Sole ticket wins unanimously

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

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Katie Boyle, senator from Cavanaugh Hall, said after the meeting she voted to abstain.

The committee intended for the letter, presented in the form of a resolution, to be included as an appendix to the Student Union address in a 12-12 vote. Boyle said she voted to abstain, only to see the proposal pass unanimously in the Senate.

"I'm really excited," Boyle said. "Participation in the election was up, and I think it went well."

According to election commis­sioner Alison Joseph, low voter turnout can be attributed to the fact that there was only one ticket running for office.

Student government repre­sentatives had been hoping that with this year's integrat­ion of electronic voting the number of student partic­i­pating would be higher. The election was the first time students on campus and abroad were able to vote online through PRISM, the same program used for student registration.

Students were able to access the online polls at 12 a.m. on Tuesday until 12 a.m. Wednesday. Each student was allowed to vote once by logging into PRISM using her PRISM login and password. Once logged in each student was able to vote by clicking on "Answer A Survey" and then proceeding to vote in the appropriate election.

"Our numbers are about even with last year," Joseph said. "Hopefully the numbers will increase through the years."

Despite the overall student body disinterest in the elec­tions, reflected by the low voter turnout Jablonski-Diehl and Brown look forward to taking office. One of their first tasks in the coming weeks is to pick who is going to be on the Board of Governance next term.

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown also plan to work with the Student Academic Council, say­ing they will focus on the Reading Day proposal and what the next step will be for getting the proposal approved.

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown's term begins April 1.

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Results are based on 380 student votes

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Sarah Brown
Student body vice president-elect

Bishop asks for leadership, disagrees with committee's letter

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

A letter from the Residence Life Commit­tee of the Student Senate asking the Board of Trustees to restore in­hall dances for a probationary period failed to pass in a 12-12 vote after sig­nificant debate Wednesday.

The committee intended for the let­ter, presented in the form of a resolu­tion, to be included as an appendix to student body president Libby Bishop's Feb. 6 Board of Trustee report, where she plans to talk about student opinion regarding in hall dances. According to du Lac, the letter would have to be approved by the Office of Student Affairs before the Board of Trustees can vote.

The Residence Life Committee origi­nally passed the letter unanimously; however, three of the senators on the committee voted against it in the roll call vote.

Kent Boyle, senator from Cavanaugh Hall, said after the meeting she voted to abstain.

Delegate Kevin Conely speaks at Wednesday's Student Senate meet­ing, where senators failed to pass a resolution that would have asked the Board of Trustees for a probationary period for in-hall dances.

While Notre Dame officials were involved in coordinating this initiative and posting the announcement, the companies themselves were the main force behind the decision to offer a new reward, said uni­ver­sity spokesman Matt Storin.

"We just helped facilitate getting people together and announcing [this]," said Storin. "I think this was very much an act of compassion and community effort."

John Roseental, president of St. Joseph Capital Bank and son of former Notre Dame athletic director Dick Rosenalt, was one of the major coordinating­ers of the effort to double the reward, according to Storin. "Even though he did not want credit, the fact is that he started with him," said Storin.

Rex Hakov, director of Notre Dame Security Police, said he believes the new reward will generate more leads in the [Sharon's disappearance] back in the news cycle and keep the story fresh," said Hakov. "We got some leads off the last one, and we'll see if we get more leads from this. We remain open to accepting any information," he said.

Hakov has provided a variety of ways for individuals to pro­vide information, said Rakow.

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♦ Bishop calls for leadership, completion of goals in her State of the Student Union address

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

Libby Bishop, student body president, said the studentunion is strong and is working on their State of the Student Union address Wednesday, adding that her office will focus on finishing its goals during the remaining two months of her term.

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She said this is the busiest time for the stu­dent union as it works to complete its goals and leaders must use their skills to accom­plish these goals now as their time in office comes to an end.

"For the next two months we, as student leaders, must use our knowledge and experi­ence to its utmost potential. We will do this..."
INSIDE COLUMN

My ultimatum to the Dome

Last Friday, I had the unpleasant experience of being in Dillon Hall at 8:30 p.m. I thought you could be about being in the most glorious Dillon Hall at this hour? Well, wrong again. It was at this hour that the gremlins (or maybe Alumni) struck again, setting off fire alarms and causing a mass exodus into what we non-majors' thermometer assured me is 16-degree weather.

To add insult to injury, I was of course asleep at the time of the drill (Lest you think I am lazy, know that I am recovering from mono over break. Know also that the next person who makes a lewd joke about how I contracted it forfeits that glorious day, my brothers, we shall struck again, setting off fire alarms and causing a mass exodus into what we non-majors' thermometer assured me is 16-degree weather.

Half-conscious state, only one thought in my mind: revenge.

That had been an isolated incident I could perhaps check out in the vedetta, but, reader, this is no singe occurrence! Would you believe this same authority on our senses is the second, or third, but forth in a series of false alarms to affright our house, or your campus (or maybe Alumni) at 7:45 a.m. on Monday. The University administration. For every further injustice wrought upon the unsuspecting members of these travesties that I have often thought during the pre-ministration of them to affright our house this semester? Fortunately, being a member of the Knights of Columbus, I am privileged with the escape of walking across South Quad to the Knights' building, but this alone is not comfort enough for my ears; as my ears still ring as I pen this.

I do not think, my mate's thermometer assured me is 16-degree weather.

The Irish mens basketball team took on West Virginia and beat the Mountaineers 88-67.

What's Happening @ ND

- Notre Dame Architecture Student Drawings: Designs for a New SMU Museum, all day in the SMU Museum of Art.
- Latin American Democratization since 1978, Regime Transitions, Breakdowns and Erosions with lecturer Scott Mainwaring, 4 p.m. in the 11th-StuCh. Center.
- Keenan Revue '03 Performance, 7:30 p.m. in the 0'Flinn Auditorium.

What's Cooking

North Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Amatriciana, mushroom marinara, sausage pineapple pizza, meatloaf, scalloped corn casserole, brown sauce, chicken gray, whipped potatoes, petite carrots in honey-orange sauce, cherry cobbler, grilled tilapia, potatoes with spinach, baked potato, broccoli sauce and potato triangles.

Today Dinner: Amatriciana, pesto sauce, sausage pineapple pizza, roasted top sirloin, zum zum potato salad, chicken gray, whipped potatoes, peas & pearl onions, cherry cobbler, lemon and cheddar muffin, grilled beef and cheddar muffin, roasted turkey breast and bread stuffing.

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Spaghettini putanesca, Southwestern pasta sauce, chicken tempura, pasta sauce, cheese and vegetable pie, winter-bleed vegetables, beef chop suriy, cajen-baked pollock, roast top potato, baked sweet potatoes, long grain and wild rice, soft pretzel and chicken tempura.

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Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Vegan burritos, Mexican rice, herbed pasta, marinara sauce, broccoli casserole, bread sticks and cheese and vegetable pie.

Today's Dinner: Sweet potato patty sandwich, baked pasta torte, grilled vegetable lasagna, marinara braised bean salad, broiled salmon steaks, rice pilaf, roasted zucchini and potatoes, green bean, saucage pizza, cheese pizza, bread sticks and chicken and dumpling casserette.
**TCEs may be changed**

By AMANDA ROTHEY  
News Writer

Faculty Senate members were "very positive" and offered "good feedback," but suggested that Student Senate must take a closer look at logistical issues.

"The questions wouldn’t be very different from those in other sections and students would be able to view the results of the new section online," said Foley.

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**Sex signals more than just comedy**

By MELANIE BECKER  
News Writer

"Sex Signals," a straightforward show about communication between the sexes, was shown at Saint Mary’s in Carroll Auditorium Wednesday. Sex Signals, sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and co-sponsored by the Student Diversity Board, was first shown at Saint Mary’s last year by recommendation from the Board of Trustees.

"We’ve tried over the years to bring different presentations on this issue to campus," said Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of Student Affairs.

The two performers, Gail Stern, a former worker at a rape crisis center, and Christian Murphy, a 1992 Notre Dame graduate, met in 1998. They wrote the show in 1999 based on dialogue and research on the topic of gender and dating and began performing in May 2000.

"I had seen presentations on rape from police officers, it was a stoic, stranger model. We thought that if we could combine our efforts, we could create a show to establish gender perspectives and show how often [rape] happens," Stern said.

"Sex Signals" began as a humorous, yet realistic look at stereotypes and double standards of both genders. Audience interaction and some improvisation were used to create social situations and common scenarios between men and women. Each member of the audience was given a "Stop Sign" and asked to hold it up when he or she felt that the situation was going badly. Flirting, sexual innuendo, mixed signals and miscommunication between college-aged men and women were demonstrated as Murphy and Stern brought humor to the situations.

"I experienced some awkward moments and tension began to rise as the show zeroed in on rape, particularly date rape. Stern and Murphy created scenarios that showed ways in which miscommunication turned into date rape. Murphy and Stern stressed the importance of discussion between men and women about sexual activity, because of the gray area in date rape. The show culminated in an open discussion of what constitutes date rape, communicating limits and drawing the line.

Plans are being made to bring "Sex Signals" back to campus for First Year Orientation weekend next fall.

"We want to do this to educate people about their behavior, how you interact with the opposite sex can easily put you in a bad situation," Rosenbush said.

Students who missed last night’s performance can see "Sex Signals," sponsored by Student Government, the Department of Film Television and Theater and the College of Arts & Letters, tonight at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

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Flyers to fight rape

By JESSICA DALSING
News Writer

A student-led initiative has made blue flyers with sexual assault awareness tips a common sight in campus bathrooms.

The sexual assault awareness flyers are a product of the Student Senate’s gender issues committee. This organization handles all issues regarding gender relations on campus. "Sexual assault is one of the main issues we are looking at," said Courtnye Badgley, student senator and member of the gender issues committee.

An informational meeting by campus security and discussion of the sexual awareness talks given during freshman orientation reignited last year’s flyer initiative.

"Things happen and you should not ignore them," said Courtney Kohout, sophomore senator from Baslin Hall.

The flyer contains contact information and procedural instructions designed to assist a victim of sexual assault. Badgley said, "Girls don’t know where to turn and this just gives them resources."

No further concrete plans have been made regarding sexual assault awareness on campus. "Our main concern right now is to keep the flyers up and on display," said Badgley.

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line at 631-5555, and an anonymous tip line at 631-8000.

Sharon’s parents, Steve and Jane Sharon, said they are hopeful that the new reward will provide further leads for investigators and are grateful to the area companies for their efforts. "It just means so much to us," said Steve Sharon. "People really do care."

Sharon said this new announcement and related media coverage would help keep their son’s disappear­ance in the mind of students who may be able to recall information about the Corby Street party Chad Sharon attended.

"We still don’t have any kids that saw him leaving the party," he said. Sharon’s brother urged students to come forward with informa­tion relating to their son, even if their knowledge did not seem very significant.

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ND first at trial competition

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

Notre Dame’s first year mock trial team won the Northwestern University Mock Trial Association invitational tournament. It was held at the Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan, Ill., the weekend of Jan. 18-19.

The victorious team of first years consisted of seven students: Michael Anderson (Best Witness Award), Drew Haase, Anne Marren, Trina Semelroth (Best Attorney Award), Chris Sheehan, Kelly Snyder and Natasha Uffner. They received the highest number of points in each of the four rounds and were undefeated, beating 31 other teams, including last year’s national champion and teams from the University of Chicago and Saint Francis University.

Two other teams from Notre Dame also competed. Sheehan said, “It really gives you a feel for the court and an understanding of court rules.”

Notre Dame’s Mock Trial Association, ranked third in the nation, is made up of 23 students divided into three teams. Attorney Bill Dwyer of the Chicago law firm of O’Rourke, Hogan, Fowler & Dwyer coaches students at Notre Dame for two hours every Thursday. In addition, each of the teams meets several times a week to prepare for tournaments.

All the college students in mock trial associations across the country work on the same case throughout the year. Last fall, the American Mock Trial Association released this year’s case: a civil law suit involving a 7-year-old boy allegedly killed by a car.

Every team prepares for both the plaintiff and defense sides of the case. In a compe­tition, a coin draw just before the start of each round determines which side of the case a team will play in that trial.

Each team presents opening statements, conducts direct and cross-examination of witnesses and makes closing statements for its side.

Dave Beleczky, president of Notre Dame’s Mock Trial Association, said, “The competition is designed for students to work on trial advocacy — the way you would present a case in court.”

Students develop logical thought and argument skills and hone their presentation skills. “The winning team did an excellent job,” said Beleczky. “Every team requires a broad range of talents to perform well.”

The regional Mock Trial tournament will be held at Notre Dame from February 21 to 23. The national championship will be held from April 4 to 6 in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Saddam says Iraq prepared for war with U.S.

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Saddam Hussein, in remarks televised Wednesday, said Iraq "has huge capabilities" and is ready to face a U.S. attack, "destroy it and defeat it." A senior Baghdad official also said the deposed President Bush's State of the Union speech was a "catastrophe" in the U.S.-Iraq war, a conflict one doctor said lawmaker Hazem Bajilan, a foreign affairs specialist in the Baghdad and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Iraqi leaders also rejected Bush's allegations of past or potential links between Baghdad and the Sept. 11 terrorists. "There's no connection between al-Qaida and Iraq," said lawmakers Hazem Bajilan, a foreign affairs specialist in the National Assembly.

Ordinary Iraqis, meanwhile, voiced growing fears of a new war. America's military crackdown on the war against Iraq, the Congressional Budget Office Wednesday's decision came as the government nibbled away at the strike's core: a walkout that hobbed the oil industry, the world's No. 4 exporter.

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"If the only index you look at is cash flow, you may be missing the point" that there are other important priorities, said House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa.

The budget office's projected $199 billion deficit for this year compared with a $145 billion shortfall it projected in August. Its forecast five months ago for a $171 billion deficit in 2004 also got worse, rising to $145 billion in the new report.

Since CBO's projections include none of the tax and spending initiatives that lawmakers are likely to tackle, they are meant as a benchmark for measuring future action.

Congressional Budget Office: $199 billion deficit expected

WASHINGTON

This year's federal deficit will soar to $199 billion even without President Bush's new tax cut plan or war against Iraq, the Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday in a report that cast doubt on confidence for balancing the budget anytime soon.

The nonpartisan budget office projected that without action on any tax or spending initiatives - which no one considers realistic - small annual surpluses would not return until 2007, a year later than the office predicted in August.

In perhaps the starkest depiction of how rapidly the government's long-range outlook has eroded, the budget office said Wednesday that it envisioned a cumulative $20 billion surplus over the decade that began last year. In May 2001, the office projected an unprecedented $5.6 trillion surplus for that same period.

The bleak forecast further inflamed this year's budget fight between Bush and congressional Democrats, who accuse each other of speeding the nation's downward spiral of the government's books. Bush wants more tax cuts and spending restraint, while Democrats prefer higher spending and smaller tax reductions.

"We're entering the final phase" and only a narrow "diplomatic window" remained open, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

U.S. may find safe haven for Hussein: The Bush administration, weighing whether to set a deadline for Saddam Hussein to disarm, offered on Wednesday to try to help find a haven for the Iraqi president and his "henchmen" as a way to avert war. But time appeared to be running out, and State Department officials said an exile scenario was not under serious consideration. "We're entering the final phase" and only a narrow "diplomatic window" remained open, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Utah police seek couple in kidnapping: Police on Wednesday said the transient couple who allegedly took a woman's infant from a downtown shopping mall Tuesday night were trying to teach the mother a lesson. The alleged kidnappers and the mother were part of a group of seven homeless people who socialized with each other, said Salt Lake City Police Lt. Jim Jensen.

Explosion, fire, kills 8 in Kinston, N.C.: An explosion followed by a raging fire demolished a plastics factory Wednesday, killing at least eight people and injuring at least 16. Others were feared trapped in the burning rains, which sent black, acrid smoke billowing over the countryside. City Manager Ralph Clark said an unknown number of workers were believed to be still inside the West Pharmaceutical plant.

Officials break credit-card fraud ring: More than 30 Pakistanis face federal charges in an alleged credit-card fraud ring that investigators believe netted $5 million. Investigators have concerns, but no hard evidence, that the money may have helped fund terrorist activity. The alleged ring leader, Shah Nawaz, has fled to Pakistan as have other members of the group. U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty said Wednesday, McNulty said there may be "a loose connection" to terrorist activity.

Republican echoed his argument Wednesday. They added in for now, deficits would have to play second fiddle to initiatives aimed at invigorating the economy and confronting terrorism.
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against the letter because she trusted the expertise of Bishop and Trip Foley, student body vice president, who discouraged the inclusion of the letter. She said she thought it would be repetitive to include the letter in the appendix. Bishop's report is supposed to already represent student opinion and the ideas in the letter.

Brin Anderson, senator from Howard Hall, and Residence Life committee member, said after the meeting she agreed with Boyle, saying, "I wanted to support Libby and I knew she was uncomfortable. I know that she will accurately represent the student body." During the debate, Kevin Cantwell, a student senator and the Residence Life committee member, and voted in favor of the letter, said, "Trip and Jeremy [Staley] and I made a big deal about not getting enough respect and part of the opposition to this was that we would make people uncomfortable. If we hesitate from standing up for students just because it will make people uncomfortable then we don't deserve respect because we aren't doing our job." Bishop said that at the meeting she originally agreed with the purpose of the letter, but when Cantwell made the suggestion but later changed her mind. After the meeting, she added that she did not look at the letter in its full context when she informed Cantwell earlier in the week she agreed with the letter. After thinking further about the letter and talking with Foley and Brian Correia, director of Student Activities, she said she thought the letter was inappropriate.

Bishop said at the Senate meeting it was not Senate's duty to send a letter to the Board of Trustees. "I don't think it will complement the report and will detract from it," Bishop said. "My report is going to be cohesive and I see this letter as superfluous. In the end, I am questioning what are you trying to do. I will fight for student rights." Bishop said her report, though it is not finished, will be more informative and include the advice of students in a more balanced way as opposed to the letter. "It's not what I wanted to say in the report," Bishop said after the meeting. Though she said she was not trying to ensure what another body of student government thought, she said the letter incorrectly addressed the real reason why in-hall dances were taken away. The letter connected the ban on in-hall dances to alcohol consumption and abuse and said, "If it is believed that the elimination of hard alcohol will help to improve unhealthy alcohol consumption habits, then why ban in-hall dances and hard alcohol in the same year. The banning of in-hall dances ... should not have been necessary until all options had been explored and it was clear that SYR's and responsible behavior were mutually exclusive."

After the meeting, Bishop said the claim is incorrect and herculean Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Pournom's statements that in-hall dances were banned due to space limitations. She also said the nature of the Board of Trustees meeting laws for only a limited discussion and that the report needs to be concise in order to get the issue addressed and not for discussion to be stalled by questions that the letter made her want to ask. Chief of Staff Pat Hallahan, who has attended previous Board of Trustees meetings, said he thought the letter could have helped the report and that the report's message would only have been strengthened by the additional voice of 28 student leaders. "I think it could have been toned down a little while keeping the main point and it could help a lot if it was sent in right fashion," Hallahan said after the meeting. "Libby's recommendations do ask for dances back which would have been complemented by the letter. I think we could have worked on it a little bit more just to make sure they were in line with one another." Several senators questioned why there was opposition from Bishop and Foley to the inclusion of the letter seeing as how the letter represents student opinion. "If this letter doesn't coincide with the report, this concerns me and I wonder if the report is addressing the correct concerns," Breen-Phillips Senator Joanna Cornwall told the Senate.

Other senators who voted against the letter said it was not because they disagreed with the message of the letter but because they did not want the letter to potentially detract from Bishop's report. In other Senate news:

♦ Elliot Poinexter said Financial Management Board called for an increase in the student activities fee, the second proposed increase in as many years. The fee was increased for the 2002-2003 fiscal year from $65 to $80.

♦ The Senate unanimously passed a resolution asking the University-wide vote regarding the Flex 10 Meal plan. The Senate decided to create a TCE sub-committee within the Academic Affairs committee to draw on members from the entire Senate to work on research and bring the project to a conclusion before Senate turnover.

♦ The Senate unanimously passed a resolution asking the Office of International Study Programs to inform students studying abroad about alcohol awareness and the country's awareness and the country's

Seventh ticket enters election

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

Judicial Board President Danielle LeBesna announced Wednesday a seventh additional ticket for the upcoming student body president elections. The ticket of Zahm residents Matt Padberg and David Ball submitted its petitions just before the Jan. 22 midnight deadline, but their candidacy was not announced at the Jan. 22 Student Senate meeting because the ticket's petitions had not yet been turned in. LeBesna said Padberg and Ball join the following six other presidential candidates in the Feb. 10 general election: Mike Bott and Mike Kirsh, Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher, Ryan Gagné and John McCarthy, Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Lau, Joe Muto and Mimi Markowski, and Drew Updike and Eric Tarnowski.

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Here's the Answer!
### Fed keeps interest rates constant

**Associated Press**

The Federal Reserve on Wednesday left interest rates unchanged at a 41-year low, optimistically predicting that the feeble U.S. economy will revive once geopolitical risks — a reference to fears of possible disruption in global oil supplies or a terrorist attack. 

"Oil price premia and other geopolitical risks have reportedly fostered continued restraint on spending and hiring by businesses," Fed policy-makers said in explaining their 12-0 decision.

"As those risks lift, as most analysts expect, the economy will pick up," they said. "The Fed thinks the U.S. economy can grow at a 2.5% to 3% rate this year, compared with 1.2% in 2001." 

Banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, will remain steady at 4.25 percent. It has remained there since March 2001, a half-percentage point lower than the 4.54% benchmark during the same period last year. 

"Some economists said the Fed's decision on interest rates was a "nudge, not a push," because the job market has failed to strengthen as expected. The unemployment rate remains at 4.9% and the number of new claims for unemployment has remained stubbornly high, reflecting weakness in the job market."

Fed policymakers said they were waiting for further signs of progress in the job market before raising rates.

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### Market Recap

**Market Watch January 29**

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### In Brief

**United pilots irked at airline's plan**

United Airlines' pilots union lashed out on Wednesday at the company's emerging strategy in bankruptcy, saying its plans for a new discount carrier would amount to a breakup of United and voting to fight it "by every lawful means available to us."

The pilots' statement from United's most powerful union came on the eve of a Thursday meeting of the company's board of directors at which CEO Glenn Tilton is to present the new business plan.

While United has not disclosed details of the plan, a published report Wednesday said it aims to reduce the number of its pilots and flight attendants by up to 25 percent and implement a two-tier pay structure.

The Chicago Tribune, citing unidentified sources, reported that pilots and flight attendants working for a planned new discount carrier to be operated by the airline would be paid significantly less than those on regular United flights. United declined to comment on the report.

The world's second-largest airline, which has posted heavy losses since mid-2000, filed for Chapter 11 federal bankruptcy protection on Dec. 9.

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**TURNER STEPS DOWN AT AOL**


Two years after AOL and Time Warner's $106 billion merger, the company has been forced to justify the rationale for the deal and overcome questions about its accounting.

The bright spot has been Time Warner's media properties, which include CNN, Warner Music, Time and People magazines and the Warner Bros. film division that boasts blockbuster franchises like "Harry Potter" and "Lord of the Rings."

The weak link has been the AOL online division, which now hopes for a jolt from expanding high-speed Internet access and rolling out new music, information and shopping services. AOL's members have not been the same since the $106 billion merger.

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**Oil price premia and other geopolitical risks**

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**NEW YORK**

Fourth-quarter losses skyrocketed at AOL-Time Warner Inc. after a staggering $44.9 billion, or $10.04 per share, compared with a loss of $3.1 billion, or 41 cents per share, in the fourth quarter of 2001. 

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The bright spot has been Time Warner's media properties, which include CNN, Warner Music, Time and People magazines and the Warner Bros. film division that boasts blockbuster franchises like "Harry Potter" and "Lord of the Rings."

The weak link has been the AOL online division, which now hopes for a jolt from expanding high-speed Internet access and rolling out new music, information and shopping services. AOL's members have not been the same since the $106 billion merger.
U.S. fails to gain support for coalition against Iraq

Associated Press

Key members of the U.N. Security Council said Wednesday that the United States had so far failed to convince them that time had run out for a peaceful resolution to the crisis with Iraq.

At a crucial council meeting a day after President Bush's State of the Union speech, 11 of the 15 members supported giving more time to weapons inspectors to pursue Iraq's peaceful disarmament — France, Russia and China who all have veto power as well as Germany, Mexico, Chile, Guinea, Cameroon, Syria, Angola and Pakistan, council diplomats told The Associated Press.

Only Bulgaria and Spain backed the United States and Britain in focusing on Iraq's failures rather than continued inspections.

In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said diplomacy was in its 'final phase,' and Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States would try to help find a haven for Saddam Hussein, his family and close aides if he would agree to go into exile.

"That would be one way to try to avoid war," Powell, who would signal increased international support for military action in Iraq. But neither the largely negative reports from weapons inspectors this week nor Bush's address altered the positions of some of America's key allies, including France.

"The majority of the council thinks we should continue inspections," said French Ambassador Jean-Marc de la Sabliere. "This is what they think today, and I think it is important to say so."..

Still, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said that the "diplomatic window is closing, for the council and the time for decision-making is fast approaching." He said the United States would conduct intense negotiations, both at the United Nations and between capitals, ahead of the special Feb. 5 council meeting where Powell is expected to present evidence of Iraq's secret weapons programs and links to terrorist groups.

Council diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity said the possibility of a second resolution was being widely discussed. The most likely scenario would be a resolution declaring that Iraq has failed to cooperate actively with inspectors and setting a relatively short deadline for Baghdad to meet certain steps, the diplomats said.

Bush said Tuesday night he would use the "full force and might of the U.S. military" if needed to disarm Iraq. In the meantime, Negroponte pressed the chief weapons inspectors behind closed doors Wednesday for additional answers on intelligence the United States believes indicates Iraq is rearming.

But Mohamed ElBaradei, the top nuclear inspector in Iraq, said the evidence hasn't panned out and he disputed Bush's claims that Iraqi intelligence agents are posing as scientists.

In a wide-ranging interview with AP, ElBaradei stood by his inspectors' findings that aluminum tubes the Iraqis had imported were for rockets and not for a nuclear program. He said the president reassured him in his speech Tuesday night. "We believe the tubes were destined for the conventional rocket program," ElBaradei said. He said the tubes could be modified for uranium enrichment but that the process would be expensive, time-consuming and detectable.

In his annual speech, Bush said: "Iraqi intelligence officers are posing as the scientists inspectors are supposed to interview. Real scientists have been coached by Iraqi officials on what to say, and intelligence sources indicate that Saddam Hussein has ordered that scientists who cooperate with U.N. inspectors in disarming Iraq will be killed, along with their families." "We believe that inspectors must continue and that if Iraq stops cooperating with inspectors and starts blocking inspections, we must look into it," ElBaradei said it was unlikely his inspectors "could be fooled in the nuclear area on who is a scientist and who is not." "We know all the scientists from the past and I think our people could easily detect if that person is a scientist or not," ElBaradei and the other chief inspectors to pursue Iraq's peaceful disarmament.

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SMC women attend pro-choice conference

By LAUREN CONDON
News Writer

Four Saint Mary's women attended a pro-choice conference in Washington, D.C. during the same time when many of their classmates were at the March for Life.

The four students received a grant from Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership to attend the one-day conference that focused on lobbying for pro-choice causes. The students who attended the conference believe that it was a leadership opportunity, enabling them to experience a day in the nation's capital learning how to lobby for causes and about the judicial system.

"I feel that because we are Catholic we need to address the situation. It is the woman's body and she should decide what to do with it," Saint Mary's conference group organizer Heather Engstrom said. "Catholics for Free Choice uphold that it is a woman's right to make her own decision."

"The conference, held Jan. 22, also marked the 30th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, which legalized abortion. Engstrom believes that the conference was more about leadership and having young people involved and interested in the legal system.

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According to Engstrom, the conference had students from Catholic universities around the country and addressed the decision. It's great that we can respect each other's stance on the issue," Saint Mary's March for Life organizer Danielle Kraft added. Those who chose to attend the March for Life to protest abortion acceptance ed an unexcused absence and paid their way for the bus trip.

"I went because I feel pretty strongly about the pro-life cause and that life begins at conception. Abortion needs to be ended," Saint Mary's freshman Jenny Robbins said. The four girls sponsored by CWIL had all expenses paid and were flown to Washington D.C. to attend the pro-choice conference.

"It's disappointing," said Indiana Archbishop John D'Arcy after learning of CWIL's sponsorship. "The program itself was student leadership. The purpose was to show students how to become involved in lobbying and leadership," CWIL director Meredith Sarkees said.

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Iraq may be capable of nukes

Associated Press

The top nuclear inspector conceded Wednesday that aluminum tubes the Iraqis had sought for rockets could be modified for a nuclear program, as President Bush reasserted in his State of the Union address.

"We believe the tubes were destined for the conventional rocket program," Mohamed ElBaradei told The Associated Press in an interview. "They could be used for enrichment but they need substantial modification before they could be used."

He said such a process would be expensive, time-consuming and detectable but that the Iraqis have the capabilities to alter the tubes.

ElBaradei told the Security Council in a report Monday that he had found no evidence Iraq had revived its nuclear program. The comments, coupled with his determination that the tubes were for rockets, put him at odds with the Bush administration which has insisted the tubes were meant for rockets, put him at odds with the Bush administration which has insisted the tubes were meant for rockets.

The back-and-forth between the Bush administration and ElBaradei's International Atomic Energy Agency began shortly after the president first raised the Iraqi attempts to buy the materials when he addressed the United Nations last September.

As a result, ElBaradei made it a top priority for his team to investigate the matter when inspections resumed two months later.

Iraq admitted they sought the tubes but said they were intended for a rocket program and very quickly, the nuclear team began to agree.

But the United States has been reluctant in its insistence that the tubes were for a nuclear program and President Bush included it again in his annual address Tuesday.

"We believe...that these tubes are of the type with a kind of tooling and workmanship that is definitely consistent with the use of enriching uranium," U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte told reporters.

"The way in which Iraq has gone about trying to procure these tubes suggests quite clearly that they were trying to do something illicit," he told reporters.

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through finishing important projects, giving available student input into campus wide issues and representing student voice across the board."

Though Bishop did not outline any future plans in her address, she did encourage students to look toward the future in order to empower future leaders and called on the seniors to fulfill their duty of passing on their knowledge to future leaders.

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TUNING-IN TO THE DECLINE OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION

Marlayna Soeneneker

As we know from my last column, I've been applying to graduate school. As we also know from my last column, if we like to read the little biographical sketch at the end, I graduated at the beginning of the month. I'm sure all this leads us to the logical question: What have I been doing other than applying to graduate school?

The answer, fellow Donmers, is watching TV. Television these days is of very low quality, by the way, particularly during the day. I really felt like I was missing out on something when I lived in the dorms and didn't watch TV for months on end, but it turns out I wasn't. For one thing, I watch things like "Dr. Phil" (who I say I don't like because he makes psychologists look bad, but I secretly watch him and even Kind of like him) and "dating" shows, like "Blind Date," "Fifth Wheel," and "Elimidate" (further guilty TV pleasures, except I really dislike them. I just watch them anyway), which aren't terribly high quality.

For another thing, I avoid quality television like the plague. I always thought that if I ever lived outside of the Notre Dame bubble that I'd be a better informed person when it came to current events, but it's really not turning out to be true. I pretty much never watch the news.

I don't like world news much because I can almost never make it through an entire broadcast without getting despondent and convinced that Western civilization is in an inevitable decline. I actually do think that Western civilization is in its decline, but I usually try to ignore that conviction and it's harder to do that when you watch 30 minutes of actual proof every night.

Tom Brokaw: "In the United States today, there is no money for any important programs for helping people. In several states, masked gunmen murdered dozens of innocent bystanders. When apprehended and asked the reasons for their actions, the gunmen responded, 'Man, bad things happen to good people. They looked like good people. Who are we to change the rules?'"

"In international news, several wars rage on today with hefyl loss of life, and nowhere in China has any human rights at all. This just in: the world is going to Hell in a handbasket. Here with more on its downward progress is newscaster correspondent Frank.

'You don't like much national or world news, because it's always depressing. Sometimes they throw in that human interest story near the end about the blind guy, the puppy who cures him, and their amazing search together for the cure to cancer, but somehow that usually fails to erase the emotional impact of all the human suffering so rapidly discussed before."

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Anchor: 'I'm Bill, and our top story on the 10 o'clock news in Michiana is that it is snowing for the fifth day in a row."

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Anchor: 'We will return with further team coverage of this alleged snow from downtown South Bend, Notre Dame and Granger after these commercials. A little later, we'll have an in-depth interview with a woman who has lived in Michiana for a number of years and remembers other times when it has snowed.'

Today night the State of the Union Address was on, which I did actually watch for a while. One of my roommates wanted to see it, but she ended up talking on the phone. About halfway through, my other roommate and I switched over to "Smallville" on the WB because we like it better.

I'm 21 years old with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame, and I like Smallville better than I like watching the president address the nation in the biggest speech he gives all year. And I am supposed to be a future leader of America.

This is probably why Western civilization is declining -- people like me are watching "Dr. Phil" and "Elimidate" instead of keeping up on important events or actually doing anything.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Walking the streets

On the day I first arrived in South Bend in the fall of 1995, I was eager to explore the Athens of Indiana. Before going for a walk it would probably have been a good idea to ask someone who had lived in the area for more than six hours whether there were any areas that I should avoid in my nocturnal ambling. I didn’t do that, and there’s a good reason why. It’s because I’m an idiot.

The first sign that my evening stroll was not an altogether good idea came when I was walking in front of my new friends’ door and pulled up to the sidewalk beside me. In the front seats sat two sets of legs. This was no more like so much I could have safely killed him, but rather — and I think this is worse — like they could have killed me without really thinking much about it either way.

In the back seat there was a woman with big hair and too much makeup. By that I don’t mean that she was wearing too much makeup, I mean that there should be that much makeup in the world. The woman pulled down her widow and hollered “Hey baby! Are you straight?”

For a moment I thought I was the victim of that most American of crimes, the drive-by-surgery. I fully expected to be bunted into the car, driven to an abandoned warehouse, tied to a chain and forced to participate in an involuntary focus group. But of course the woman was in fact a prostitute. I’ve since realized the truth sooner if she had looked more like Julia Roberts.

Having been absent from school on the day when we were taught what to do when propositioned by a prostitute, I panicked and did what I usually do when I find myself hopelessly out of my depth in a social situation. I explained that I was foreign.

“Are you straight?” she asked again.

“I’m English,” I replied.

It wasn’t a very satisfactory exchange from anyone’s point of view. As I hastily departed, I started thinking about her sales technique, and her choice of questions.

“Are you straight?” I noticed that he was carrying a monkey wrench.

“Yeehaw!” I was thinking.

The suggestion seemed to be that if my parents ever found out that I’d declined her services their first reaction would be to start worrying that they should have named me more cleverly.

Though unsuccessful in my case, there was no denying it was masterfully salesmanship, and I couldn’t help thinking that she probably would have done well in marketing, a career offering all the moral turpitude of selling drugs and a .40k.

I kept going and after a few minutes, as I was walking underneath a broken streetlamp, a car rolled past me in the opposite direction. It was barely traversing above walking speed and the driver turned slowly and stared at me as he passed. He honked his horn and turned to the ally immediately behind me. At the end of the horn a large man appeared from out of a bush at the side of the road a little way ahead of me. He walked up to me and started at me, saying “I didn’t take him long. I think it was about this point that I noticed that he was carrying a monkey wrench.”

“Trying not to panic, I quickly made a mental list of all the perfectly innocent and non-sinister reasons why he could be carrying the monkey wrench. It wasn’t a very long list. It had one item: perhaps I hadn’t been repairing the bush.

The man asked me for a cigarette, and I was thinking that I was just trying to place my accent.

Suddenly I remembered the last thing my mother had said to me before I left for America.

“Remember: Don’t talk to any strange men, who have a monkey wrench and a nicotine craving.”

I felt guilty because at the time I had rung my eyes. I turned away from the man, having decided my walk must come to a hasty end. I was in America now. It was time to start jogging.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

Kidman, Moore and Streep shine in ‘The Hours’

By BJ STREW
Some Movie Critic

"The Hours" was the working title for the film "Mrs. Dalloway," but Michael Cunningham’s Pulitzer-winning homage to Virginia Woolf is more than a nod to the tale. It merges winning homage to Woolf with Cunningham’s Pulitzer—inaudibly preachy, such as when a Playboy bunny chastises Barris for his negative voiceovers. In somes places, voiceovers would have worked perfectly.

The film’s only obstacle, however, is with Philip Glass. His score is overpowering in the extreme: severely simple, severely repetitive, and worst of all, severely loud. The intrusive arpeggios border on insulting; it feels like Glass is trying to emotion-ally shepherd the audience.

Despite the unnecessary evil of the director’s structural departures and the unnecessary evil of the composer’s composing, this film has a great story at its heart. Though the film seems at times to tread into maudlin and pretentious territory, the virtuous acting salvages it. Kidman, Moore and Streep, proving they merit their marquee firepower, furnish perhaps the best performances of their careers, and all without earning the derogatory epithet "chick flick." In short, don’t be afraid of Virginia Woolf, go see "The Hours."

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Clariissa Vaugh (Meryl Streep) plans a birthday party for her friend Richard as she talks to her friend Louis Waters (Jeff Daniels).

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

Cloney’s ‘Confessions’ falls apart on screen

By ERIN ENGLISH
Some Movie Critic

Schizophrenic in the extreme, "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" begs the question: "What was the point of the last two hours?" Choosing style over substance and story line, the movie walks a fine line between real film and music video before descending precipitously into a complete mess.

"Confessions" is based on the autobi­ography of game show producer and host of the "Gong Show," Chuck Barris, who claimed to have a double life as a CIA assassin who killed 33 people. "Confessions" treats Barris’ tale as if it were fact, interweaving these two lives as Barris writes his memoirs during his 1981 nervous breakdown.

The screenplay by Charlie Kaufman is spotty at best. Kaufman tries to make the characters more clever than they ought to be, and occasionally borders on the inane, such as when a Playboy bunny chastises Barris for his negative judgment of humanity, or in Barris’ comments on killing for his country while watching the Reagan inauguration on television.

However, the screenplay was the least of the problems. Far worse was the acting, especially among the female leads, Penny (Drew Barrymore) and Patricia (Julia Roberts). Barrymore acts like a teenager throughout, displaying nearly no character growth even when she should. Roberts is cold, inappropriately timed and unconvincing as a sexpot spy.

Cloney himself is simply adequate as Barris’ spy boss. Cloney is attempting to be ambitious in his directorial debut, which is admirable. However, the audience cannot help but ponder whether Cloney was the actual auteur. Rather, it appears Steven Soderbergh, the producer, was allowed to pull too many strings. Cloney uses many of the same techniques and stylistic tricks, which are commonly associated with his mentor, but does not display the same sense of moderation or timing, which comes only from experience.

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Both Woolf and Cunningham rely on large doses of introspection in long, winding streams of consciousness. The director opts instead to interest relentlessly and use repetitive parables, almost forcing the book’s leitmo­tifs into view. In some places, voiceovers would have worked perfectly.
Midwestern hit in 'About Schmidt'

"About Schmidt" is a tough movie to put into a capsule. The Internet Movie Database describes it as the story of a man who, "while trying to run his daughter's life, realizes he has wasted his." Entertainment Weekly calls it "part comedy, part tragedy, part satire, mostly master piece." And Movielens.com may well have it best, asking, "What's 'About Schmidt' about? It's about to win Jack Nicholson another Oscar."

"About Schmidt" is a road movie, and like most road movies, it has a fairly simple plot. Jack Nicholson plays Warren Schmidt, a retired businessman who, shortly after the sudden death of his wife (June Squibb), travels to Denver to see and hopefully prevent the marriage of his daughter (Hope Davis) to a waterbed salesman (Dermot Mulroney). Along the way, naturally, he meets interesting people and questions whether or not he has had an encore in his life. There are funny parts, and gut-wrenching parts, and moments of real insight, but ultimately what makes "About Schmidt" different and worth seeing is Jack Nicholson.

Nicholson is generally acknowledged as one of the best actors Hollywood has ever produced, but he has recently been the target of considerable criticism. There is an understandably common belief that Nicholson has degenerated to self-parody, that his repertoire is limited to throwing temper tantrums, delivering poisonous insults, smirking and lewdly arching his eyebrows.

Excepting one or two cathartic outbursts of temper, Nicholson throws none of these punches in "Schmidt," limiting himself to more subtle facial expressions and understated line delivery. The result is a tour de force, a phenomenal portrayal of a regular man who has complex relationships and many layers of emotion. When he cries, the audience cries - an effect rarely achieved in the modern sub-laden cinema. Nicholson has three Academy Awards, and none of them are for performances as good as this. He should and probably will soon become the first actor to be honored with four Oscars, and given this performance he's probably capable of winning as many as he wants.

Because Nicholson is so often on the screen alone, the film uses a voice-over. Normally, voice-overs are ominous and indicative of structural weakness, and what's worse, they often carry a distracting frame story to give the narrator the excuse to tell his or her story. "About Schmidt" gets around this by having the voice-over be Nicholson's letters to Ndugu, a 6-year-old Tanzanian boy he ndugu, with a slightly altered version of

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"About Schmidt" only has one notable flaw. The plot makes it necessary for Schmidt to disapprove of his daughter's engagement and subsequent marriage, and even for the audience to sympathize with his disapproval. But the film achieves this by making Dermot Mulroney's family an over-the-top collection of foul-mouthed, dimwitted pseudo-hippies, the type of people it apparently expects us to believe congregate in Denver. Kathy Bates, playing Mulroney's mother, curses out her divorced husband, erects a shrine to her son's surmounted by his "Honorable Mention" and "Participation" ribbons, talks too much about her sex life, and horrifies Schmidt (and the audience) with a nude scene in a hot tub. Such overdone characters would be more at home in a Jim Carrey or Adam Sandler film, and become obnoxious in such a serious context. Payne seems to be reaching to force the audience to share Schmidt's distaste for his new in-laws, an unnecessary move given Nicholson's phenomenal talent.

While Mulroney and Bates are reduced to caricature, Hope Davis, who plays the daughter, Jeannie Schmidt, shines. Her intimations and facial expressions mirror Nicholson's own, and the pain that her character feels is fully convincing. With June Squibb's character dying so early in the film, Ms. Davis is the audience's only source of insight into Schmidt's family life outside of Schmidt himself, and his often biased view is completed by Ms. Davis's fine performance. There are entire levels of subtly to the relationships within this film that would have been lost in the hands of less competent actors. It is a credit to the casting team that they found Ms. Davis, who is primarily a Broadway actress and whose work would not have been equaled in the hands of most Hollywood stars.

"About Schmidt" admirably owes a lot to certain other road films, most notably David Lynch's "The Straight Story," which also featured an older man on a solo trip through the Midwest to see an estranged family member. Payne even seems to acknowledge the influence by practically quoting the beginning of Lynch's "Blue Velvet" during the scene in which Schmidt's wife dies.

Despite this, "Schmidt" is its own film, bravely different from its many sources, and packing an emotional impact that is unmatched in theatres now. This is not a film to be missed, and those who don't get a chance to see it during its run here in South Bend would do well to rent it this summer. If for no other reason than to see Jack Nicholson put on an acting clinic for the ages.

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Jordan held to 8 points as Nets defeat Wizards 86-78

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The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Kenyon Martin had 21 points and Michael Jordan scored 16 off the bench, leading the New Jersey Nets to an 86-78 victory over Washington on Wednesday night.

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Artest disappointed with four-game suspension

Associated Press
NEW YORK
Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest was suspended for four games Wednesday for his run-in with Heat coach Pat Riley and flashing an obscene gesture toward the crowd.

Artest also committed a flagrant foul on Heat guard Caron Butler by pushing him into the stands in Monday night's game in Miami.

The suspension, announced by Stu Jackson, NBA senior vice president of basketball operations, will cost Artest about $84,000 in pay. It started with Wednesday night's home game against the San Antonio Spurs.

"I'm very disappointed with the league's ruling," Artest said in a statement.

"I don't think the suspension comes close to going with my actions. I thought I might get a fine, but not a game. I don't think four games is fair at all," he said.

Dan Wasserman, spokesman for the NBA Players' Association, said he would speak to Artest or his agents before deciding whether to file a grievance.

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In the fourth quarter of the Pacers' 102-95 win against the Heat, Artest scored, was fouled and flexed his right arm muscles as he walked toward the Miami bench.

He and Heat assistant coach Keith Askins exchanged words, then Artest brushed against Riley. They began shouting at each other, and the Miami coach shoved Artest away.

Artest was called for a technical.

After Miami's Eddie Jones missed the free throw, Artest hit his free throw and backpedaled, holding aloft the index finger of his right hand and the middle finger of his left hand.

"It was in the heat of the moment," Artest said Wednesday. "I definitely apologize to the fans, and mainly to the kids who saw the gesture on TV."

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- Professor Bradley Malkovsky, The Practice and Purpose of Meditation
- Ms. Emily Liu, Asians in Entertainment: The Reel Story
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**NFL**

**Lions said to show interest in Mariucci**

Associated Press

The Detroit Lions plan to interview former San Francisco 49ers head coach Steve Mariucci by the end of the week, a source within the league said Wednesday.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Lions chief executive Matt Millen made contact with Mariucci to set up a meeting after Millen fired head coach Marty Mornhinweg on Monday.

Mornhinweg was not available for comment Wednesday.

"The process continues," Lions spokesman Bill Keenist said.

Mornhinweg, who served as offensive coordinator under Mariucci with the 49ers, was fired after a month after the Lions finished 3-13. Mornhinweg had a record of 5-27 during his two seasons, the worst two-year stretch in team history.

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"It was a tough, tough year, one I don't want to have to go through again," Woods said Wednesday during a conference call, his first interview since Dec. 12 knee surgery. The bottom line looks healthy as ever.

Despite benign cysts that made his knee ligaments inflate like a balloon, Woods became the first player in 30 years to win a season's first two majors. He ruled golf for the fourth straight season, winning a total of six times. Imagine how he might play if healthy.

Woods could get an answer soon. He received clearance from his doctors Saturday to hit a driver and as many practice balls as he wants. He'll decide next week whether he is fit enough to return Feb. 13 for the Buick Invitational in San Diego. If not, Woods said he would try to play either of the following weeks, in the Nissan Open at Riviera or the Match Play Championship.

"I don't know whether my knee situation can handle it in full practice but next week I'll make a decision as to whether to play in the Buick, in L.A. for the Nissan Open or at the Accenture Match Play Championship."

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"I'm anxious to get back out, I really am."

"Last year, toward the end, it was brutal. A lot of times, I didn't want to go out there and play. I felt nausea in my stomach because the pain was so great. I had it injected numerous times to play last year."

"I know what other athletes go through with those needles," he said. "It's not fun." Woods said the pain affected him in some of the majors. It was hard to tell.

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**Judge says Rose should be in HOF**

- **NEW YORK**
  The federal judge who sent Pete Rose to prison thinks the banned former star belongs in the Hall of Fame.
  
  Rose was sentenced in 1990 to five months in prison, three months in a halfway house and 1,000 hours of community service by U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel following a guilty plea to two felony counts of failure to report income.

  "I have no knowledge about his current issues other than what I read in the papers," Spiegel said Wednesday during a telephone interview from his office in Cincinnati. "But I think he should be in the Hall of Fame for his accomplishments on the field."

  "Rose has been negotiating with baseball commissioner Bud Selig to gain reinstatement. As long as he's on the permanent banned list, he's ineligible for the U.S. Hall of Fame. The tax troubles and reports that Rose was seen last week in Las Vegas casinos came at the same time Selig's security officials have been investigating Rose's current activities.

  The new revelations could hurt his chances for election to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame, which has put him on its 46-person ballot.

  "I wouldn't think our selection committee would like to see the muddy waters cleared," Canadian Hall president Tom Valcke said. "I wouldn't say for sure that these things hurt his chances, but they certainly didn't make them any better, he said."

  "During Rose's sentencing in 1990, Spiegel said today we are not dealing with the legend. History and the statute of time will decide his place among the all-time greats of baseball."

  "With regard to Pete Rose, the individual, he has broken the law, admitted his guilt, and stands ready to pay the penalty." Rose admitted he hid $354,968 in income from memorabilia sales, autograph appearances and gambling earnings from 1984-87, offenses punishable by up to six years in prison.

  "My work with him was completed when he finished his probation," Spiegel said. "He fulfilled his sentence as required by the law, both in prison and the halfway house, and in community service. The reports I got back on him when he served when all favorable. As far as I'm concerned, he paid his debt to society." Rose spent most of his career with the Cincinnati Reds and was their manager when he agreed to the ban in 1989 following an investigation of his gambling.

**Baseball Investigator John Dowd detailed 412 baseball wagers by Rose between April 8-July 5, 1987, including 52 on Cincinnati to win.**

**In Brief**

- **Walton under investigation for theft**
  Arizona is investigating an accusation that star forward Luke Walton was a lookout while other players stole money and candy from a hotel vending machine.

  A guest saw men wearing jackets of the top-ranked Wildcats grab up 80 candy bars and change from the machine in Lawrence, Kan., according to the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office. The Internal Revenue Service has filed a lien on a home he owns in suburban Los Angeles, property tax

- **Callahan said Wednesday in his first public comments about the troubled All-Pro center.**

  Robbins, who has a history of depression, spent Super Bowl Sunday in a San Diego hospital after disappearing from the team's hotel the night before. Callahan would not reveal Robbins' current whereabouts.

  "I was fearful something was wrong was occurring," said Callahan, who decided to bench Robbins on Saturday night, then later chose to send him home.
Belles stand tall after suffering 68-54 loss to Scots

♦ Losing streak stretches to six games

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Any fan of Saint Mary's basketball would have left the Angela Athletic Center with a smile on the face after last night's 68-54 loss to Alma College. The Belles (5-13) were defeated by the Scots (11-5) by 14 points, increased their losing streak to six games and held onto their last-place MIAA ranking for the third game in a row with a 1-6 conference record.

Why would anyone be proud of this? Well, the underlying success of the Belles' battle is that they played the second-ranked MIAA team and made them work for it. "By no means did we let Alma win this game," guard Shaun Russell said. "We had them on the run for most of the game. They just had a quick scoring run late in the second half."

The Belles had a slow start, trailing the Scots by five points at the end of the first half. However, with sizzling shooting accuracy from scoring leaders Emily Greachbaum and Anne Hogan and stifling defense from sisters Katie and Bridget Boyce, the Belles nipped the heels of the Scots and took a short-lived lead in the second half.

"The numbers definitely do not reflect upon what the team put into this game," said Russell. "We played with a lot more intensity this time around and made the other team work. No player on this team has any reason to be ashamed of how the game went."

The Belles' intensity was publicized both on and off the court. From the locker room and the bench came the hoots and hollers of a very fired-up Belle squad throughout the course of the game. Despite the loss, each player for the Belles came away with something to be proud of as coach Suzanne Beilina once again utilized her strong bench, dispersing the points among her numerous strong shooters.

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Shaun Russell
Belles guard

"We took a big step today," said Russell. "We're at a turning point in the season and I think we're going to surprise a lot of teams this time around. We have nothing to lose. The Belles leap into their new beginning as they square off against Olivet College at home this Saturday afternoon."

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what's happening

**friday 1.31**
- Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #74
  - Friday and Sunday
  - Fatima Retreat Center
- Senior Retreat #8
  - Friday and Saturday
  - Sacred Heart Parish Center
- Mass for Peace and Justice
  - 5:45 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 807 Mass
  - 8:00 p.m.
  - CoMo Student Lounge
- In-Focus Conference on Asian Awareness
  - Friday and Saturday
  - Coleman-Morse Center
  - www.nd.edu/~aaa/AA

**sunday 2.02**
- RCIA Session
  - 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - CoMo Student Lounge
- Sankofa Academy Open Discussion Group
  - 2:00-3:30 p.m.
  - 316 Coleman-Morse Center

**sunday (cont.)**
- Learning to Talk About Race Retreat #25
- Pre-Retreat Plunge
  - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
  - CoMo Student Lounge
- Rejoice! Mass
  - 10:00 p.m.
  - Coleman-Morse Center Chapel

**tuesday 2.04**
- Confirmation Session #9
  - 7:00 p.m.
  - Siegfried Hall Chapel
- Campus Bible Study
  - 7:00-8:00 p.m.
  - 114, Coleman-Morse Center

**wednesday 2.05**
- Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
  - 8:00 p.m.
  - Wilson Commons
- Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
  - 10:00-11:00 p.m.
  - Morrissey Hall Chapel

mark your calendar

**On the 4th day, God created INTERFAITH. And it was good — real good.**


mass schedule

**basilica of the sacred heart**
- Saturday
  - 5:00 p.m.
  - Rev. James King, C.S.C.
- Sunday
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Rev. James King, C.S.C.
  - 11:45 a.m.
  - Rev. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C.

**around campus (every Sunday)**
- 1:30 p.m.
  - Spanish Mass
  - Zahm Hall Chapel
- 5:00 p.m.
  - Law School Mass
  - Law School Chapel
- 7:00 p.m.
  - MBA Mass
  - Mendoza COB
  - Faculty Lounge

World Day of Consecrated Life

Serving Notre Dame Serving the World

by Fr. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C.
Director of Freshman Retreat & Associate Director of Vocations

I made my first pilgrimage to the birthplace of Holy Cross when I was a junior studying abroad in Angers. I stayed for a week at our foundation in Sainte-Croix (Holy Cross), the neighborhood in nearby LeMans, from which the Congregation gets its name. When I returned to France last November for a couple of days, I gazed again at the stained glass window in the original church which depicts the Golden Dome of Notre Dame. As I prayed below at the tomb of our founder, Fr. Moreau, I was overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude for my life in Holy Cross which has allowed me the privilege of serving in a religious community that touches the lives of people all over the globe.

As a history major here at Notre Dame, it is simply amazing to me the accomplishments that Holy Cross has achieved in its relatively brief history. Fr. Moreau and a small group of men banded together shortly after the French revolution to re-evangelize France. Although the state forbade worship at the time, these Holy Cross religious were determined to pass on the faith inspired by the apostles. As if the task of re-evangelization was not great enough, the community quickly developed a zeal for the missions and sent religious to Africa, Bengal, and America.

The windows in the Church at Sainte-Croix give witness to God’s blessings of that Holy Cross community. Women and men on five continents in fifteen countries know God better, at least in part because of the willingness of Holy Cross religious to dedicate their lives to mission. Beside the window of the Golden Dome is a window of the Oratory of St. Joseph. This oratory was inspired and built by the direction of Blessed Brother Andre Besette C.S.C., a Holy Cross brother known as the “miracle worker” in Montreal, who trusted in the prayers and merits of St. Joseph. Other windows include missionaries in Africa and Bengali, and teachers in the classroom. Not only has Holy Cross touched the lives of women and men here at Notre Dame, but its religious, institutions, students, and friends have helped to inspire people throughout the world.

On Sunday, the Church celebrates the World Day of Consecrated Life. This celebration occurs on the same day that we honor the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Just as Jesus devoted his own life to serving the needs of the world, we are reminded in a special way of our own call to follow Christ and pursue a life of holiness. Each one of us is consecrated in our baptism to be priest, prophet and king in our world; to be a light in the darkness. Religious dedicate their lives in a special way to be a witness of God’s grace in the world. Consecrated religious are not only concerned with their own life of holiness, but also by their teaching and example aim to inspire and assist the laity in their own pursuit of sanctity.

As a University, Notre Dame consistently graduates seniors who have extensive service experience and/ or seniors who choose to give a year or more to direct service before continuing their education or beginning their careers. In a real way these students take seriously Jesus’ example of service to others and they too become a model and an inspiration for others to do the same.

This Sunday as we reflect on Jesus’ mission of service we give thanks in a special way to those women and men who have consecrated their life as religious priests, sisters, and brothers. Let us pray that God would continue to call and assist religious in our world and let us ask ourselves how we are called to further serve God’s church.
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McGraw said.

Besides Batteast, no other Irish player could get in an offensive rhythm. Alicia Ratay had eight points, but took only six shots. The usually dependable Courtney LaVere had a rare off night, scoring only seven points on 2-for-9 shooting and fouling out near the end of the game.

"We're very disappointed with the outcome tonight, but we'll go back to South Bend and learn from it," McGraw said. "At this point in the season we can't linger too long on a loss. We have to turn around and get ready for our next opponent."

That opponent is West Virginia, who Notre Dame faces Saturday at 5 p.m.

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On Notre Dame's first possession of the half, Thomas found Francis in the paint for the 6-foot-10 freshman's first points of the night.

The play kicked off a 12-5 run for Notre Dame to bring the Irish lead to 48-35, with Francis and Carroll accounting for all 12 points during the push.

The Irish once again proved deadly from the foul line, hitting 20-of-23 free throws in the second half and sinking all four attempts in the first.

"If we can get to the bonus quickly, it's a great weapon for us, whether we're going inside or driving the ball and getting to the foul line."

But the biggest area of domination for Notre Dame Wednesday came off the glass as the Irish out-rebounded West Virginia 51-27. At the half, Notre Dame had 14 offensive rebounds alone compared to West Virginia's 13 total rebounds.

The game marked only the sixth time in 20 contests this season that Notre Dame grabbed more boards than its opponent, as six Irish players had six or more rebounds against the Mountaineers, led by forward Dan Miller's nine.

"That's kind of unusual for us. We're not usually the ones winning the rebounds under the basket," Carroll said. "I think our guys were very aggressive on the offensive boards."

With the victory, Notre Dame moves on to 17-3 on the season and 5-1 in the Big East.

"We have an eight man rotation, and [Wednesday] was the first night where I've thought that all eight guys played very well," Brey said. "This was a good win for us, and it gives us some juice for [Georgetown] Saturday."

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(Individual counseling)
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**ND WOMENS TENNIS**

**Battle expected as Irish face Wildcats**

By JOE LINDSLEY  
Sports Writer

No. 22 Notre Dame travels to Evanston, Ill., today for what the Irish expect to be a battle with No. 12 Northwestern.

The Irish, 2-0 in dual-match play this season, are hoping to remain unbeaten as they face one of the nation’s most talented rosters. The Wildcats boast four singles players ranked in the top 10 nationally.

“It’s going to be a battle, as always,” senior captain Katie Cunha said. The Irish are fresh off a 5-2 road victory over the top-ranked Wisconsin in the NCAAs last season.

Wisconsin in the NCAAs last match,” Cunha said. “We lost to them, but the experience has given us a lot of confidence heading into the Northwestern match fairly close.”

Initially, No. 34 Notre Dame looked promising against No. 2 Illinois. Playing at No. 1 doubles, D’Amico and junior tri-captain Matt Scott worked up to a 6-1 lead, but then Illinois’ Rajeev Ram and Brian Wilson rallied to win 8-6.

At No. 2, juniors Luis Haddock and Ben Hatten fought hard against the second-ranked doubles duo in the nation, but the Irish lost the battle in a tiebreaker, 9-7-4.

“We probably didn’t finish the way we needed to,” D’Amico said of his doubles match. “I think everyone’s just learning every day we play.”

After Illinois claimed the doubles point, the Irish went on to win five of six singles matches. D’Amico, for the second match in a row, had the Irish point of the day as he upset No. 84 Byler Deleart in straight sets, 7-5, 7-5.

For the first time since 1988, the Irish men’s tennis team has begun a season with a 0-3 start.

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**MENS TENNIS**

**Irish off to worst start since 1988**

By JOE LINDSLEY  
Sports Writer

The Irish lost their third straight match Wednesday as the Illini prevailed, 6-1.

The Irish were coming off a 4-0 loss to No. 2 Illinois, the nation’s second-ranked team, earlier in the week.

“It felt good to win,” D’Amico said. “Right now, I think I’m more focused on the team. I haven’t paid a lot of attention to the individual aspect.”

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**Apple @ Notre Dame**

Tuesday, February 4

Apple Computer will visit the University of Notre Dame, sponsoring technology demonstrations and presentations in the LaFortune Student Center, for all students, faculty and staff.

Product showcase, from 9:30-4:00, in the first floor lobby of LaFortune Student Center. Presentation focus and times listed below (all are welcome).

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"Why Move to OS X"  
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10:00 am Sorin Room  
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"Using Photos and Videos in the Curriculum"  
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12:00 pm Sorin Room  
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2:00 pm Sorin Room  
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**Horoscope**
Irish guard Torrian Jones skies over Johannes Herber during Notre Dame's 88-69 victory over West Virginia at the Joyce Center Wednesday. Jones, along with fellow reserves Tom Timmermans and Chris Quinn, scored 16 of Notre Dame's 36 first-half points.

NOT A TEAM

ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish lose Severe, lose lead, lose game 76-48

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame led Boston College 21-12 midway through the first half at the Conte Forum Wednesday night when guard La'Tania Severe fell to the court with an injured shoulder.

She was knocked out of the game, and soon after, so were the Irish.

Boston College's leading scorer Jesselyn Denny, who was scoreless at halftime, exploded for 18-second half points to lead the Eagles to a blowout 76-48 victory over the Irish.

Only Jacqueline Batteast reached double figures scoring for Notre Dame. She had 17 points and a season-high 13 rebounds.

"La'Tania is our spark, so when she went out we lost a lot in the lineup," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Megan Duffy played outstanding, she just didn't get any help.

The Eagles shook off a slow start to totally dominate the Irish in the second half, outscoring them 53-23 and picking up their 14th win of the season in the second half, holding a 19-7 edge.

Despite struggling in the second half, the Irish were still within 51-43 with nine minutes left to play. But then Boston College reeled off a 25-5 run to finish the game.

Eagle Amber Jacobs helped push that run, scoring 17 points in the game and hitting 8-of-9 field goals. Center Becky Gottstein added 12 points and nine rebounds for Boston College.

"Once they got going, they really put us back on our heels," McGraw said.

The other difference in the two halves was the rebounding. Notre Dame held a 27-19 advantage in the first half, but Boston College took over the boards in the second half, holding a 19-7 edge.

Irish rely on depth and win 13th straight home game

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

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ND MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eight men is enough

The No. 22 Irish prepare for battle against the No. 12 Wildcats.

The second-ranked Illini defeat Notre Dame, who are now 0-3 on the season.

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Back at home, the Irish defeat the Mountaineers.

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