Saint Mary's elections go digital

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
New Writer

The election process at Saint Mary's is going digital. During the next election cycle this spring students on campus and abroad will be voting via PRISM, the same program used for student registration.

As stated in the mini up-to-date constitution, online polls will open from 8 a.m. on the day of the election to 8 a.m. the next morning. Each student must log on to PRISM using their PRISM login and password. Once logged in they will have the ability to vote by clicking on "Answer A Survey" to answer the questions that will be presented to them.

"This will be a good system for the school to implement because it will allow for better access to the ballot for all students and hopefully it will increase voter turnout," said Jablonski-Diehl.

According to Jablonski-Diehl, this new way of voting has increased turnout at a number of universities like Carnegie Mellon where voter turnout improved by 10 to 20 percent.

There were a few concerns regarding the workability of this new voting procedure. Members of the student government were concerned about the possibility of students being pressured by the candidates on the day of the election because the polling place will be less centralized.

This argument was countered by pointing out that the Saint Mary's community works on a policy of trust and if a problem was encountered it would be immediately reported.

The Saint Mary's Constitution addresses this issue. It states that no active campaigning is allowed during the 24 hours that voting is permitted.

Passive campaigning is allowed on the day of elections including buttons, sweatshirts, clothing and stickers.

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By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

On Saturday, senior Andrea Serazin became the fourteenth Notre Dame student in history to receive the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship.

The award, which serves its Scholars to Oxford University in England for two to three years, chose Serazin and 31 other students out of almost 1,000 applicants from across the United States. The last two Notre Dame Rhodes Scholars received their awards in 1997.

Serazin, a biology major, plans to use the scholarship to continue research on malaria and mosquito genetics.

"Scientists really need to pay more attention to those neglected diseases," said Serazin, adding that he would like to see more funding go toward the study of malaria, a "huge global problem."

December 2001, Serazin traveled with Professor Nora Besansky to Burkina Faso in West Africa to study the role of mosquitoes in the transmission of malaria. While becoming immersed in the local culture and medical conditions, Serazin also began to explore the long-term possibilities of his research.

"At that point I decided, 'Wow, this is fascinating,'" he said.

Since his project last year, he has continued his research at Notre Dame. He has also become the lead author in the Journal, Science, when he published an article with Besansky.

Other honors Serazin has received include the 2002-03 Barry Goldwater Scholarship, which honors students in natural science and engineering. He also received two National Science Foundation fellowships.

Serazin was presented the Judicial Council's strategic plan that included a move next semester to online elections and a peer advocate database.

The elections for student body president and vice president, class officers and off-campus senators and representatives will be held on paper ballots.

Show them the money.

Notre Dame sophomores may receive unfettered access to class financial records if class council leaders adopt the change as part of their strategic plan, Jeremy Lao told Executive Cabinet Monday.

Lao, the class president, said class officials were considering opening the records to the public as "a matter of letting people know" how class money was being spent.

"The opening debate is about how much we want people to know about how much we spend," Lao said.

The freshman, junior and senior classes currently do not make class records publicly available.

Cabinet members' opinions were split on the issue.

"I am concerned about people asking questions about the class," said Club Coordinator Amy Lao. "We need to think about that.""
Banquet draws nation’s best
This was a very exciting weekend for Notre Dame Football and the Irish didn't even play. The annual football banquet was held Friday night. This banquet is no ordinary meal.
In addition to being a celebration of the past season, it is a key recruiting event. Many recruits descended upon campus Friday afternoon to see what this “return to glory” is all about.

During the Lou Holtz years, the football banquet was a key recruiting circle. Notre Dame would routinely gain commitments from several players solely based on their experience at the banquet.

Tyone Willingham is off to a great start in his first full recruiting season as Notre Dame head coach. He has already received the commitments of numerous prep stars including Dublin, Ohio quarterback Joey Quinn. Quinn is certainly the most heralded recruit to commit thus far.

Apple Valley, Minn, defensive tackle Mark Zavodnyk is the most highly recruited player nationally among guards and centers, man Ryan Harris. Harris, ranked third recently, St. Paul, Minn, offensive lineman Ryan Harris, rated third nationally among guards and centers, committed Friday before the banquet.

The annual football banquet was held Friday afternoon to celebrate the saviors of Notre Dame football. But I sense to put all of our faith into them as we can see it now, Reggie Bush running for Notre Dame demolishes USC next year. Reggie Bush, not only because he is so talented, but because he is a pass-rusher who can also play the run. Abiamiri is a superstar. The recruiting class is the most heralded in the history of Notre Dame.

I just hope that the dinner was good.

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What's going down
Employee receives towing fine
A University employee's vehicle was being towed for a parking violation, when the owner arrived and paid the towing fee at the Stadium Circle on December 6.

Computer parts stolen in DeBartolo
A University employee reported the theft of computer parts from a room in DeBartolo Hall on December 6. There are no suspects.

Drug paraphernalia found by NDSP
A visitor was arrested by NDSP for possession of drug paraphernalia on Angela Blvd. on December 5.

Suspicious signs removed
Unapproved signs posted in DeBartolo Hall were removed and turned over to NDSP on December 5.

Seat belt citations issued by NDSP
NDSP issued three state citations for seat belt violations on both Ivy Road and Bulls Road on December 5.

Compiled by NDSP Crime Blotter.
Info remains private

By CAILTIN EARLY
New Wires

In a recent letter sent to various colleges and universities throughout the U.S., the Federal Bureau of Investigation petitioned institutions for information concerning foreign students entering the U.S.

The FBI specifically requests that universities release the names, addresses, telephone numbers, citizenship information, places of birth, dates of birth and any foreign information of their international student populations.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) governs the ways in which colleges and universities can release student information to third parties. Under FERPA, institutions must provide students with the ability to withhold such personal information.

The Association of American College Registrars and Admissions Officers issued a statement in response to the letter which claims that the FBI’s acquisition of student information without a court order is a violation of the federal privacy law.

“If Notre Dame did receive a request from the FBI, our first response would be to contact the University’s General Counsel...”

Lora Spaulding, associate registrar.

Regardless of if the FBI or another institution were to seek out information about an international student, the request would be dealt with according to University guidelines and would be handled with the same care and concern as any other student’s situation.

While the FBI continues its attempt to acquire foreign student information to assist in the war on terrorism, the government has also tried to tighten its grip over the number of international student acceptances into American colleges and universities.

“In the wake of Sept. 11th, the percentage of international students enrolled in the University has increased,” said Maureen Fitzgibbon, director of International Student Services and Activities. “This increase is partly due to the three years of concerted effort Notre Dame has focused on recruiting international students and providing funding for their educations.”

Despite government crackdowns on international student applications, Notre Dame continues to work toward its goal of a five percent international student population. As it currently stands, international students comprise of 268 undergraduate and 496 graduate students.

“Notre Dame values its international students and important cultural experiences and understanding that they bring with them,” said Fitzgibbon.

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Ethics requirement established

By STEPHANIE SELLINGER
New Wires

Starting in the fall of 2003, the undergraduate curriculum for the Mendoza College of Business will include a mandatory course in ethics.

A sophomore student entering the Mendoza College of Business next year will be required to take the course, whereas it will be offered to juniors and seniors as an optional elective.

“We feel strongly that business students need to have a good knowledge of ethics. While students may gain some of this knowledge in their philosophy and theology classes, we want to expose students to the business school, as well,” said Patrick Murphy, professor in the Mendoza College of Business. “We want to provide more of the formal training and background in ethics that most other business schools offer and that many people expect Notre Dame students to have when they graduate.”

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the international accrediting body for business education, requires that the topic of ethics be covered, but does not specify how.

Currently, the business school offers a series of one-credit optional courses. The first in the series, Introduction to Business Ethics, focuses on basic theories to be used to guide students in solving ethical situations and problems in business.

“The first in this series will be helpful in establishing basic concepts and rules.”

Nicole Phillips, business student

“The ethics course would be beneficial in establishing basic concepts and rules.”

Nicole Phillips, a sophomore business student.

With the new ethics requirement, the Mendoza College of Business will continue to provide opportunities to expose students to the ethical environment.

In spring 2003, a new 1.5 credit course, Global Business Ethics Lecture Series, will be offered.

The second course in the series, Business Ethics: Field Project, integrates class study with volunteer work within the business community.

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Massive Iraqi declaration details weapons program

United Nations

Iraq's mammoth arms declaration program got underway Monday as the U.N. Security Council, responding to Chinese demands, began a new round of high-level talks with Iraq. The talks were useful and focused on Iraq's declared nuclear, chemical, and biological programs.

Washington has obtained the U.N. Security Council's copy of the complete 12,000-page declaration, which has not been made public, and plans to share it only with Russia, Britain, France, and China.

In exchange for getting their own copies, the five Security Council powers will provide weapons inspectors with experts and intelligence data that could help hasten a determination of what Baghdad's efforts to build biological and nuclear weapons were involved.

Former chief of the general staff of China's nuclear, chemical, and biological programs was listed in the declaration's sections dealing with the chemical program.

The biological declaration is several thousand pages and was arrived at a meeting held with Iraq's "former chemical weapons program." Sections dealing with the chemical program include: Research and development activities, the production of chemical agents, relations with companies, and a termination of biological bomb project.

The biological declaration is much shorter that the previous two and includes information on military institutions connected with the production of chemical agents, relations with companies, and a termination of biological bomb project.

Iraq is banned from missiles with a range greater than 94 miles.

The complete report arrived at U.N. headquarters in New York on Sunday. One copy is in the hands of weapons inspectors who have been combing through it for details and tips. The other copy was taken to Washington on Monday by U.S. officials who planned to duplicate the material and distribute it to Moscow, London, Paris, and Beijing.

China vows to press North Korea on nuclear weapons

Associated Press

Chinese military officials, in their first high-level discussions with the Pentagon in years, said Monday they would try to pressure North Korea to drop its nuclear weapons programs.

At the same time, the Chinese officials refused to rule out military force over Taiwan.

Douglas Feith, the Pentagon's No. 3 official who headed the U.S. delegation Monday, said the talks were useful and professional. Gen. Young Chongjik, deputy chief of the general staff of China's People's Liberation Army, led the delegation from Beijing.

"They were real discussions. They were not just stilted set pieces," said Feith.

Feith, undersecretary of defense for policy, "We came away with some additional understanding of the personalities on the other side and the ideas on the other side.

The Pentagon wants to exchange views with the United States on the prospects. The Chinese said they would try to pressure North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

The talks are the latest of a series of meetings over the last three years and were regarded as a breakthrough in military relations between the two countries. A point was April 2001, when a Chinese fighter jet collided with a U.S. Navy surveillance plane over the South China Sea.

Chinese Defense Minister Donald H. Rumsfeld was angered by China's accusation that the Navy's EP-3 surveillance plane was violated Chinese sovereignty by landing at a Chinese airfield after the aerial collision. He also was unhappy that China detained the crew of the American aircraft for 11 days and refused to let the United States repair and fly the plane.

Under U.N. Security Council resolutions, Iraq is banned from biological and missile programs.

U.N. weapons inspectors search inside a military industrial complex at Al-Tarir General Company, 56 miles northwest of Baghdad in Fallujah, Iraq. Inspectors are expected to use Iraq's 11,807-page arms declaration in assessing which sites to search.

Indonesia government, rebels sign pact

The Indonesian government signed a peace deal with rebels from Aceh province Monday, ending a 26-year conflict that threatened to destabilize the world's most populous Muslim nation. The deal with the insurgents in Aceh, who have been fighting for independence, is the first breakthrough in Aceh.

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Rail exec nominated for Treasury chief

Railroad executive John S. Snow was to be new Treasury secretary on Monday and signaled his determination to push ahead with a new round of tax cuts to jump-start the sluggish economy. Three days after shaking up his economic team by firing Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Lawrence Lindsey, the head of his National Economic Council, Bush announced he would nominate Snow, the president of Richmond-based CSX Corp., one of the nation's largest railroad freight lines, as O'Neill's successor at Treasury.

Television actor Tom Sizemore arrested

Actor Tom Sizemore, who plays a police detective in the CBS series "Robbery Homicide Division," was arrested after a woman claimed he hit and threatened her, police said Monday. Sizemore's attorney, Robert Barta, called the allegations unfounded and said they were part of a "shakedown" for money by the woman.
Snow nominated as Treasury secretary

WASHINGTON

President Bush turned to railroad executive John W. Snow to be his new Treasury secretary on Monday and signaled a new push ahead with a round of tax cuts to jump-start the ailing economy.

Three days after shaking up his economic team by firing Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Lawrence Lindsey, the head of the National Economic Council, Bush announced he would nominate Snow, the president and chief executive of Richmond-based CSX Corp., to the post. Snow was a long-time railroad freight lines, as O'Neill's successor at the Senate Finance Committee.

In many ways, Snow, 63, has a resume similar to O'Neill's. Both men served in the Ford administration where they worked with Dick Cheney and then both left the government to pursue business careers.

However, O'Neill, the former chief executive of Alcoa Corp., was a politically savvy operator who had a more cautious public speaker who will be better able to sell the Bush program in Congress and on Wall Street.

"I look forward to joining your economic team to advance a pro-growth, pro-jobs agenda," said Snow, who holds a PhD in economics from the University of Virginia and has been an active participant in public policy debates in Washington, at one time as chairman of the National Economic Advisory Council to President Clinton.

Determined not to repeat his predecessor's mistake of appearing to be insensitive to rising joblessness during economic hard times, Bush told reporters that he would be proposing "specific steps" to increase the momentum of our economic recovery and the treasurary secretary will be at the center of this effort.

Bush pledged to provide more tax relief, saying "many Americans have very little margin, never ever after taxes." He also said he wanted to put forward proposals to bolster investor confidence, which has been shaken by the loss of trillions of dollars in stock market wealth, and to help Americans save for retirement.

Congressional and business leaders who have been briefed by administration officials said Monday that Bush was considering a package of tax cuts and spending measures that could cost between $250 billion and $300 billion over 10 years.

Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he had been searched by one of the nation's largest railroad executive John W. Snow, who said he wanted to put his "first love" to work.

"He was a good, holy person who cared about other people ..."

Edward Ryback

Cleveland city council member

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United files for bankruptcy

+ Airline vows to reorganize, cut costs

Associated Press

CHICAGO - United Airlines pledged itself to an "agonizing" reorganization Monday as it surrendered to unpayable debts and billion-dollar losses, seeking shelter in the biggest airline bankruptcy filing ever.

Hoping to prevent passengers from defecting to rivals, CEO Glenn Tilton promised United would keep flying as usual and said Chapter 11 filing provides the world's No. 2 carrier a chance to remake itself.

United's filing, the sixth large U.S. company in a row, came less than a week after the federal government rejected a plea for financial assistance and amid the industry's worst downturn.

The bleak news in its petition, filed before dawn in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Chicago, underscored what the company portrayed as an urgent need to slash costs, including wages. The company said it has already been losing $20 million to $22 million a day in recent weeks, much worse than previously reported.

"The only conceivable way for the debtors (United and parent UAL Corp.) to regroup into a profitable and vibrant airline capable of providing stable employment will be to reduce their labor and other costs dramatically," the carrier wrote in its filing.

United attorney James Spryagren told a bankruptcy judge the nation's No. 2 airline has "found and agonizing change." United did not specify the cuts to be made in a bankruptcy filing expected to last about 18 months, but they are certain to include reducing the number of flights, dropping unprofitable routes and slashing employees' wages.

United operates about 1,700 flights a day, or about 20 percent of all U.S. flights. It has the most extensive worldwide route structure of any airline, but also the industry's highest costs.

Asked what routes might be eliminated, Tilton replied: "We're going to rigorously stress-test every single route against what we perceive to be the future market. ... If I can't see United being competitive in that market even with a significantly better cost structure, it goes.

Passengers aren't likely to see any immediate effect on flights or frequent-flier miles, according to both United and industry analysts. But the filing could set in motion a restructuring of the entire industry. Experts say large carriers may be forced to become more like their low-cost rivals, flying fewer and smaller planes and paying out less in wages.

United, based in suburban Chicago, has lost $4 billion in the past two years due to a weakened economy, flawed business strategies and the reduction in air travel after the Sept. 11 attacks. It said in its filing that the impact of low-cost carriers has been "particularly severe," helping send its passenger revenues plunging from $16.9 billion in 2000 to a projected $11.8 billion for 2002.

United listed assets of $27.8 billion and liabilities of $31.2 billion in its filing Monday. In its latest annual report, it listed almost $25.2 billion in assets — more than twice the value of the assets held by Continental Airlines in its last annual report before filing for bankruptcy in 1990.

It said it obtained $1.5 billion in financing from several banks to continue operating in bankruptcy and had $800 million cash on hand — not enough to pay off $875 million in debt that came due this week.

At a bankruptcy hearing, Chief Judge Eugene S. Wedoff approved an order giving United access to 11 days to $800 million of the $1.2 billion. Wedoff will rule on whether United gets the balance after creditors and other interested parties have a chance to object. The judge scheduled a hearing on the issue for Dec. 30.

CUBA

Kansas, Cuba discuss agriculture

Associated Press

Havana - Political and farm officials from Kansas met Monday with Cuban President Vicente Castro after calling for the United States to normalize relations with the communist nation. Cuban officials said his country will have purchased about $500 million in goods from U.S. producers by the year's end.

Li. Gov. Gary Sherrer, a Republican, told a news conference that there should be a "normal political relationship" between the United States and Cuba, John Moore, the Democrat who will replace Sherrer as lieutenant governor on Jan. 13, said he also supports "normalization of relations.

No deals were signed during the five-day outing, but Sherrer said he believed that the trip "will be very meaningful in terms of dollars of trade for Kansas."

The delegation had a 2-hour, 45-minute meeting and lunch with the Cuban leader immediately before leaving for home.

"It was talking about farming and crops and sorghum and soybeans," said trip organizer Kirby Jones. But Castro "didn't get into any specifics" about a trade deal. Jones said.

"Castro said he'd ... hundreds of thousands of American farmers and said he'd learned a lot about American agriculture," Jones said.

During a news conference earlier, Sherrer said he believes that "the majority of the Congress and a majority of the American people believe that relaxing the embargo is the proper direction."

President Bush has opposed such measures, however.
CARACAS

Venezuelans stock up on food

Associated Press

Venezuelans waited up to four hours for groceries and stocked up on food and water Monday as a strike seeking President Hugo Chavez's ouster created shortages at markets, banks, pharmacies and service stations.

The growing shutdown increased pressure on Chavez to give in to opposition demands to call a referendum on his government or resign. Already, the eight-day strike has crippled the oil industry — the world's fifth-largest and Venezuela's main source of revenue.

Strike leader Carlos Ortega said the action will continue until Chavez leaves office.

"The people you never listen to are going to oust you," Ortega said, referring to Chavez.

Gas, drinking water and cash at automatic teller machines were increasingly scarce in Caracas and other cities.

Dozens of domestic flights were canceled. Banks closed and motorists waited in a mile-long line for gas in the central city of Valencia.

"There has been lots of panic buying," said Caracas shopkeeper Dulce Araujo.

Jose Perez, a liquor store manager, tended to dozens of customers — but they didn't want liquor.

"People are only coming to ask if we have water or drinks," Perez said. "We've got enough right now, but water might be gone soon and we might have to close tomorrow."

"I'm buying lots of canned goods because they can last for months. I hope things are better soon, but products are already starting to run out," said shopkeeper Luisa de Perez.

Dozens of treasury and custom agents joined the opposition strike, which began Dec. 2.

Harbor pilots and cargo handlers closed Venezuela's biggest port, Puerto Cabello, 90 miles west of Caracas, said Jorge Serrano, president of the National Ports Institute. Puerto Cabello handles most of Venezuela's non-oil imports and exports.

Chavez ordered the military to help the Energy Ministry guarantee gas supplies and oil exports by all means necessary — including by temporarily seizing private truck fleets.

The United States, which consumes more than half of Venezuela's exported oil, urged opposition and government delegates to resume talks sponsored by the Organization of American States. Delegates began meeting with OAS Secretary General Cesar Gaviria late Monday.

Venezuela's crisis caused international oil prices to rise Monday.

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Caracas shopkeeper

BRAZIL

At least 34 dead in Brazilian mudslides

Associated Press

ANGRA DOS REIS

Mudslides triggered by torrential rains slashed through this southeastern city Monday, burrying houses and killing at least 34 people, firefighters said.

Some 1,500 people were driven from their homes by the torrent of water and mud in Angra dos Reis, a city of about 60,000 tucked between mountains and the Atlantic Ocean, 100 miles west of Rio de Janeiro.

The numbers could rise a little but we don't expect it to grow much more than this," said Col. Sergio Simoes of the local fire department, which led the search for survivors and victims.

In 24 hours, the city got more than 5 inches of rain—nearly as much as the average rainfall for two weeks, the National Weather Institute in Rio said.

In the poor district of Areal, the Japuida River breached its banks and caused a hillside to slip away before dawn Monday in a mudslide that covered at least 10 houses. Most of the houses were little more than shacks built on hillsides. The slide of red mud ripped up trees and buried entire families, residents said.

NOS Alberto Oliveira Porto, a 37-year-old taxi driver, heard the roar at about 2 a.m. "I heard a big noise and my neighbor said, 'Let's run because death is coming down,'" he said. "The water came and carried me, my son, my wife."

Porto said he returned later to find a grisly scene. "Children died. Lots of people died."

Dozens of firefighters waded through thigh-high mud near the site.

Firefighters from neighboring cities joined the search for victims and tried to persuade thousands of families in high-risk areas to leave their homes and go to shelters improvised in public buildings.

The city's mayor, Fernando Jordao, declared a state of public calamity as the rain continued to fall late Monday.

"It's not torrential rain like earlier, but it's still raining," he said in a radio interview. "I've never seen anything like it in 20 years in Angra dos Reis."

Jordao also asked government energy authorities to shut down the city's two nuclear plants, Angra 1 and Angra 2, on grounds that exit roads were closed and the area could not be evacuated in an emergency.

Beneath a cloud of thick smoke, which ran the two plants, said they were operating normally and not affected by the rain. Workers were clearing mud and rocks from the main road.

Santos highway, which was partially reopened to traffic late Monday.

Angra dos Reis is a popular departure point for boats heading to the resort islands that dot the coast, but the city itself is largely poor.
Students fear school violence

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Metal detectors and surveillance cameras have sharply reduced weapons and crime at the nation's schools, but a government report says students are more afraid on school grounds than off because of a problem that hasn't changed: the school bully.

"Away from school, kids can stay away from their enemy. On campus they can't really escape," said Curt Lavarello, who works with school police officers.

Over the years, the percentage of assaults, theft and other crimes at schools has steadily gone down. Six percent of students ages 12 to 18 said they were victims of crimes last year, compared with 10 percent in 1990. The largest drop came for the age group, said Modzeleski. There also was a 3 percent drop in the number of students who reported being bullied.

"Bullying was accepted as part of the tradition of the school. That has to change," said William Modzeleski, who heads the federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program.

"We're starting to recognize that this is a serious issue and begin to address it," Modzeleski said.

Students administrators need to treat bullying the same way they treat other aggressive behavior. "Bullying can lead to more anxiogenic behavior," Modzeleski said.

A survey last year by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed that 10,000 children stayed home from school at least once a month because they feared bullies, and half the children surveyed said they were bullied once a week. Sandy Clifton-Baxon, an assistant superintendent at Redondo Beach Unified School District near Los Angeles, said teachers and other adults on campus are becoming better trained to deal with bullies.

"We have to. It's a serious problem. And lately, schools are becoming more likely to be aware of these things," she said.

Last month, for example, parents of a 13-year-old boy filed a federal lawsuit against a rural school district in central Pennsylvania for allegedly ignoring the bullying of their son.

Also, a growing number of schools across the country have adopted bullying intervention programs.

The government report, compiled from police reports and interviews with students and principals, also found:

• The percentage of students who reported street gangs in their school fell from 29 percent in 1995 to 20 percent in 2001.

• Twenty-nine percent of students who reported using drugs were available on campus - 3 percent fewer than in 1995. There was no change in the percentage of students who had used marijuana.

• Twelve percent of students who said someone at school called them a derogatory word reported being bullied.

The report also found that this is a serious issue and that it's being addressed. In 1995, nearly 2,800 people were killed. Two hypotheses on the cause of the collapse have emerged since the National Institute of Standards and Technology began its $23 million probe three months ago.

Both theories agree the jetliners damaged floor joints and columns inside and outside the buildings. But they vary on whether the fire-weakened columns failed and alone brought down the buildings or whether floor trusses sagged in the intense heat, pulling the columns inward to collapse.

The last records probably contain vital information that could help answer questions. Shyam Sunder said. Investigators are trying to locate copies of many destroyed documents from the building's owners and city agencies.

Also missing are the original contract specifications for the buildings from the early 1970s. Many believed the towers were built to withstand the impact of a Boeing 707 - the largest airplane at the time, but much smaller than the jets that crashed into the buildings.

Researchers plan to spend two years on the study. They will analyze trade center wreckage, rely on steel manufacturers and interview survivors, victims' relatives and rescue workers.

They have also created a database of more than 1,900 photographs that day as the towers burned and fell and are asking for more. They are especially interested in photographs showing the south face of 7 World Trade Center, which was not hit by a plane but burned for hours before collapsing.

An earlier federal study directed by a civil engineering group was criticized for not examining evacuation procedures.

WTC surveillance tapes feared missing

NEW YORK

Surveillance tapes and maintenance logs are among the missing evidence as investigators try to figure out why the World Trade Center collapsed, federal officials said Monday.

Many documents destroyed in the disaster "are pretty key in carrying out the work," lead investigator Shyam Sunder said.

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Shyam Sunder lead investigator

Associated Press

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THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS TREE

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Racism debate continues

Racism is a system, not simply an action or belief

Christian Braunlich and Peter Scott asked questions of us regarding our definition of racism in their Dec. 9 letters. Here are our answers.

Braunlich first says that we provide no substantiation for the claim that American society is still seething with tations to substantiate such claims nearly white supremacy. You can find manifes­

same system delegates the positions of edu­

local and national averages. At Notre­

The student body of Notre Dame and the

say that right here in South Bend, both

point being missed is that racial dis­

over representation of minorities at the

educational privilege to whites, while the

discrimination to constitute an act of

perhaps the world for that matter).

Christian Braunlich and Peter Scott

Dictionary— as "reacting in a readily

predictable way." Peter Scott and Christ­

in the way we think since 1936, espe­

In regards to Braunlich’s reference to affirmative action, we see why an agreement upon definitions is so imperative. If we do accept the prevail­

academic definition of racism, affirm­

ative action could not be racist. There is no attempt in it to consolidate power for one race.

Affirmative action is no different in some of the reasons that many of us were accepted into Notre Dame. Perhaps one of our North Dakota stu­
dents was admitted over another Chicago applicant due to regional diversity. Some shoe player was per­

bats admitted due to his proficiency in music over an all-state athlete. The bottom line is that the admissions department discriminated for every student reading this paper over another, equally qualified student. Diversity among the student body is a great thing, and this includes racial diversity as well.

When a definition of racism is provid­

that seems to encompass oneself, it initially seems appropriate to deny such actions or behavior. I would like to suggest an alternative to that reaction. Instead, try examin­

we have begun to use the definition of "racism" provided by Ken

mentioned earlier, educational suprem­

In regards to Braunlich’s letter, you do not have to be white or any other race to be able to combat racism in its consequences objectively. A wholesale rejection of white culture is not neces­

new examination, though it may ultimately be your solution.

Braunlich’s business example has found the one way in which a minority in today’s America can be racist. But the moment that they step outside of their shop into another business, or even in the filing of appropriate legal documents, they again find themselves in the prevailing white racial structure.

So why did you come to Notre Dame?

I have been asked this question way too many times and it’s beginning to bother me. I wonder why this question is asked. Maybe it’s because in asking, one is actually referring to my minority status. Whether I be the fact that I’m black, Protestant or perhaps the fact that I choose not to drink. In each case, I do not fit the status quo, and it seems that I am automatically disqualified from having the right to attend Notre Dame.

“Why would you, Shanida, want to attend a school that is 85 percent white and Catholic? Why would you want to attend a school where drinking is con­sidered the main social activity?” For a majority of the students here at Notre Dame, if they were asked why they came here, it would be relatively easy for them to answer since they are part of the majority culture. I can’t understand why the question is not asked simply for me to answer, or why I am even asked the question in the first place. To me, it seems that the question is actually trying to ask, “Why would you want to attend a school where you will stand out, racially, religiously, socially, politically and oth­erwise?”

To the people who pose this implication, I would say, “Why not?” Coming to Notre Dame was an opportunity I could not pass up. It offers a great edu­

affirmative action could not be racist.

With the expense of others the closer we are to correcting racism in society.

Shanida Sharp

journalism

Lewis Hall

Dec. 5
Appreciate the moment while it lasts

Joanna Mikulski

Tuesday Voice

He was dressed like a young corporate executive, an attorney or a stockbroker as he gazed intently at the keg in the center of the kitchen. Seconds later, his polished shoes shot upward into the air, the nozzle went into his mouth and the guests started to count — 1, 2, 3, 4... at that moment that our party had lost any pretense of class, sobriety or maturity. It had started with the best of intentions. Last year, my roommates and I attended Christmas "SYBs" at the apartments of our off-campus friends. They were semi-formal, bring-a-date, dress nicely and come on Friday, 11:30 p.m. and decorate our artificial tree. Our apartment looked like a serene winter wonderland as we waited in our历经期待的第八年，我们的X-61A继续履行着自己的使命，它将再次前往太空，完成它的任务。这也是美国航空工业和科学界的一个重要里程碑。

今天，X-61A成功地完成了它的飞行任务，并顺利着陆。这标志着美国空军和NASA合作进行的这个项目再次取得了成功。这个项目的目标是测试和验证高超音速飞行器的关键技术，包括飞行器的结构、控制系统和推进系统。

这个项目的成功不仅对美国空军和NASA来说是一个重要的胜利，对全球的航空工业和科学研究界也是一个重要的里程碑。它将为今后的高超音速飞行器的研发提供宝贵的经验和数据，推动这个领域的科技进步。

然而，这个项目的成功并不是一帆风顺的。在这个项目的实施过程中，面临了许多挑战和困难。但是，通过科学家和工程师们的共同努力，他们克服了这些困难，最终实现了这个项目的成功。这是一个值得我们骄傲的成就，也证明了人类的智慧和勇气。

在未来，我们期待X-61A继续履行它的使命，为人类的太空探索和科技进步做出更大的贡献。我们也期待看到更多的高空超音速飞行器的出现，为人类的太空探索和科技进步做出更大的贡献。
New DMB lacks usual charm

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

Over the past decade the Dave Matthews Band has created one of the largest fan bases in music today. They have seven very successful studio albums to date that have seen the band evolve from the loose acoustic jams of Remember Two Things to the structured radio friendly songs on Everyday.

But it’s not these studio albums that make Dave Matthews Band as popular as they are. Their incredible live shows are what have built up the band’s popularity. They consistently sell out huge stadiums and arenas as millions of people come every year to see their unique blend of rock, jazz and folk music explode on stage. To recreate the feeling of seeing them live, Dave Matthews Band has released five live albums in addition to their studio work. While all attempt to capture the beauty of the band’s music and their intense jams that are absent from studio albums, some do it better than others.

Their latest addition to their extensive catalogue, Live at Folsom Field, doesn’t measure up to the band’s previous live releases. The sound on Live at Folsom Field is the worst on any live album. Matthews’ coarse yet smooth voice echoes greatly, and the guitar, keyboard, and violin are at times impossible to bear.

Live at Folsom Field doesn’t have a very diverse set list either. On the first disc alone eight of the 11 songs are from their two most recent studio albums, which makes for a very boring sound. The second disc is much better than the first with several older songs that showcase the band’s great musical ability. The shortest song on the second disc is five minutes long. This is compared to five minutes being the average length of a song on the first disc.

The second disc features a 14-minute version of “Angel.” The band completely revamped the song adding a long jam in the middle featuring the “lovely ladies” singing the praises of each band member as they solo. Also on the second disc is a rocking version of a Dave Matthews Band concert classic, “All Along the Watchtower.” The song starts off with the normal introduction, in which the crowd screams in between the musical breaks and then enters into a stunning electric guitar solo in the middle. Boyd Tinsley’s famous violin is very prevalent in “Watchtower” and on the rest of the second disc as well.

Dave Matthews Band classics such as “Stay,” “Ants Marching” and “Recently” also make appearances on the second disc and feature some excellent moments of musical brilliance. Despite the strength of those songs on paper, many do not live up to their usual intensity. For instance “Two Step,” which normally features several solos, on this album seems very rushed. This is a common theme throughout the entire album, mainly on the first disc. The band, which in previous releases has played very light and relaxed jams, seems to rush through songs that fall apart at times. On the first disc songs such as “So Right,” “I Did It” and “If I Had It All” sound forced and the band never quite comes together. Even a former powerful song such as “Big Eyed Fish” becomes a boring song that only functions as an intro into the album’s standout track “Bartender.”

“Bartender” has the potential to save the album, but even Leroi Moore’s beautiful pennywhistle solo in the tune of “If I Only Had a Brain” from the Wizard of Oz seems lost in the overpowering screams of the crowd.

In short, this is a decent album. If this were a live album from any other band than the Dave Matthews Band, then it would be much better. But because the band has released such superior live albums in the past, Live at Folsom Field is not up to par. This album is very boring and does not capture the true explosive- ness of a Dave Matthews Band concert. Coupled with a horrible recording and rushed songs, Live at Folsom Field manages in the shadow of such releases as Listener Supported and Live at Luther College.

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Dave Matthews Band consistently sells out tours due to their energetic live performances.

Wallflowers stay true to their sound

By JULIE BENDER
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Smart lyrics, catchy guitar hooks and clean-cut songs are at the heart of the Wallflowers’ newest release, Red Letter Days. This album is the band’s fourth in 10 years, and despite the divergent sound of popular rock over the last decade, the Wallflowers have managed to stay faithful to their American pop-rock sound. Each album has had notable differences, however, and Red Letter Days shows growth in vocals and other musical stylings from the band’s earlier releases.

Red Letter Days’ smoothly constructed melodies and sing-along choruses are most closely related to 1996’s multi-platinum selling Bringing Down the Horse, which had success with songs like “315,” “Headlight” and “6th Avenue Heartache.” The band’s millennium release, Breach, was an album of less radio-friendly sound, but its darker themes have been transferred to Red Letter Days on a several of the tracks.

This album also clearly demonstrates the Wallflowers influences from American rockers such as Tom Petty, Bruce Springsteen and perhaps even the Byrds’ Roger McGuinn. The song “See You When I Get There,” in particular feels like it could be track of Petty’s Full Moon Fever with its edgy guitar and succinct lyrics. Lead singer Jakob Dylan sings, “I’m looking up / At the moving clouds / I’ve been hit so hard / This time / I just might stay down.” Later he adds some typical Petty love vengeance with the line, “Now sometimes you’re an angel / But you’re usually / A pain in the ass.”

Probably the most noteworthy element of this album is Dylan’s vocals. His voice shows much more range than on earlier songs with its deep and soothing intonations. Every track is laden with passionate vocals that seep through the rhythms and bleed the emotion of the lyrics.

The album opens with its first single “When You’re on Top.” Quite different from a typical rock sound, a synthesized guitar and other electric effects start things off with Dylan almost speaking the lyrics. The chorus reenacts listeners with the traditional Wallflowers’ sound with its summery sing-along feel. “I feel fine / With the sun in my eyes / The wind in my hair / When I’m falling out of this sky / I’m doing better than I thought I would / But nothing’s ever as good / As when you’re on top.”

Perhaps the best song on the album is the touching “Closer to You.” Muted, but dominant piano chords open the song, which is soon infiltrated by Dylan’s smoky vocals. The smoke clears to silk as he sings the repeated verse, “I remember first that everyday I get a little bit closer to you.” As with most Wallflowers songs, Dylan’s lyrics hint at a deep well of complicated emotions, but don’t reveal their mystery. “How sweet a white album would be when you’re walking through a / crowded space / I hear every word being said ... And I don’t hear a thing.”

Overall, this album is a good fourth effort, however in certain places it lacks in musical originality. Many of the tracks fit the cookie-cutter predictability of radio pop songs, like the harsh “Two Late to Quit” and the breezy “If You Never Got Sick.” As well, the synthesized beats opening many of the songs don’t mesh well with their guitar-driven choruses.

On a lighter note, Red Letter Days is a mover and shaker album. It has quick-paced rhythms and an intensity that further Wallflowers albums lack. It is an all-around good listen for Wallflowers fans and fans of the pop-rock genre.

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NEW ALBUM REVIEW
Red Letter Days
The Wallflowers
Interscope Records

Red Letter Days is the Wallflowers’ most recent release and their fourth studio album in ten years. In keeping with their previous work, the band has put together an album that features a mix of acoustic and electric instruments, with a focus on catchy hooks and thought-provoking lyrics. The album opens with “When You’re on Top,” a track that features heartfelt vocals from Jakob Dylan and a driving melody that sets the tone for the rest of the album.

One of the standout tracks on the album is “I Just Got Lucky,” a song that features a simple acoustic guitar and harmonies that create a sense of intimacy and vulnerability. The song’s lyrics are also a standout, with lines like “I just got lucky / And it feels so good / I just got lucky / And I feel fine” highlighting the band’s ability to write about the ups and downs of life with honesty and grace.

The album also features a variety of musical styles, with tracks that range from slow ballads like “I Remember You” to upbeat rockers like “Red Hot.” The band’s signature sound is clearly on display throughout the album, with catchy hooks and memorable melodies that are sure to stick in your head for days.

Overall, Red Letter Days is a strong release for The Wallflowers, showcasing their continued growth and evolution as a band. With heartfelt lyrics and a mix of acoustic and electric instrumentation, the album is sure to please fans and newcomers alike. The Wallflowers have once again delivered a album that is as engaging as it is enjoyable to listen to.
**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Elliott constructs album '80s style**

By ARIENNE THOMPSON  
Scene Music Critic

Harkening back to the era of shelltops and Kangols, Missy Elliott gets in touch with her 1980s side in her latest release. **Under Construction** marks the emergence of a new Missy Elliott and, surprisingly, a more svelte and healthier body image by exploring herself as an artist and as a person.

As with her past three albums, Under Construction features unique lyrics, tight production and star-studded collaborations. Standout tracks include the radio-favorite "Work It," which features backwoods-rapping, off-the-wall phrasing and odd references that are undoubtedly "Missyisms." The sensual and sexual "Fusyacat" also stands out, as Elliott offers colorful commentary on the maintenance of relationships between women and men in a manner that they started. The closest the album comes to producing a ballad is with the track "Nothing Out There for Me," which features Beyonce Knowles of Destiny's Child.

Missy Elliott's new album takes listeners back to the hip hop glory of the 1980s. Though Elliott, like other rappers, may be directly connected to the events of their past, including the previously mentioned death of Aaliyah, and the more recent death of Lisa "Left Eye" Lopez, a former member of the successful girl-group TLC. Whatever the source of her newfound self-investment, the fact remains that Elliott seems more at ease on this album than ever. As she and long-time friend and frequent co-producer Tim "Timbaland" Mosley, Elliott constructs album '80's style.

**Drug overdose inspires Foo's latest**

By EMILY TUMBRINK  
Scene Music Critic

Amidst the ongoing legal battle surrounding Dave Grohl and the rights to Nirvana's vast catalogue, the Foo Fighters have managed to release a new album with Grohl at the helm. Recording this album, however, was by no means smooth sailing. After a firing four months of recording, the fighters ofFoo decided to discard an entire album's worth of material, deeming it too glossy.

Grohl took some time off to play drums for Queens of the Stone Age's latest album, and even he himself on tour, sparking rumors that the end of the Foo Fighters was at hand. The band has squelched all such rumors with the release of their latest album, One by One, re-establishing themselves as a perpetual staple of the alt-rock genre.

Grohl expressed great satisfaction in the end result of One by One in an interview with Dotmusic. He said, "And this album being the best album we've ever made. I feel like it definitely deserves 100 percent of your attention and now it's time to give it everything that you have. I'm excited about it and I want the world to hear it because I am so proud of it." Though the Colour and the Shape should still retain its status as the Foo Fighters' best album, One by One, despite a few inconsistencies, manages to showcase the band's talent at orchestrating multi-layered rock songs. The harder edge of this album may take a few listeners to grow accustomed to, but all in all, it's not half bad.

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Celtics 114, Magic 109

Paul Pierce scored 28 points, including 10 of Boston's final 12 in the fourth quarter and overtime. The Celtics controlled the game of the season.

The Celtics battled back to double figures in atoning for an

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Celtics controlled the
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The Bucks finally wore down
doing his usual 4-for-8 from the floor.
Phoenix home winless streak nine games

Associated Press

PHOENIX The Phoenix Coyotes ran their home winless streak to nine games, but they saw a little hope in their 3-3 tie with the Columbus Blue Jackets on Monday night.

Geoff Sanderson, left, of the Blue Jackets drives past Phoenix defenseman Paul Mara.

Branko Radivojevic scored midway through the third period — his third goal in five games — as the Coyotes over­

Believe Denis had trapped

fired coach Greg Gilbert on an interim basis.

The Flames dominated the second period, outshooting the Canucks 20-7.

At the other end Calgary's Mattias Johannsson and Clarke remained unbeaten (2-0-1) in their own end for prolonged stretches.

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**Plan Ahead: Spring Break Seminars!**

Do you have plans for spring break?  
**Following Seminars Available Next Semester!**

**Appalachia Seminar** sends 100+ students to 3 states in the Appalachia region to work with and learn from different local partners. Sites range from building and repairing homes, working in alternative schools, and assisting in small Catholic parishes.

**Living the Gospel of Life Seminar** This pilot seminar focuses on a variety of pro-life issues (death penalty, euthanasia, stem cell research, abortion, etc.) in Washington, D.C. Students meet with Church, legislative, and non-governmental organizations that work on “life issues”.

**Washington Seminar** By visiting a Benedictine monastery, a Catholic Worker farm, and several Catholic public policy organizations in D.C., this seminar will explore how we, as Christians, are called to live and work in the world. (Note: Topic may change; Check at the CSC and this advertisement in the spring semester for notice of any changes.)

**Children and Poverty** This seminar focuses on concerns that affect the youth of our nation, including poverty and violence, and examines the efforts to foster positive youth development. Immersion takes place in New York.

**Holy Cross Seminar** Students explore parish-based collaborative ministry of the Priests of Holy Cross in the Coachella Valley of Southern California. This seminar has the feel of a pilgrimage based in the parish’s model of evangelization amongst Hispanics and outreach to the poor. Co-sponsored by Campus Ministry.

**Migrant Experiences Seminar** offers an immersion into the lives of migrant farmworkers in Florida during the spring harvest. Students work in the fields, live with migrant families and meet community leaders.

**L’Arche Seminar** centers around travel to a LArche community in Toronto, Canada, to share community life with people with developmental challenges.

**Road Trip: Washington D.C.**

**March for Life**

Wednesday, January 22, 2003

Two trip options:

**Trip 1: Monday**
- Depart ND Jan. 20 - One night hotel 2 days in DC - Price $70.

**Trip 2: Tuesday**
- Depart ND Jan. 21 - One day in DC Price $35

Both trips include:
- Return 8 a.m. for classes Thurs. Jan. 23
- Free T-shirt
- To sign up or with questions, Contact Janel at Daumenbach.1@nd.edu

**Faculty Opportunities...**

Congratulations to our Faculty Fellow, Dennis Jacobs! Professor Jacobs has just received the Carnegie Foundation’s national award for excellence in teaching at a research university. He was selected from more than 400 applicants and honored at a luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. on November 21st. As the Center’s Fellow, Professor Jacobs has worked with CSC staff, students, and a coalition including Memorial Hospital, Greentree Environmental, the Robinson Community Learning Center, and the City of South Bend to develop a new course, “Chemistry in Service to the Community.” This semester, students in the class tested for lead paint in homes in the Northeast Neighborhood and learned about related social issues facing local residents.

**Holiday Volunteer Opportunity for Students, Faculty and Staff**

WSBT-TV 22 Ways of Giving

Come out, help collect drive-by donations. Have some food, Meet 22 wonderful agencies and be entertained for a bit!

Friday, December 13th
At Gurley Leep Automotive (Intersection of Grape and Douglas), Noon to 8 p.m.

To volunteer or for more information: Contact Mary Dunbar, (574) 472-8004
Director of Community Affairs 22WSBT

**Extended Deadline!**

Mexico Seminar Seminar dates: May 16 - June 1 in Oaxaca, Mexico Applications Due: Tues, Dec 17

**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world, indeed it's the only thing that ever has.**

-Margaret Mead

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**Current Volunteer Needs**

**Tutors:**
A tutor is needed for a high school junior in Government and Algebra. He is most available M-W from 4-5. It would be best if he could be tutored at his house. Contact: Rosemary Collin @ 291-7965.

A tutor is needed for a 7-year old boy. He could come to Hesburgh Library on Thursdays at 5. Contact: Rachel Scraggs @ 287-6573 or 1-4682.

**Special Projects:**
A student who is familiar with Desktop Publishing is needed for a 5-10 hour project that would involve advising the staff on the application and helping design program note cards. Contact: Rev. Mike Mather @ 289-0333.

An elderly couple needs help cleaning their basement on a Saturday. A group of about 3-4 students would be needed for this one time volunteer opportunity. Contact: Grady Thompson @ 234-0300.

An elderly couple needs help with filing and paperwork. This would probably not take more than a few hours. Contact Mrs. Thompson @ 234-0300.

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***If you have any questions about these volunteer projects, please email csctovol@nd.edu.***
Tom Glavine ended his 16-year run with the Atlanta Braves by signing with the New York Mets.

Glavine won two Cy Young awards while with the Braves.

Tuesday, December 10, 2002
The Observer

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Georgia Tech

Tom Glavine ended his 16-year run with the Atlanta Braves by signing with the New York Mets. Glavine won two Cy Young awards while with the Braves.

Tom Glavine quickly noticed the difference between being with the Atlanta Braves and the New York Mets.

"I've had a few people already come up to me on the street and it's been positive. That's a lot different than it usually is," Glavine said Monday during his first trip to New York since signing the $15 million, three-year contract. Instead of being the enemy for crushing the Mets' hopes each year, Glavine is being counted on by New York fans to reverse two years of disappointment.

A group of fans waited in the cold outside Shea Stadium to greet Glavine and his family as they arrived for the news conference announcing the deal.

Glavine then put on a Mets jersey, with his usual No. 47, and the transformation was complete. His 16-year run in Atlanta is over.

"It probably will be strange until I start pitching here," Glavine said. "Great players change teams. I told myself when Wayne Gretzky got traded that it can happen to anyone. Playing your whole career with one team is not the norm anymore."

The 36-year-old Glavine never really thought he would leave Atlanta, where he won two Cy Young Awards, posted five 20-win seasons and helped lead the Braves to 11 straight division titles.

Eight of those titles came after the Braves moved to the NL East with the Mets finishing second four times. Glavine was 16-7 against the Mets and also pitched seven scoreless innings to beat New York in Game 3 of the 1999 NL championship series.

Getting Glavine was a good move for the Mets finishing second last year, said the Mets pitching coach Tom Seidler.

"We had an aberrational year last year," Fred Wilpon said. "We had good players who didn't play well and we think they will next year. We established that we needed a No. 1 pitcher and Tom Glavine was the best one on the marketplace."

The Mets have been seeking since Mike Hampton fell after the 2000 season. New York struggling the next season to an 82-80 record and dropped even further last season despite the addition of big-name players such as Roberto Alomar and Mo Vaughn.

The Mets stumbled to a 75-86 last-place finish, leaving them 26 1/2 games behind the Braves owner Fred Wilpon and his son, Jeff, for persuading him to sign with the Mets.

Wilpon personally called Glavine to express the Mets' interest last month and made a big impression on the pitcher's family when he asked that Glavine's wife, Christine, be on the phone, too.

"You feel a warmth talking to him that you get when you're talking to your father," Glavine said. "It makes a big impression on you."

The Glavines also were impressed by the relationship Wilpon had with Mets pitchers Al Leiter and John Franco and their wives at a recruiting lunch.

"The Mets stumbled to a 75-86 last-place finish, leaving them 26 1/2 games behind the Braves and costing manager Bobby Valentine his job."

"It's easy to look at the New York Mets and look at last year's club and say, 'What are you thinking? Why are you going there?'" Glavine said. "The flip side is if you look at the talent on the field, what's the chance those guys won't be successful again. Those guys on the field have a history of being successful. If they don't, the Wilpons are committed to changing that." Getting Glavine was a good start.

Mendoza:
Dec 12 5:30pm to 3:00am
Dec 13 5:30pm to 3:00am
Dec 14 5:30pm to 3:00am
Dec 15 5:30pm to 3:00am
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Banks named AP College Player of the Year

Associated Press

For a guy who never started a college football game before this season, Iowa quarterback Brad Banks caught on pretty fast.

Not only did Banks become the nation's top-rated passer, he also led the Hawkeyes (11-1) back to national prominence in the final Associated Press poll. The senior from Belle Glade, Fla., completed 155 of 258 passes for 2,369 yards, with 25 touchdowns and just four interceptions. He also ran for 387 yards and five scores.

"I can't imagine a better success story," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "Brad wasn't on anyone's radar screen in late August. But he improved every week, and played his best in our biggest games."

Other than two fumbles in a loss to Iowa State, Banks was nearly perfect in No. 3 Iowa's winningest season ever. The miscues did nothing to take momentum away from a team that was named AP College Player of the Year. "I'm kind of shocked to hear I've won this," said Banks, among the leading Heisman Trophy contenders. "I'm very happy the way the season went, and the way everyone on this team made Iowa a household name. I'm glad to play a part in that." Banks caught on pretty soon, leading the Hawkeyes to a 17-point halftime deficit for a 36-31 victory over Akron.

"We just fell apart for a little while," Banks said. "Plays broke us. But we picked ourselves up."

Banks settled down, threw first-quarter touchdown passes to Palmer, who threw for 363 yards and 32 TDs. "Should be a great game," Banks said. "I'm really looking forward to it."

"Iowa and Ohio State were co-Big Ten champions, both with 8-0 league marks. It's the first league title for the Hawkeyes since 1990 and first time since 1922 the team went unbeaten in conference play."

"Banks, a senior from Belle Glade, Fla., made his presence known in his first start. He threw first-quarter touchdown passes of 56 and 36 yards as the Hawkeyes rolled to a 57-21 win over Akron."

"Two games later, Iowa and Banks got a taste of national attention against Iowa State. It did not end well. Banks fumbled on consecutive possessions in the third quarter, allowing the Cyclones to rally from a 17-point halftime deficit for a 36-31 victory over Iowa."

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"Banks got a taste of national prominence back to national prominence and into the FedEx Orange Bowl."

"Iowa quarterback Brad Banks was named AP College Player of the Year. He had not started a game before this season."

PGA

Difficult holes cost Martin chance on PGA Tour

Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. - Casey Martin fell apart in the final round of the PGA Tour qualifying tournament Monday, getting himself a chance to play in the big leagues next year.

Martin, who has a circulatory disorder in his right leg that requires him to ride a cart, was in position to make a run until running into trouble on the last six holes.

"This hurts, but it's not the end of the world," Martin said. "I know if I swing got quick or what, but I hit shots where you couldn't hit them."

Winner Jeff Brehaut held it together for a 1-under 71. He finished at 1-under 416 and won $50,000 in the six-round tournament, one of the most grueling in golf.

None of the top 24 players going into the final round broke 70. The top 35 players and ties earned exempt status on the PGA Tour next year, a list that included 44-year-old tour veteran Ken Green and Andy Miller, the son of former U.S. Open and British Open champion Johnny Miller.

Martin started the final round tied for 22nd and was in good position at 9-under par through 12 holes. That's when it quickly fell apart.

He hit into the water on the par-3 13th and made double bogey on the next hole. He flew the green with a sand wedge and caught a fluffy lie at the base of the hill. His flop shot didn't make it up the slope and he wound up with another double bogey.

Martin closed with a 77 and finished at 427 in a tie for 15th, which at least assures him of full status on the Nationwide Tour next year.

"I went through, but today was a long one," Martin said to his caddy, "I worked my butt off."

Martin's best finish belonged to Woody Schneer in the final round. He finished one shot behind von Hartel at 13-under par.

"I was playing well enough to get through, but today was ugly," he said.

Martin had some company. Tom Scherrer needed a par on his final hole to secure his card. He drove into a bunker, and his approach went into the water. Scherrer flung the club at his bag in disgust, a common emotion at Q-school.

Miller had a few anxious moments, too.

He was at 11 under when his tee shot on the 17th hole, a par-4, disappeared into the water. Miller split the fairway with his next tee shot and got his par to earn his card with one stroke to spare.

"I'm sure I put a few years on your life," Miller said to his father, who works as a golf analyst for NBC Sports.

Brehaut finished one stroke ahead of James McLean (72), Chris Anderson (72) and Alex Cejka (72), although most of the drama in the final round centered around the bottom 35 to see who would earn the right to play on the PGA Tour.

Others to earn their cards were Dave Stockton Jr., son of the two-time PGA champion, who chipped in for birdie on the difficult 15th hole to give himself some breathing room.

The best round Monday belonged to Richard Johnson, whose 66 moved him up 37 places into a tie for 11th. The best finish belonged to Woosung Austin, the 1995 rookie of the year on the PGA Tour who was in danger of going back to the developmental tour.
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NCAA Football

Toledo fired after six years at UCLA

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Bob Toledo was fired by UCLA on Monday after two lopsided losses to finish the regular season.

Toledo coached UCLA to a school-record 20-game winning streak in 1997-98, but the Bruins have gone 24-24 since then and have lost four straight to rival Southern California.

Toledo’s firing was announced by school spokesman Steve Roach.

Ed Kezerian, the assistant director of academic services, was named interim head football coach. Kezerian last coached in 1992 under former UCLA head coach Terry Donahue. From 1982-92, the 50-year-old Kezerian coached the offensive line or tight ends.

Toledo will not coach UCLA in the Dec. 25 Las Vegas Bowl, where the Bruins will play New Mexico. Offensive coordinator Kelly Skipper, defensive coordinator Phil Snow will be responsible for developing game plans for the bowl game, the school announced.

The 56-year-old Toledo guided UCLA to a 49-32 record in seven seasons, the third-most wins in football coach in school history. Toledo was hired in January 1996, succeeding Terry Donahue, who retired after coaching the Bruins for 20 seasons and is now general manager of the San Francisco 49ers.

The Bruins are 7-5 this season, including a 52-21 loss to USC on Nov. 23, and a 48-27 loss to Washington State on Saturday.

Boosters have reportedly pledged to pay the $1.3 million buyout of Toledo’s contract. He was under a rollover six-year contract.

"This was an extremely hard decision to make but one I felt was necessary for the future of the program," said athletics director Dan Guerrero, who succeeded Peter Donohue on the job July 1. "During the last five months, I developed a very good relationship with Bob and learned to have respect for all that he has accomplished at UCLA. This made the decision even more difficult."

"That being said, I believe that in order to revitalize our program and move it forward, a change of leadership is required. The circumstances over the past four years, both on and off the field, created an environment that is, in my opinion, hindered long-term success."

UCLA was picked to finish sixth in the Pac-10 in a preseason media poll, but wound up tied for fourth with a 4-4 record despite losing fifth-year senior quarterback Cory Paus, who broke his right ankle during a 17-12 loss at California on Oct. 19, dropping the Bruins to 1-3.

With true freshmen Drew Olson and Matt Moore playing quarterback and redshirt freshman Tyler Ebell leading a potent ground game, the Bruins beat Stanford, Washington and Arizona in their next three games.

Then came the one-sided losses to Southern Cal and Washington State, prompting fans to leave the games early and infuriating hardcore UCLA supporters.

The Bruins had only 14 seniors on this year’s team including Paus, but that was not enough to sway Guerrero in the end.

Toledo was the first football coach fired by UCLA since Bill Barnes was let go following the 1964 season. Toledo was the offensive coordinator for two years before succeeding Donahue.

Donahue’s 151 wins are by far the most in school history. William Spaulding, who coached the Bruins from 1925-38, won 72 games.

UCLA was on the verge of making the national championship game in 1998, winning its first 10 games before losing at Miami in the national championship game in 1998, winning its first 10 games before losing at Miami in the national championship game.

The Bruins were then beaten 38-1 in the Rose Bowl by Wisconsin.

UCLA was 4-7 in 1999 and 6-6 in 2000, including a 21-20 loss to Wisconsin in the Sun Bowl.

The Bruins won their first six games in 2001 to rise to No. 4 in the rankings, but lost the next four, capped by a humiliating 27-0 setback to USC.

Off-the-field problems during Toledo’s tenure included a handicapped parking scandal in 1999, and star running back DeShaun Foster’s season-ending suspension in 2001 for driving a new car leased by actor-director Eric Laneuville.

The contract buyout consists of one year of the full package of $578,000 and five years at the base salary of $153,000.

UCLA said.

"I came to UCLA with class and dignity and I will leave with class and dignity," Toledo said. "I have great things to say about UCLA. He was offensive coordinator at Oregon from 1982-88 and at Texas A&M from 1989-93 before going to UCLA.

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Williams and Dolphins bury Bears

**In Brief**

**Indiana starts 7-0 for first time since '89**

Bracey Wright scored 20 of his career-high 31 points in the first half and No. 7 Indiana made 10 3-pointers in a 73-56 victory over Vanderbilt on Monday. The Hoosiers (7-0) are off to their best start since 1989-90 and protected their highest ranking in the Top 25 since finishing the 1992-93 season ranked No. 1.

It was Wright, a freshman, who dominated the game. He was 11-of-20 from the field, 5-of-9 from 3-point range, 4-of-5 from the free-throw line and played a huge part in the Hoosiers' quick start. He finished 16 points short of tying Indiana's single-game scoring record by a freshman set by Jay Edwards in 1988. Wright took control almost from the opening tip. He scored the first eight points of the game and his 3-pointer with 9:28 left in the half gave the Hoosiers a 23-8 lead. Indiana led by as much as 35-17 before the Commodores used an 8-0 run to close to 35-25 with 2:10 remaining. But Vanderbilt never seriously challenged. Indiana led by double digits the entire second half and extended the lead to 67-47 when Kyle Hornsby hit a 3 with 6:00 to go.

**Spartans interview Redskins' Lewis**

Washington Redskins defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis interviewed for the vacant Michigan State head coaching position and said Monday he will quickly decide whether to take the job.

Lewis did not say whether he was offered the job, but he indicated he could announce a decision as early as Tuesday. The sticking point could be the length of commitment that would dictate from seeking an NFL head job anytime soon.

Michigan State fired Bobby Williams late in the season and replaced him with interim-coach Morris Watts. The team finished 4-8, its worst record since 1991.

Hill, former Texas Western star, dead at 59

Bobby Joe Hill, who led Texas Western to a NCAA basketball championship in 1966, has died at his home. He was 59.

Hill died of a heart attack Sunday night, his daughter Michele Shetfield said in Monday's online edition of the El Paso Times.

"I am deeply, deeply saddened by the death of Bobby Joe Hill. Bobby Joe was the greatest leader, the greatest competitor I have ever had," said Hall of Fame coach Don Haskins, who fielded Hill and four other black starters for the team.

Underdog Texas Western, now called UTEP, beat Kentucky 72-65 in the championship game.

The team's success has been credited with opening the doors of universities across the nation to black athletes.
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The Ming dynasty of China. The
Hapsburg dynasty of Austria. The
Romanov dynasty of Russia. The
Hurricanes haven't exactly ruled
a nation for hundreds of years,
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Irish rout undefeated Sun Devils 81-52

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Heading into Saturday's game, Arizona State wasn't just hot. The Sun Devils were unbeaten and working on win No. 14 in their home-win streak. They were on fire.

But on Saturday, it was Notre Dame that was firing. The ninth ranked Irish lined-up, fired their shots and executed the Sun Devils perfect record.

They went home victorious, 81-52.

"Notre Dame executes as well as I've ever seen when it comes to putting people in position to score," Arizona State coach Charli Turner said.

Arizona State promised to play with the Irish - for all of six minutes.

In the opening minutes of the game, Jacqueline Batteast, who would lead the Irish in scoring, hit a shot to put Notre Dame ahead. But the Irish managed to miss 10 consecutive shots before freshman Courtney LaVere put one in.

"Missing 10 in a row didn't bother me because we were getting good shots," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We settled in pretty quickly."

After the Sun Devils hit a shot to bring the score to 6-5, Notre Dame quenched their fire and their chances for a victory.

Batteast, who scored 20 of her 24 points in the first half, tipped off a 21-0 run capped off by seven straight to give the Irish the 27-5 lead with 7 minutes, 28 seconds remaining in the first half.

"Jacqui sort of took over the game in the first half," McGraw told the Associated Press after Saturday's game. "That's the kind of game she's capable of playing. It was a thrill to watch a game like that.

The sophomore post player couldn't be stopped in the first half. Her 24 points were only two short of her career best, as she shot 10-for-15 from the field and 3-for-4 at the foul line. In addition, she tallied eight rebounds and three steals.

The mismatch McGraw said she was hoping for worked. Arizona State had no answer for Batteast. As far as the Sun Devils were concerned, she sizzled.

"I'm not sure we have anybody capable of guarding a player that talented," Thorne said.

After a half-time speech intended to rally her team, Thorne managed to get the Sun Devils to play with Notre Dame in the second half. Both teams scored 35 points in the second half, but it was too little, too late for the Sun Devils. They couldn't overcome the 29-point Irish lead at the half.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we can play with this team," Thorne said. "Could we beat them? Yes, if we execute our game plan and don't drive the baseline."

But when it came to execution, it was all Notre Dame's game on Saturday.

The Irish team that had struggled to execute against USC the Friday before and had squeaked by a weaker Valparaiso team on Wednesday night, found its groove and ran the floor. The Irish had four players in double figures - Theresa Borton had 14 points and nine rebounds, Le' Tania Severe had 11 points, and Katy Flecky rounded out the Irish effort with 10 points.

"After the Valparaiso game we talked about coming ready to play," Severe said.

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Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast dribbles past an opponent during an exhibition game earlier in the season. The Irish defeated the unbeaten Sun Devils on Saturday.

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Edited by Will Shortz

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5. "To Sir With Love" singer (5)
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27. Where the moment maker goes (5)
28. Two-time (5)

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WILLINGHAM WINS HOME DEPOT COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

By JOE HETTLER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham knew he could turn around the Irish football program. And now that it's happened, he's getting his just rewards.

Willingham will be named the Home Depot Coach of the Year Thursday during The Home Depot College Football Award show on ESPN after leading Notre Dame to a 10-2 record and a berth in the Toyota Gator Bowl Jan. 1.

"To be named Home Depot Coach of the Year is an honor, but in choosing the word 'honor,' it falls short of the respect and emotions that I feel for this award and its presentation," Willingham said in a press release. "It would be a stretch to say that I thought this day could happen in my life. However, because of the work, courage and character of the Notre Dame family, coaches and players, it is a reality. Willingham took over an Irish program that had experienced its share of recent troubles. But Willingham made the Irish national championship contenders once again. "Home Depot is proud to sponsor this award and recognizes the hard work, team work and determination Coach Willingham displayed in motivating his team and putting together an excellent 2002 season," said John Costello, executive vice president and chief marketing officer of The Home Depot.

Willingham became the first Notre Dame coach to win 10 games in his first season. The Irish also had the third best turnaround in school history with a 4.5 game improvement heading into its match-up against North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl. This was Willingham's first national coach of the year award, although he was a finalist in 1999 when he coached the Stanford Cardinals. Willingham also won the Pac-10 coach of the year award twice, in 1995 and 1999.

Willingham also has experience in turning programs around. In his first season at Stanford in 1994, Willingham led the Cardinal to a 7-4-1 record, which was a vast improvement from the team's 3-7-1 mark a year earlier. Willingham won't be the only person honored Thursday. The award show will give out the Maxwell Award for best all-around player, the Chuck Bednarik trophy for best defensive player, the Outland trophy for best interior lineman and the Jim Thorpe award for best defensive back as well.

The Home Depot Coach of the Year award has been given out annually. ESPN and ABC college analysts select the award winners.

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Head coach Tyrone Willingham watches the Irish play during a game earlier this season. Coach Willingham was selected as Coach of the Year by the Home Depot.

MENS BASKETBALL

IRISH RANKED NO. 10 AFTER IMPRESSIVE WINS

Associated Press

Notre Dame's week of upsets landed the Fighting Irish in the Top 10 in The Associated Press college basketball poll Monday. Wins over Marquette, Maryland and Texas improved Notre Dame's record to 8-1 and transformed the Irish from an unranked team to No. 10 in the weekly media voting.

"These kids did a great job this week, and I told them that and then told them we're in new territory now," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "Now we have to stay consistent and level-headed. It is December and there is a long way to go."

Creighton, the only team to beat Notre Dame this season, and College of Charleston also moved into the Top 25: Creighton (6-0), which beat the Irish in the championship game of the Guardians Classic, is 23rd — its first rankingsince 1974-75, when the Bluejays got as high as 13th. College of Charleston (6-0), which beat Wyoming, Oklahoma State and Villanova in the Great Alaska Shootout over Thanksgiving weekend, moved in at No. 25, its first appearance in the poll since 1998-99.

Arizona (4-0) beat Saint Louis and San Diego State last week and was No. 1 for the fifth straight poll. Alabama (6-0) moved up one spot to second, the highest ranking in school history. The Wildcats received 70 first-place votes and 1,774 points from the national media panel, 137 more than the Crimson Tide.

No. 3 Duke (5-0) and No. 4 Pittsburgh (5-0) each moved up one place. The Panthers received the only other first-place vote and the ranking is their best since they were second Jan. 5, 1988. Oregon moved up two spots to fifth, the highest ranking in school history, while Oklahoma, Indiana, Texas, Connecticut and Notre Dame rounded out the Top 10.

Missouri jumped from 15th to 11th, and was followed by Kentucky, Xavier, Florida, Illinois, Marquette, Tulsa, Maryland, Stanford and Kansas. The last five ranked teams were Michigan State, North Carolina, Creighton, Mississippi State and College of Charleston.

Notre Dame was ranked for all but two weeks of 2000-01, Brey's first season, reaching No. 10 for one week.

"I'm glad we don't play again until Saturday, because I want to emphasize to the team every day how important it is to remain the same as individuals and players and not to forget the lesson plan," Brey said. "We've always been able to stay level. We've never jumped off the Golden Dome after a tough loss, and we've never had a parade after a big win."

The 92-71 victory over then-No. 13 Marquette was at home, but the wins over then-No. 9 Maryland and then-No. 2 Texas came in the BB&T Classic in Washington, D.C. Freshman forward Torin Francis played well in all three games for the Irish, capping the run with 21 points, 10 rebounds and eight blocks against Texas.