studied the relationship between the Third Reich and the architecture of their ancient Athenian counterparts, Van Pelt’s study of Nazi-era structures inevitably led him to the concentration camps. According to van Pelt, they became the “garbage bins for the contradictions” of a society that believed that the “German glory” of the Austro-Hungarian Empire could be re-created by a pure Aryan race.

The apex of this German plan centered around plans for an eastern Utopia, in the small, unsassuming Polish town of Oswiecim, better known to western audiences as Auschwitz.

Through his research of the concentration camp’s architectural structure and its dedication to efficiency and competence in the extermination of the Jewish in Europe, van Pelt stumbled upon a map containing plans for revamping the town of Auschwitz.

The strategies for urban revitalization were ironic and out of place in a location built specifically to carry out the destruction of an entire people. The profim­ sor discovered from this document that Auschwitz was slated to play a prominent role in the larger scheme for German domination of eastern Europe.

van Pelt was soon to earn an agreement between industrial giant I.G. Farbenindustrie and Nazi leaders to build a synthetic gas and rubber plant in the town, far removed from the threat of British bombers. A deal had been struck between the two entities that, should the company build the factory, the Nazi regime would provide both the workers and German-designed housing for plant administrators.

The plans that van Pelt found were designs for the re-creation of medieval Auschwitz, a town which Hitler had claimed to have a German culture as a result of its location along the border of Austria-Hungary and Russia earlier in German history.

With building plans already in place, Heinrich Himmler, officer in charge of the small concentration camp became a part of the larger picture involving the immi­ gration of Germans to staff the factory at Auschwitz, ethnic cleansing, and the re-introduc­tion of “German glory,” accord­ ing to van Pelt.

Van Pelt was soon to earn a position within the Nazi government in which he was to study original concentration camp blueprints at the site. Van Pelt was appalled at the sight of the camp and premeditation behind the func­tionality of Auschwitz’s design.

Van Pelt learned that the gas chambers and ovens built under the structures were only as good...
Quotes of the Week

"We gotta take it back to the road where we really like to play ... We don't talk about it, but I think we have a little bit of a road presence."

Mike Bray
men's basketball head coach on the remainder of the season

"People started congratulating us last week when the other ticket drop didn't come. I realize that the process was far from over."

Kim Jensen
student body presidential candidate on the lone ticket election

"I could have sworn through a brick wall at that point because the team was going crazy for me."

Adam Cahill
sophomore swimmer on the Big East meet time in the 50-yard freestyle

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Beyond Campus

University of Arizona cuts 128 courses and jobs

TUCSON, Ariz. 
Nearly 130 classes have been canceled and the same number of jobs cut as a result of state-mandated budget cuts, University of Arizona President Peter Likins told the Arizona Board of Regents Friday.

None of the 128 classes that were cut were graduation requirements, and it is unclear how many of the 128 jobs that were eliminated actually were occupied, Likins said. The fact that the two numbers are the same is coincidental.

Likins said he will release a memo Monday stating the number of the jobs lost as a result of budget cuts. Of the jobs cut, 56 were adjunct faculty positions and the rest were temporary, full-time positions, Likins said.

The job and course cuts helped the university fulfill all but about $2 million of its $15.8 million in state-mandated budget cuts.

Likins and other senior administrators still are working to eliminate the remaining $1.96 million from the university's budget.

This year's budget cuts and concerns over what funding the state legislature may cut next year was on everyone's minds and lips when the regents met Friday at Arizona State University.

Northern Arizona University's president said his university is facing problems similar to UA's, having to eliminate employees, classes and eventual some departments.

"We've instituted initiatives through this process before, the net effect is that it will increase the time to graduate," NAU President John Haeger said.

Despite all the doom and gloom, there was one upbeat note for those who support the Integrated Learning Center. Money within the UA budget will be reallocated for providing for hitting four DLC employees. The new employees will be hired with the goal of opening the media center in January 2003.

Arizona Daily Wildcat

University of Wisconsin

Baby born in dorm bathroom dies

MADISON, Wis.
A baby girl born in a University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire residence hall bathroom died Sunday. Juliana Marie Hubbard died at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, reportedly from a lack of oxygen at the time of birth, an Eau Claire County deputy medical examiner said. She was in critical condition.

The full-term baby was born Jan. 29 to Karen Hubbard, a UW-Eau Claire freshman who had been giving birth in a bathroom stall of Oak Ridge Hall, the all-girl dorm in which Hubbard lived. An autopsy revealed excessive bleeding caused by complications that resulted in Hubbard's death. Emergency personnel reportedly found Hubbard, 19, in a bathroom stall not breathing and with no pulse. University of Wisconsin-Madison employee, classes and eventual employees, classes and eventual employees, classes and eventual employees, classes and eventual employees, classes and eventual.

It has also been scientifically proven that observance of even small steps can make a difference perception as the distance from South Bend increases.

Newborns. Thus, this is technically not part of the road trip itself, it is in fact very possible. When explaining details to those who have not even attempted the perfect road trip road, always exaggerate.

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The perfect road trip

I have high standards. They shouldn't be too long. But definitely should be too short. I've had some good, memorable ones, and some that were just miserable experiences that I couldn't wait to get to the end of.

You can't have them every weekend or you would get much too tired. I've come close, but I've never experienced one that I would give a score of a perfect 10.

Road trips, that is. Sometimes, you gotta bust out.

The elements of a good road trip:

1. A Good Shotgun Rider. Compared to shotgun, back seat riders are virtually invisible. They are the ones who eat all the road trip food, pushing their necks between the front seats between naps.

2. Music. Regardless of any ska or techno tendencies of any or all of the road tripppers, "Free Fallin,'" "American Pie," and "Hey Diddle, Diddle" may be the only music on the entire U2 Greatest Hits album will by unceremoniously tape with no pulse last Tuesday. When an officer removed himself from the box office space, the driver was unscathed.

3. The Destination. The actual destination of the road trip will vary. It could be Podunkville, amazing speeding ticket avoidance town, or some place you couldn't wait to get to the end of.

4. The Speed. The faster the better, though 35 mph is usually a good speed. Since you are road-tripping from Notre Dame, LLC, amazing speeding ticket avoidance town, or some place you couldn't wait to get to the end of.

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Associated Press

KABUL

Russia's foreign minister visited Kabul on Monday to pledge support for helping Afghanistan recover from 23 years of war and instability that began when the Soviet Union invaded the country.

Igor Ivanov met with interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai to discuss rebuilding efforts, and was to leave the country later in the day.

"Mr. Karzai and other Afghan Ministers assured me that they will do their best to prevent any threats of terrorism, extremism, drug-dealing and so on for Russia from Afghanistan territory," Ivanov said. "It is very important and principal for us, territory," Ivanov said. "It is very important and principal for us, territory, and so-on for Russia in Afghanistan.""Mr. Karzai and other Afghan Ministers assured me that they will do their best to prevent any threats of terrorism, extremism, drug-dealing and so on for Russia from Afghanistan territory."

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Another casualty in Afghanistan: the environment

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Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network has been training Chechen rebels and militants with the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, a group active in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. Russia fears that instability in those former Soviet republics could spread into Russia proper.

Since the defeat of the Taliban in November, Russia has extended humanitarian aid to Afghanistan, sending in workers to set up a field hospital and leading work to reopen the Salang Tunnel between Kabul and the north. The tunnel was originally built to assist the Soviet Invasion.

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Concerns
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no one is running on social justice this year, long as they’re running on what they believe is best for the Notre Dame community. Although Smith is said not to be running in this year campaign this year, she said she has attended brainstorming sessions for the LaForte Moscona/Keri Oxley campaign.
It is not clear why there isn’t a ticket like Smith and Andre this election. Previously, candidates had try to get 150 signatures to be allowed to run. This year, the Notre Dame Council changed the requirement to 300 signatures for last year’s election. This year, the council used the identical guidelines as last year, according to John McCarthy, the council’s vice president in charge of elections.
Some of this year’s candi­dates, however, say they have incorporated some social jus­tice concerns into their plat­forms.
“We have increased student activism on our platform,” McCord said. “We are running for student body vice president with current student government president, Brooke Norton.
McCord had a lot of respect for Demetra and Yogol, Moscona said.
McCord stood out winning the election, but the office of the president has authority to review Smith and Andre’s ideas during their term as student body president of Strangers. If he and Oxley are elected this year, said Moscona, he would like to expand the current dinner program.
In addition, Moscona said he believes student govern­ment should work with groups such as the Progressive Student Alliance to help those students who have to face the struggle of living as Strangers. He and Oxley arehappy this year, said Moscona, to expand the current dinner program.
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Space station loses power: A computer failure knocked out the international space station's guidance system Monday and prevented the power-generating solar wings from pointing toward the sun. To conserve power, the three men aboard the space station turned off secondary equipment as a precaution.

Ethnic clashes in Nigeria escalate: Gangs of youths armed with machetes, swords, and bows and arrows took to the streets of Lagos Monday in a third day of ethnic bloodletting in Nigeria's commercial capital. At least 55 people have been killed. Grabbing what possessions they could, thousands fled as plumes of black smoke rose from the city's slums. The violence was the latest blow to a city still shaken by explosions at an army munitions depot that killed at least 1,000 people last week.

Police search for Texas inmates: Discarded jail clothing, clumps of black hair and fingerprints from a fugitive were found in a burglarized house by authorities searching for two convicted murderers and two murder suspects who escaped from a Texas jail. The two awaiting trial in another killing.

Bush, Blair nominated for Nobels: President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair have been nominated for the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize for fighting terrorism and securing world peace, a Norwegian lawmaker announced Monday. The Nobel Peace winners are named in mid-October and the awards are always presented on Dec. 10, the day their founder, Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel, died in 1896.

Bar to end wet T-shirt contests: A South Bend bar has agreed to stop holding wet T-shirt contests after city officials accused the owners of violating an adult business ordinance. Assistant City Attorney Ann-Carol Nobel said the owners last month that sought a court order prohibiting activities such as the T-shirt contests. Neighborhood residents urged the city to take action after the bar began holding the contests late last summer.

McCain has surgery to remove lesion

McCain's office said the lesion, a tiny freckle on the left side of the senator's nose, was not life-threatening.

The office first said the lesion was an early case of melanoma, but the senator later clarified that the lesion had not developed into cancer. He said it could have turned cancerous if it had not been treated.

McCain had a lesion removed from his upper arm in 1993 and his temple during his 2000 presidential campaign.

McCain said he noticed a slight discoloration on his nose two or three weeks ago, prompting a biopsy that determined it was nonmalignant.

The procedure was performed at Mayo Clinic Hospital. McCain was under local anesthesia during the surgery.

McCain is scheduled to undergo plastic surgery late Tuesday afternoon. Doctors will move some skin from an adjacent area to cover the scar left by the surgery.

The senator, who expects to head back to Capitol Hill next week, will likely spend Tuesday night in the hospital. He was spending Monday night at home.
Texas A&M won't have 2002 bonfire

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas Texas A&M University's nearly century-old bonfire tradition —on hold since a deadly collapse in 1999—will not be resurrected this fall, the school's president said Monday.

"This is a decision that the horror of that day will never visit our campus again," President Roy Bowen said. "My heart wanted to continue the bonfire, but I had to let my brain make the decision."

The 90-year-old bonfire tradition was suspended after 12 students were killed and 27 others injured on Nov. 18, 1999. The 59-foot-high, wedding cake-style stack of more than 5,000 logs collapsed while under construction.

A three-judge panel ruled in July 1999 that Bowen had the responsibility to continue the tradition. Some cried as Bowen announced his decision.

Marc Barringer, a political science major, said he was disappointed. "I learned more applicable life skills in cut, load and stack than in all of my classes," he said.

Surveys show students and alumni overwhelmingly support continuing the tradition. At least 11 lawsuits filed by families of dead and injured students accuse A&M administrators and former bonfire student leaders of negligence in the collapse.

The appeals court ruling was issued Friday. Limon still may appeal to the Texas Supreme Court.

The year before the incident, legislators had enacted what became known as the "Romeo and Juliet" law, which was designed to separate consensual teenage sexual relationships from cases in which older adults exploited young children.

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Budget adds $48B for defense

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration's proposed Pentagon budget weaves billions for high-tech weapons and the war against terrorism with old-style pay boosts for the troops, forcing a $379 billion spending proposal that represents the biggest increase in two decades.

"We need to defend freedom with the best equipment possible," President Bush told a cheering audience of military men and women at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida on Monday, speaking hours after his $2.11 trillion spending plan was sent to Capitol Hill.

"We need to be agile, we need to be quick to move.... We need to recruit the best," Bush said, garnering the loudest applause by mentioning his proposed 4.1 percent hike in basic pay for the military.

The proposed defense budget for the year starting Oct. 1 would add $46 billion in budget authority to the Pentagon's spending. That would amount to a 14 percent increase, the biggest boost for the military in two decades. Bush would add more each succeeding year, reaching $451 billion in spending authority for 2007.

When past years' budgets are adjusted for inflation, that would be second only to President Ronald Reagan's 1985 budget of $451.8 billion. In 1981, Reagan's first year in office, the Pentagon budget grew by nearly 25 percent.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Monday the massive economic losses after the Sept. 11 attacks show why the first year in office, the Pentagon budget would grow by nearly 25 percent.

The Pentagon says it has spent $47 billion so far in the war on terrorism, including more than $1 billion to continue fighter aircraft flights over parts of the United States as a precaution against a repeat of the Sept. 17 attacks.

The new budget would pump money into purchasing a new generation of stealthy fighter jets, more advanced missile defenses, calls for accelerating development of pilotless planes, converting four nuclear submarines to vessels that can fire cruise missiles and invest Special Forces into battle, and investing in new combat communications systems.

The budget does not allow for expanding active-duty forces beyond the 1.4 million now in uniform, but is supposed to help transform the military into a more versatile force that can prevail over so-called "unconventional" enemies.

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The $27 billion compares with $4.6 billion in anti-terrorism funding in the $200 billion 2002 defense budget. Last year, that category of spending was $5.2 billion, although it was boosted by $1.7 billion shortly after Sept. 11. This year's budget has $10.5 billion in this category.

The Pentagon says it has spent $27 billion so far in the war on Afghanistan, which began on Oct. 7. The costs have grown so rapidly, officials say, that Rumsfeld already has decided he must ask Congress for more money as early as March.

The $16 billion war reserve fund is "more likely to be too little than too much," Rumsfeld said. He predicted that the Pentagon would need more for remote-controlled air-craft such as the Predator surveillance plane used extensively in Afghanistan. The budget seeks $22 new Predators and money to upgrade the existing fleet. He also wants three more Global Hawk high-altitude surveillance planes operated from computer terminals on the ground.

The Air Force's F-22 Raptor stealth fighter would be a big winner. Though some critics question the need for it, Bush is seeking $4.6 billion to build 23 F-22s and begin work on 27 more.

Other major weapons programs recently thought to be in trouble would come out winners if Congress approves Bush's plan, including the Joint Strike Fighter, still in development, which would get $3.5 billion; it is intended to replace the Air Force's F-16s, the Navy's F-14s and F/A-18s and the Marine Corps' F/A-18s.

"Don't harm an innocent person because you're just going to create one more misery," Steiger's letter said. "Using Daniel as a symbol and all of this is completely wrong, completely wrong.

Marianne Pearl
pregnant wife of kidnapped
reporter

WASHINGTON

President Bush on Monday released full details of his $2.13 trillion budget for fiscal year 2003.

Spending

2003 fiscal year (Oct 1)

$2.128 trillion

SOURCE: Office of Management and Budget

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$10 billion

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Maite Uranga

Life in Africa

Transportation in Mauritania is an adventure. It is like one long and sometimes hellish amusement park ride. Before even getting into or onto the mode of transportation, the excitement begins. Getting the one kilometer from the market to my village involves first sitting alongside the road at a seemingly arbitrary point that everyone knows. One day the spot moved. Perhaps one day it will move back. After a while, the donkey cart comes and at about 10 people pile on. Everyone is carrying something: new clothes, watermelons, children, unidentifiable animal parts or lots of vegetables. Fifteen minutes later the cart jolts forward. Everyone nearly falls off and then we all readjust. I still do not quite know the balance of riding on a donkey cart. I am always a small bump away from plummeting to the ground. It is easy for about the first 50 feet as we go on pavement. But then there is a hard right-hand turn that sends us seemingly out of control down a hill. Eventually our momentum slows and we plod towards the village of Toudle. In about 20 minutes we arrive at the donkey cart stop.

The ride to the capital from Toudle is supposed to take five hours. I have only had the joy of taking this trip two times round trip. Each time I go to the taxi garage to get some of my luggage. Periodically we could hear the driver put it in the trunk with the rest of the cargo. Once the car actually left the garage the guards shack having no idea whether our luggage was on board.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Revue jokes predicated on myths

Since many of our community saw the Keenan Revue this weekend, it allows me to pose a question I have been struggling with on my own for some time. What does our collective sense of humor say about us? Many of the jokes in the Revue, like many of the jokes we hear and tell everyday, were predicated on religious, racist, sexist or homophobic myths. I worry that these jokes suggest we are not nearly as serious as we claim about ending prejudice and discrimination along those lines.

I use the Revue only as an example of what I feel to be a fairly strong reflection of everyday humor. I hear these jokes constantly and dismiss them saying, "It's only a joke." I can no longer dismiss them so easily. I have to ask whether or not these jokes are representative of how we really feel about issues like race and religion more so than are our public proclamations of acceptance and non-discrimination. I want to make clear here that I am not simply another thought-censor looking to silence what I find inappropriate. I have little use for political correctness or tastefulness, and too often they prevent us from openly dealing with these issues. If these issues are not dealt with openly, no progress can be made. This is the only good I see in the jokes: They seem to carry a higher value of honesty than our non-joke, politically-correct-for-the-sake-of-political-correctness statements.

The problem I see is this: There is a major conflict between the loving and accepting community we claim to be and the jokes we tell in close company for at the Revue. I invite responses from those who feel this can reconcile this conflict.

Shamus Rohn

CREMENT

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'd rather be rich than stupid."

Jack Handy

comedian

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Arafat. Such a policy of holding only Sharon's government in stoking the recent spate of deadly suicide attacks Israeli assassinations of Palestinian extremists have been in response to a strategic blunder, one which risks the government is both a moral and a repeat the mantra of the Israeli right. However, the Bush administration's slavish support of right-wing cajoled reluctant allies into our coaltary campaign in Afghanistan and have conducted a prudent and effective military war against terrorism. They have far in waging a complex and multi-layered team have done a masterful job thus you have a voice, so you're quiet. Well, maybe. I don't even think most of the sheep on this campus are convinced by this ruse. Why can't someone have a legitimate platform? I'll tell you who I'd vote for. I'd vote for whatever candidate brought up a real issue — say academic free speech (we don't have it you know) — and then promised not to back off the issue. I would vote for the candidate who promised to dissolve student government in protest of its total lack of relevance on campus. That's what would get me excited about student government. But a laughingstock of a plan that has the same chance of happening as the book store lowering prices, or Bill Kirk riding around campus on a unicorn.

It amazes me how any campaign can be run with a 150-member staff and still not address a single issue that matters to students. I guess politicians are the same at every level of the game. Heck, I'm not even running for office and I can come up with better than these goons who've been planning this since November.

Here's another platform I could stand behind. It would be nice to gain some student rights at ResLife hearings. Right now, they can trample you into the ground. They can expel you when you have an e-mail from your assistant rector exonerating you from the crime. Wouldn't it be a little more equitable if there was at least some student representation in the ResLife hearing? Maybe a panel of students and administrators. I realize that it is likely that nothing can be accomplished here, but wouldn't it be nobler to fail to help students on a legitimate issue than to fail to deliver a "hip-hop" day? Student government might as well be Pax Christi for the effect they have on the administration and on student's lives. Actually, that's not accurate. The administration has to send out workers to spray Pax Christi's mindless drivel off the sidewalks. Student government doesn't even get a cleanup crew.

Something needs to change, and I'd like to see a candidate dedicate themselves to something important and difficult, not something impossible or irrelevant. Let's see a student membership on ResLife panels; let's see some academic free speech; let's see someone taking a stance for the lack of student input in how our school is run. Who cares about a video game tournament. I can arrange that in my room in 10 minutes.

John Litle is a junior MIS major who would really appreciate working for your company this summer. He has researched your company, and it really is the best fit for him. He couldn't imagine being happy any place else. His columns runs every other Tuesday, and he can be contacted at jlitle@nd.edu.

Letters to the Observer should be as specific and concise as possible.

The Observer
Tuesday, February 5, 2002

US Middle-East policy dangerously unbalanced

President Bush and his foreign policy team have done a masterful job thus far in waging a complex and multi-layered war against terrorism. They have conducted a prudent and effective military campaign in Afghanistan and have cajoled reluctant allies into our coalition. However, the Bush administration's slapdash support of right-wing Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government is both a moral and a strategic blunder, one which risks undermining America's ongoing effort to fight terrorism in the Arab and Muslim world.

The Bush administration continues to repeat the mantra of the Israeli right that the responsibility for stopping the recent spate of deadly suicide attacks on Israeli civilians falls solely on the shoulders of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Such a policy of holding only one side responsible for Middle East violence is almost laughably simple-minded and doomed to certain failure. It fails to account for the role of Sharon's government in stoking the flames of violence.

Nearly all of the recent suicide bombings in Israel by Palestinian extremists have been in response to Israeli assassinations of Palestinian political leaders. The line separating Israeli assassinations from state-sponsored terrorism is thin indeed. Israeli assassinations often target political leaders, rather than militants themselves, and frequently cause civilian deaths. They cannot boast even the semblance of due process. And, perhaps most importantly, they do not reduce terrorism. The Israeli policy of assassination is in every way counter-productive.

In fact, the whole thrust of Israeli policy toward Arafat is counterproductive. Sharon's government has demanded that Arafat crack down on militants and yet it has placed him under de facto house arrest and has bombed the offices of the very Palestinian security forces that it demands combat terrorism.

Furthermore, when, in an unprecedented political and personal gambit, Yasser Arafat went on Palestinian television to call for a cessation of violence — even violence in self-defense — and by doing so produced a month of relative calm, Sharon responded by bulldozing the homes of Palestinian civilians, placing Arafat under house arrest, and ordering more assassinations. Last week he destroyed the headquarters of Palestinian television.

If Sharon really wanted peace, he could have capitalized on this period of calm by easing restrictions on Palestinians — who live in poverty and constant fear of Israeli security forces — or at the very least by showing some willingness cooperate with the Palestinians.

Instead, Sharon's actions show that he does not really want peace. This comes as no surprise to those who have followed the career of Ariel Sharon. Sharon's right-wing government came to power as a result of the most recent outbreak of violence in the Middle East and is most likely to stay in power only as long as the fear of violence persists within the Israeli electorate. He has long opposed a Palestinian state and has encouraged Israeli settlements on lands once occupied by Palestinians.

In 1982, as Israeli Defense Minister, he colluded with right-wing Lebanese militias — read: terrorists in the massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps. Now he seeks to destroy the Palestinian Authority and reassert Israeli military supremacy over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. If Sharon's policies were being carried out in Serbia they would go by the same "ethnic cleansing." If the United States is to maintain credibility in the Muslim world — which we will desperately need as our war on Al Qaeda widens — we cannot continue to unquestioningly support the policies of Sharon's government.

We must demand an end to Israeli assassinations and continued settlements and we should support the Palestinian call for international observers to monitor Israeli abuses — a call supported by every member of the UN Security Council except the United States.

Our demand that Arafat crack down on violence must not weaken, nor should our belief that the Jewish State has a right to exist in peace. But if we wish to maintain the moral high ground in the war on terror we must also recognize the right of the Palestinian people to the same enduring freedom for which we now fight.

Tony Lusvardi
Zahn Hall
**Scene Music Critic**  
By JOHN FANNING

One might say the most lasting contributions Master P has made to the rap music universe are the lives of his son Lil' Romeo and the annoying yet catchy "UH" sound that is found on each tune he has participated in since "Make 'em say UH." With a few exceptions, his latest album Game Face, will not silence the critics.

The first single "Oooohhhhhwee" is lighting up the charts on rap stations across the country, but hasn't quite made it in the mainstream pop stations yet. If you've heard it, you know. The chorus starts: "I like the way she shake it in the thong. Oooohhhhhwee." The beat is straight from 1990 and the lyrics are as relevant as ever. In "Real Love," with background vocals by Sera-Lynn, Master P raps about his love life along sounding a bit like Tupac, while noting another famous rapper, as he says, "I ain't Ludacris, but I'm an all-star." The song is fun and upbeat, and could be destined for heavy radio play. Sera-Lynn's hook, "I like the way you do me baby. Keep it real. I like the way you feel. Keep it real," flows easily with Master P's lyrics. Both "The Block" and "A Woman" are short tracks, but are produced well and have well written, novel lyrics. Once again, Master P sounds a bit like Tupac, especially in "The Block," where he laments about ghetto life.

A huge accomplishment for both pop artists is that they've been in the business for a while, they start writing about their lives as rappers or famous people.

On "Back on Top," Master P sings with fellow No Limit-ers Silkk the Shocker, Master C and Ludacris. It's an OK beat, but frankly nobody cares that No Limit is "Back on Top." Put out a song that shows us why. "Whoolie Gone," is a good song, which sounds a little like Master P's former hit "When You Believe." And while Ludacris isn't as strong as in the past, he brings the group back to their roots, and also establishes them as an electrifying and dynamic live act beyond their success in the studio.

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Finally, to tie up the album, the trio finishes with two electric songs, the popular closer "Mission," and the newer "Time Served" — retaining their focus on forward progress and avoiding the stigma of a live "greatest hits" album. All in all, though their experimentation is not flawless, and works better in some songs than in others, the attempt is always admirable and usually successful. Rather than allowing themselves to be pigeon-holed into one restricting genre, Dispatch has gradually expanded its sound to include more and more musical techniques and influences, while managing to tie them all together nicely into their characteristic sound. And with Gut the Van, Dispatch has added their live show in their catalog of diverse sound and style, and has established themselves as an up and coming musical force to be reckoned with.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

Master P's latest, Game Face, fails to score big

By LAURA ROMPF
Scene Music Critic

December of 2001 saw the release of Gut the Van, a double live album showcasing the highpoints of up and coming band Dispatch's 2001 tour. Drawing mainly from shows in the Northeast, where the band has their strongest following, the material comes from all four of the albums the group has put out since forming in 1995.

The strange album title makes reference to their rickety but faithful tour vans. Peg and Wimpy, after whom the band is named, have all past away. Though the topic of death is often addressed in rap songs, Master P's latest, Game Face, fails to score big. The song is fun and upbeat, and could be destined for heavy radio volume. The first of the two discs, Peg, is appropriately more energetic and relies heavily on Who Are We Living For?, their most recent album. In fact, the first two tracks "Open Up" and "Passerby" come off as live versions of the total 12 tracks. However, the live versions are notably more energetic and also, in almost every case, longer as the band seems to be treading into the feared "jam band" territory. The jam segments on the album do not go on for endless and low quality. Simply put, it is one of the best on the album.

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Live album showcases Dispatch's diverse talents

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Bad Religion find the perfect Process for punk

By TOM O'CONNELL
Scene Music Critic

Bad Religion is one of the bands responsible for bringing punk rock to the mainstream. In 1980 they scraped together enough money to produce their first album and their record label, Epitaph, was born. Since then, they have grown a reasonably large fan base, which is unique for a genre that is usually more on the fringes of mainstream. Bad Religion put forth some quality efforts in the 1990s, with such moderately successful albums as Generator, No Control and Stranger Than Fiction. While continuing to make their own records, Bad Religion have spent the last 20 years grooming and producing other punk rock acts such as NOFX, Minor Threat and their first platinum-selling band, The Offspring.

Lead singer/guitarist Greg Graffin and lead guitarist Brett Gurewitz are responsible for most of Bad Religion's songwriting, and their unique styles reflect well off each other. Gurewitz is the better musician, writing some of the better guitar riffs, while Graffin's intelligent lyrics and conflicting messages give the songs a deep meaning. The vocabulary used in Bad Religion songs is always sophisticated and complex, prompting the listener to occasionally refer to a dictionary to understand just what the hell the song is actually about.

In the late 1990s, Brett Gurewitz split with the band so that he could run Epitaph full time. The band did not take his departure well, and a small feud followed. Other band members wanted to see him remain a musician, while he was leaning more toward the business aspect of their small enterprise. Eventually the band convinced him that their music would be hollow without his input, and he agreed to go back into the recording studio. Gurewitz's influence definitely added songwriting quality, and the album shows it with 14 tracks of mostly high quality punk rock.

"Supersonic" kicks off the album with a fast fury and a message about the unnatural fast pace of today's society. "Everything is alien, how does it feel to be outstripped by the pace of cultural change?" This song is a perfect example of Graffin's harmony arrangements. In many of his songs, most notably in the 1992 classic "American Jesus," he sets up two different sets of lyrics, both sung simultaneously, parallel to each other. What is so good about this style is that the lyrics do not step on each other, rather they blend into each other seamlessly.

Bad Religion are long known for their social messages, and this album is no different. "Materialist" is a song about rejecting the social conformity brought upon us by advertising and the media. The lyrics sound as if we are alone in the world. The process of belief is an eloquent plea from a realistic approach without being preachy. "A brutal sun is rising on our sick horizon/It's in the way we live our lives/Exactly like the double edge of a cold familiar knife/It's never really what you own but what you threw away/And how much did you pay?/In your dreams you saw a steady state/a bounty for eternity."

The best song on the album is "Kyoto Now!" The song refers to the United Nations conference and the Kyoto Protocol that were to set emissions standards and other guidelines in order to slow pollution and global warming. As of yet, few countries have made much progress on the agreed upon changes. The song makes it sound like a realistic approach without being preachy. "A brutal sun is rising on our sick horizon/It's in the way we live our lives/Exactly like the double edge of a cold familiar knife/It's never really what you own but what you threw away/And how much did you pay?/In your dreams you saw a steady state/a bounty for eternity."

It's good to see Gurewitz back for this album, because the band definitely reaches equilibrium with his presence. While not a masterpiece like No Control, The Process of Belief certainly has its high points. The band is talented, and they still remain one of the few musical groups that actually have a decent message.

Bad Religion is never going to top the charts. You'll probably never see them on MTV, and Puff Daddy won't be bastardizing any of their songs with a ridiculous cover any time soon. But quality often lies on the fringes. If you're not in the middle, all you see around you is just like you. If you stand on the edge, it's much easier to see what's beyond the mainstream.

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Rockets soar to victory against Jazz

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Steve Francis shot 18-for-22 from the line and scored 33 points and Cuttino Mobley added 30 points to lead the Houston Rockets to a 104-97 victory against the Utah Jazz on Monday night.

The Rockets were playing the first of a nine-game, 28-day road trip that will necessitate by the Olympics. ... Center Hakeem Olajuwon, Jerome Kersey, Brevin Knight and John Starks scored 13, 12, 10 and 10, respectively, for the Lakers.

The Jazz were playing the first of a 10-game, 28-day road trip that will take them to nine cities over seven days. Utah has won 16 of 19 games against the Kings are n’t separating themselves from the pack in the West like the Nets (32.14) are in the East, where their nearest pursuer is now 4 1/2 games behind.

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Center for Social Concerns

Happenings

Social Concern Seminars/SSPIs/ISSLPs

*Haiti Experiential Seminar:* This May seminar involves learning about how to help the people of Haiti obtain clean drinking water. It also about considering our own lives in the context of service to, and learning from, members of our global community. It involves training in hand-pumps, as well as in the social, political, economic and religious context of living and working in Haiti. It will involve training during the spring semester, plus the seven to ten days in Haiti in May (immediately after finals).

For more information: Please contact Dr. Steve Silliman (silliman.1@nd.edu)

*SSP Internships/ACCCION/NYSP:* These summer internship applications and information are available at the Center for Social Concerns. All programs offer tuition scholarships and three elective Theology credits.

Deadline for applications approaching (SSP - Due Feb 15, ACCCION - Due Feb 22, NYSP - Due Feb 8)!

These are three credit courses! $1900.00 Scholarship

*Hispanic Leadership Intern Program (HLIP):* Applications available at the CSC. An eight-week long summer internship. Interns are exposed to, and experience Latino communities in metropolitan Chicago where they serve as leader and student of the community.

Applications due February 15, 2002.

*National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice Internships:* (http://www.nationalinterfaith.org/)

"The National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice is a network of people of faith that calls upon our religious values in order to educate, organize and mobilize the religious community in the United States on issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits and working conditions for workers, especially low wage workers."

Information Session: Thursday, Feb 7th, 7 - 8:15 at the CSC! This is a 3 credit, SU course (THEO), $2500 tuition scholarship.

*African American Leadership Intern Program (AALIP):* Spend an 8-week internship at St. Agatha's Parish in a Chicago African American neighborhood. Contact Colleen Knight Santoni at cknights2@nd.edu with questions. Applications available at the CSC.

Deadline: February 15, 2002

***EXTENDED DEADLINE: Washington Seminar*** Spring Break - March 10-16

Monks, Workers, and Citizens: From Christian Anarchists to Christian Bureaucrats

How are we, as followers of God, called to live and work in the world? Through use of our nation's capital, students will explore this question, by visiting a monastery, Catholic Worker, and several public policy organizations.

 Deadline has been EXTENDED to TODAY Tuesday, February 5!

Vehicle Training Information

Important CSC Vehicle Driver Update

CSC Driver Authorization Certification cards issued prior to January 2002 will no longer be accepted! Only the actual driver of a vehicle may submit a request for use due to policy and procedural changes for CSC vehicle drivers.

ALL STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO DRIVE CSC VEHICLES (beginning January 21, 2002) MUST ATTEND A NEW INFO SESSION THIS SEMESTER!

The following hour-long session is the FINAL session that will be offered at the CSC this semester:

March 3, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

There is no need to register.

Are YOU ready for the DRAFT?

Do you know your rights?

Information on military draft law, conscientious objector status, and what you can do now...

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the CSC

Soup and bread will be served.

Faculty Opportunities

Do you know about the Gullah People?

Over fall break, students traveled to Appalachia, D.C., New York City, and elsewhere for a week of experiential learning and service, as part of our one-credit seminars. We are thinking of offering a new seminar next fall with the Gullah people in South Carolina, and are seeking Faculty members to assist us. If you have some relevant expertise and/or interest, please contact Mary Beckman at the Center for Social Concerns.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Tutoring/Children Activities

St. Joseph Basketball Program

Larry Bauer - BauerL@lstsource.com

Played basketball in high school? Do you want to work with 2nd-4th grade boys in a local grade school intramural program? We are looking for students to do clinics, help referee, coaching duties, Saturdays in February and March. This starts February 2nd.

Volunteer for Preschooler

Marissa Runkle - 289-4831

marissar@logancenter.org

A three-year old Russian little boy needs a play companion at Open Door preschool. The student does not necessarily need to know Russian. Please be available on Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Call 232-9958 or visit bbbs_sjc.org

Mentors needed for local children please call or visit the website to discover the many flexible volunteer opportunities available.

***If you have any questions about these volunteer projects feel free to email escvols@nd.edu.***

ENCUENTRO CHICAGO

February 23rd - 24th

Applications are available at the CSC and at Campus Ministry. Join us for a weekend immersion into the Mexican immigrant community of Pilsen in Chicago.

Applications due: February 8, 2002.
Red Wings melt Avalanche in 3-1 win

Associated Press

DENVER — Darren McCarty and Kirk Maltby scored second-period goals, and Dominik Hasek preserved the lead by stopping 13 shots in the third period as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Colorado Avalanche 3-1 Monday night.

Nicklas Lidstrom scored into an empty net with two seconds left as the Red Wings raised their NHL-best point total to 82.

Scott Parker had the lone goal for Colorado.

Hasek finished with 23 saves, and Patrick Roy had 31.

In one of the NHL's best rivalries, Detroit outshot Colorado 20-4 and took a 2-1 lead.

The Avalanche won their last 10 games, giving New York a four-game win streak to four (6-2-8).

It was the most lopsided loss in the Blue Jackets' two seasons. The Bruins scored their season-high in goals against a team they had never beaten.

Hagman's goal was the first in a five-game (2-0-3) stretch to four (6-2-8).

The Islanders pulled goalie Chris Osgood at that point. Svoboda then beat Garth Snow, taking a feed from Pavel Bure.

New York entered overtime on the power play after Pavel Bure was called for elbowing at 19:12 of the third.

Snow stopped three shots in overtime, robbing Ollie Johnston from close range with 40 seconds remaining and blocking a Gudbranson drive with a glove save with 9.4 seconds left.

Jonnson, back after missing a game with a neck strain, assisted on New York's first two goals. In the second period, he scored his first goal in 22 games, giving New York a 2-0 lead.

Yashin capped a three-goal second period, scoring with the Islanders on a 5-on-3 advantage.

Dave Scatchard opened the scoring with a short-handed goal, the Islanders' league-leading 14th, at 7:29 of the first period. Adrian Aucoin made it 2-0 with a power-play goal, also in the first period. He has 10 goals in 12 games, giving New York a 2-0 lead.

Yashin and Kenny Jonsson each had a goal and two assists for the Islanders.

Niklas Hagman, who had two goals and an assist, started Florida's comeback 33 seconds into the third period. Hagman scored again with 16:28 left, and Sandis Ozolinsh's wrist shot tied it at 5 with 14:04 to go.

The Panthers' first-period goals were by Svoboda at 15:24 and Marcus Nilson, who scored with Florida shorthanded at 19:06.

Senators 4, Lightning 4

David Clarkson scored two goals, including the equalizer with 40.7 seconds left in regulation, as the Ottawa Senators tied the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-4 Monday night.

Mike Commodore scored his 10th goal of the season for the Senators.

Tampa Bay has allowed a goal in the opening 2 1/2 minutes seven times in 18 games. The Lightning tied it at 1 late in the first on Lecavalier's third goal in four games.

The teams traded goals in the second period. Prospal had the Tampa Bay goal, and Rachunek scored for Ottawa.

Bruins 8, Blue Jackets 0

Bill Gurrin had three goals and an assist as John Grahame earned his first shutout of the season as the Boston Bruins beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 8-0 Monday night.

The Bruins moved into a tie with idle Philadelphia for the best record in the Eastern Conference.

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All the goals were even-strength, with the Bruins on the power play for only one second of the game. Gurrin, with 31 goals, moved into second place in the NHL behind Calgary's Jarome Iginla. Gurrin has scored in his last three games and ran his points streak to four (6-2-8).
Opening with a new feeling

Sept. 11 is sure to affect Olympic ceremony

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah Don Mischer remembers attending the opening ceremony at the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles and leaving with the feeling he had seen something very special. It wasn’t until a dozen years later, when the Emmy Award-winning producer became involved with the Olympics, that a high-ranking foreign official told him the California ceremony was “second only to Hitler’s 1936” for jingoism.

Balancing such concerns, particularly at the first Olympics since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, became one of the major problems for organizers of the Friday night opening ceremony.

“When you produce something like this, you have many audiences,” Mischer said Monday in a break from rehearsals. “You have to be very careful not to concentrate too much on the United States. This is a worldwide event.”

On a windy Monday afternoon with temperatures in the low 20s, the show’s overseers conducted a dry run of several ceremony moments. A teenager in a black winter jacket ran into the stadium with an extinguished torch, subbing for the yet-to-be identified actual torch bearer. Trumpets blared, hot-air balloons floated, and covered wagons were parked. Outside, a dozen olive Humvees were parked as soldiers in combat fatigues milled about.

Mischer, standing in the middle of Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium, said there was no question that Sept. 11 would affect every aspect of the opening ceremony.

“This is going to feel very different,” he said. “It’s the first gathering of nations since the war on terrorism. People are going to feel more emotional at what they see. Something simple, like the raising of the Olympic flag, becomes more meaningful.”

Mischer stressed that nothing in the opening ceremony was changed after Sept. 11, although there will be mentions of the terrorist attacks in a 45-minute segment before the worldwide broadcast of the opening ceremony.

Sting, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the Dixie Chicks and LeAnn Rimes were expected to perform. More than 5,000 cast members will perform in Friday’s 2-hour, 15-minute extravaganza.

Much of the opening ceremony remains a secret just four days before it kicks off the Winter Games. One thing is certain: There will be plenty of ice. Nearly 800 skaters will be part of the ceremony, zipping around the stadium, said Sarah Kawahara, choreographer for the opening.

“We’re reinventing the medium,” said Kawahara, longtime choreographer for Olympic gold medalist Scott Hamilton.

“We’re not trying to present it as an ice show,” Kenny Ortega, the artistic and show director, estimated that by Friday night, some of the participants in the show will have put in as many as 100 hours of rehearsal in often brutal weather.

Salt Lake City makes final preparations

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Authorities responded at 10 a.m. to investigate what appeared to be a car battery inside an onion sack, with wires sticking out of it.

A bomb team was called in and the interstate was closed in both directions for about ten minutes while the package was recovered. There was no explosive device inside the bag and no one was injured.

“We don’t know for sure why it was there and what was,” said Sgt. Doug McCleve, spokesman for the Utah Department of Public Safety. “We don’t know if it was intended to be a hoax or not. If it turns out to be a hoax, we will file all possible charges — even federal charges for bomb threat,” McCleve said.

Your turn, Juanita

Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr., the son of the former IOC president, sat in his first meeting as an International Olympic Committee member Monday and quickly became involved in door debate.

Samaranch, a 42-year-old Spanish businessman, took part in a discussion of how sports should be added to the Olympic schedule. His participation was short but did not go unnoticed.

“You have a clarity and understanding of sport similar to your father,” IOC president Jacques Rogge said.

And while members generally addressed their colleagues by last name, the new man was universally referred to as Juanito, his family nickname.

The younger Samaranch was elected to the IOC last March at the general assembly, where his father retired from the committee after 21 years as president.

Condom controversy

A plan to distribute 12,000 free condoms at the Olympic athletes’ village was condemned by a conservative Utah political group. “I think it’s an outrage that we as a city and state through the Olympics condone immoral sexual activity,” said Gayle Ruzicka, president of the Utah Eagle Forum. “They can buy their own condoms if they want them.”

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OPENING CEREMONY

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Two U.S. soldiers stand guard in front of the Olympic Rings in Salt Lake City, Sept. 11 has heightened security and guaranteed a different feeling at the opening ceremonies.
BOSTON

The New England Patriots’ improbable Super Bowl victory did more than end this city’s major championship drought: it left fans feeling that perhaps the string of woe—from Bucky to Buckner to Bourque—is a thing of the past.

"Boston deserves this," Tom Berry said Monday while standing outside the brick walls of Fenway Park. "Boston sports fans are the greatest in the world."

Berry, a 54-year-old Harvard Club masseur, is legally blind, and watches games through a tele­scope-like apparatus.

Bedecked in a Patriots hat, shirt and coat, and clutching three full bags of newly bought Patriots souvenirs, Berry said he felt a new sense of optimism.

"Hopefully this will continue around town," Berry said.

Dan Reichgott saw the Patriots’ 21-17, last-second upset of the St. Louis Rams on Sunday as a sign of better things to come.

"I have a feeling the next championship will come down the street and with the Celtics and Bruins together, I think it’s going to be a great year," Reichgott said. "It had to motivate them."

The Celtics’ 16 titles in a 30-year span spoiled Boston fans, said K.C. Jones, who played on eight of those championship teams and coached two more.

He said this year’s team can’t help but be inspired by the Patriots’ victory.

"If they watched it, they had to feel euphoric, like, ‘We’ve got a chance to win this thing,’ " ‘  Jones said. "Johnny Pesky’s holding the ball while the winning run races home from first base. It’s just a feeling you can’t explain."

Pesky, a floppy-haired, bespectacled 89-year-old who once hit .300 as a center fielder for the Red Sox, could barely contain his excitement.

"I’ve been hungry for 50 years, wearing a World Series jacket," Pesky said Monday while standing from his home in suburban Swampscott. "I’ve been hungry for 50 years, but I can’t explain it."

From his home in suburban Boston, Codagnone said. "They follow our Patriots with their heart and soul."

On Sunday night, more than 1,000 fans filled Kenmore Square to view the title as a reward for their loyalty.

"We did it!" said Jay Kornegay race and sports book director at the Imperial Palace hotel-casino. "They followed us all the way."

Drivers jubilantly honked their horns for miles around the city. In Kenmore Square, there were the oldest team to never win an AFL or NFL title.

He played more than two decades with the Denver Broncos and Indianapolis Colts on the Imperial Palace Board at 15-1.

"There’s just no respect for the Patriots," Kornegay said. "And the Patriots aren’t really a public team that people like to play. We don’t get too much money on the Patriots."

Kornegay noted that loyalty pushes high pro­file teams like the Oakland Raiders and the Broncos to the top of the betting favorites list.

With odds varied along the Las Vegas Strip on Monday, respect for the Rams appeared solid.

Bally’s-Paris also has the Rams favored but at slightly longer odds, 9-2, to win next year. The Patriots opened at 10-1.

The Stardust hotel-casino has the Patriots at 8-1.

The Stardust’s future book line opened with the Rams at 3-1, the Pittsburgh Steelers at 7-1, and the Raiders at 8-1.

"The Rams are definitely looked upon as the team to beat," Joe Lupo, oddsmaker at the Stardust said. "That number wouldn’t have changed whether they won yesterday or not."

The expansion Houston Texans are list­ed at 200-1 by the Stardust to win next year’s Super Bowl, according to Lupo.

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Do refs call it right?

Do referees get the call right most of the time? Who, not everyone at once, and I'd like the young man wearing the "I Don't Brake for Zebras" shirt to please calm down.

The fact of the matter is, referees do their jobs right, they shouldn't be noticed. Sure, sometimes you'll hear a broadcast caster yelp the crew on what a great job they've been doing all day. That usually sounds more forced than anything else you really wish she could go to your dance, if only her shoes weren't so squealing. When any type of referee doesn't notice, it's typically because the over-embellished opinion of the mob thinks he or she is doing a bad job. This can range anywhere from missing a foul on a basketball to the mis-handling of a coin toss in a Steelers-Lions game a few years ago.

Sometimes, though, when the day is going just bad enough for the impartial third party of rules enforcers to draw from his list of favours (with the first two oligarchs who are often too much of an imposition,) tables are turned. Take, for example, last Wednesday's Big East Conference basketball game between the Notre Dame men's basketball team hosted Pittsburgh at the Purcell Pavilion Center, when the Notre Dame men's basketball team hosted Pittsburgh at the Purcell Pavilion Center.

"I think they [the referees] found out at halftime their plane got 'downed,'" Dr. Graves said after the game, "so they probably stayed the night and they didn't have anywhere to go. So they just called everything.

"Indeed it seemed that way. Those 20 minutes of game time in the second half drug on longer than Lord of the Rings, in which we were called on the two teams. Notre Dame only came out leading the second half foul tally 19-15, but, as Graves pointed out, that was the point when the Irish had been called for 10 infractions to the Panthers two."

Coach Mike Brey was surprised it was called that close. His response to that foul break-down? "It was that even?" he asked.

Of course, the rough and tumble nature of the Big East always plays a role in fouls stacking up, as buy acknowledged: "I just think that's our league. People physically come after everybody in this league. They like coming after us. We talked about it at halftime, if fully expected (Pittsburgh going at them).

"We can't back down. We can't throw punches and be losing for a game, but... we are on the court..." as referees, they had to maintain a sense of order in a very physical conference.

"What did fans take away from this game? More than likely, it wasn't the Irish blowing up on a ranked team or Pittsburgh's heart in refusing to go away.

"That was the second half whistle chorus with a couple of loud whispers."

"Now I feel like I can play this game at a very high level." - Tom Brady

"I still want to play, and I feel like I can play this game at a very high level." - Drew Bledsoe

"Many of us who are here, in the same boat..." - Tom Brady

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Notre Dame responded with a 7:16 span to take what appeared to be a commanding edge with just over a minute remaining in the game. I just adjust mentally to be effective," said Notre Dame's Frank Vogel, who started and scored Notre Dame's first seven points Saturday at Seton Hall, could again see significant
time tonight.

"It's our best high-post player, she's a great passer and she can score on the block," McGraw said of the Colorado native. "If Pitt does something with trapping and all and we need to get the ball to somebody, I think she'll be somebody who'll get some time."

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not starting gave me a little time to focus a little more," Severe said. "I realize that I need to be there in the begin­ning of the game, I just needed mentally to be effective."

For Notre Dame, a win Tuesday would be important in a historical con­text as well as within the con­text of this year's Big East sea­son. A win would mark the 500th in Notre Dame women's basketball, a mark achieved by only 49 other NCAA programs.

A win also would move the Notre Dame into a tie with Boston College for second place in the Big East. The Irish host the Eagles on Sunday.

For the Irish, who didn't win its road game until January this season, the team is finally able to set in and go into a road game confident they can, and should, come out with a victo­ry.

"I think that we're kind of getting in a rhythm now where we're looking forward to the games more," McGraw said. "Before, I think we worried about a lot of things going into games. Now, we just worry about ourselves. We don't worry as much about what the other team's going to do to us so much as we have to take care of ourselves."

That said, McGraw is not underestimating her opponent, despite its less than stellar record which includes a six-game losing streak enter­ning tonight's game.

"They're playing the defend­ing national champs," McGraw said. "This is the Super Bowl for them, that's what I told the team. This is a game that they think they can win. They're going to come out and play hard for 40 minutes. We have to win the game."

NCAA BASKETBALL

76-64 win snaps Syracuse losing streak

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Preston Shumpert scored 20 points, and Josh Pace tied a career-high with 12 2-pointers. No. 23 Syracuse beat West Virginia 76-64 on Monday night.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for the Orange (18-6-7 Big East), who had not lost three straight since the 1995-96 sea­son. West Virginia (8-13, 1-8) appeared to be a commanding force 17 turnovers in building a 38-21 halftime lead. The Orange had nine steals and 12 turnovers that game.

Syracuse had nine steals and 12 turnovers in a 7:16 span to take what appeared to be a commanding lead. Four steals by Shumpert and three 3-pointer by Williams keyed the spurt.

Shumpert, still recovering from an eye injury, was 7-for­20 from the floor and 3-for-11 on 3-pointers.

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FENCING

Irish strong, but not deep

Captain Anna Carnick faces off against an opponent last season. The Irish dropped their meet to the Wildcats after a change in the starting lineup.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Severe finds familiar foe in Selwyn

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

When Le'Tania Severe takes the court at Pittsburgh tonight, her assignment on defense will be a familiar one.

The Panthers' point guard, junior Laine Selwyn, played against Severe when the Irish sophomore was the point guard at Florida's Ft. Lauderdale High School and Selwyn was dishing out passes for rival Coral Springs. The two also played together on an AAU team one summer and remain good friends.

"It'll be a nice match-up," Severe said. "It'll be something that I got to do in high school and I'd like to do again." But the match-up at the point is more than simply old friends being reacquainted. While the Panthers have struggled all season long to the tune of a 6-14 record (1-8 in Big East play), Selwyn has emerged as one of the few bright spots.

She averages 6.80 assists per game, tops among Big East point guards. Connecticut All-American Sue Bird sits a close second with 6.80 assists per contest, while Selwyn is sixth with 5.15.

"She's playing really well," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said of Selwyn, who also averages 14 points per contest. "She's improved a lot since last year and she's, I think, the key to their team." Severe's season has been up and down. After opening the season as the team's starting point guard, the sophomore moved to the bench in late December after a couple of sub-par performances.

She played well off the bench, but with classmate Jeneka Joyce out with an Achilles heel injury, Severe was forced back into the starting lineup last week against Syracuse. She responded with two points and a career-high nine assists in 30 minutes.

"That little time that I was