One vote prevents raised activity fee

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate rejected by a vote of 14 to 13 a resolution to increase the student activity fee.

The vote between the 26 senators ended in a 13-13 tie.

The tie meant that student body vice president Brian Moscena, who chairs the senate, had to vote. In voting against the resolution, Moscena said that he wanted a senate committee to look into the issues further to settle questions several senators had raised. The senate can then vote on the resolution, or an amended version of it.

The resolution called for an initial increase of $10, which would bring the fee to $75 for the 2002-2003 school year. The resolution would also have called for the fee to increase by $5 every two years until it reached $100. If the senate had passed the resolution, it would not have gone into effect but instead would have moved onto the Campus Life Council for further consideration.

The senate originally discussed the resolution at its President, Nanni's, former position. He added that the students he discussed the resolution with would also prefer to see campus organizations allocated less money so that a club would have to improve its programming in order to receive more funds.

Cavanaugh senator Lindsay Zika agreed, explaining that students at her hall council had a similar reaction as Fisher Hall council members did.

"They felt that this school too often raises money to solve problems," Zika said.

Off-campus senator Matthew Smith added that he could not support raising the fee when the University refused to fund a group like OUTReachND.

However, the Financial Management Board's Audra Hagan, who submitted the resolution to the senate, stressed that because of inflation, the activities fee needed to go up so that campus groups could maintain their level of programming.

"People are always asking us to do better. It's to do better when you're constantly slipping backward," said Hagan.

Members of the Student Senate met Wednesday to vote on a resolution that would have raised the fee for student activities. In a close 14-13 vote the resolution was defeated.

Romero agreed that passing the resolution was important.

"Seventy-five percent of us will see FEES/page 6

RCLC celebrates first year

By MEGHAN MARTIN
News Writer

Renalda Robinson would be proud.

It has only been a year, but the community center in the Northeast Neighborhood that bears her name has already done much to foster the kind of neighborhood advocacy that this matriarch of the community worked so hard for.

First opened in February of 2001, the Robinson Community Learning Center was intended to be a place "where the neighboring community and university community could come together and break down the barriers that separate us... to put names and faces to issues that we would otherwise have talked about as social problems," said Lou Nanni, the University's Vice President of Public Affairs and Communication, and chair of the Center's Oversight Committee.

Initiated by the University's Office of the President, Nanni's former position, the planning committee's primary goal, as noted by current RCLC director Jay Caponigro, was to "weave together what would be a strong center" for the neighborhood community at the location of a vacant University-owned building.

According to Nanni, it was important that the University not look beyond its neighbors' needs or "treat them with a benign neglect." After securing support from a number of local and University departments, the planning committee worked with community members to gain insight into how best to fulfill the needs at hand.

Nanni said the project was a collaborative effort, combining a partnership with the Northeast Neighborhood Council and the University's Center for Social Concerns to "create a community learning center... for the community.

After six months of listening and learning, the committee, consisting of students, faculty, administrators, and community leaders, put its refined plan into action. Intended to be a beacon for the local neighborhood and not an advertisement for the University, Nanni said, "We felt that it was critical to the neighborhood to the south of us [that we create a place] where we could address their needs, not just show their strengths."

With that in mind, the Center was launched with a number of programs that have only gained momentum over the course of the year, such as exercise classes, an after-school program for,
**INSIDE COLUMN**

Here we go again

Dorothy's rump through the poppies was nothing compared to walking past my hall's front desk this morning. As the flower trucks rolled, workers brought bouquets in by the truckload. I stood there motionless as I witnessed the massive effort. Even Glenda the good Witch couldn't revive me. I was in awe, but luckily, I was ready.

Last year I was shot when I left my room and saw the stacks of gifts at my front desk. Never before had I seen such an array of colors, plush and pollen all in one place. It was a war zone. I was surrounded. There were lilies, daisies, roses. There were teddy bears, kittens, goldfish. There were girls standing in front of their goodie bags. There were girls standing and watching the other girls. And, there were girls standing in front of the delivery board, searching for their name. There were so many gifts, and the desk workers had made signs of the alphabet to direct traffic. The constant flow of flowers picking up flowers was only matched by the constant flow of more gifts coming through the front doors. This year was no different.

On Valentine's Day, it seems like everyone can be divided into two categories: those who get something on Valentine's Day and those who don't. Even further than that, there are those who care about not getting anything and those who couldn't care less. I am one of those girls who just don't see the need for all the hoopla. My view: save a shrub, boycott Valentine's Day.

I think it is silly for there to be a day specified, by Hallmark no less, to say I love you. That doesn't mean that I think St. Valentine doesn't deserve recognition, but I think he is straddling cupids in the heavens with each flower truck that unloads. Although his feast day is marked only once on the calendar, I think the spirit of Valentine's Day would be a 365 day a year holiday. Love should be shared, expressed and felt everyday of the year. Feast day or no feast day.

On the other hand, I am not a girlfriend. Roses or no roses. Name on the board, no name on the board.

Writing grant the desk yesterday, I noticed the beginnings of the frenzy as the hall staff prepared for the massive amounts of foliage that would be arriving. This is no different, except for one minor detail: I have a boyfriend. That's right. This Valentine's Day I have someone, other than my father, to share it with. Still, I don't care if my name is not on the board. I don't care if everyone else is bringing flowers.

Love is something that cannot be measured in dozens or monetary objects of affection. It is more than a bouquet of roses. Like many others, I believe that love is timeless and priceless, and should be shown everyday of the year—not just on Feb. 14.

So, congratulations to all those who receive flowers this year. But, don't pity me for having a boyfriend that doesn't send me flowers. Perhaps I have true happiness in life by realizing that love cannot be bought. And, I am happy. Today, like any other day, I am sitting in class today wearing the goofiest grin because I know what makes my life special. Surprising to many, it's not flowers or chocolate. It's loving someone and letting them love you in return. It's realizing the importance of being a listening someone special. It's the holiday with. Ignore the calendar, and make everyday of the year Valentine's Day by letting someone special love you.

Happy Valentine's Day, Kurt.

Kelly Hager
Copy Editor

**This Week on Campus**

**Thursday**
- **Film:** "Puritan Bias in Policy Convergence:
  - **Location:** Latin America, Maria
  - **Time:** 6:15 p.m.

**Friday**
- **Event:** Booktalk and signing, The Future of Our Past, Father Robert Peltom, Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, 3 p.m.
- **Workshop:** "2000 Dance Spectrum," O'Laughlin Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**Beyond Campus**

Texas A&M top 20 admission plan denounced

Texas A&M top 20 admission plan denounced universities cannot use race as a factor in admissions or financial aid. The case was based on the filed that qualified applicants to University of Texas Law School were denied admittance because of racial preferences, allowing admission of less qualified students.

Rogers was one of several students denied admission, even though he ranked in the 98th percentile for admissions scores. Rogers received his law degree from Texas Tech School of Law in 2001.

Rogers said the plan could be in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Neither allows racial preferences to be used to change racial balance.

The Battalion

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS**

Trustee appointment replaced

Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee voided his appointment of Jim von Grempp to the University of Arkansas System Board of Trustees and added Carl Johnson instead. The appointment of von Grempp Feb. 6 was found to be unconstitutional Monday because he would have been the fourth representative from the 3rd Congressional District on the board. "We discovered afterward that the law did say that no more than three members of the board could be from one Congressional District," Huckabee spokesman Jim Harris said. "The governor admits that a mistake was found to be unconstitutional."

Huckabee was in awe, but luckily, I was able to contact him at 631-5451 so we can correct our error.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Tas, graduate students can unionize

At Columbia University, the Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board ruled Tuesday that teaching and research assistants at Columbia are employees of the university entitled to a union representation election. The decision overturns the university's argument that its teaching assistants are primarily students and not employees of the university and is a victory for Columbia Graduate Student Employees United, which is affiliated with the United Auto Workers. "It's fantastic that they've ruled that we are employees," said Beverly Gage, a GSEU organizer and graduate student. The ruling means that a secret-ballot election, which would determine whether a union would represent members of the union bargaining unit in contract negotiations with the university administration, will be held at Columbia. No date is currently set for an election, but they are traditionally held within 30 days of a decision.

Columbia Daily Spectator

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New office emerges from diversity issue

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
News Writer

In an attempt to improve the quality of professors Notre Dame has to offer, the University has created a new administrative branch called the Office of Institutional Equity. The organization will play an integral role in the hiring and firing of University teaching and staff positions. Also, it will be involved in sexual harassment issues, and deal with affirmative action responsibilities within the faculty.

Rhonda Brown has been appointed to head the office. Eight years ago, she was an administrator at the College of Holy Cross in Massachusetts, and she dealt with affirmative action issues within the college. Two years ago, Brown was contacted by Notre Dame and asked to head a similar program at the University. This October, she began her work in the Office of Institutional Equity and met with members of the University staff.

"I had to learn what makes this place unique," said Brown. "I want to know that the person we help to hire values diversity."

To help appeal to a wider range of potential faculty members, the office will assist in writing advertisements for vacant positions within the University departments. Also, the office will aid in overseeing the applicant pool and narrowing down the search to prospective candidates.

"It's a long process and will not happen over night, and there's always room for improvement," said Brown. "The faculty members must be able to grow as scholars and feel part of a community."

The University wishes to keep the faculty they hire for their good teaching abilities and experience. This new office is intended to help faculty members build strong connections with Notre Dame so that they want to remain in this teaching environment.

The offices are located on the second floor of Grace Hall.

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SISTERHOOD WEEK: February 18-24

"Sisterhood Beyond Boundaries: Lesbian, Bisexual & Straight Women in Community"

• Keynote Address:

Monday, February 18, 7:00 pm, Stapleton Lounge, LeMans:

• Film Series:

Tuesday, February 19, 7:30 pm, Madeleva 351:
"If These Walls Could Talk, 2" A film depicting the lives of three lesbian women from different eras. The first story, taking place in 1961, stars Vanessa Redgrave as a woman widowed when her partner of 50 years suddenly dies. The 1972 portion stars Michelle Williams, who finds dealing with the sexual politics of the gay community increasingly more complex when she falls in love with a boyish woman (played by Chloe Sevigny). The most modern piece, taking place in 2000, portrays a contemporary lesbian couple (Sharon Stone and Ellen DeGeneres) determined to have a baby.

Wednesday, February 20, 7:30 pm, Moreau 232:
A 1996 award-winning documentary, "The Celluloid Closet" chronicles various Hollywood screen depictions of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in mainstream film and the attitudes behind their subtle representations. It's packed with celebrity interviews, film clips, and insightful gems regarding subplots often missed by the audience.

• Alumnae Panel

Sunday, February 24, 4:00 pm, Moreau 232:
"Boundaries Past and Present: Sharing Experiences with Alumnae." Followed by a reception in Moreau Art Gallery.

Sponsored by: People in Support (PisS), Office of the Vice President & Dean of Faculty, Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, MAG (Moreau Art Gallery), Gay & Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GALA-ND/SMC), and the Departments of: Communication, Dance & Theatre, English, Intercultural Studies, Justice Education, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Women's Studies
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By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

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MEXICO

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Associated Press

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**AIDS News Briefs**

AIDS fund falls short of goal: Nine months after Secretary General Kofi Annan called on wealthy nations to contribute at least $7 billion a year to a global fund to fight AIDS, donations have fallen far short of that goal. Advocates and some lawmakers blame the White House, saying its pledge of $200 million this year sets a poor example for other countries.

**U.S. Plane crashes in Afghanistan:** An Air Force plane crashed in a remote region of Afghanistan. American officials said Wednesday. All eight crew members survived. Some crew members were injured in the Tuesday evening crash but none of the injuries were considered life threatening, said Maj. Brad Lowell, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla.

**National News Briefs**

Supreme Court shuts down Casino: Nine years in operation, the Speaking Rock operated by the Tigua Indian tribe in Texas was ordered closed on Monday night after the United States Supreme Court refused to grant a stay to let the 70,000-square-foot casino remain in operation while tribal leaders fight a protracted legal battle with state authorities who want the casino shut down.

Boston Globe loses law suit: A jury today ordered The Boston Globe and a former reporter to pay more than $2 million to state officials and former employees and terminations of staff were ordered to pay another $2 million this year sets a poor example for other countries.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Endangered landmark list published: Riverfront Evansville's once-busy downtown riverfront district tops a preservation group's list of Indiana's 10 most endangered historic landmarks. The Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana put the Ohio River city's Main Street corridor atop its local list, which was released Wednesday. Downtown Evansville still boasts historic buildings that date from the 1850s to the early 20th century, but nearly half are empty, putting them at risk, the foundation said. The downtown area has been left barren as businesses and residents migrated to newer developments in the decades following World War II.

**Market Watch February 13**

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**World News Briefs**

The Netherlands

Slobodan Milosevic, the former Yugoslav president, addresses the United Nations tribunal in The Hague on Wednesday. The trial against Milosevic for alleged atrocities is Europe's most important war crime's case since Nuremberg.

**Milosevic Speaks out in Court**

Bush unveils Kyoto replacement

The report expressed doubts about the phenomenon of global warming, the effects of natural climate change and human activity, and its pace. However, a report prepared by the National Academy of Sciences for the White House concluded in June that global warming was a real problem that is getting worse.

The report to Bush last week warned that the Kyoto requirements could erode the nation's gross domes- tic product by up to 4 percent in 2010 "a staggering sum when there is no scientific basis for believing this tar-get is preferable to one less costly."
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Saint Mary's representative Erin Casey added that students at Saint Mary's College pay a much higher fee.
"Sixty-five dollars to me doesn't seem like that much when I pay $156," she said. "You're gaining so much from student government, and you're giving them the power to do more for you."
In other news:
- The senate unanimously passed a resolution calling for increased student representa-
tion on the Academic Council. The resolution will now go to the University's Student Affairs committee for additional consid-
eration.
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local children and adult computer classes.
Nanni credits Caponigro and his staff for the center's success. Caponigro's staff consists of local and university community members, such as Marguerite Taylor, Renalda Robinson's daughter, Americorps volunteers, such as Khadijah Shabazz and Andrea Mechenbier; and local college students.
Through a partnership with the South Bend School Corporation, the RCLC has been able to offer both GED and English as a Second Language classes to adults in the community. The St. Joseph County Library has established the location as a permanent drop-off for books. The St. Joseph Regional Medical Center has provided RCLC members with health screenings and preventative care.
The University itself has taken enormous measures to enrich the opportunities offered to the Northeast Neighborhood. Providing support for local entreprenuers, the Mendoza College of Business has launched the RCLC as an incubation center, which makes essential assistance available to those wishing to start their own businesses. The Office of Information Technologies has provided computers for the sought-after classes. The Department of Music has donated a number of keyboards to the center, and now offers piano lessons to roughly 20 children, taught by department staff members and graduate assistants.
The Snite Museum of Art, as well, has demonstrated support for the center. According to Andrea Mechenbier, youth program and volunteer coordinator, the Snite has been really proactive in getting money to help the children involved with the center. Through the grants it has secured, the museum was able to commission a Chicago-area painter to collaborate with RCLC children on their vision of the neighborhood; creating the vibrant mural that can be found on the side of the building.
A second grant has been acquired to do the same with the center's teenage members. In addition, Jackie Welsh, educational curator of the Snite, leads an art program each week for the high-school crowd. University departments are looking to add new features as well. The Athletic Department anticipates adding sports activities to the current tutoring program's curriculum. Children would be paired with athletes to create what Caponigro calls, "experiential learning through sports." Caponigro has made it a priority to "create new opportunities for children to learn in different styles," addressing specific learning difficulties that the RCLC's students encounter on a daily basis. Promoting literacy, for instance, is a principal endeavor that Caponigro hopes to con-tinue. "We want to make a dent in the low [57 percent] high school graduation rate of South Bend."
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RCLC DIRECTOR

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"There is nothing greater than having a dream — and being able to come back and see the reality exceeded," Nanni said. Contact Meghan Martin at mmartin@nd.edu.

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Friday, February 14, 2002
The season of Lent is already upon us. This is a time for us as individuals and as a church to discerne where we stand with God. In Lent, we focus on how we have strayed from the Gospel call to love and service while praying for forgiveness and reconsecrating ourselves wholeheartedly. We hope to “find our way back” by focusing on the cross of Christ.

What will you do to re-commit yourself to Jesus this Lent? How will you remind yourself of the need to be reconciled with God and the church? How will you mark the next six weeks or so in order to prepare to celebrate the Pascal Mystery (i.e., the death and resurrection) of Christ?

The traditional Christian practices are especially appropriate for Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Of those three, fasting seems to get the most attention. Many people “give something up” during this season as a way of helping them to stay focused on the cross of Christ. People often give up candy, sweets, snacking in between meals, meat, liquor, TV, video games, and the like. (Or how about cursing, arguing, being jealous or prideful?) If you do choose to do something like this, make sure it’s realistic, not overbearing or physically harmful. The point is to remind you of your dependence on Christ alone, not to punish the body or yourself.

Almsgiving also assists us in our effort to be Christlike. Certainly, this involves donating money to charitable organizations and to the church, but it could also be practiced in service to those who are less fortunate. Make a commitment to volunteer or give your time and talent to a local or international group. Look for ways in which you can serve your classmate, roommate, or others you see every day. Almsgiving is spending yourself on others.

But what of prayer? There are many ways to pray during Lent. Spend time in quiet contemplation in a chapel or in the Basilica. Go to the Grotto daily or a couple of times a week. Join a Bible study or a faith sharing group like Emmaus. Commit to doing a retreat. Talk to people around you about your relationship with God.

There is another form of prayer which is being offered on campus right now: the Liturgy of the Hours. This prayer has roots that go back hundreds of years and was introduced by monks and nuns. This is a form of public prayer in which a group of people gather several times a day to pray the Psalms and Scriptures. There are several “hours” of prayer, and perhaps only contemplative religious can “afford” to pray all of them (at least seven times a day). The reforms of the Church in the 1960s, however, made it clear that all Christians are invited to pray the Hours together whenever possible.

For those who pray this liturgy, most come together for two of the Hours: Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. We in the Congregation of Holy Cross gather at least twice a day to pray these at Old College, Moreau, Corby, Columba Hall, Holy Cross College, and St. Mary's College, among other local places. Last Fall, several students approached us in Campus Ministry about the possibility of praying Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer together as a student body. We have welcomed the initiative and applied the efforts of those who have been pursuing this. To that end: I would like to invite you to join us in this daily prayer. Perhaps this could be part of your Lenten commitment to deepen your prayer life? Or maybe this would prove to be an excellent way to start or end your day of classes.

Beginning yesterday, Morning Prayer is being prayed in the chapel of the Coleman/Morse Center at 8:45am, and Evening Prayer is at 5pm, Monday through Friday. There are books available in the chapel for the prayers, and even though the format looks daunting at first, anyone can get the hang of it after a couple of times. The prayers last about 10 or 15 minutes, depending on music or longer Scriptural reflections. You don't have to worry about standing out in the crowd, as this is a time for communal prayer. Basically, it gives us all a chance to use the gift of the Psalms (the prayer book of Christians) as a way of growing closer to God and each other.

Please consider joining us on a regular basis for these prayers. You may very well grow to love this ancient form of prayer and want to incorporate it into your life forever. It is a privilege to live among so many people of faith on our campuses. May God help us to take advantage of this, bringing us together often to offer Him praise and worship. And may the blessing of Almighty God be with us all during this Lenten season.
Leaders probe Food Services on campus dining

By ERIN LARUFFA
Associate News Editor

Food Services director Dave Prentkowski addressed the Student Senate Wednesday to explain the University's opinions of the dining halls.

Prentkowski began by explaining to senators the important role that the University sees for dining halls. "They play a significant role in the student life and the culture of the University," said Prentkowski, who explained that much of his job actually involves working with the Office of Student Affairs. "The dining halls are a part of the residential experience — the eating in a community."

Flex Points 'n' Grab and Go take away from that experience to some extent, Prentkowski added. The University therefore seeks a balance between the convenience of Flex Points and Grab 'n' Go and the community of the dining halls.

Although Prentkowski said he has discussed possible improvements to Grab 'n' Go with Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, Poorman is not supportive of the idea. "His feeling was to not make Grab 'n' Go more desirable because he wants students to go to the dining halls," Prentkowski said.

Dining halls also offer logistical benefits, according to Prentkowski. "There are a lot of you guys on campus. The dining halls are made for volume. The Huddle is not," he said. Therefore, he said, lines at retail places such as the Huddle would get too long if more people ate there instead of at the dining hall.

Financial factors also play a significant role in how meal plans are structured. "We base everything on how many meals we know the average student eats," said Prentkowski. "For us to start to change the model and give more flexibility, we have to start to say, 'What are we going to cut?'"

He also explained that students on the 21-meal plan do not actually pay for 21 meals. "We're not charging you for 21 meals. We're charging you for 17," he said. "There's no money left over."

This year, students are eating more meals than Food Services expected, which means the budget for meals is running out of money, he added. Food services may consider offering more meal plan choices, but students may have to pay more for certain plans, he said.

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Another major cost factor is the underutilization of the dining halls. "If more people ate there instead of the Huddle, we would get too long, and that a Subway is one possible replacement being looked at," said Prentkowski.

Sbarros will offer healthy meals and that a Subway is one possible replacement being looked at for the Tomasso's location.

Elizabeth Lenz, the senator from Farley, also questioned Prentkowski about the differences between North and South dining halls in terms of food quality.

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Dave Prentkowski, director of Food Services meets with the Student Senate Wednesday to discuss dining options. Currently, Food Services is considering several alternative meal plans.
GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE
Officials who are interrogating detainees at Guantnamo said Wednesday they are having trouble sorting fact from fiction.

Thirty-four more detainees have arrived from Afghanistan at the U.S. Navy base in eastern Cuba, bringing the number of people held there to 288. The camp has a capacity of 320.

Chief Warrant Officer John Winfield, who has been in charge of the detention mission, said the process of sorting out details on captives has a capacity of 320. The camp has a capacity of 320.

The first prisoners arrived just over a month ago, the population has grown to represent at least 26 nationalities. Detainees speak a dozen or more languages and dialects and represent at least two religions — Islam and Christianity. Officials say.

In the most detailed breakdown, a senior Pentagon official said on condition of anonymity last week that the 158 detainees then at the camp included 50 Saudis, 30 Yemenis and 25 Pakistanis. There are also eight Algerians and three Britons as well as a handful of prisoners from Egypt, Australia, France, Russia, Belgium, Sweden and other countries.

Denmark said Tuesday that one of its citizens was among 34 detainees who arrived here Monday, and requested U.S. permission to visit him.

On Sunday, a U.S. military official said the number of detainees at Camp X-Ray whose allegiance had not been established was larger than the number believed to be Taliban or al-Qaida. Officials say some may belong to groups other than Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or al-Qaida, the international terrorist network that the Taliban sheltered.

Officials have emphasized the importance of the interrogations in the war on terrorism.

"The information that we develop comes from a variety of sources all over the world," Lehner said. "If you go back to see how they determine the truth, you know, what more could I say? It's so simple and I hope the Americans will feel the same way that I do.

The number of Taliban and al-Qaida members believed to have planned to attack the United States or Americans in Yemen on or after Tuesday.

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"We expect Mr. Walker to be held personally responsible for all this, however, whatever he has done," she said calmly.

"Certainly I should have preferred the death penalty myself."

"As we all know, freedom's not free. Bodies have come draped with flags. Mike's was the first. Americans will not tolerate traitors."

Johnny Spann
father of slain CIA officer
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Family accuses Walker of treason

- Family of slain CIA officer says American Taliban waged war on West

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - They showed up, unannounced, to call John Walker Lindh a traitor. The mother, father and widow of slain CIA officer Johnny Micheal Spann have a score to settle, and no hesitation about saying so.

"John Walker is a traitor, because of the way he lived," Spann's mother, Gail, said Wednesday. "If you go back from the time he was 16 years old and just go through his history, you know, what more could I say? It's so simple and I hope the Americans will feel the same way that I do.

The Spanns' family made it clear that is not their view — and they hope the court will accept.

"We sent our sons and our daughters and our wives and our fathers and our mothers to a faraway land to fight this terrible evil, so we could continue to live and enjoy the freedom that we live in today," Spann told reporters. "As we all know, freedom's not free. Bodies have come draped with flags. Mike's was the first. Americans will not tolerate traitors."

After the legal proceeding, Lindh's father, Frank, approached Spann's father in the crowded courthouse hallway. He tried to shake his hand, offer condolences and say his son was not involved in the younger Spann's death. Officials from the prosecutor's office, however, intervened to end the conversation.

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Police find man, fake IDs near Pentagon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Federal prosecutors mindful of new terrorism warnings sought the identity Wednesday night of a man who drove a tow truck on a road near the Pentagon. A judge ordered the man held.

"There is a substantial risk of the defendant's flight," U.S. Magistrate Judge Theresa Buchanan said of the man, identified in court papers as "Imad Abdel-Fattah Hamed, aka Imad Nimer.

A criminal complaint filed by the FBI revealed that Hamed was detained and was not identified to law enforcement officials who have been on high alert since the Pentagon and World Trade Center attacks. Monday night, the FBI issued its latest terrorist alert, warning of an unspecified attack possibly as early as Tuesday.

"The timing of this apparent attempt to breach security, after the latest FBI warning of a specific and credible terrorist threat, certainly gives me pause," Virginia Gov. Mark Warner said in a statement.

Hamed was detained and was not identified publicly.

Meanwhile, federal law enforcement authorities took custody of Hamed, who appeared Wednesday at the U.S. District Courthouse in Alexandria, Va.

He is charged with committing identification document fraud and making false statements, which carry on conviction a sentence as high as 15 years in jail, according to Prosecutor John Morton.

"We are fully engaged in determining what Mr. Hamed's true identification and true nationality is," Morton said.

Hamed, clad in a white short-sleeved shirt and black jeans and wearing a mustard and black tie, asked Buchanan what to do about his job and said he could afford a lawyer before being led away. Buchanan set a preliminary hearing for Friday.

Traveling south on Route 110 about 10:30 p.m. Monday, the tow truck drove past signs erected in November that prohibit commercial vehicles on the road, according to the complaint.

Officers in a police cruiser who watched the truck go by alerted a second team stationed farther along the road.

The second team questioned the driver and passenger, "both of whom appeared to be Middle Eastern males," according to the complaint, and found several false driver's licenses and other government documents inside. Several of the documents bore pictures matching those of the driver and passenger but had conflicting addresses, dates of birth and Social Security numbers.

The truck bore a Virginia inspection sticker and temporary Maryland tags, the complaint said.

FBI dogs searched the truck for weapons and explosives but turned up none, Caldwell said.
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atter the administration to disallow the production of this foul play immediately. In G.K. Chesterton's book, "The Ball and the Cross," a Catholic Scotsman breaks a store window and challenges a blaspheming atheist to a mortal duel, all because the atheist wrote an article touting Mary as an ancient pagan goddess. "The Vagina Monologues" openly flings the bird at modesty, chastity and virginity, and in fact at all women who consider their private parts private. What is Notre Dame's administration willing to do to defend the honor of the Blessed Virgin and all her daughters? Roll over and die in the face of a "gender specific" call for "open-mindedness" and "academic freedom?" Or stand up and stop this travesty? I urge all students to write letters to Provost Nathan Hatch calling for an immediate cessation of this production. I also invite everyone to join us as we pray for our sisters. Hope that they can love themselves. Hope that they will survive. Hope that they will want to go on. Hope that they will dream again. Hope that they can hear are real. They are true. Like the fact that, on average, one rape occurs every 22 hours on each college campus in this nation, these truths are not always easy to hear. The "Monologues" will shock you. They will make you cry. They will make you angry. But they will also make you laugh. They will inspire you. They will help you realize that it can be done. One day, Valentine's Day will be known, as Eve put it, as "Victry Over Violence Day."

Kerry Walsh

Each day in the U.S., 960 women are raped. Nine hundred and sixty. That's one woman every 90 seconds — of each and every day. Valentine's Day is a day where it is especially probable doesn't seem to be the most likely day for discussing such disturbing facts, but since I became part of the V-Day College Campaign movement, I have not been able to think of a better time to talk about violence against women. Four years back, in 1997, Eve Ensler, the author of "The Vagina Monologues," began a movement to raise awareness of sex-criminals against women. She called it V-Day and "Claimed Valentine's Day" for the event. After V-Day became a reality, Eve decided to involve college students in the movement. Since its modest beginning with 65 schools in 1999, the College Campaign has grown to nearly 450 colleges participating nationwide and 700 worldwide. This year Notre Dame will join the V-Day movement along with so many other colleges and universities across the nation. Part of our series of events will be two student-produced presentations of Eve's play. Many people I've spoken to have had a typical Notre Dame reaction when asked if they will attend the production: muffled laughter and a quick exit. We are afraid of what is new and different and "The Vagina Monologues" is certainly both. I would like to point out what the Monologues are: Not Bill Gates. They are not absurd. They are not man-hating. They do not promote any particular lifestyle. They are not just for girls. And now for what they are: "The Vagina Monologues" is a series of real women's stories of love, anger, abuse, success, and, most of all, hope. These are the stories of women who are looking for hope for their futures. Hope that they can love themselves. Hope that they will survive. Hope that they will wake up one day and not longer fear violence. The stories that you will hear are real. They are true. Like the fact that, on average, one rape occurs every 22 hours on each college campus in this nation, these truths are not always easy to hear. The "Monologues" will shock you. They will make you cry. They will make you angry. But they will also make you laugh. They will inspire you. They will help you realize that it can be done.

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"The greatest thing you'll ever know is just to love and be loved in return."

Christian character in "Moulin Rouge"
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Diffusing News on Birth Control is an Overreaction

Christine Niles

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Thursday, February 14, 2002

The fact is that hate crimes legislation tends to favor distinct groups of people over others. Certain privileges, such as "personnelsized" classes, exist in law and the minds of the politically correct. Only certain races of people have crimes — special protection and special treatment — given the amount of their being afflicted for many years past. This might be reasonable concerning some categories in this nation's history: slavery and segregation. The law has recognized that equal Protection may sometimes mean redress for a class of people over the long run, rather than redress for individuals in particular cases. Which means that some people, for a certain amount of time, are more equal than others. Some may agree with that; some may not. I only point out that such an agenda lies hidden in hate crimes legislation, except it is applied not only to favor certain minority races, but also to favor certain genders (female), particular sexual prefer­ ences (homosexual, bisexual, transgender) and particular religions (anything but Christianity and Judaism). And one sees that, in practice, this is exactly the way convictions falls. Punishment is meted out to heterossexuals assaulting homosexuals, but almost never the other way around. Penalty is given for whites attacking blacks, but not often vice versa. In theory, equality, in practice, bias.

MURDER IS MURDER IS MURDER. I may kill from hatred of you for simply being what you are — tall, green-eyed, a good cook, a bad spacer, whatever. Will the laws that I will make protect you just as not bad at all? That my punishment for murdering will be less severe because I am in some way more innocent than those singled out for hate crimes legislation.

In the end, the people decide which laws they want passed — and if the people want hate crimes legislation, they will get hate crimes legislation. Far be it from me to stand in the way of democracy. But, dear people, before you make your voices heard, I only ask that you think hard about the implications of such laws. They sound nice, fair, equal, right — but they are bad policy. They are one more example of well-intentioned people seeking to work justice and producing just the opposite.

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Others' use benefits Catholics

Randall Lannie

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Letter to the Editor

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Academy announces nominations

By MELISSA RAUCH
Some Movie Writer

Division begins today for the 74th Academy Awards, the only event where the bets are set on the outcomes of the evening. As a result of its remarkable critical acclaim and box office success, "Monster's Ball" has been nominated for Best Actor and Best Actress, making Halle Berry and Billy Bob Thornton both up for acting awards in this year's Oscar race.

The film centers on Hank Grotowski (Halle Berry), the widow of the late labor leader, who must deal with the tragic death of her husband. Thornton plays Melvin, a southern correctional officer who must learn how to deal with the tragic pasts they each have, and Hank must deal with his own history of racism.

Within the overall realist grip of the film, an interesting visual tension is established as light and shadow are used to their fullest artistic potential. Characters are constantly moving in and out of shadows, letting the darkness hide their tragic pasts from each other. The light becomes a player in the film, as it brings a host of issues with which the pair must contend. Both characters must somehow deal with the tragic pasts they each have, and their relationship is built on a foundation of mutual understanding and respect.

The cinematography is the film's finest aspect. First, it is shot with a gritty approach that matches the tenor of the story and characters. Make no mistake, however, this is no "Blair Witch Project." Nothing is done by accident, and the viewer is shocked.

The story is not the feel good romantic comedy; they come together to make each other stronger. The interaction between the characters leads to leave the audience at the same time laughing, crying and shifting uncomfortably in their seats. It makes viewers react in ways that most films do not.

The real heart of the story is presented when Thornton, through a tragic chance encounter, meets Leticia Musgrave. She is a woman who has become a study in her own right, as she is living her life on the edge of society. Her life is a study in the power of love and forgiveness, and it is through her that we are able to see the light and shadow in the film.

The film is a remarkable achievement, as it manages to tackle some of the most difficult issues of our time in a way that is both profound and accessible. It is a film that will leave audiences thinking long after they have left the theater.

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Ever since Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" lost to John Madden's "Shakespeare in Love," for lack of better pictures, media pundits have speculated that it is in each distributor's best interest to hold their best "Award worthy" movie for a later year release. The rationale behind this strategy is, predictably, the November release, "Shakespeare" was more fresh in the minds of Academy voters compared to "Ryan," which had a July opening. The choices below are all end of the year releases, reflecting this pattern of leaving an indelible impression on voter's minds. Some of these selections, however, did not get nominated by the Academy on Tuesday, but it is imperative to recognize their achievement in the past year.

Best Picture: "Mulholland Drive"

The David Lynch TV pilot turned feature-length film was in a class by itself this year. Nominated for the Oscar this year, it did a better job of engaging the audience's intellectual capabilities while simultaneously providing a meet entertaining trip through a world of dreams, obsessions and broken desires. "Drive" brought its detractors and supporters together to a common ground: Neither could stop discussing the movie's myriad turns, both in its narrative and its style. A hodgepodge of film noir, mystery, a quirky sense of humor, a character-study. Neither "Drive" is, with a December release, an extraordinary supporting actor

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Both Sissy Spacek and Tom Wilkinson (left) deserve praise for their performances in Todd Field's "In the Bedroom." David Lynch's "Mulholland Drive" (middle) was the best film 2001 had to offer, although only the director himself was nominated for an Oscar. Steve Buscemi (right) was unfairly shut out of this year's Supporting Actor race.

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Miller fell in the downhill and slipped on the first slalom run. In his breakneck second slalom run, he shattered the gate as he twisted and turned toward the first medal by a U.S. male Alpine skier since 1994.

He was 15th after the downhill portion, but he gained medals by Kjell Andre Aamot of Norway by a whopping 2:44 seconds. He fell midway through the first slalom run, then passed three skiers on the final slalom run.

His day almost ended in disaster where he fell midway down the course. The left side of his body scraped the snow. "I was thinking, I know, I was on my down thigh sliding right to my coaches," he said. "I got up fast, just to try to stay on course and take second in the combined event. It was just to kill myself, and the coaches, because I was going about 65 mph." Miller became the only other American man to win an Alpine slalom medal since 1984. He got down on his thigh sliding right to his coaches, "I got up fast, just to try to stay on course and take second in the combined event. It was just to kill myself, and the coaches, because I was going about 65 mph." The only other is Tommy Moe, who won two medals at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics.

Miller also became the first American man to win a medal in the combined event, in which results are an aggregate of the downhill and two slalom runs. Miller's chances for a medal looked slim after the downhill portion and he was downstairs after his first slalom run. He sent snow flying on that run when he failed to grip and he slipped at two turns. "An extremely difficult first-run slalom course narrowed the field considerably. Only 27 of the 47 racers who started the combined event Wednesday morning made it to the second slalom run. Among those who fell on the first slalom was Casey Puckett of Aspen, Colo., who became just the second U.S. male Alpine skier to compete in four Olympics.

Miller retains a favorite in the slalom and a medal hopeful in the giant slalom next week.

Short Track Speed Skating

Apollo Anton Ohno stepped out from behind the wall and thousands of fans who've never seen a short-track race burst into wild applause.

Forget the hype. Enough of the controversy. It was time for one of America's best Olympic hopes to hit the ice. Ohno began his quest for four medals by finishing second in his 1,000-meter heat Wednesday night, good enough to push him to Saturday's quarterfinals. The 19-year-old former trials from Tacoma, Wash., also was set to race the U.S. men's team, which competed later Wednesday in the semifinals of the 5,000 relay. Rusty Smith advanced in the 1,000 and four-time Olympian Amy Peterson, who carried the U.S. flag in the opening ceremony, made it through her first heat.

But all eyes at the Salt Lake Ice Center were on Ohno, whose first appearance of these games brought the sellout crowd to its feet in thunderous applause. While fans chanted "U.S.-A. U.S.-A.

American skier Bode Miller flies around a gate during a slalom medal run Wednesday. Miller won the silver medal, ending an eight-year U.S. drought in alpine skiing, to the inside of the straightaway and nearly pulled even with Kim, stealing a glance at his rival.

Just as quickly, Ohno pulled out and tucked in behind the Korean, looking back with a half-lap to go to just make sure no one was challenging. "I was going for it in a second run," Miller said. "I really didn't feel I had anything else I could do. I've been trying to ski how I was going for it in a second run. From 12th on the second run, I was going about 65 mph."
**Probe continues into figure skating controversy**

Associated Press

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**BOXING**

### Tyson license faces opposition

Associated Press

**ATLANTA** Already shunned by Nevada and other states, Mike Tyson faces opposition in Georgia as he searches for a site to fight heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis.

"I know there might not have been much discretion about the issuance of the license and the way the law was written, but there are other hurdles that have to be overcome and I personally don't think we should have the fight," Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes said Wednesday.

Since being denied a boxing license Jan. 29 by the Nevada Athletic Commission, Tyson's promoters have been shopping other sites. "The governors of Texas and Colorado also spoke out against their respective states holding the fight," Georgia Boxing Commission, Tyson's licence faces opposition

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**American League**

**Henderson signs contract with Boston**

Associated Press

Rickey Henderson and the Boston Red Sox reached agreement on a minor league contract Wednesday, giving baseball's career leader in runs, stolen bases and walks a chance to play his 24th season in the majors. The deal, confirmed by his agent, Jeff Borris, came a week before Boston's full squad reports to spring training in Fort Myers, Fla.

If Henderson makes the Red Sox — it would be his eighth big league team — the 43-year-old outfielder is expected to back up Manny Ramirez in left and be a part-time DH. The Red Sox dramatically revamped their roster in the offseason following a late slide in 2001. They juggled their outfield by signing free agent Johnny Damon, trading away Carl Everett and letting struggling in Fort Myers, Fla.

Henderson's specialty is getting on base. His 81 walks last season gave him 2,141, moving him past Babe Ruth's mark. There was a chance Henderson would return to play for the Padres, although not until May.

Henderson broke into the majors in 1979 with Oakland and spent his first six years with the Athletics. He later played for the New York Yankees, Toronto, Anaheim, the New York Mets and Seattle. Henderson is a .280 hitter with 290 HR and 1,094 RBIs in his 23-year career. He's a 10-time All-Star, last making the team in 1991, and also holds the career record of 79 leadoff home runs.

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Olympics

History doesn't favor skaters

♦ Canadian figure skating pair unlikely to get gold medal

Associated Press

Salt Lake City

Roy Jones Jr. had just finished beating on Park Si-hun's head for three rounds in the 1988 Seoul Olympics when the referee sheepishly lifted the hand of the South Korean in victory.

Three of the five judges gave Park the gold medal in a decision so outrageous that even the hometown crowd was stunned. "I can't believe they're doing this to you," referee Aldo Leoni whispered to Jones.

Sensing they might have gone too far, officials quickly selected Jones as the outstanding boxer of the games. But he never got a gold medal, despite reports of payoffs by the East German secret police.

Jones knows that well. He spent nearly a decade trying unsuccessfully to get international Olympic officials to give him the gold he deserved. But he never got a gold medal as the outstanding boxer of the Olympics anymore. "Who's going to argue with that?" said veteran U.S. coach Frank Carroll. "It's the worst thing that's happened to figure skating in a long time." Said with U.S. coach Frank Carroll. "It can understand where, watching that, if the International Olympic Committee said, 'We don't want figure skating in the Olympics anymore.'"

The crowd was stunned. The Canadian pairs skaters are the latest losers in Olympics that have a rich history of judging controversies. There's usually at least one to add some spice to every games, winter and summer alike.

Along the way, he was recognized for an hour. Four years earlier, he was last seen with it hanging from his neck, just beneath an embarrassed grin.

"I will die with a little hope in me,'" said veteran U.S. coach Frank Carroll. "I can understand where, watching that, if the International Olympic Committee said, 'We don't want figure skating in the Olympics anymore.'"

History doesn't favor skaters either. Things got so bad in Seoul that the crowd pelted the judges and referees with oranges, and the ice was cleared three times before competition resumed.

The crowd, of course, is often at odds with judges, even from the comfort of their living rooms. The 1972 U.S. basketball team refused its silver medals in a protest after a rules violation allowed the Soviet Union three extra chances to make the winning basket with three seconds left in the gold-medal game.

The Americans protested to a five-man committee, backed up by the timekeeper and another referee. Of course, they were denied. It's an Olympic tradition almost as old as the torch.

That's life.

"Judges are judges, people are people," said Francois Garrard, director general of the International Olympic Committee. "That's life."

Salt Lake City's genteel crowds saw at least one to add some spice to every games, winter and summer alike.

Friday, Feb. 15

5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:00 p.m. Film: Yi Yi, Hesburgh Library
Carey Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Performance: Golden Dragon (Chinese Acrobats), Washington Hall*
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center Basement
9:00 p.m. Acousticaf, LaFortune Center
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Emily Hart Valentine Cafe, LaFortune Student Center Sorin Room*
10:00 p.m. - Movies: Serendipity and The Princess Bride, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
Saturday, Feb. 16

5:30 p.m. Junior Parents' Weekend Mass, Joyce Center Arena
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Colin Boylan
Boylan's Banter

The Dolphins have an option for the fifth year that must be exercised after 2003 season. Fiedler will make the NFL veteran minimum of $525,000 in 2003, and could collect another $500,000 in incentives. In the first 14 months of the deal, Fiedler could earn $7 million in bonuses.

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Jay Fiedler
Dolphins quarterback

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Associated Press

Miami Quarterback Jay Fiedler, who has played for four teams in six seasons, decided against testing the free-agent market and instead signed a five-year, $24.5 million contract to remain with the Miami Dolphins.

Fiedler has led the Dolphins to the playoffs in two seasons with Miami.

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Dolphins quarterback

If you've been following off-season NFL news even somewhat closely over the past couple of weeks, then you have to feel bad for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Here's a team that is stacked with talent up and down its roster, has great potential for success in upcoming seasons, and has a high profile head coaching vacancy — that nobody wants to fill.

Wait a minute — that sounds a little familiar doesn't it? Yes, that's right, just in case you disinterested fans and alumni out there thought that Notre Dame held an exclusive monopoly on the embarrassing head coaching search, the head honcho over in Tampa are out to prove you wrong.

It's been a good year for the Bucs, who are 9-2, but the team has been going through an identity crisis in recent weeks. The Bucs are coming off a Bye Week, and the team is looking to bounce back from a loss to the Vikings last week. The team is also looking to get their offense back on track after a few sloppy games in recent weeks. The Bucs are looking to improve their record to 10-2 and keep their playoff hopes alive.

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Hornets pound injury-stricken Bulls 113-91

NBA

Mercer, Oakley and Anthony miss game with injuries

Associated Press

Even though two more starters went down with injuries, Chicago Bulls coach Bill Cartwright wasn’t making excuses.

Lee Nailon scored 24 points and the Charlotte Hornets led the Bulls by as many as 30 in a 113-91 victory Wednesday night.

"We weren't ready to play and we didn't establish ourselves defensively," Cartwright said. "We didn't share the ball. I won't call it being selfish, I'll call it trying to do too much."

The Bulls played the second half without starters Eddie Robinson and Rod Strickland. Miller scored 14 points in the first half before suffering a strained groin. Miller brused his left calf. "Brad is day-to-day. With Eddie it may be a while before we get him back," Cartwright said.

Chicago was already without injured players Ron Mercer, Charles Oakley and Greg Anthony. Baron Davis added 18 points and 12 assists and Jamaal Magloire had 17 points and 10 rebounds as the Hornets snapped a three-game home losing streak.

A.J. Guyton scored 19 points and Ron Artest added 10 on 4-of-12 shooting for the Bulls, who had beaten the Los Angeles Lakers and Milwaukee in their last two games, but fell to 3-23 on the road. The Hornets shot 55 percent for the game and outrebounded the Bulls 48-40.

"It was a good way to start the second half of the season," Hornets coach Paul Silas said. "I thought they would present a much bigger problem for us. They played the night before and were probably tired."

Leading 49-37, the Hornets went on an 18-4 run to take a 20-point lead late in the first half for a 61-43 cushion at halftime. Stacey Agnew scored eight points and the Bulls committed four turnovers during the half with Robinson and Miller out in the second half, the Hornets poured it on.

Robert Traylor's alley-oop dunk from Davis at the buzzer gave Charlotte a 93-40 lead after three quarters. The lead ballooned to 40 in the final period as the Hornets improved to 3-0 against the Bulls this season and 10-2 in the past 12 meetings since 1998.

"It was cool, we were sharing the ball tonight," said Davis, who recorded his 21st double-double of the season. "Everyone got involved and it all worked out."

Baron Davis Hornets guard

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Look beyond the numbers.
The Avalanche headed into the Olympic break with a 3-1 win over the St. Louis Blues on Wednesday night.

Keane, who scored an empty-netter in the final minute, recorded his second straight three-point game, and scored an unassisted goal just 13:39 of the third period.

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Sophomore Katie Miller throws a pass toward the basket during Wednesday's loss to Adrian.

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"There was a nice stretch in the second half where we got the ball to Anne Blair probably four or five times in a row and she scored at will," said Smith. "Then we couldn't go down and get any defensive stops.

A slow start also didn't help the Belles chances for victory. "I think we just came out with a little bit lack of intensity," said Smith. "Obviously Adrian made some good adjustments and they were pretty fired up to play and we just didn't quite match their intensity."

Sophomore guard Katie Miller agreed with Smith. "We didn't play well at all," said Miller. "No one really stepped it up for our team. Anne had a really good game at the end but it just wasn't enough to get us going."

The Belles will not have much time to feel sorry for themselves because they play Kalamazoo who is in second place in the conference on Saturday in the regular-season finale. "One of the biggest things (for the next game) is to have pride," said Smith. "You know when you're playing at home it's a chance for us to send our seniors out with a great game to finish their career out at home. It's a chance for us to come out and prove ourselves and show the crowd how much we've improved this year."

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Men's Tennis
Tennis coach inducted into Richmond HOF

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame head men's tennis coach Bob Bayliss was one of six individuals inducted into the University of Richmond Athletics Hall of Fame Sunday afternoon in the Jepson Alumni Center. Bayliss, who earned a bachelor's degree in 1966 and a master's degree in 1971 from the university, played No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles as a senior on the Spider tennis team.

"It was a tremendous thrill for me to go back to my alma mater and be honored in such a manner with a number of other great athletes, particularly Tim Finchem, the commissioner of the PGA, who was a freshman when I was a senior," said Bayliss. "I am humbled and thrilled to be in the Richmond Hall of Fame. I look forward to going back to reunions and staying active with my alma mater."

Bayliss is in his 33rd year as a collegiate coach and has guided Notre Dame to a 268-124 (.684) record since he began coaching the Irish in 1977. The Irish reached the national quarterfinals again in 1993. In 14 years at Notre Dame, Bayliss has been named conference coach of the year six times in his career.

Bayliss owns a 550-218 mark. His .716 winning percentage ranks as the fourth-highest among active collegiate coaches and seventh on the all-time NCAA list. Prior to coaching the Irish, Bayliss spent three years at MIT (1980-87) and 15 at Navy (1970-84).

Just three years after arriving at Notre Dame, Bayliss led Notre Dame to its first national ranking in school history in 1990. One year later, he led his team to a berth in the NCAA championships for the first time in the program's history. The following season, Bayliss' Irish finished 23-4 and advanced to the 1992 national title match before falling to Stanford.

Notre Dame's march to the championship match as the No. 10 seed still makes the Irish the lowest seed and only non-Sun Belt school to reach the NCAA final since the team format was adopted in 1973. The Irish reached the national quarterfinals again in 1993. In 14 years at Notre Dame, Bayliss has coached his players to 14 All-America honors.

Bayliss was named Intercollegiate Tennis Association national coach of the year in 1996 and has won regional coach-of-the-year honors 14 times, including last season. He has been named conference coach of the year six times in his career and has helped Notre Dame capture two BIG EAST titles.

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[Image] Notre Dame point guard Le'Tania Severe brings the ball upcourt despite heavy pressure from St. John's Kenyawna Hudgens. Severe scored seven points and added eight assists in the win.
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28 King of the Bullwhip 53 Settled down
30 Man in search of meaning? 56 Adventure-turner alien?
31 Less risky 58 Spanish lady
32 Toronto or Starfire 59 Light shades
33 Water-turned-physicist? 60 Present time
37 Turkish dough 61 Hosp. charts
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1 I win the love of
2 1997 Damn
3 Alphonse’s partner in the old comics
4 Spill
5 Actor Moody of “Oliver!”
6 Mozart’s Sonata for Keyboard and Violin
7 Realizing
8 Batting what a
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9 Bed hairdo
10 Jumble
11 Iodine source
12 Pulls forward
14 Sabbath operation
17 Donkey’s uncle
31 Joe of “Apostle 13”
34 Wig
35 Overseas honour: Abbr.
37 Citrus mixer
38 Boss Sea sight
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Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gregory Hines, Howard Henderson, Meg Tilly, Drew Barrymore.

Happy Birthday! You will know how to work within a group and have a positive outlook. Today you will feel comfortable in the limelight. Your usual care will be taken to avoid the disasters that you desire and you won’t be bothered to put time and effort into your home. Your numbers are 3, 6, 7, 17, 21, 32, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don’t be afraid to tell others your ideas. You’ll do surprisingly well if you try. Opportunities to make money will surface. Do not hesitate to invest in a safe, conservative long-term investment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will meet some pretty neat people if you take part in the activities and events going on in your community. Take the initiative and you can end up being in a leadership position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You have to be careful what you say to the truth. You may get blamed for something you didn’t do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Get involved in groups that can allow you stimulating conversation and a new way of looking at things. Your philosophies are changing and opportunities to expand your circle of friends look promising.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be emotional about money matters. Stop being so generous with your friends and family. If you are smart with your cash you will lock it up in a solid investment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You’ll have to be careful how you deal with your partner today. Any thoughtless comments will get blown out of proportion. Time spent with friends will be fun but if someone you love is feeling left out you must put up in an emotional dialogue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will have some unusual ideas regarding your work. Present your ideas and you will find yourself moving into fast-forward professionally. Your creative efforts will flourish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22): Traveling for business or in search of the truth will lead to new friendships and philosophies. You will be able to contribute something worthwhile to your group or you are involved with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 19): Assume you have befriended may have a greater interest in you, be careful not to lose someone on. Be honest about the way you feel and a long lasting friendship can develop.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be sensitive, emotional and eager to please today. Romance will develop if you get involved in worthwhile causes. Use your genuine warmth and compassion to win hearts.

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Hurtmg Irish

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw and two members of the Notre Dame training staff huddle around Jacqueline Batteast early in the second half of Notre Dame's 66-31 win against St. John's last Saturday.

♦ Batteast, Bustamante injured as Notre Dame blows out St. John's

Amidst Notre Dame's biggest win of the season, the team may have sustained its greatest loss.

Early in the second half of Wednesday night's 66-31 drubbing of St. John's in the Joyce Center, Irish freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast fell to the floor and had to be helped off the court. Batteast later returned to the bench with an ice pack on her right knee. The status of Notre Dame's leading scorer for Saturday night's game at Rutgers, and the rest of the season, is uncertain, pending a MRI this afternoon.

Batteast's classmate, guard Allison Bustamante, also had to be helped off the floor after spraining her ankle under the basket with 13:19 left in the game. Bustamante, who missed four games earlier this season with the same injury, is also questionable for Saturday.

Lost in the injuries were two more strong efforts from the team's veterans, and a surprising performance from a rookie. Senior Ericka Haney made five of eight attempts from the floor, and went 4-4 at the free-throw line, for a season-high 14 points. Alicia Ratay also scored 14 for the Irish, while freshman Katy Flecky came off the bench to record a double-double, with 12 points and 10 rebounds in 24 minutes.

"I thought Katy Flecky had a great game," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "It took her a little while to get going in the first half, but to come up with a double-double in 24 minutes, I think that's pretty outstanding."

Despite the lopsided final score — the 35-point win marked the greatest margin of victory for the Irish so far this season — McGraw was disappointed in her team's intensity against Big East cellar-dweller St. John's.

Men's Basketball

Second-place Irish in search of national respect

♦ Five-game win streak on the line against Rutgers

After winning five consecutive Big East games, capped by a quadruple-overtime win Saturday against Georgetown, the Irish felt they finally deserved some respect.

Too bad national pollsters thought otherwise.

In the latest ESPN/USA Today Coaches' poll, Notre Dame received just seven points. They fared slightly better in the AP poll, picking up 87 points, still nearly 46 points behind No. 25 USC. That, Notre Dame believes, just isn't right.

Just ask Chris Thomas, who was named Sports Illustrated's Player of the Week following his performances against Rutgers and Georgetown.

"The thing I'm just most upset about with all these accolades this week is that we only have seven votes in the ESPN poll," Thomas said. "That's the main thing here."

But while Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said the Irish should be ranked after last Saturday's win against Georgetown, he's not too worried about where the Irish end up in the polls. Respect, he said, will only be expected on one day.

"I only want it on March 10 on Selection Sunday," Brey said. "For our guys, maybe they'd like to see us in those polls and, hey, I would too, but I'm not losing any sleep over it."

Seeing teams with similar records ranked ahead of Notre Dame, however, has Irish players a little miffed.

"It's real frustrating for us," Thomas said. "We feel like we've done enough so far, even though we're not satisfied. We're far from being satisfied, but we're definitely up to receive more