Clubs status helps NDTV expand

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

Notre Dame Television, a bi-weekly 30-minute variety show, attained club status from Student Activities in December after actively seeking recognition since April.

“We had laid down a per­manent foundation,” said executive producer and junior Film, Television and Theater major Ryan B. Smith, “Things have been going much more smoothly this semester.”

Dacey said the club can now put up a booth at Student Activities night in the fall and hang signs around campus to raise awareness and get more people involved.

The show consists of news, spotlight, interview, entertain­ment and advertisement seg­ments. The four executive producers, Dacey, junior Lance Johnson, sophomore Chris Chamberland and senior Alex Grunewald, film and edit the host and segments and put the whole show together.

“This week’s news topic is fake IDs,” said Gomez.

“We had thought about doing it last semester, but after the Boat Club incident, this was the perfect time to do it,” said news producer and junior FTT major Rachel Ertel. The last news episode covered the new rectors on campus.

This week’s show spotlights the Pasquerilla East Musical Company’s interpretation of “Into the Woods.” NDTV has also been spotlighting WVFI, Las Posadas and Spanish choir that sings Christmas carols around cam­pus every year for the Mexican Las Posadas tradi­tion.

“My favorite spotlight so far has been Las Posadas because it was interesting to put a piece together on some­thing so personal to me,” said Gomez. “We aim to spotlight clubs and organizations on campus that are not very well known, so the wider commu­nity can see what’s going on.”

The Walsh junior, a sophomore MIS major from Dillon, originally hails from Canton, Mich. He hails from Canton, Mich. He

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Student online calendar launches

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Students can now visit an online calendar with a com­prehensive list of upcoming club events sponsored by student clubs.

Located under the “Students” menu, the new Web site allows clubs to post information in a color-coded format. Clubs can receive an invoice and password from student government.

“Hopefully … the student body will have it as their own as well,” said Goth. “This is a great vehi­cle for clubs to work with, and the students can add to it.”

The calendar is limited to campus events and prevents any one group from monopolizing the site.

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Mike Cannon, a junior from Tucson, Ariz. and is majoring in mechanical engineering and history. Originally from Burlington, Kan., Haight has worked in the ad design department since his freshman year.

The Observer is still accepting applications for the fall semester.

“T’ve known John for about two years and when he asked me to nominate him I told him I’d be happy to do it,” said Falkiner.

Falkiner has had Cannon in class and advised him in the Social Venture Plan competi­tion in 2002. Cannon and John Mirshbekari won the competi­tion for a plan focusing on the Changing Times Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps college students who have a positive impact on society by publishing Changing Times magazine, the inaugu­ral issue of which was released in January.

USA Today academic all-Americans are selected based on their academic awards and achievements, leadership roles and public service, and Cannon excels in all three areas. Enrolled in the University’s Honors Program and upholding a 3.8 grade point average, Cannon has made the Dean’s list in each of his semesters at Notre Dame. He has also volunteered at Cambridge University, earned several internships, served in student government and volun­teered his time to tutor chil­dren, provided free soccer clinics to inner-city children and worked in soup kitchens.

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SMC Judicial Board
Officials propose Judicial Board changes
By EMILY BRAMMER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s student government officials said they have witnessed violations of the Judicial Board, and will review the Board’s processes.

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, student body president elect, and Kristina Maurer, co-chairwoman of the Judicial Board, said they have witnessed violations of the due process rights of students facing judicial proceedings. They said these violations included students who were not given the opportunity to read copies of written reports stating the circumstances and allegations of their violations and instances in which students did not hear all testimony presented against them.

“What’s alarming is that most students don’t even know that their rights are being violated,” said Jablonski-Diehl.

“Unfortunately, it’s a very long process,” said Maurer.

While Jablonski-Diehl and Maurer said they are encouraging revision of the judicial procedures, they are also considering completely restructuring the system in order to avoid conflicts of interest and expand the Judicial Board’s functions.

Both agree that streamlining the Judicial Board with student government would make the system available to a greater scope of student complaints.

“It would open the system up to dealing with important student issues such as election complaints and a magnitude of concerns that I can’t even comprehend right now,” said Maurer.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses death

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

During its brief meeting Monday, the Campus Life Council focused on remembering deceased freshman Chad Sharon and checking the progress of task forces.

Student Body President Libby Bishop began the meeting with an open forum to come up with ways to remember Sharon, whose body was discovered Wednesday in the St. Joseph River of South Bend.

Pangborn Hall rector Heather Rakozy suggested passing out ribbons at the campus memorial mass next week.

As members offered ideas, the topic of off-campus safety emerged. Senator Erin Cushing, who used to live near the area where Sharon was last spotted alive, said that utilizing cab services could promote student safety.

"It's only $2 to get anywhere you want to go," Cushing said.

Becca Davidson, rector of Pangborn Hall, agreed. "If you are going to go out, you have to figure where you want to go," she said.

Student Body Vice President Trip Foley said first-year students should learn about off-campus safety during their orientation weekend. He also suggested providing the first-year students with a map of off-campus locations.

Members also discussed having other awareness campaigns depending on the cause of Sharon's death, which remains unknown.

In Other CLC News:

• Jane Ong, head of the communications task force, announced that the underhomed.edu Web site is up and running.

• Cushing said she will meet today with Laura Flynn of First Year of Studies to discuss the expansion of the peer advisor role.

• Stephen Christ of the leadership task force showed members its poster about freshman leadership opportunities. Members plan to distribute the poster to first-year students before they enroll.

Senator Rick Harris, also on the task force, said it is researching programs at Santa Clara University to improve the Notre Dame Leadership Institute.

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Laundry center serves faculty, staff

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Last month, the St. Michael's on-campus laundry distribution center was expanded to allow faculty and staff, as well as students, to drop off and pick up laundry.

"The opening of the distribution center has expanded the cleaning needs of the entire University community," said Robin Kramer, St. Michael's Laundry assistant director.

St. Michael's Laundry announced the distribution center's grand opening Jan. 6. Since then, Kramer said that the faculty and staff response has been positive, with over 30 new faculty and staff customers. In addition, faculty and staff have switched from the main plant to the on-campus distribution center to pick up and drop off laundry.

Since the January grand opening, the community has positively responded with nearly 12 percent of our main plant customers now utilizing the on-campus location — citing convenience as the main reason for the business transfer," Kramer said.

Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, said that the opening of the on-campus distribution center and staff directly affects him.

"I used to use a commercial laundry off-campus for my dry cleaning, but since January I have switched over to St. Michael's," he said.

"This is due to the convenience of the faculty and staff," he said.

"I park in A15 and find it very easy to pick up my laundry after classes," Kramer said.

Ayo a Program of Liberal Studies professor, lives on campus and said that he used the main plant directly behind the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union. Nonetheless, he said that the opening of the on-campus distribution center would be more convenient for him.

"I have become used to walking or taking a car over to the main plant, but I know it would be easier to use their services now that they are closer. I have yet to have occasion to do so at their new campus location," Ayo said.

Despite the added convenience, some faculty and staff said that they will continue to use their own methods of laundry service.

"I don't use [St. Michaels] because I do my own laundry at home — it is more convenient for me," said Michele Gellman, associate professor of religious studies.

The on-campus distribution center is located at the corner of Sorin Court and Holy Cross Drive, behind the Main Building, and will be open to all members of the Notre Dame community from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The center will provide access to alterations, dry cleaning, over-the-counter drop off and pick up, linen rental and VIP service. The main plant will continue to serve all Notre Dame students, faculty and staff.

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Belgium

European Union warns Iraq of ‘one last chance’

Associated Press

BRUSSELS

European leaders tried Monday to mend their bitter dispute over Iraq, vowing for swift action to disarm Iraq, but warning Baghdad it faced one "last chance" to disarm peacefully.

The declaration appeared to continue the division that has split the European Union, with France and Germany opposing any imminent military action against Baghdad.

The United States and Britain, its chief ally in the EU, are pushing for swift action to disarm Iraq, claiming that Saddam Hussein has no intention of complying peacefully.

France and Germany, who oppose any move to emerge in a strong position Monday night after the EU summit backed a demand for more time for U.N. inspectors to disarm Iraq, also gave the American military drive for a peace solution, calling war "a last resort."

"Baghdad should have no illusions. It must disarm and cooperate immediately and fully. The regime alone will be responsible for the consequences if it continues to flout the will of the international community and does not take this last chance," the leaders said in a joint declaration.

The declaration also recognized the Franco-German drive for a peaceful solution, calling war "a last resort.

"There's still a lot of debate to be had on this issue," Blair said. Blair also appeared to be backing away from a push for a single voice, saying Britain will work with all our partners, especially the United States, for the disarmament of Iraq, for peace and stability in the region, the leaders said.

Earlier the summit appeared heading for a rupture after France declared it would block any early move to war.

With the split undermining EU unity and its ability to speak with a single voice, Britain and France offered starkly different views, with London calling for a swift deadline for action and Paris insisting on more time to disarm peacefully.

Iraq

Iraq reports first inspection flight by U-2 spy plane

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Iraq reported the first flight by an American U-2 surveillance plane Monday in support of the U.N. inspection mission, marking another concession by Saddam Hussein to a U.S. demand.

Meanwhile, Iraqi state television broadcast scenes of Iraqi troops in maneuvers to show the country from a possible U.S. attack. State television also said Saddam praised last weekend's anti-war protests, singling out those in Italy, Spain and Britain whose governments support the strong U.S. position against Baghdad.

The U-2 flight took place only one week after the United Nations and Baghdad broke an impasse that had kept the planes grounded since the start of inspections in November. The Iraqis agreed to allow U-2 flights last week in response to a demand by U.N. inspectors seeking to determine if Iraq still harbors weapons of mass destruction.

"At 11:55 a.m., a U-2 surveillance plane entered Iraqi airspace and reconnoitered several areas of Iraq and left Iraqi air space at 4:15 p.m.," the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said in a statement. "The reconnaissance operation lasted 4 hours and 39 minutes."

The statement did not indicate the plane's flight path. Efforts to contact a U.N. spokesman in Baghdad for confirmation were unsuccessful.

Iraqi officials had objected to the U-2 flights, contending they couldn't guarantee the safety of the plane if it was flying over Iraq at the same time as U.S.-British air patrols in the "no-fly zones" of northern and southern Iraq. Unless those warplanes were kept out of the sky during the U-2 flight, the reconnaissance craft might be targeted by anti-aircraft fire, they said.

The no-fly zones were declared by the United Nations to protect dissident Iraqi Shiite Muslims and Iraqi Kurds from Saddam's forces.

The Iraqis consider the zones to be illegal and not inevitable. It was not immediately clear whether the United Nations met conditions requested by the Iraqis in order to let the U-2 flights pass unimpeded.

National News Briefs

East suffers worst blizzard in 7 years: The worst blizzard in seven years struck much of the Northeast on Presidents Day with blinding, windblown snow that piled up as much as 4 feet deep and left more than a quarter of a million homes and businesses shivering without power. At least 21 deaths had been blamed on the storm system, which charged out of the Plains during the weekend, piling snow in the Ohio Valley, producing mudslides and floods in the southern Appalachians, and making layers of ice that snapped trees and power lines. The storm was headed for New England, where Massachusetts expected up to 2 feet of snow and minor coastal flooding. Airports for Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York largely shut down, stranding thousands of passengers trying to leave and get into the region.

Nightclub had been ordered to close: The nightclub where 21 people were killed and 55 injured in a stampede was operating in violation of a months-old court order meant to close it down. Chicago authorities ordered Monday. "The owner knows damn well that he is not to open that second-floor facility," Fire Commissioner James Joyce said. Joyce said fire department inspectors visited the first-floor restaurant, known as Epoch, in October, but did not visit the second-floor nightclub, known as E2, because they had no reason to suspect it was operating.

The nightclub had been cited for repeated building code violations and the city has been sparring in court with the owners of the nightclub since July 2002, officials said. An attorney for the city of Chicago said the city plans to go to court as early as Tuesday to seek criminal contempt charges against the owner. There were reports that as many as 1,500 people were crammed into the second-floor club when someone sprayed Mace or pepper spray to quell a fight about 2 a.m.
NASA asks farmers for help in finding debris

Associated Press

SPEAC CENTER

As the days become weeks since Columbia’s disintegration over Texas, fewer and fewer pieces of space shuttle wreckage have been reported to authorities, the members of the investigation board, retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., said Monday. The investigation board, retired Adm. Gehman Jr., has stressed repeatedly that he has no plan to conclude that an additional debris hit during landing. While NASA was still investigating, NASA concluded that any damage from the foam would not pose a safety threat. The analysis of 32 seconds of additional data collected beyond the loss of communication with Columbia, meanwhile, goes on. The data are extremely poor quality, yet experts have managed to conclude that an additional debris hit during landing. While NASA was still investigating, NASA concluded that any damage from the foam would not pose a safety threat.

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Paul Fischbeck, a Carnegie Mellon University engineering professor, said that hypothesis makes his own analysis “more and more likely.” A 1990 study and follow-up research, Fischbeck concluded that a space shuttle could carry a catastrophic if lifted debris hit the vulnerable underside of its wings, near the landing-gear wheel wells. Barely a minute into Columbia’s flight on Jan. 16, a chunk of insulated foam broke off the external tank and slammed into the bottom of the left wing.

The breach in Columbia could have been caused by a meteor or space debris, or the landing gear compartment door could have been blown open during atmospheric re-entry, Fischbeck said Monday. But the most likely scenario by far, he said, is that the foam damaged or knocked off thermal tiles, more tiles gave way during re-entry and those missing tiles led to a burn-through of the aluminum hull.

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Nissan plant targets Big Three

Associated Press

BRUSSELS

Overshadowed by the European Union's emergency summit on Iraq, finance ministers were assessing Monday what a war would do to their already shaky economies.

Finance ministers gathering for their regular monthly meeting on Monday and Tuesday were to take stock of the economic climate, which is already playing havoc with efforts by some countries to stick to deficit targets set under the EU's euro rule.

So-called Geopolitical uncertainties and their impact on the 12 euro-using countries will be of particular interest to Germany's Gerhard Schroeder and Gerassimos Thomas, an EU spokesman.

The EU head office announced Monday it was cutting its autumn forecast of 1.8 percent growth for the eurozone in 2003, although fresh figures aren't available yet.

It has refused to rule out a softening of budget rules, intended to support the single currency. If a war against Iraq leads to further weakening.

The rules already allow for breaching the deficit limits in the case of gross domestic product — when it results from an "unusual event outside the control of the member state.

"If a war is not an exceptional circumstance, I wonder what it is," EU Monetary Affairs Commissioner Pedro Solbes told reporters at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, last week.

That loophole could give countries like Britain, Germany and France, which are running varying degrees of repinrandaS from the euro over their high budget deficits.

Thomas stressed that Solbes was simply suggesting taking advantage of built-in flexibility.

"It does not mean loosening the rules," he said.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, already under fire for breaching EU budget rules with last year's deficit, has hinted at easing budget targets in case of war.

British Treasury chief Gordon Brown said last week he was setting aside an additional $1.2 billion during the current financial year for possible military action in Iraq, on top of the $1.6 billion already allocated.

A review of Britain's spending plans were also on the meeting's agenda, along with a proposal for an EU framework on energy taxation, which faced strong opposition from Italy in particular.

The European Commission's last month approved Britain's budget plans, ignoring a rising public deficit by pointing to strong underlying measures.

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CHICAGO

It was a chaotic scene:

Hundreds of screaming people
stumbling down the darkened
club, gasping for air and stepping
on bodies, only to find themselves
trapped at the bottom trying
to escape through a single exit.

At least 21 people were killed
and 57 injured in the stampede
early Monday at the Epitome
club, authorities said. There
were reports that as many as
500 people were crammed into
the second-floor club when
someone sprayed mace or pep­
per spray to quell a fight about 2
a.m.

A judge ordered the owners to
close their second-floor club last
July because of safety violations,
including failure to provide
enough exits, city officials said.

"The owner knows damn well
that he is not to open that sec­
d-second-floor facility," said Fire
Commissioner James Joyce. City
officials said they plan to go to
court as early as Tuesday to seek
criminal contempt charges
against the owner.

But the city's statements
were challenged Monday by an
attorney for the nightclub opera­
tors, who said both sides had
agreed that only one service
the second-floor had to be closed.

Witnesses described a frenzied
scene of some people trying to
climb through the ceiling, while
others were trampled in the
frantic rush for an exit, their
faces and bodies flattened
against the glass front door.

Some people fainted on the
club floor, others were coughing
crying, gagging and blindly
groping for any way out.

"People were being trapped
underneath you ... so we're
actually standing on people's
heads and we didn't even know
it," said Antionoo Blackwell, a
30-year-old patron. 

"It was just bodies laying
everywhere," Blackwell said
one man crunched between
two people told him, "I can't breathe!
I want you to hold my hand, man.
If I don't make it, tell my mom
that I love her!" He just basically
collapsed.

Some witnesses reported that
the lights were cut in the stair­
well.

On Monday afternoon, Joyce
backed off earlier statements
that firefighters had used
sledgehammers and pry bars to
open other doors in the half-
block-long building.

Larry Langford, a fire depart­
ment spokesman, said one door
was locked and another was
blocked by laundry bags or
other items from the first-floor
Epitome restaurant.

While that would be in viola­
tion of the fire codes, it appar­
tently didn't contribute to the
deaths, as officials said the
crowd was not able to escape
down a single front exit in the pandemonium.

Joyce also said he would
order the manager of the club to
about 500; earlier, the fire
depart­
ment managers had calculated
as many as 1,500 people were
on the second floor.

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The club is located in the Near
South Side, a commercial dis­
trict near the McCormick Place
convention center.

The stampede was one of the
nation's deadliest.

In December 1991, nine young
people were crushed to death in
a gymnasium stairwell while
awaiting a celebrity basketball
game in New York.

In December 1979, 11 people
were killed in Cincinnati in a
mace to death in the panic.

Witnesses said some people
were stomped on; many victims
suffered crushing chest and
head injuries. By Monday
evening only seven of the
injured remained hospitalized.

Most of the dead were in their
20s or early 30s. At least nine
died from multiple trauma and
four from cardiac arrest,
authorities said.

"Everybody smashed; people
crying, couldn't breathe," said
club-goer Reggie Clark. "Two
twofive-

A lawyer for the club, Andre
Grant also said the city knew
the club was operating.

"This is open use and the city
is 100 percent aware of it, and
in fact management has asked
consistently and repeatedly the
city to assist with crowd con­
trol," he said.

Police Superintendent Terry
Hillard said investigators were
trying to sort out conflicting sto­
tories about the source of the
mace or pepper spray and
obtain videotape from inside the
club. Witnesses saw the guard
drive away with videotape from
the club's security guards trying
to break up a fight between at least two
women.

Witnesses said some people
were thrown against walls and
senselessly lost, pinned down by
women.

"I saw them taking out a preg­
nant woman," Thomas said.
"She was in bad shape. I saw at
least 10 lifeless bodies."

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Alumni Events

Alumni Events Calendar

The University calendar doesn’t focus on student events," he said.

"The success of the Web site
depends on students actually
going there and using it," Ong
said.

The communications task
force of the CLI will distribute
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this month in an effort to
advertise the new calendar.

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South Korea

Army threatens to abandon armistice

Associated Press

SEUL

North Korea threatened Tuesday to abandon the 1953 armistice that ended the Korean War, accusing the United States of plotting an attack on the communist state.

A spokesman of the North's Korean People's Army said that the United States was building up reinforcements around the Korean Peninsula in preparations to attack the North, said the North's official news agency KCNA.

"The situation is, therefore, growing more serious as the days go by as it is putting its plan for pre-emptive attacks on the [North] into practice with increased zeal," KCNA quoted the unidentified spokesman as saying.

Turkey

Parliament delays vote on use of bases by U.S. troops

Associated Press

ISTANBUL

Complicating U.S. planning for a possible Iraqi war, Turkey's premier said Monday that parliament will not consider allowing more U.S. troops on its soil until strategic and economic issues are resolved.

Parliament was expected to vote Tuesday on whether to allow the United States to use bases and place tens of thousands of combat troops in Turkey. That permission would allow the United States to open a northern front against Iraq, which American officials said would shorten a war.

Washington has warned Turkey that time is running out and has pressed Turkish leaders relentlessly for backing.

But Prime Minister Abdullah Gul said Monday in Brussels, Belgium, "We are not going to the parliament tomorrow [Tuesday]. We have some concerns on economic and political issues."

Gul also said Turkey will send troops into Iraq if a war breaks out to prevent an influx of Kurdish refugees from northern Iraq into his country. He urged the European Union to prepare large-scale humanitarian aid.

Gul said in the 1991 Gulf War to must Iraq from Kuwait, "500,000 people came into Turkey in one night. We don't want that to happen again."

"Turkey respects the territori­­al integrity of Iraq. We do not want to divide Iraq. We don't have to prepare ourselves for a refugee problem," he added.

Turkey fears a war against Iraq may lead Kurdish leaders in the de facto autonomous zone in northern Iraq to seek independen­­ce from Baghdad and induc­­ing separatist aspirations among Turkey's Kurdish minori­­ty.

One of the main sticking points in U.S.-Turkish negotiations is the economic aid package that would compensate Turkey for any losses incurred in an Iraq war, diplomats said. There also are disagreements on military issues such as the command structure in case of a joint Turkish-U.S. operation in north­ern Iraq.

"If the United States is in a hurry then an agreement should be reached as soon as possible for the draft to be sent to parliament," Foreign Minister Yaar Yakis was quoted as saying by the Anatolia news agency.

Economy Minister Ali Babacan, who was in Washington last week negoti­ting the agreement, said Sunday there was "no agreement yet on the size of the package" and discus­sions would continue.

Turkish leaders repeatedly have said they would only back a war as a last resort and they would want a new U.N. resolu­tion before any military action.

But the government also has acknowledged it cannot afford to remain neutral in case of war. The United States is Turkey's most important ally, lobbying for Ankara to be accepted in the European Union and for international agencies to grant Turkish loans to recover from a deep economic crisis.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Kurdish offi­cials held talks in the Turkish-Iraqi border. Officials of the two factions that govern the autonomous zone in northern Iraq were to discuss the conse­quences of a possible U.S.-led war.
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"Endurance is the crowning quality, and patience all the passion of great hearts."

James Russell Lowell

author

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3 ways to lose your non-existent lover

Joanna Mikulski

Another Valentine's Day has come and gone, and still I'm waiting for my roses. I'd take them in any color, although I find yellow or pink more thoughtful than the traditional red. However, despite my paltry demands, my crush has yet to send the flower deliveryman bumbling to my doorstep, bouquet in hand. In fact he hasn't sent anything at all, no truffles, no dinner invitations, not even a few love heart conversations. I would think he would have the decency to give me something for my months of distant adoration. I smile at him, laugh at the jokes that he tells to his friends in class and attempt to stumble his way when I spot him on the quad. We've never had an actual conversation, nothing beyond a short introduction and a few hefts, but I know that he knows what I'm thinking. Yet, his blatan disregard for my wishes has led me to believe that it's time for me to take drastic measures. I need to stand up, take charge and embolden myself as a woman deserving respect. Four days after Valentine's Day with only a card from my parents tucked to the refrigerator, I grow more convinced with each passing minute that the moment has come for me to dump my crush. Dumping a crush isn't a task to be taken lightly. It's an art form, a final, poetic means of ridding the heart and mind of someone who just isn't worthy of the obsession. To put it simply, there are rules to be followed. After consulting my roommates, we developed a number of dump-your-crush guidelines.

First, crush-sh鲁dings should occur in public places at the height of daily crowds, like South Dining Hall during the dinner rush, the hallway of DeBartolo Hall at the change of class or bookers in the middle of the post-part-stalls rush. Heartland on a Thursday night might also work if he isn't a Puerto Rican.

Of course, the crush should be confronted when sober. Drunkenness might numb him to the full effects of the break-up the shame, the embarrassment, and the sensation that many pairs of eyes are intently staring at him. The confusion about why someone, to whom he has never spoken, is yelling at him.

Furthermore, the declaration that the crush is over should be loud, convincing and final. I imagine that a practical crush-dumping might be advisable to ensure that the crush-who-never-anted flowers knows exactly what's happening. After all, the crush-dumper must be prepared for all possibilities, including the prospect of the crush suddenly displaying signs of romantic interest. My roommates and I can tell you that stranger things have happened. Yet, as I ponder the proper time and place to finally dump my crush, I wonder if I should give him another chance. Perhaps the flower shop lost his order. Or maybe, on Valentine's Day, I shouldn't have waited for him to show up with gifts but instead tried to contact him. I could have sent him a valentine, dropped a few well-chosen conversation hearts on his desk or asked him whether he had plans for the evening. Maybe our dialogue might have even ensued.

I think that I'll let the fate of my crush hang in the balance for another day or two. Until I decide the appropriate course of action. I'll continue to wait for my flowers, a perfect ribbon-bound rose bouquet, from my Prince Charming with everything but ESP.

What marathon running is It's a cold. Sunday morning I learned that marathon running is an obsession. Walking up to the starting line, I started to cry. Four months of training, hours of stretching and over a hundred miles covered — all leading to this moment. I thought of the cold rains in Kentucky over Christmas break where we were physically turned to icicles. I thought of the numerous runs in Oklahoma City where the wind hit my face so hard I wondered if it was really moving forward at all. "Why do I run?" I run to stay in shape, to cry. Four months of training, hours of stretching and over a hundred miles covered — all leading to this moment. I thought of the cold rains in Kentucky over Christmas break where we were physically turned to icicles. I thought of the numerous runs in Oklahoma City where the wind hit my face so hard I wondered if it was really moving forward at all.

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"Why do I run? I run to stay in shape, to keep my health, to feel better — all partial reasons, I suppose. The real reason I run is confirmation — confirmation that I am in control."

It's also the quickest way to gain a friend. Friends who ran twice as fast as me to 60-year-olds who, well, ran twice as fast. There were thousands of people lined up on the streets of New Orleans ready to challenge themselves.

"A goal is a deadline."

It's addictive. Sunday morning I learned that marathon running is addictive. At mile 24 I thought, "This is it." I can run the final miles with my running partners. I wanted to feel that way again. However, running with the finish line, feeling the tears well up in my eyes again, knowing I had done it, was one of the best feelings in the world. In fact, I'm already pondering which marathon I'd like to do next. Oklahoma City? Chicago? Louisville?

"We are different, in essence, from other men and women. If you want to experience something, run a marathon."

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A defense against allegations of unilateralism

The Bush administration has come under fire throughout its term for adopting unilateralism over multilateralism, thereby threatening international stability and the peace and security of American alliances. Two speeches, the West Point speech and the "axis of evil" speech, signaled to some a new doctrine of unilateral security. However it should be emphasized that President Bush did not signal a drastic new approach to American defense; rather he reiterated the common-sense notion that a state's primary function is to guarantee the safety and security of its citizens.

The point of Mr. Bush's "new" doctrine was to remind other states that, while Washington would seek to gain the approval of the international community, it would defend itself alone when necessary. A quick review of the facts indicates that President Bush has rarely acted unilaterally and instead attempted to safeguard the interests of the United States within existing international frameworks.

The first example critics often cite is the United States' failure to ratify the Kyoto Protocol on global warming. This argument, however, becomes exceptionally weak when one learns that the Protocol was signed by President Clinton and that the Democratic-controlled Senate in 1997 passed a resolution 95-0 expressing opposition to the Protocol. To expect President Bush to magically find the 60 votes necessary to ratify the treaty is pure naiveté, and his refusal to attempt to do so in no way demonstrates U.S. unilateralism.

The next example critics cite is President Bush's withdrawal of signature from the Rome Statute to create the International Criminal Court. What many of these critics fail to acknowledge, however, is that the Rome Statute required the ratification of only 70 out of the 191 nations recognized by the United Nations, and although 88 nations (including human-rights stalwarts Congo, Nigeria and Sierra Leone) have now ratified the treaty, this number represents a paltry 46 percent of the international community. Furthermore, only two of the 10 most populous countries (Brazil and Nigeria) have ratified the treaty. What we are left with, then, is a treaty that makes unprecedented claims about national sovereignty yet enjoys the ratification of less than 50 percent of the existing nation-states and less than 40 percent of the world's population. This treaty represents global multilateralism? A third case critics make against the President is the United States' withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, yet again we find that President Bush did not act unilaterally. First, the ABM Treaty existed as a bilateral agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union, thus making it difficult to claim that the United States acted against the will of the entire international community. Second, the United States withdrew from the treaty under the terms of the treaty, and thereby violated no international norms or laws. Finally, immediately after withdrawing from the ABM Treaty, President Bush negotiated a new arms reduction treaty with the Russian Federation, as well as issued a flurry of diplomatic communiques and joint statements reaffirming the importance of Washington's ties with Moscow. Although the President shelved a treaty, he quickly replaced it with another, again calling into question claims of unilateralism.

Fourth, if ever there were a time when President Bush could have acted unilaterally with little international condemnation, it would have been immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks. Yet what do we find? The United States did not attack until more than three weeks after the attacks under an international coalition that included more than 40 nations. Furthermore, the attacks began only after the Taliban had been an international ultimatum demanding bin Laden's arrest and transfer to American forces.

Finally, critics argue, the present case of Iraq demonstrates President Bush's unilateralist approach. Little doubt exists that the President has wanted to attack Iraq since the day he came into office. But more than two years later, even in the face of obvious deceit by Saddam's oppressive regime, the President has refrained from beginning military operations. We find the President exercising extreme patience when dealing with French and German obstructionism—obstructionism to the point where these two nations, along with Belgium, have refused to acknowledge NATO commitments to Turkey.

Where is the wild cowboy Bush? Where is the president who disregards the concerns of other nations and instead embarks on dangerous policies that fly in the face of the international community? The answer is he doesn't exist. President Bush, while he may be many things, is not Rambo, and he is not a dangerous unilateralist.

Chris DesBarres
ALBUM REVIEW

Microphones mine a dreamy quarry

By BJ STREW
Scene Music Critic

On a campus homogenized in so many respects (Exhibit A: the pea coat), it is perhaps most distractingly and overall so in the realm of music, causing many either to fall prey to acute angst or grow lured to the offal. But rest assured, there is an antidote for that angst. There is a light at the end of this long, dark, narrow tunnel: the independent record label.

In this case, the light — the white knight — is K Records, the Olympia, Washington outfit that dabbled their last Microphones release, The Glow Pt. 2, the "raison d’etre" of their entire existence. They were right, that album put K Records on the critics' map.

The follow-up, Mount Eerie, will keep it there. The loose and recently

sundered collective helmed by Phil Elvrum, alias The Microphones, have trysted out their haunting, operatic tour de force. Oneiric, optimistic and simple, the Elvrum Formula is anything but formulaic. Here the formula has wrought a stretch of allegorical splendor in five movements, which blur into each other so naturally and so poetically, borders between tracks seem non-existent. Mount Eerie is a true album — not a slapdashed potted of future-singles cobble together in a shrink-wrapped jewel case.

Set in the lush forest of western Washington state, the album's namesake, a minor Anacortes mount, loomed over Elvrum's house. This helps explain why, rounding out a four-part sequence, Mount Eerie concerns the element of earth; past "official" recordings dealt obliquely with air, water and fire. Elvrum explained that, aside from earth, space (q.v. the track listing) and "dying/being from" the album's substance.

Mount Eerie reeks with the same human need as "The Waking," Theodore Roethke's villanelle: the need to fit ourselves into the cycle of life and death, to make some sense from the absurd and incomprehensible. The vocals don't roll up for 11 minutes, when Elvrum, in his trademark breathy tenor, begins his tale, surveying the exodus of everyone doomed to him and the sighting of an ominous ship on the horizon. The tape hiss and foghorn help place the drama for the listener, supplying the track with the air of neo- transcendentalist isolation that floods the album. Elvrum loves his Thoreau.

Sandwiched between two songs sharing the name "Universe," the first menacing and the second hopeful, the title track explores mortality, as Death, "a big black cloud," descends on Elvrum. Aghostly chorus chants until feverish, distorted lyrics stamp it out, when the song brakes to detail the onset of the seavenging vultures.

Less concept album than mythopoetic reverie, Mount Eerie is gorgeous and laden with drama and abstract wisdom. It is Elvrum's quarry, which he has mined not with ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, but with nylon-stringed guitars, choirs, fuzed bass and...
'Strait-up' country with a steel guitar

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

For the 30th time straight, George Strait will leave you with a smile. Out of 29 albums, all of which earned at least gold status, Strait never did a live album. On his latest release, For the Last Time: Live from the Astrodome, he changes this with 16 tracks of his pure country classics. Included are unforgettable songs from the Last Time — Live from the Astrodome. On his latest release, For the Last Time: Live from the Astrodome is a compilation of hits performed at Strait’s well-known stomping grounds, Houston’s Astrodome. The singer and producer was a regular at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which is moving its location from the Astrodome to Houston’s new Reliant Stadium this year. On March 3, 2002 he bid farewell to the show’s home of 37 years for an audience of over 68,000 fans. In the audience was another famous country Texan named George who likes wearing cowboy hats and boots — none other than President Bush with First Lady Laura Bush.

Strait’s live performances are flawless, making the album solid listening from the first track, “Deep in the Heart of Texas,” all the way to “The Cowboy Rides Away,” which ends the album with swaying western heartbreak. From 1983, he sings the gorgeous “Amarillo by Morning” with his familiar gentle rhythms and the crowd’s appreciation as background. The silky fiddle weaves in and out of the typical country down-on-my-luck vocals. They took my saddle in Houston, broke my leg in Santa Fe / Lest my wife and a girlfriend somewhere along the way.” Only Strait can pull off such honky-tonk sentiments without sounding cheesy. From 1990, “Love Without End, Amen” is one of Strait’s essential singles. The acoustic and steel guitars ripple behind the lyrics that have become a timeless testament to fatherly love. “Cheek to Cheek” and “Write This Down” are upbeat, playful love songs Strait is known for doing so well. On a more serious note, “I Can Still Make Cheyenne” is a slow, apologetic ballad with a lovely acoustic twang and melancholy fiddle. Strait loves the traditional country sound; the steel guitar and the fiddle are not only prominent instrumentally in his songs but also get lyrical references in two. “Heartland” begins by paying homage: “When you hear twin fiddles and a steel guitar / You’re listening to the sound of the American heart.” The fabulous “Murder on Music Row,” which he released with Alan Jackson amid controversy, reveals Strait’s opinion on contemporary country that strays from Nashville’s roots. “The steel guitars no longer cry and fiddles barely play / But drums and rock ’n’ roll guitars are mixed up in your face.”

Every song is executed with such studio perfection that only the cheers and Strait’s occasional commentary distinguish the album as live. While there are disappointing omissions, such as “You Look So Good in Love” and “Carrying Your Love With Me,” he has such an extensive repertoire of hits that many quality songs were excluded. Last year’s “She’ll Leave You With a Smile” and “Living and Living Well” prove that Strait’s enduring success is due to his ability to evolve musically while staying true to his sound, trademarked by his beloved fiddle and steel guitar.

President Bush sums it up perfectly in a speech about Strait on the album. “Everyone at the rodeo loves him, everyone in Texas loves him, and everyone across our country loves his music.”

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George Strait has been a staple in country music over the years. Even President Bush is a fan of Strait’s country twangs.
NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Maryland tops Wake Forest 1st place in ACC

By the number of people who went to the Terrapins' game delayed by a day because of a blizzard.

Ryan Randle had 13 points and 13 rebounds for Maryland (16-6, 8-3), which wrestled away the top spot in the ACC from Wake Forest (17-4, 7-3) while avenging an 81-72 defeat last month.

The defending NCAA champions have won seven of eight against the Demon Deacons and five straight at home. Josh Howard scored 20 points for Wake Forest, which was hoping to build on Thursday's double-overtime victory over Duke. But Maryland took a seven-point deficit to six in the second half, the Demon Deacons made only one basket in the final 10 minutes.

The Comcast Center was nearly filled, even though there was around two feet of snow on the ground outside and the game was hastily rescheduled from Sunday night. The starting time of 5 p.m. was not announced until well after noon on Monday. Maryland officials preferred a later makeup date, but conference policy dictates that a game must be played if both teams and officials can make it to the arena.

"The bottom line is that we are following the ACC policy set down in 1996. We have two league meetings in the last week. There is no reason not to play the game," said Fred Barakat, the ACC associate commissioner. "I was told that poor attendance was not a reason to set the policy aside." Maryland athletic director Debbie Yow said, "Certainly, that was a concern for us. That said, I am amazed by the number of fans who showed up here at this game. I am grateful for many fans made the effort to get here on such short notice."

It turned out to be a lost three-day weekend for the Demon Deacons, who beat the snow but lost to Maryland. Maryland finished with a 44-24 rebounding edge and went 27-30 at the line.

Florida 77, New Orleans 48

Florida's Matt Bonner matched the entire team's score for over the first 30 minutes, finishing with 24 points to lift the Gators to a victory.

Bonner, a senior, fell seven points shy of his career high, but still had nothing to complain about. Florida (21-4) matched a program record with its 18th straight win for Florida 77, New Orleans 48.

Florida's Matt Bonner gave him the rest of the night off. He flipped an underhanded shot to the rest of the first half. After a dunk on the opening possession, he was held to one free throw the rest of the first half.

He didn't reach 10 points until he flipped an underhanded shot in with 7:30 left. He finished 3-for-11 from the floor and grabbed eight rebounds. It was a drastic turnaround from last year's meeting with the Gators, when he was the best player on the floor with 29 points and 19 boards.

There were a few other good individual stories to watch. Brett Nelson, knocked out of his starting role by freshman Anthony Roberson, made two straight 3-pointers early in the second half to show a glimmer of hope for his struggling game.

Florida's Matt Walsh made a 65-foot heave that sent the crowd into a frenzy, but it came just after the halftime buzzer. The freshman forward made two 3-pointers that did count and finished with 12 points.

Dispatches from coast to coast.

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Florida notebook

Romero of New Orleans scored 15 points to his double digits for the 52nd time in his 52-game college career. But it was no easy task. After a junk on the opening possession, he was held to one free throw the rest of the first half.

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There were a few other good individual stories to watch. Brett Nelson, knocked out of his starting role by freshman Anthony Roberson, made two straight 3-pointers early in the second half to show a glimmer of hope for his struggling game.

Florida's Matt Walsh made a 65-foot heave that sent the crowd into a frenzy, but it came just after the halftime buzzer. The freshman forward made two 3-pointers that did count and finished with 12 points.

Dispatches from coast to coast.

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ST. LOUIS

Joel Quenneville talked himself out of another goalie change, and the St. Louis Blues rewarded him Monday with a key early goal to rescue Fred Brathwaite.

Keith Tkachuk and Pavol Demitra each had two goals and an assist as the Blues, rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat the Calgary Flames 5-3. The Blues won with Brathwaite, their backup goalie who made his first start since Jan. 21.

Brent Johnson surrendered a three-goal lead in an overtime loss to the Flyers on Tuesday and was pulled in the second period of a 5-3 loss to the Coyotes on Saturday.

Brathwaite allowed three goals on the Flames' first 11 shots in the first period, but that was more a factor of the third-period open play with each team getting several odd-man rushes.

Still, coach Quenneville considered going back to Johnson.

"I was trying to think like that," Quenneville said. "It crossed my mind, but we wanted to give Freddie the chance. You never know at the end of the day who worked out in our favor.

Brathwaite was definitely worried that it might be a short night in the nets.

"I wasn't too sure if I was coming or going or what was going to happen," Brathwaite said. "But Joel left me in there and gave me a chance to battle back, and the guys rallied around me."

Tyson Nash deflected the go-ahead goal off his skate and past Roman Tikrak at 11:30 of the second period for the Central Division-leading Blues, who have the NHL's four-game season series from the Flames and outscored them 17-6. Demitra had five goals and three assists against the Flames, who got only nine shots during the last 52 minutes.

"This is what has been our problem all season long, we can't find a way to play 60 minutes," Turek said. "Sometimes we have good starts or sometimes we don't have good starts but we play better at the end of the game."

Thrashers 4, Sabres 3

Patrick Stefan provided the 1-2 punch the Atlanta Thrashers sorely needed.

With two seconds left on the power play that began when he drew an interference call, Stefan scored his first career overtime goal to end the Thrashers' four-game winless streak with a victory over the Buffalo Sabres.

"They used almost all of the time up on the power play and made the Buffalo guys pretty tired," Stefan said of his teammates on the first line. "You could see it when I was coming into the zone. Their guys were kind of tired.

Stefan and the second line were on the ice just a couple of seconds when he skated toward the left side of the crease. After Buffalo's Riley Peupuke made a fruitless dive to stop Marc Savard's pass from the bottom of the right circle, Stefan nudged the puck between the legs of goaltender Martin Biron with 1.06 remaining.

The Thrashers snapped a 0-3-1 slide.

Buffalo, which ended an eight-game winless streak with a 9-4 victory over the New York Rangers on Saturday, has lost five of its last seven.

"I'm happy we beat them," Vyacheslav Kozlov said of his former Sabres teammates. "We were in a slump a little bit, and this will give us confidence to go on the road trip."

Atlanta, which needed a 0-0-0-5 on the power play Monday and was 1-1-8 in the last four games, scored its last three goals with a man advantage.

Buffalo defenseman Alexander Zhitnik was penalized for interference in overtime, and Adam Mair served a major and game misconduct for elbowing in the face of his teammate.

Sabres coach Lindy Ruff thought the call on Mair was extreme.

"Someone will have to explain that to me," Ruff said. "Why not two minutes for elbowing? I think five minutes? We put together a good game except for the penalty killing."

With 7:47 remaining, Kozlov charged toward the crease and fired a shot under Biron's left pad to make it 2-2. Dany Heatley gave the Thrashers a 3-2 lead 2:08 later by faking a shot to his left and firing past Biron on the right side of the net.

"Heatley shot the puck twice," Ruff said. "He didn't have much room. He made a great play. That's what they were waiting for."

Curts Brown's short-handed goal made it 3-3 with 4:06 left in regulation. Brown, who scored the Thrashers' power with a short-handed goal early in the third period of Saturday's 3-1 overtime loss to the New York Rangers, charged down the inside of the left circle and took Joehn Hecht's pass from the right circle to beat Frederic Cassivi, Atlanta's emergency goalie.

Cassivi, called up Sunday from Chicago of the AHL, started when Byron Dafoe injured his left groin in pregame warmups. Cassivi had been out of the NHL for 10 months and saved 24 shots.

"I haven't been playing much in the minors, and I thought Milan [Hnilicka] would be called up," Cassivi said. "I wasn't surprised by the phone call. I got nervous a little bit, but I had to take my chance."

Buffalo took a 2-1 lead 5:14 into the second when Tim Connolly scored on the power play. Connolly's goal, his ninth, came after his shot from the top of the slot ricocheted off the stick of Atlanta defenseman Tony Hrkac and into the net.

The Thrashers answered 59 seconds later when Patrice Deshaies tipped in a shot from front 1-0 midway through the first by beating defenseman Chris Tamer to score on Cassivi's stick side.

Dan Snyder made it 1-1 with a wrister 2:30 into the second on Ben Simon's wraparound.

Biron, who dropped to 11-21-5, made 26 saves.
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Orioles Bechler dies of heatstroke

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Baltimore Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechler died of heatstroke Monday, unable to recover from a spring training workout that sent his temperature to 108 degrees.

An autopsy will help determine whether Bechler had been taking the dietary supplement ephedrine, which has been linked to heatstroke and heart attacks.

Broward County medical examiner Dr. Joshua Perper acknowledged a published report that a bottle of a supplement containing ephedrine was found in Bechler’s locker.

Regarding the bottle, Perper said: “My understanding is it exists, but we don’t have it.”

A workout Sunday left Bechler pale and dizzy, and when his condition worsened, he was carried from the clubhouse to an ambulance on a stretcher. He spent the night in intensive care and died at 10:10 a.m. Monday at Northridge Medical Center.

His wife, Kiley, due to deliver the couple’s first child in April, was at his bedside. She and Bechler, 23, married last year.

William Goldiner, the Orioles’ team physician, said Bechler died of “multi-organ failure due to heatstroke.”

“He would rebound at times. They thought they were getting ahead of it, and then another organ system would fail,” Goldiner said at a news conference at Fort Lauderdale Stadium.

Bechler, at 6-foot-2 and 239 pounds, had battled weight trouble in the past. Asked about the pitcher’s conditioning, manager Mike Hargrove was quoted as saying it was “not good.”

The temperature at noon Sunday was 81 degrees and the humidity was 74 percent, the National Weather Service said.

Goldiner said he wasn’t aware of any evidence that Bechler had been taking a dietary supplement such as ephedrine, which has been banned by the NCAA and NFL but not by Major League Baseball. The Orioles’ policy is to discourage the use of theamphetamine-like stimulant, he said.

“Weight-loss drugs are never prescribed by us,” Goldiner said. “They’re never condomed by us.”

Orioles spokesman Bill Stetka said he could neither confirm nor deny a report by The Washington Times that a bottle of a supplement containing ephedrine was found in Bechler’s locker.

“We’ll cooperate in every way with the medical examiner’s office,” Stetka said. “Everything we find we’ll turn over and share with them.”

Perger said his medical examiner’s office would begin an autopsy Tuesday, and that it could be two or three weeks before the final results are known.

Said baseball spokesman Rich Levin: “We’re going to wait to find out more about what happened.”

Funeral arrangements were pending.

A native of Medford, Ore., Bechler was a third-round draft pick by the Orioles in 1998.

“Steve was a tough guy, he was a competitor,” Hargrove said. “I didn’t know him, that well, but I knew him well enough to know he loved the game and loved to compete.”

Bechler made his major league debut last September, going 0-0 with a 13.50 ERA in three relief appearances. He was expected to begin this season with the club’s new Triple-A affiliate in Ottawa.

He spent most of last season at Triple-A Rochester, going 6-11 with a 4.09 ERA in 24 starts. He had a 35-48 record in five minor-league seasons.

Orioles players were briefed about Bechler’s condition during a clubhouse meeting before Monday’s workout. They were summoned inside a short while later and told of his death, and the rest of the day’s training schedule was called off.

“They told us about the situation, and everybody was in shock,” pitcher Rodrigo Lopez said.

Bechler fell down while running drills Sunday and Hargrove said he could tell Bechler wasn’t feeling well toward the end of the run.

“He was about 60 percent of the way through it when we noticed that he was a little white-faced,” Hargrove said. “He was leaning against a fence … which isn’t unusual when guys get tired. We put him on a cart and brought him in and called the paramedics.”

Bechler’s parents did not learn of his death until they arrived in Miami on Monday. Orioles executive vice president Jim Beattie said, “They had traveled from their Oregon home after Bechler fell ill.”

Bechler’s wife was driving from Oregon to Florida when she was reached by cell phone with the news her husband had been taken to the hospital. She took a flight from Salt Lake City on Sunday and arrived in Fort Lauderdale shortly before midnight.

In 2001, heatstroke was blamed for the death of Vikings lineman Korey Stringer, who collapsed during training camp. Stringer’s widow has filed a $100 million wrongful death lawsuit against the team and its doctors.

Last season, baseball was stunned by the death of St. Louis pitcher Darryl Kile. He died in June from blocked coronary arteries while in Chicago for a game.

Joe Castellano is a radio play-by-play broadcaster for Baltimore’s Triple-A affiliate last season, said Bechler was proud of making the majors from Oregon.

“He was one of my favorite players that I had ever been around,” Castellano said. “He had a great personality. He was everything that was good about baseball.”
Waltrip ready to join NASCAR elite

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — At 40, Michael Waltrip thinks he may finally be a championship contender.

After a long journeyman's career, during which he was mostly known as Darrell Waltrip's little brother, "Mikey" says he's ready to step into NASCAR's elite with a lot more victories, and maybe a Winston Cup title.

The morning after winning his second Daytona 500 in three years, a bleary-eyed but smiling Waltrip was riding a cloud of optimism, buoyed by the victory in Sunday's rain-shortened race.

With crew chief Richard "Slugger" Labbe sitting at this side Monday, Waltrip said the biggest change is that his team no longer is floundering without a leader.

"In 2001, we were a new team and went through a lot of growing pains," Waltrip said. "In 2002, I think we established a decent foundation. We got Slugger in there full-time and the team really got along without a leader."

"Now, the natural progression of that would be for us to be a title contender this year, or at least be a team this year that's going to win more than one race and win some poles and do some good things."

A full-time driver in the Winston Cup series since 1985, Waltrip has never finished better than 12th in the points. A year ago, his second full season with Dale Earnhardt Inc., he was 14th.

All three of his career victories, though, have come since 2001 Daytona 500. Waltrip is anxious to prove that the No. 15 Chevrolet can find Victory Lane at other tracks.

"Slugger has put his signature on our team," Waltrip said. "He runs it. It's his."

"He respects my opinion, and that's important to me that we have that type of relationship, because you have to work as a team to win. We have what I think is the perfect definition of a team."

It's a very different situation from the chaos Waltrip found himself in after winning the 2001 Daytona 500.

Dale Sr. was killed in that race, stunning everyone, and leaving DEI without its key physical and emotional leader. The team became lost.

"There was nobody running the 15 team, basically," Waltrip said. "Scott Eggleston, our crew chief when we won the Daytona 500, left about April. We pretty much got along without a crew chief until Slugger came along in September."

By the time Labbe joined the team, with 11 races remaining in the 2001 season, speculation was rampant that Waltrip would be fired and that the team's sponsor was getting ready to leave.

Labbe, 34, had worked for some of the top crew chiefs in the business but had not been the man in charge for only one full year before joining DEI. Still, he knew what needed to be done.

"I got all the guys together and said, 'This is our goal, this is what we need to do. We've got to make sure that Michael remains our driver and NAPA's going to remain our sponsor.'"

Ty Norris, vice president of DEI, said, "At the time, there were probably about three or four different people who were trying to have input. When Slugger came on board, he said, 'What do you want me to do?' I said, 'Run it like you own it.' And he does."

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Death may hamper case against Webber

Associated Press

DETROIT

The death of ex-University of Michigan sports booster Ed Martin could hamper the obstruction of justice and perjury case against Sacramento Kings star Chris Webber, lawyers say.

Martin admitted he gave hundreds of thousands of dollars to Webber and other former University of Michigan basketball players while they were in high school and college.

Martin, 69, had been expected to testify in Webber's case. But he died Friday of what is believed to have been a pulmonary embolism.

Webber, his father and aunt were indicted on charges of lying to a federal grand jury about his dealings with Martin in 1988-93.

Federal prosecutors may not be able to use Martin's grand jury testimony in Webber's trial, which is scheduled to begin July 8, because Webber's lawyer would be unable to question Martin, legal experts say.

"I think the government's case has suffered a major blow," said Larry Dubin, a law professor at the University of Detroit Mercy.

"A defendant has a right to cross examine, so it is not admissible. It's hearsay," said Detroit defense attorney Mark Kriger. "The evidence is no longer possible, that's no longer possible," accuser — and with Martin, legal experts say.

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Martin's defense attorney agreed.

"Mr. Martin was an integral part of the case the government intended to present," William Mitchell III told The Detroit News.

Messages seeking comment were left Sunday with officials in the U.S. attorney's office in Detroit, which investigated Martin for four years and is handling the case against Webber.

Webber's father Mayce Webber Jr. and aunt also face obstruction of justice and perjury charges for allegedly lying about the family's dealings with Martin.

Webber attorney Steven F. Fishman declined comment.

Martin pleaded guilty in May to conspiracy to launder money. The ex-auto worker told prosecutors he took gambling money, combined it with other funds and lent $616,000 to four Michigan players while they still were amateurs. He was awaiting sentencing at the time of his death.

In addition to Webber, the players were Robert Taylor of the Houston Rockets, Maurice Taylor of the Houston Rockets, and Louis Bullock, who was returning from a party in Detroit with four teammates and was returning from a party in Detroit with four teammates.

"Fab Five" era, when Webber and four other freshmen created a national sensation. With their baggy shorts and black socks, Webber and future NBA players Juwan Howard and Jalen Rose led the Wolverines to consecutive NCAA finals in 1992 and 1993.

In November, Michigan banned itself from postseason play this season and forfeited 112 regular-season and tournament victories from five seasons, plus its victory in the 1992 NCAA semifinals.

On Friday, a delegation from the university appeared before an NCAA infractions committee to answer questions about the booster scandal. A ruling is expected in the next five to seven weeks. It could accept Michigan's penalties or assess more sanctions.

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The Sammy Sosa watch is over. The Chicago Cubs' right fielder, usually late for spring training, told manager Dusty Baker he would arrive at camp on time this year. Sosa was expected to fly into Phoenix on Tuesday, the day position players are due to report, Baker said Monday.

"In past years, you didn't expect Sammy to be here, did you?" Baker said. "Well, he called yesterday. I had a conversation with him, and he wanted me to tell you guys [the media] that he will be here tomorrow."

For the past several years, Sosa has made a habit of arriving from his home in the Dominican Republic several days after his teammates reported. Although never technically late for spring training, Sosa's absence was always noticed.

The 34-year-old outfielder attributed his tardy arrival to superstition and a fondness for the same routine. Beginning in 1998, he has had seasons of 66, 63, 50, 64 and 49 home runs, winning the NL home run title in 2002 and 2000.

Baker, who has experience handling superstars and their quirks after managing Barry Bonds for a decade in San Francisco, was asked whether Sosa's early arrival was a sign of respect.

"Well, maybe some of it," Baker said. "I can't take credit for Sammy. I've got to give Sammy credit for Sammy. Some of it might be me, but most of it has to come from inside."

"He's trying to help this team start off on the right foot, and he knows he's a big part of it. Quite frankly, you get tired of hearing bad stuff about yourself all the time when you know you're a good person. "I never heard anybody say he was a bad person. We all have faults. After awhile, you just want some closure on some things in the past."

Note:

Baker announced Monday that former major league stars Will Clark and Ferguson Jenkins will join Cubs camp to work with players during spring training. Clark, a former first baseman, played for Baker in San Francisco in 1993. He concluded a 15-year career in 2000. Baker said Clark will help work with Hee Soop Choi, the Cubs' rookie first baseman. Jenkins, a Hall of Famer who pitched for the Cubs from 1966-73 and in 1982-83, will work with the organization's pitchers. Jenkins served as the Cubs' pitching coach in 1995 and 1996.
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Arizona still on top in AP poll

Arizona was No. 1 in the AP men's college basketball poll for the fourth time in five weeks Monday, while three teams moved in at the bottom of the Top 25, two for the first time this season.

The Wildcats (20-2) beat UCLA and Southern California by an average of more than 30 points last week to hold the top spot for a second straight week and 10th time this season.

Arizona received 59 first-place votes and 1,786 points for a second straight week. The Wildcats have the nation's longest current winning streak at 14 games, moved up one spot to second.

Kentucky, which beat Georgia and LSU last week, had the other 13 votes for No. 1, and 1,786 points. The Wildcats have their highest ranking since they were No. 2 in the final poll of the 1995-96 season; they went on to win the national championship.

Oklahoma State Oklahoma State

In Brief

Shaq to sit out Rockets rematch

Shaq-Yao II might not come off as scheduled.

Los Angeles Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal is listed as questionable for Tuesday's right-game against Yao Ming and the Houston Rockets at Staples Center because of a sore left knee.

O'Neal sat out Sunday night's 117-110 loss to the New York Knicks and didn't practice Monday. He is also bothered by soreness in his right big toe.

"It will be a game-time decision," Lakers spokesman John Black said.

Kobe Bryant also sat out practice Monday, but is listed as probable for the game against Houston.

O'Neal said he wasn't close to being 100 percent.

"I want to win the whole thing, not just win games," he said. "I want to get right before I come back."

The three-time defending NBA champion Lakers are 23-15 with 12 of the schools in the season's first poll no longer ranked.

Texas moved up three spots to No. 3, while Louisville, which had its 17-game winning streak snapped last Wednesday at Saint Louis, dropped from second to fourth.

Oklahoma stayed at No. 5 and was followed by Kansas, Florida, Duke, Pittsburg and Wake Forest.

Missouri, Connecticut and Saint Joseph's fell out of the poll, the first time this season Missouri and Connecticut have not been in the rankings. Both teams were ranked in the preseason Top 25, making 12 teams in the season's first poll no longer ranked.

Marquette was 11th and was followed by Notre Dame, California, Georgetown, Marquette, Mississippi State and Illinois.

The last five ranked teams were Stanford, Georgia, Utah, Purdue and Dayton.

Utah (19-4) moved into the poll on a seven-game winning streak and has won 14 of its last 15 games, including the 51-49 victory that knocked Alabama from the top of the poll in a week after losing at Kentucky and then fell another three places this week after losing at Tennessee.

That once again raised questions about the boxing future of the 36-year-old former heavyweight champion.

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Clubs Sports

Skiers claim regional title

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame ski club overcame a stellar field at the MCSA Regionals this weekend to claim second place overall in the women’s division. This finish earned the women’s squad its first ever team entry in the national championships. The accomplishment was all the more remarkable as it happened on Junior Parentl’s 2nd weekend, with All American Leigh Hellrung and top men’s skier Mike Ryan were among the missing performers.

The women’s squad took third in the slalom and then topped that performance with a team first place finish in the giant slalom. Molly Munsterer took 10th to lead the Irish in the slalom on Saturday, with Molly Butler and Alana Langren finishing among the leaders as well to give the club it’s third place standing at the end of the day.

On Sunday, the Irish stunned the field, including St. Olaf’s, the nation’s number three ranked team, with a fourth place finish, followed by Butler in seventh, with Langren also finishing among the top 15. Emily Hellmuth and Lindsay May also had fine showings each day, and also competed at Lake Tahoe’s North Star Resort.

Other top teams at Regionals included Minnesota and Wisconsin Lacrosse, which placed third and fourth in the overall standings.

Despite the loss of Ryan, the men were still able to tie for 10th place, a very respectable finish in the overall standings among the 17 teams that qualified for Regionals in their Division championships.

Women’s Water Polo

Rols Aquatics proved a welcome venue for the women’s water polo club, as they breezed through four league opponents this weekend. Junior Deanna Brewer’s four goals got the Irish off to a quick start in a 1-5 thrashing of Western Illinois in the opener.

In the second game, the Irish throttled Eastern Michigan 12-4. These teams met earlier this year in a high scoring shootout. This time however, freshman goalie Elizabeth Pappano was stellar in goal.

Katie Lancers registered four goals and Kristy Rohling added three more as the Irish dominated Grand Valley State 15-4 in the Irish’s weekend’s third game. Capping off a weekend of relatively easy victories, the Irish swamped Western Michigan 15-5 behind the four goals of Allison Gienko.

This league tournament was important for seeding purposes leading into the league championships. Next weekend, the Irish will face stiff competition when they travel to the Ohio State Invitational.

Gymnastics

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s gymnastics club captured first place in women’s competition and third in mens at Purdue’s Golden Grits Invitational this weekend. The women edged out talented squads from Ohio U., Purdue, Minnesota, Illinois, Xavier, Eastern Michigan and Indiana, which finished in that order.

Freshman Anne St. Clair won the beam and floor exercise competitions, and also placed second on bars to finish second overall. Senior captain Emily Smith finished third overall, as she won the vault and took third on both uneven bars and balance beam.

Sophomore Caitlin O’Brien placed sixth on the beam, while classmates Mary Blazewicz, Susan Jennings, Danielle Reyes, and freshman Liz Meier all contributed to the team’s first place finish.

Kellie team performance on the floor exercise propelled the men squad to a third place finish behind Illinois and Purdue.

Co-captain Pete Blouin and Matt Brautigam led the Irish to a 6-0 win over Hofstra Aquatics in the opening match. Senior Allie McLaughlin contributed to the team’s first place finish.

Notre Dame in a deep 6-0 victory.

The team scored one in the fifth before the Irish mounted a rally in the sixth. Down 7-1, Middleton came up with a run on second and third and two outs and hit her first collegiate home run and brought the Irish within four.

Hofstra recovered and sent the Irish down in order the rest of the way to preserve its 7-4 victory.

The Irish continue their warm weather play traveling to Georgia Friday and will play California, Illinois State and Alabama at the NFCA Leadoff Classic.

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Time: 7:15am – 4:30pm
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Wednesday, Feb. 19, 11-2pm in North Dining Hall
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 4-8pm in LaFortune
Thursday, Feb. 20, 11-2pm and 4-8pm, in LaFortune

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Tuesday, February 18, 2003
MENS BASKETBALL

Notre Dame looking to rebound in West Virginia

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

With the wounds of a narrow loss to Syracuse still fresh in their minds, the Irish head toward Morgantown tonight to face West Virginia.

And when they arrive, they’ll try to answer questions about what caused the defensive breakdowns that knocked Notre Dame out of first place in the Big East West Division.

In the Watson seconds of the 82-80 loss in the Carrier Dome, after Matt Carroll hit a go-ahead 3-point shot, the Irish first dropped back into a zone defense that left Gerry McNamara wide open on the wing for a game-winning 3-pointer.

After the game, the Irish criticized their lackluster defensive effort that enabled the Orangeemen to rally from a 12-point deficit.

The loss of Notre Dame blowing double-digit leads has popped up in recent weeks. In fact, it’s something they’ve done three times in its last six games. But until Saturday, the Irish always managed to escape with a victory. Against Boston College, the Irish had a double-digit lead before the Eagles climbed back into the game and forced overtime.

Against Georgetown, Notre Dame blew a 15-point lead yet still escaped with a win in double-overtime.

There’s little concern that the Irish (19-5, 7-3 in the Big East) will make the NCAA Tournament. With wins against four top-10 teams, a No. 4 ranking in the RPI and an undefeated home record, the Irish have amassed an impressive resume.

Yet Notre Dame’s recent struggles are cause for concern. The Irish slipped one spot in the Associated Press poll to No. 10 and two spots in the AP Top 25.

The Irish have also struggled on the road in the Big East, losing three of their five games. And the Mountaineers play the Irish tough in Morgantown, only losing by three points the last two years. More importantly, West Virginia has only lost two games at home this year.

But if the two teams’ earlier meeting is any indicator, the Irish shouldn’t have much trouble. When Notre Dame and West Virginia played in the Joyce Center Jan. 29, the Irish cruised to an 88-69 victory against an undermanned, over-matched squad.

The worst rebounding team in the Big East, Notre Dame out-muscled the Mountaineers on the boards. Since the Mountaineers lack a strong inside presence, the Irish sometimes got two or three extra chances thanks to offensive rebounds. When the game was over, Notre Dame had out-rebounded West Virginia 52-27.

“I may frame this,” Irish coach Mike Brey said as he looked at the stat sheet after the game. “The big, tough Irish.”

Now, the Irish look to repeat their performance earlier in the season. If anything, it may get their mind off why they’re struggling to hang on to big leads.

Note:
Carroll is one of 10 finalists for the Senior CLASS award, given to individuals who excel in the classroom, on the court, and stay in school for four years.

The other finalists for the award are Illinois’ Brian Cook, Arizona’s Jason Gardner, Wake Forest’s Josh Howard, Ohio State’s Eddy Curry, Kansas’ Nick Collison, Louisville’s Andre McGee, Kansas’ Kirk Hinrich, Creighton’s Kyle Korver and Xavier’s David West.

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Irish split 4 games at season-opening tourney

+ 12-0 lead against Rhode Island erased because of time

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

When everything started to click for the Irish, they had to go home.

With Monday’s game against Rhode Island starting two hours later than originally scheduled, the Irish were forced to leave the game in order to catch their flight home.

When the game was called, the Irish were ahead 12-0 after four innings. Five innings are necessary for a game to be official and all the statistics from the Rhode Island game are erased.

Overall at the season-opening USF/Wilson Tournament, the Irish split their four games and stand at 2-2 to start the season.

Being a team from a cold climate hurt Notre Dame in its first game of the season. The Irish faced South Florida, who was playing its 12th game of the year already.

With a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the fifth, Notre Dame pitcher Stengelein had the bases loaded and one out.

Stengelein got South Florida second baseman Katrina Dowd to hit a fly ball to Notre Dame centerfielder Megan Ciolli.

But Ciolli dropped the would-be sacrifice fly and gave South Florida an extra out.

The Bulls took advantage scoring three more runs to take a 4-3 lead.

The Irish came back to tie the game in the top of the seventh with second baseman Alexis Madrid scoring from second on freshman catcher Mallorie Lenn’s single to right.

The Bulls made the Irish pay once again for an error in the bottom of the seventh as Notre Dame freshman pitcher Heather Booth misplayed a sacrifice bunt.

Two batters later, the Bulls see SOFTBALL/page 22

NCAA MENS BASKETBALL

Maryland 90
Wake Forest 67

Maryland’s lopsided win over Wake Forest moved the Terrapins into first place in the ACC.