Professors react to Bush's State of the Union

By LIAM FARRELL
News Writer

Notre Dame faculty voiced varied opinions to President Bush's State of the Union Address Tuesday night, some praising the strength of parts the speech, while others criticized the policies that were introduced.

The speech was a statement of confidence, precision and protection where the President looked at the renewed strength of the economy and his administration's health care initiatives and encouraged every American to remain vigilant in the fight against terrorism and the efforts of Homeland security.

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You're not even reading this, are you?

That's because this is the Inside Column. Most people skip it. Honestly, I don't blame you. Giving paid staff members 400 words every single day leads to a lot of pointless columns. I consider it overkill.

Personally, I'm a freshman, which means I don't just do these columns as my coworkers of legal age go bar-hopping. It will be great to be the senior in this position. So I'll suck it up for now. But future freshmen, beware — the day I turn 21 is the day my inside column days are over.

I'm also basically out of topics. This is a column about anything — what on earth am I supposed to write about? My life is incredibly boring. I've talked about my dad's wild college days, eating pizza at 3 a.m. and how I love my Cavanaugh interhall football team. I'm not going to take 400 words to talk about how I read a lot of books, love National Arbor Day, know how to knit and spend half my waking hours checking peoples' away messages.

What's more interesting? Well, I spend a lot of time — for a girl — thinking about, talking about, and watching sports. However, I've totally exhausted this topic now that my poor Eagles are out of the Super Bowl. By the way, I'm boycotting the Super Bowl this year.

Other interesting details of my life won't be appropriate for this column because (a) my grandparents subscribe to The Observer and will probably read this and (b) I'm neither 21 nor married, which severely limits the diversions I can pursue according to the rules of dulac. My editors probably wouldn't like those kinds of columns. Actually, they'd probably enjoy reading them, make fun of me a lot, and make me rewrite the column about something more appropriate. Why waste my time?

I'd say about three-quarters of my readers are friends who have heard me complain about how I have to write this column and want to see what all my fuss is about. I know for a fact, however, that people actually read this. That fascinates me. People will do anything to get out of doing productive work, including reading my columns and even e-mailing me responses. Okay, it was a bitter Giants fan — and I'd be bitter too, if I was stuck cheesing for that team.

So thanks for reading to the end of this. If you come up with a good idea for an inside, let me know — I'll probably need one soon.

IN BRIEF

Come learn how to be prepared and make the most of the Winter Career and Internship Fair's networking opportunities. A preparation session will be held tonight from 7 to 8 p.m. in Planner Hall room 114.

The Graduate Student Union will sponsor a blood drive today from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Any students, faculty and staff who are able are invited to make a donation.

Test your knowledge during the College Bowl Competition tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Notre Dame room of the LaFortune. The Bowl is the longest running general knowledge quiz competition.

Spend your Thursday night at Legends' New Year's party. Music will begin at 10 p.m.

The "Strangers No Longer: Catholic Responses to Migration" lecture series will begin Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Bessey Center for International Studies Auditorium. Father Daniel Groody, S.J., will speak and the film Desperado: The Deadly Journey of Undocumented Migrants will be shown.

The Late Night Olympics will be held Friday night from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. in the Joyce Center. Events will include bromahlam, inner tube water polo, kickball, target golf and more.

OFFBEAT

Good to the last dropping

JAKARTA, Indonesia — SARS fears have stopped the Chinese from eating civet cats. But that hasn't turned off others from slipping the strangest of brews — one they insist is made from coffee beans eaten, partly digested and then excreted by the weasel-like animals.

The story goes like this: Civets live in the foliage of plantations across Southeast Asia. These fussy foragers pick the best and ripest coffee berries. Enzymes in their digestive system break down the flesh of the fruit before the animals expel the bean. Workers collect beans from the plantation floor, wash away the dung and roast them to produce a unique drink that devotees might say is good to the last dropping.

Money stolen from lottery winner

SCOTT DEPOT, W.Va. — Someone stole a bank bag containing $100,000 from Jack Whitaker, winner of the richest undivided lottery jackpot in U.S. history.

HeWin the College Bowl Competition

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Students gather in a LaFortune lounge Tuesday night to watch President Bush deliver his State of the Union address. Bush paid specific attention to health insurance, national security and faith-based initiatives in the address.

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Legends entertains campus

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

Since opening last fall, Legends has become the entertainment hub on Notre Dame's campus. Transformed from Senior Bar last summer, Legends provides a place for students to socialize in various settings, including dining, drinking and dancing, while also offering a variety of live music entertainment.

Program Coordinator Jonathan Jorissen is pleased with the success of Legends among both the Notre Dame and South Bend communities.

"We're the premiere venue for live music in South Bend," he said.

Legends maintains a structured setup of events that provide a wide range of entertainment specifically targeting students.

"Thursdays are geared toward students... we set Thursdays mainly aside for campus bands," Jorissen said. "Students here on campus deserve a chance to play in front of their friends."

Students interested in performing at Legends are required to provide program coordinators with a demo-tape. The venue books bands ranging from hip-hop to rock to pop music. With the number of students wanting to perform, availability is competitive.

"We have literally hundreds of bands that want to play, and we have to be highly selective," Jorissen said. "We don't want to be stuck to one particular genre, and we also don't want to be generic rock band central."

Friday nights have a variety of themes including karaoke, Celtic bands, professional comedians and decade cover bands, while Saturdays are reserved for outside groups and singers. Jorissen coordinates bands from across the country, including San Francisco, Chicago, New York and Nashville.

"These are bands you could see and hear maybe in a couple of years on MTV," Jorissen said.

As for deciding where to get off-campus entertain- ment, Jorissen said it is a question of determining the acts' caliber. Students request bands from home, community members provide local suggestions and a national touring agency is involved. "We don't want to be stuck to one particular genre, and we also don't want to be just a go-to source."

"Our name has gotten out due to the nature of the venue," Jorissen said.

The first semester alone has shown promising results for the new establishment. November proved a successful turnout for the 'ND alumni pop group Umphy's McGee and singer Gavin DeGraw.

"It's a learn-as-you-go process," Jorissen said.

For example, Jorissen learned that Legends will have to postpone programming on next year's home football Saturdays due to difficulty booking groups and attracting big crowds with traffic, parking and other activities occurring around campus.

He is especially optimistic about "Ok Go," a Chicago group performing their power-pop rock style music at Legends Jan. 31.

The group has recently been featured in Rolling Stone Magazine as well as on MTV and VH1. "Son of Glam," an 80's cover band, will also be performing in the next couple of weeks, bringing with them the full look of the 80's including mullets and long hair. Legends promotes bands through liscerv, e-mails, posters, giveaways and by playing CDs in the dining halls. Students can join the listserv to receive information about Legends by e-mailing legends@nd.edu.

"We've seen great turnouts... it's been a lot of fun," Jorissen said.

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Mars and search for past signs of water and, possibly, life. The two rovers were deployed last summer at a combined cost of $800 million. The first of the two rovers, Spirit, has landed successfully within Mars' Gusev Crater, a geographic landmark that scientists believe may be a former lake basin, and its sister rover Opportunity is scheduled to touch down on the red planet Saturday night.
For Baumgartner, who has been working on this project for the past three and a half years, the excitement— and apprehension— begins when the rovers reach Mars' surface and the engineers must coordinate the unfolding of their arms.
"The first time we deployed the arm there was a great deal of tension," Baumgartner said.
The first ten minutes that Spirit spent on the planet were also particularly suspenseful, he admits, especially during that time frame when a communication existed between Earth and the rover as it bounced along Mars' rocky terrain. After communication was reestablished and the rover settled, Baumgartner and his team began the task of unfolding the vehicle's robotic arm. The rover contains six instruments, including a panoramic camera, rock abrasion tool and spectrometers for analyzing minerals. The equipment allows the rovers to function as "robotic field geologists," according to Baumgartner. "It's like a geologist out in the field," he said. "It takes to the field with it the same tools that a geologist would." The rovers and the instruments they contain allow scientists to enjoy never before seen views of Mars' surface and even minute details of its rocks while also analyzing their chemical content.
And what's it like driving a $400 million piece of equipment millions of miles away via remote control with a ten minute lag time? Stressful but pretty cool, according to Baumgartner. "There's a little bit of fear there. If you break it, you're pretty much stuck," he said. "You feel a sense of being there. It's almost like the robot is an extension of yourself."
Eric Baumgartner
engineer

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three days that I did not say Mass. Hesburgh said, "I have said it 500 feet beneath the Pacific on a submersible, at 50,000 feet in an airplane and at the South Pole ... I almost had the opportunity to go up into space, and if I had I would have said Mass on the space shuttle, which is definitely something you don't see every day." Hesburgh spoke with fierce pride about Notre Dame, calling it "the greatest Catholic University in the world, bar none." If you were to "take all the pontifical universities in the world," he said, and "add them" up, I don't think they'd add up to Notre Dame." When asked if he had one piece of advice for Notre Dame students at the end of the lecture, Hesburgh responded simply. "Stay close to our Lady. It's her place; she knows how to take care of you."

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2004 SAINT MARY'S STUDENT BODY CANIDATES

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Sarah White: Kathy Rusnak
Shay Jolly

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must be a rising junior or senior and in good academic and social standing. If she is interested in running, she must attend a meeting, abide by all campaign rules and are given $150 for campaign expenses. "It is very exciting to have worked with each of the women running for election and to know that any of them would do a super job," said current student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israei warplanes strike Lebanon

HILTI, Lebanon — Israeli warplanes struck Hezbollah guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon late Tuesday, threatening to reignite the Arab-Israeli conflict. Although the Israeli military said it was moving to strike Hezbollah after it fired rockets at southern Israeli settlements, Lebanese officials said the targets were not related to Hezbollah.

The Israeli military said it was striking to protect southern Lebanon from hitherto unknown rockets fired by Hezbollah. Lebanese officials denied that any such launches took place.

The Israeli military said it had targeted Hezbollah positions in Lebanon to stop rocket attacks. Lebanese officials said the rockets were launched by Palestinian factions and were not related to Hezbollah.

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Protests and clashes continued in the northern city of Tripoli, where Lebanese Muslims and Christians exchanged fire.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Laying out campaign themes, President Bush is halting progress toward the goal of recharging the economy and helping Americans afford health care. But Democrats say his election-year State of the Union address scores how paltry his achievements have been.

The morning after he addressed a national television audience, he flew to Modesto, Calif., a day away from his home state of Missouri. The judge in the murder trial of Scott Peterson moved the trial about 90 miles away to the San Joaquin Valley.

The trial has been rocked by an explosion, raising the death toll to 23. An official said Tuesday. Seventy-four people were injured and rescuers said as many as a dozen workers were believed missing.

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Potential 20th 9/11 hijacker was refused entry

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A man who may have been the intended 20th hijacker in al-Qaida's Sept. 11 terror attack was prevented from entering the country by a U.S. government official, according to two senior law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The man, identified only by his last name of al-Qahtani, was turned away by the special agent Jose Melendez-Perez at Orlando International Airport in late August 2001, according to two senior law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

FBI and Justice Department investigators say al-Qahtani was attempting to bring additional operatives into the United States only a few weeks before the attacks, perhaps to join the hijacking plot or to launch a second wave of terror.

As many as a dozen names are being examined through immigration records, the officials said. It was unclear whether any of these others were stopped from entering the United States.

The agent in Orlando became suspicious when al-Qahtani provided only vague answers to questions about "persons we are interested in," one official said. At the time al-Qahtani was stopped in Orlando, the United States possessed no information linking him to terrorism, the officials said.

So far, investigators have not proven a link between Atta and al-Qahtani. But the FBI has long suspected that one of the planes United Flight 93, which crashed in a Pennsylvania field after a passenger uprising — left the airport, called a number in the Middle East, the officials said.

At the time al-Qahtani was stopped in Orlando, the United States, better known as the 9/11 commission. Melendez-Perez is currently an inspector with the Customs and Border Protection's Bureau of the Homeland Security Department.

He told reporters last week that the bureau had shared "millions of documents" with the commission and that many senior FBI officials, Mueller included, had briefed the panel members.

Mueller said the briefings and documents included information about "persons we are interested in" as part of the Sept. 11 investigation.

Commission spokesman Al Felzenberg declined to discuss specifics of the Orlando case but said testimony from Melendez-Perez and others will shed new light on what happened before and after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"There are things that have not been well known in the public, which will have an impact on our investigation," Felzenberg said.

The FBI initially identified Zacarias Moussaoui, an avowed al-Qaida adherent, as the 20th hijacker. But Moussaoui, awaiting trial in Virginia on federal conspiracy charges, insists he was unaware of the Sept. 11 plot and officials now believe he may have been intended for a subsequent attack.

Moussaoui is the only person being prosecuted in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks.

"A 2003 report from the House and Senate intelligence committees concluded that all of the 19 hijackers who took part in the Sept. 11 attacks were in the United States by June 2001. The six organizers lived in the United States for varying amounts of time. The other 13 — the "muscle" intended to overcome pilots and carry passengers — arrived in pairs, except for one group of three, the report said. Al traveled to the United States through the United Arab Emirates."

After his apprehension, U.S. agents put al-Qahtani on a plane back to Saudi Arabia, the officials said. He later wound up in Afghanistan, where he was captured by U.S. forces and is now being held along with other captives at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Of the 19 hijackers, only two were connected to al-Qaida prior to Sept. 11. The failure of the CIA and FBI to communicate about them represents what congressional investigators called a major lost chance to unravel the plot. Those two — Khalid al-Midhbar and Nawaf al-Hazmi — were aboard the plane that crashed into the Pentagon.

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Learn about service and social action in South Bend at the Center for Social Concerns annual "Social Concerns Festival." Representatives from area service organizations will be on hand to introduce students to opportunities.

When: January 21 from 7 pm — 9 pm
Where: Center for Social Concerns

Tom Dooley Award Lunch

Listen to Paul Wright, M.D., ’72, recipient of the Tom Dooley Award, speak on "Mother Teresa’s Message." He will explain the Purpose of Life, How to Serve, his Prescription for Healing Humanity, Obtaining and Sustaining Peace and Happiness.

When: Friday, January 23, from 11:30 - 12:45 pm
Where: Center for Social Concerns

Meet Montoya at Reception

Meet Malalai Montoya at a reception to be held January 25 from 2-4 pm.

Where: Center for Social Concerns

Spring Break Seminars

Travel to Appalachia, Washington, D.C., New York City, Florida, and more to study issues such as Children and Poverty, Faithful Citizenship, the L’Arche community, and more.

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Where: Center for Social Concerns

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Career and Internship Fair

Take advantage of this opportunity to discuss summer service internships, ACCION internships, non-profit and for-profit businesses opportunities.

When: Tuesday, January 27 from 4:00-8:00
Where: Joyce Center

Enroll Now for NYSP Program

If you have always wanted to make a difference, and enjoy working with kids, NYSP is for you. The program runs this summer 2004 (mid-June to end-July) and is a sports and enrichment camp for children from economically disadvantaged communities. Applications due Friday, January 23 and can be picked up at the CSC.

Participants receive a $1,500 stipend, meals and housing on Campus, and three Theo credits. Contact Carl Lorsch for more information.

Social Concerns in collaboration with the Notre Dame Volunteer Initiative will host a series of Careers as Vocations panels this semester. Alumni and alumnae of the University will discuss how they have come to understand their careers in response to the "call" and how they have integrated faith and social concerns into their professions. Speakers include:

Tom Suddeis ’71 (President of Suddes Group Challenge), Dan Bell ’82 (Ohio Employee Ownership Center), Deb Hines ’90 (Center for Individual and Organizational Effectiveness)

When: Sunday, January 25 from 1:00-2:30
Where: Center for Social Concerns

Pizza will be served.

Meet Montoya at Reception

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His exhibition, "Premeditated: Meditations On Capital Punishment New Works" is now on display at The Snite Museum of Art.
NEW YORK — Martha Stewart waved to her supporters, strode into a Manhattan courtroom and repeated a plea of innocent at the start of her stock-trading trial Tuesday.

The 62-year-old millionaire millionaire was besieged on both sides of the atrium, standing in court and nodded at the first batch of jurors who were interviewed one by one by a judge in a private robing room.

"Not guilty," Stewart said five times, speaking almost instantly, the judge said.

Cedarbaum told the jury that the sale was not prompted by a tip from anyone who might have been tipped off.

"I view this as a serious order to sell," Stewart said in a two-hour deposition.

"It was a fantastic event," she said of her 2001 sale of nearly 4,000 shares of ImClone stock.

The estate of Joan Kroc, the widow of Ray Kroc, the founder of the fast-food chain, gave the Salvation Army a record donation.

The Salvation Army, which promises to publicize for 60 days.

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Richard Lavigne was defrocked from the priesthood on Nov. 20 and will be removed from the payroll on May 31. Springfield Bishop Joseph F. Dupre said Tuesday they would no longer pay Lavigne.

Lavigne pleaded guilty in 1992 to molesting two altar boys and was suspected by authorities but never charged with killing another one — Danny Croteau — in 1972. The boy's family believes Lavigne abused their son, and killed the child to stop him from reporting it.

Lavigne, 62, was sentenced to a treatment facility and 10 years of probation. He was barred from serving as a priest, but still received a monthly stipend and health insurance totaling more than $20,000 a year.

"[Americans] need to see our country as better judges of right and wrong," Halton said, citing civil rights legislation that required "democracy [as] the rule of law." He said that it is important to follow the government system as it is set up and maintain "democracy [as] the rule of law.

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Dupre said that Lavigne's decision "brings me no pleasure."

"Indeed no priest or bishop can ever take pleasure in seeing such a severe penalty handed down," he said. "As Christians, we must remain faithful to the church teaching of love and forgiveness and as such, I commend Richard Lavigne to our prayers."

Snezyk said Lavigne maintains his innocence and was "disappointed" when he learned on Saturday that the Vatican defrocked him.

Lavigne's lawyer, Max Sohn, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Dismissal from the priesthood is a fairly unusual and complicated process. Since the clergy sex abuse scandal erupted in the Boston Archdiocese two years ago, about two dozen priests have been suspended from the priesthood. None have yet been defrocked.
Democrats end blockade of spending bill

Associated Press

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The 1,182-page bill would finance 11 Cabinet-level departments and scores of other agencies, because it combines seven spending measures into a single, mammoth package. It covers everything from NASA to housing aid for the poor, from foreign aid to the District of Columbia's local government.

It also includes money for initiatives that members of both parties support. There is money to fight AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean, to help countries that achieve democratic reforms and to pay for operations of the FBI, highway construction and the AmeriCorps national service program.
Elam's scholarship reprehensible

Afram Elam was convolced of a felony in August for his role in a 2002 incident involving three other Notre Dame football players and a female Notre Dame student at an off-campus house. All four players were dismissed from the University a year and a half ago and were charged with various sexual assault crimes. Of the four, Elam was the only person convicted of any wrongdoing — Donald Dykes was acquitted on all three counts and the prosecutor's office dropped charges against Lorenzo Crawford and Justin Smith — and was placed on probation.

Last week, Kent State University not only accepted Elam as a student, but Golden Flashes football coach Dennis Erickson offered Elam a scholarship to play football in 2004. Elam has one year of eligibility remaining.

Give Elam credit for trying to get his life back in order in part by wanting to play the sport he loves, and givePeel credit for giving Elam a second chance. While Elam shouldn't have to live the rest of his life in the shadow of a grievous error he made when he was 20 years old, he shouldn't get a free ride, either.

The problem lies with the scholarship money given to Elam, and the money Elam receives will consequently be taken from another aspiring Kent State athlete, who does not have a felony on his or her record.

Why would Penn State make such a decision? One could conclude that Kent State, which ranked last in pass defense in the Mid-American conference in 2003, badly needs defensive help. But Pees should have made the former Irish defensive back walk onto his team instead of giving him a scholarship. Giving Elam a second chance is not the issue, but rather rewarding Elam for his football abilities while ignoring his serious personal mistakes shows poor judgment by Kent State.

Many criticized Notre Dame's disciplinary process that kicked Elam and the other three football players out of school before criminal charges were filed. But few can question the University's moral stance. Kent State, on the other hand, should be embarrassed by its decision to give scholarship money to a convicted felon.
The year of our Lord 2003 ended magnificently. Months of careful plan­ ning crystallized into what many may or may not remember as the party of the year, the biggest bash in TV history. MTV poster boy and choreographer Wade Robson, we print pocket notes bearing his signature - "Wade Robson" - please come dancing cool, and we screamed for an entire evening to thank him for that. We screamed, we weeped, we laughed and we cried. We danced until delirium and her friend euphoria told us to sit down, stop shaking and accept the fact that life cannot get much bet­ ter.

It didn’t. Exam time was stressful. So was sitting at home over break know­ ing that I had forgotten to have the post­ office hold the paper. So were the late­night phone calls — “See you in a year” — and the equally unoriginal New Year resolutions — “I’m giving up eating people, lima beans and going to class.” Nonetheless, I ended them, even offering up a few of my own. To be expected, though, they can be help­ ful at holiday parties as icebreakers with a lucky uncle who can’t remember your name. As can the adult eggnog, which legally permitted me to partake of this season.

Santa was once again very generous, sending me 50 hours cross-country from Boston to Big Sky, Montana. Armed with my brand new L.L. Bean luggage and my sole resolution to rel­ ax the remaining days of this ever­ lasting Christmas vacation, I began a cross-country journey. I arrived at Martin’s and the cashier asked me. I could have screamed. If I say “I don’t know,” then I look like an ass because, apparent­ ly, I’m Immobilized even before being asked the question. I have now arrived at a feasible resolu­ tion. I will have to face it. You will have to face the music. And all you want to do is stuff it under your bed where you never have to think about it. It may not be fun. It may not be fun. It may not be fun. It’s just not true, and you are doing yourself an injustice in thinking otherwise.

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**Clarifying Moveon.org**

David Barrett

A Doctor’s Outlook

When I opened up the viewpoint section on Monday and saw that there was an article reprinted from the Ohio State University (like there’s gonna be another Ohio State University) stu­ dent newspaper, I was, as a lifelong Ohio resident, imme­ diately disgusted and turned the page (as any Notre Dame fan from Ohio can under­ stand). But I thought, “I shouldn’t be this judgmental. Give the guy a chance; maybe your tax dollars are spent on something other than Intermediate Basket Weaving Theory and Intro to Facial Surgery.”

The article, entitled “Anti­Bush TV ads are weak” was another classic example of either pitiful research or malicious lying. First of all, I have now arrived at a feasible resolu­ tion for the New Year. I resolve myself to throwing bi-weekly theme parties so that others may witness firsthand dancing’s therapeutic power in helping you cope with a long spring and an oth­ erwise lackluster social scene here at Notre Dame. We already have a few marinating in our minds, and fully intend to bring them to fruition in weeks to come. Amongst them are Junior High Revisited and Springtime Slow­Dance, as well as a possible sec­ ond installment of Wade Robson. Truly, the options are endless.

With an open mind and the ability to literally think on your feet, you might have the night of your life and make a few friends in the process. It’s too easy to get bogged down in average entertain­ ment, and, quite frankly, life is too short. Turn over that leaf, turn up the music and moveon.org. This is the year of the theme party.

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The article continued to go awry when it claimed that Moveon.org is intended to facilitate hate for the President. When the site was launched, President Bush was just a figure of Karl Rove’s imagination. Moveon.org was actually started during the Clinton Administration in an effort to censure then-President Clinton. The site’s objective was to convince President Clinton to take his punishment, accept censure, and “melt” or just disappear from the country. Not exactly a left-wing conspiracy to hate all things Republican. The fact of the matter is that the site grew without any organized and unexpectedly popular that it never went away. The average American joined the organization like Moveon.org, so it continued its mission, as stated by Moveon.org Voter Fund Wes Boyd (not a millionaire and not George Soros). "To bring the public into the political process and produce a more fact-based election process.” As it happened, this conflicts with the Bush Administration and its philosophies so completely that a natural rivalry was born.

Unfortu­ately, however, the course of time, politics in the United States has been more about money than anything else. Fighting this $10 and $20 at a time, Moveon.org and the Moveon.org Voter Fund have managed to allow the average voter to have his or her opinion compete with those being broadcast daily by the major parties. To be sure, the organization has been supported by famous people and some million­aires, but the heart of the organization is still the $20 donation and the volunteer grassroot organizations. Moveon.org is much more fortunate than all the past actions of the current RNC and the Bush Administration. It is, in fact, a no surprise that they would use to drag an organization that has threatened the power of individual wealth in the United States politics through the mud.

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**DVD Review**

**Horror legends make killer comeback**

By MARK BEMENDERFER

Some DVD Critic

Freddy vs. Jason, directed by Ronny Yu, is an epic romance of star-crossed lovers, forever kept apart because of a cruel twist of fate. Yeah, right.

At this point in history, practically everyone has seen one of the Nightmare on Elm Street or Friday the 13th sagas. In the very least, one has at least been exposed to their influence. Every Halloween, one is almost overwhelmed by the flood of hockey masks and glow knives.

The latest movie, Freddy vs. Jason, counts as Freddy's eighth film, and Jason's 11th. After all this time, the image of someone beheading a dead horse springs to mind. So it is surprising to discover that Freddy vs. Jason is a great little flick.

As can be expected, the plot is predictable with all of the standard precedents of the two series still in effect. Freddy makes wise cracks while pursuing his victims. Jason walks slowly, and yet still catches the running teens (after she tries of course).

Blood is split by the galon. And of course, the members of society that drink, smoke and have premarital sex are the first to go, making one wonder if the scriptwriters also wrote Dubac (with the drugs and sex business, not the massive spilling of blood).

But of course, the plot isn't the real reason to see the movie, although it's still pretty fun with plenty of drinking game potential. The real reason to see the movie is for the last 20 minutes that features the much-anticipated fight. It's choreographed well, although don't think to see Jason dodging bullets as the camera slowly whirls around him.

However, since both anti-heroes are dead, they can take quite a bit of abuse from each other. The DVD is quite nice as one can always just skip all the boring dialogue, plot elements, and people in various stages of undress to watch the showdown.

The DVD was released as a two-disc special edition, and it shows in the details. The video is top-notch. Never before has being bad looked so good. The audio on the DVD is top-notch as well. You're able to hear all of the sound effects in all their glory detail, which is either an advantage or disadvantage depending on your disposition.

In the way of special features, the DVD offers commentary from the director and the actors who played Jason and Freddy. It also offers some deleted scenes, some of which are actually quite funny but cut for good reason. For the gore hounds out there, the DVD also offers a "skip to a death" along with a scene selection.

Freddy vs. Jason is a fun DVD that is definitely not for everyone, and those people probably know who they are. However, if you have ever considered watching either one of the two killer's respective movies, this is a good place to start. It does a good job of re-introducing the two main characters, along with having the best parts of either series. The sheer carnage displayed at the end is in a visual treat, although not for the weak-hearted.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Along came predictability**

By JACQUELINE PIMENTEL-GANNON

Scott Movie Critic

Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston star in Along Came Polly, a comedy from director John Hamburg. This movie follows the path of the typical romantic comedy to arrive at the standard conclusion — the hero and heroine overcome various obstacles to end up together.

In Along Came Polly, the obstacles are comical, especially for those who are fond of bathroom humor — literally as well as figuratively. Unfortunately, most of the funniest parts of the film are revealed in the previews.

Stiller plays Reuben Feffer, a risk assessment analyst who uses his technical skills to manage and minimize the risk in his own life. His perfect life is in right on track as he marries his real estate agent Lisa Kramer (Debra Messing of television's Will and Grace). Everything falls apart however, on the first day of their honeymoon as Feffer goes to pick up his new wife from her scuba diving lesson only to find her in a compromising position with the French scuba instructor Claude (Hank Azaria).

Feffer returns home to New York to face friends, coworkers and complete strangers who all know what has happened thanks to his interfering mother. The audience can't help but feel sorry for Feffer, even though they laugh as he deals with the humiliation.

In an attempt to make new friends, Feffer attends a party where he meets Polly Prince (Aniston), a classmate from middle school. Phillip Seymour Hoffman, as Feffer's best friend Sandy, provides the most memorable line of the film when explaining why he and Feffer have to leave the party immediately. So if for no other reason, watch this movie to truly appreciate the meaning of that.

On his first date with Polly, Feffer runs into problems almost as ridiculous as those that confront Stiller's character in Meet The Parents. Ironically, Polly is about the only person who hasn't yet heard about Feffer's ordeal — though this is rectified soon enough Feffer's oh-so-helpful mother.

Despite the rough start, a romance soon blossoms between Feffer and Polly until Feffer's wife returns. Feffer then has to make the usual choice between the two women and makes the predictable decision — surprise, surprise.

Considering several of the actors in Along Came Polly are crossovers from television, the acting is not bad at all. In fact the actors probably pulled the film off as well as they could have given the tired plot with which they had to work.

The chemistry between Aniston and Stiller is mediocre at best, but their comedic skill keeps the movie from dragging.

The story, which includes the amusing parallel story line of Feffer trying to get an important client insured, is simple and easy to follow even when half-asleep.

In the end, watching Along Came Polly is not a bad way to spend $9.50 especially if one means a few laughs and a vacation for the mind — but it might be better to wait until video and put the $5.75 to better use now.

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DVD REVIEW

‘Simpsons’ DVD set delivers the goods

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

Fans of The Simpsons don’t border on fanaticism, but instead embrace their love of the show with a fervor bordering on fanaticism. Fortunately, the show more than earns such frenzied devotion with offerings like the Season Three DVD set. Season Three marks the show’s evolution both in style and content. The drawings look cleaner and resemble the current shows, and the show’s trademark humor reaches new heights with some now-classic episodes.

The Simpsons, which began its long television run as a series of shorts on the Tracy Ullman show in 1986, quickly branched off to become its own show in 1989. It survived the highs and lows of becoming a national fad in the early ‘90s, and in doing so not only garnered critical and popular success but had a massive influence on the whole of pop culture. It was顺应了“Best Television Show of the 20th Century” by Time magazine, and Homer Simpson’s trademark exclamation, “D’oh!”, made its way into the Oxford English Dictionary.

After 13 years on the air, the show only gains more respect and influence with each successive season. The show doesn’t shy away from topics like religion or family that are normally anathema for television, but it approaches difficult topics and situations with a deft balance of humor and emotion.

A major complaint of Simpsons fans is the show’s slow rate at which the collections are released, but the extras and the overall presentation of the DVD show both the love of those involved in the series as well as their respect for their obsessive fans. It is ultimately better to wait for a superior product than to have a simple one come out early and incomplete.

The level of detail in things as basic as the language option (each of the languages is illustrated by a specific character). Shari Pack plays English, Bumblebee Man represents Spanish, and Bart’s exchange host, Cesar, represents French; reveals an appreciation for the intricacies of the series and the fans who know all of them.

Along Came Polly stars Jennifer Aniston with Ben Stiller, who played similar roles in Meet the Parents and There’s Something About Mary. The latest Simpsons box set from 20th Century Fox does not disappoint, delivering excellent video and audio quality and entertaining special features.

The Simpsons, Third Season Set

20th Century Fox

By Paul Dergarabedian

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The movie has slowly built an audience since debuting in limited release six weeks ago, and is one of the nominees for best comedy film at this weekend’s Golden Globe Awards.

“Enough people have seen and heard about it to create buzz, but not everyone has been convinced to go out and see it,” Dergarabedian said. “This strong box office has made the producers feel confident about the film.”

According to Exhibitor Relations Co., the movie will rank as the fourth-highest grossing movie to debut this year, losing to “Saving Private Ryan” from Universal Pictures.

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Although Lord of the Rings dropped to fourth place, it is still performing strongly for a movie in its fifth week of release. So far, the third installment of the trilogy has collected $326.8 million domestically.

Sam (Sean Astin) and Frodo (Elijah Wood) continue on their quest to Mount Doom in ‘Return of the King.’ The film continues to perform well worldwide.

‘Polly’ Dethrones ‘Lord of the Rings’

Along Came Polly came along and swept The Lord of the Rings from its fourth-week perch atop the box office list.

The new romantic comedy collected $27.6 million at No. 1, while The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King fell to fourth place with $18.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Along Came Polly stars Jennifer Aniston with Ben Stiller playing yet another romantically-challenged young man. Audiences were not deterred by what some critics described as a rut for Stiller, who played similar roles in Meet the Parents and There’s Something About Mary.

"The chemistry between the two stars was part of its appeal," said Nikki Boccadoro, president of Universal Pictures. "Sure, he’s done this before, but now she’s with him that might have something to do with it.

"After weeks of heavy dramas angling for awards considerations, sometimes all an audience wants is a laugh," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations Co.

"[Stiller] does seem to play this role a lot, but he does it well," Dergarabedian said. "The audience obviously loves Ben Stiller in this type of movie.

"If estimates hold, Polly will rank as the highest-grossing movie to debut on a Martin Luther King holiday weekend, topping the $23.4 million of 2001’s Save the Last Dance.

The Tim Burton storytelling fantasy Big Fish, which lost a close race to Lord of the Rings for the top spot last week, held on at No. 2 with $19.4 million.

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Pierce leads Celtics past Heat to snap losing streak

Associated Press

MIAMI — Everything went right for the Boston Celtics down the stretch, and Paul Pierce said "I could have gotten discouraged with four or five minutes to go, but we kept our composure."

The Celtics were badly outrebounded in the first half, but they put them ahead 85-84 with 48 seconds left. The Heat's Hafer Abinon attempted a potential game-winning shot from 25 feet, but it glanced off the front of the rim at the buzzer.

Pierce scored 29 points, including a three-pointer that cut the margin to 84-83. He lost the ball, dribbled it up, jumped past Jason Williams with a 360-degree spin and sank a layup.

"I think the biggest thing," Pierce said, "is not giving up. If you're having one of those nights where you're not shooting well, just keep fighting."

"He's a player we got to have," coach Stan Van Gundy said. "We're not going to have him every night, but we're going to have to live with it.""}

The Celtics won even though they were outscored 18,412 and shot just 42 percent. The Heat, who have the worst shooting percentage in the NBA, also shot 42 percent and committed 17 turnovers.

Pierce, shooting 26 percent over the past three games, shook the rust by going 10-24 for 28 and adding eight rebounds.

The Heat, playing their first home game since Jan. 7, got off the slump by going 12-for-24 and hitting only 40-39 at halftime. Eddie Jones sank a 3-pointer as Miami scored seven consecu­tive points and led 66-63.

Three-pointers by Walter McCarty and Michael Finley helped the Celtics' comeback. With 48 seconds left, Buntout fought the 6-foot-10 Odom to tap in a rebound by Pierce and put Boston ahead.

"I made it a jumping match," Buntout said. "It was one of those offensive rebounds for Boston.

The Heat then missed their final four shots, including an off­side by James. Pierce rebounced that miss and sank one of two free throws to go for the game's final point.

Mavericks 106, Nets 93

DALLAS — Antoine Walker scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half and Dirk Nowitzki added 19 points, helping the Dallas Mavericks continue their hold on first place in the Western Conference.

"It's a great win for the team that got no. 300," Walker said of his coach, who grabbed a TV microphone and playfully grilled the second-year player in a locker-room interview.

"Let's go on and get 400. Well, look at 300 first."

Darius Miles, who skipped Cleveland's practice when he overheard on Monday that he would be traded, shot 9-of-25, missing all five three-pointers and both free throws.

Byplay, and beat the Sonics for the second straight night. Utah pulled to 70-57 by the end of the third quarter but Denver opened the fourth with an 8-0 run to take the lead 95-70.

The Nuggets hadn't won in Salt Lake City since December, 1995. Earl Boykins scored 15 points and Andre Miller and Rodney White each finished with 10 points for the Nuggets, who had 17 turnovers but could afford to be a little sloppy.

Utah had three other two-game losing streaks entering this one, but they managed to win before the streak reached three. After falling behind 24-14 in the first quarter, the Jazz made a brief threat in the sec­ond, then Denver took off and kept going after halftime when the Nuggets led 50-30.

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kelly Whitney had 21 points and eight rebounds to lead Seton Hall to a 74-67 victory over No. 13 Syracuse on Tuesday night, snapping a number of streaks for both teams. The Pirates (12-4, 2-2 Big East) had lost their last two games and their last five to Syracuse. It was Seton Hall coach Louis Orr's first win in five games against his alma mater and former coach Jim Boeheim.

The loss ended the 13-game winning streak Syracuse (13-2, 5-1 Eastern) had lost their last two games and their last five to Syracuse. It was Seton Hall to a 74-67 victory for the Pirates (12-4, 2-2 Big East), who nearly had another scare after their 19-game SEC home winning streak was ended Saturday by Georgia.

Seton Hall started the game by scoring the first 12 points and Syracuse never really threatened to take the lead. The Pirates made sure there wouldn't be any late comeback by the Orangemen by going 14-for-16 from the free-throw line over the final 3:40.

Andre Barrett and John Allen had 16 points apiece for Seton Hall, which shot 52 percent (24-46). Hakim Warrick had 26 points and 13 rebounds for Syracuse, while Billy Edelin added 16 points. Gerry McNamara, who had six points on 2-for-10 shooting, played just 10 minutes in the second half after injuring his left leg in the first half.

Syracuse, which came in averaging 82.5 points, was 27-for-63 from the field (42.9 percent) but was only 3-for-11 from 3-point range. Edelin made the Orangemen's first 3 of the game with 2:58 to play. The last time the Orangemen didn't make a 3 in a game was March 10, 1995, against Providence.

Kentucky 69, Tennessee 68

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Chuck Hayes scored off his own miss with 3:49 left in overtime to give Kentucky its first lead at 52-51 but was only 3-for-11 from the field (42.9 percent) but was only 3-for-63 from the field (42.9 percent). The Pirates never really threatened to take the lead. The Pirates made sure there wouldn't be any late comeback by the Orangemen by going 14-for-16 from the free-throw line over the final 3:40.

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Kentucky (10-4, 2-3) trailed Tennessee (10-4, 2-3) for the first time in three seconds and was ahead by three points over Tennessee.

Tennessee got the lead back and was ahead by three points with 3:53 left. Tennessee's Scooter McFadgon made two free throws to make it 61-60, but neither team could score over the next three minutes.

C.J. Watson broke the drought for Tennessee with 55.3 seconds left on a fast-break layup off a turnover Brandon Crump grabbed from Kentucky's Gerald Fitch. Watson extended Tennessee's lead to 64-61 with two free throws with 22 seconds to go, but the Vols couldn't hold on for the upset.

Cliff Hawkins hit a 3-pointer with 16.3 seconds left to tie it at 64. McFadgon missed a shot as time expired.

McFadgon had four points in overtime, but a 3 by Daniels and Hayes' rebound and basket was all Kentucky needed to get its fourth straight win over the Volunteers.

McFadgon led Tennessee by scoring 19 of his 33 points in the first half, and Crump added 14 points and 13 rebounds. Hawkins had 13 points and six assists for the Wildcats, who overcame 23 turnovers and 30 personal fouls to avoid a second straight loss.

Kentucky lost 65-57 to Georgia at home, and coach Tubby Smith questioned the Wildcats' toughness. But Kentucky showed plenty of heart against, which came in 9-0 at home this season.

Charlotte 64, Marquette 76

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Demon Bown scored 23 points to lead Charlotte to an 84-76 victory Tuesday over Marquette, which lost leading scorer Travis Diener to an apparent neck injury.

Brown hit 6-of-16 3-pointers while Curtis Withers added 17 points and Eddie Basden 15 or 14 for the Golden Eagles (11-4, 4 Conference USA), who picked up their second win against a Final Four team from a year ago.

Charlotte beat national champion Syracuse 96-92 on Nov. 26. Steve Novak and Dameum Mason each scored 16 points and Scott Morris had 14 for the Golden Eagles (11-5, 2-3), who have dropped three straight games for the first time in three seasons.

Marquette made a fast break to a once-up 15-point deficit to 63-60 with under eight minutes to play. But Withers responded with a 3-point play and Brown hit a 3-pointer in a 13-1 run to put it away.

Marquette finished with 20 turnovers in a game that featured 55 fouls.

Diener, who came in averaging 17.3 points and 6.3 assists per game, was injured with 13:03 left when Calvin Chopin went for a fastbreak and fell hard on top of him.

Charlotte athletic director Judy Bone said Monday Diener told her Diener had movement in his neck and back. He was scheduled to undergo an MRI and a CAT scan at University Hospital late Tuesday.
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After being shut out in opener, Patriots have responded

FOXBORO, Mass. — A team that looked like an NFL power emerged from New England's season opener.

No, not the Patriots. The Jets lost 31-0 to the Bills, who lived up to glowing preseason predictions in that game.

The Patriots, meanwhile, gave no indication that they would be anything other than a Super Bowl runner-up.

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"They were all special. Any chance to beat Buffalo is great."

But Belichick wouldn't single out any one. "We lost 31-0 to the Bills," he said. "Anytime you lose, it's disappointing."

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"We knew from Week 1 to Week 2 that we needed to play better than we played in Week 1," Belichick said. "And, frankly, in Week 3 we felt like we needed to play better than we played in Week 2 and so forth right down the line."

The pain of the rout was compounded by linebacker Ted Johnson's broken foot — the first of many serious injuries to key players that began with that game.

In the second game, linebacker Rosevelt Colvin broke his hip and was sidelined for the rest of the season. In the third game, nose tackle Ted Washington broke his leg and linebacker Mike Vrabel broke his arm.

"We're down in numbers, but we still have to go out and play," Law said early in the season. "It may mean we change a few schemes here and there, but overall, we have everyone on this roster can play and wouldn't be here if they couldn't."
Hurricanes acquire Williams from Flyers

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Desperate to fix a struggling offense, the Carolina Hurricanes acquired right wing Justin Williams from the Philadelphia Flyers for defenseman Danny Markov on Tuesday.

The Hurricanes rank last in the NHL with 86 goals and hope Williams will help. He has six goals and 20 assists this season.

"Obviously there's not the right mix right now," Carolina president and general manager Jim Rutherford said. "And we have to do something to change that."

The Hurricanes were forced into the trade by a rash of injuries to defensemen. Philadelphia was already in the market for a top-four defenseman before losing three backliners in less than a week.

"It's our opinion that a top-four defenseman is more valuable on our team than a third-line winger," Flyers general manager Bob Clarke said.

Markov was in Philadelphia's starting lineup Tuesday for its game with Montreal. He was on the ice for two goals against the Flyers and when Simon Gagne scored Philadelphia's only goal in the 4-1 loss to the Canadiens.

"I was a little bit shocked, but I know it's part of the business," Markov said. "Nothing surprises me anymore in the NHL. I try not to think about it. I try just to concentrate on my game and play."

Williams, along with the 23-year-old Gagne, was supposed to form the future foundation of the Flyers' offense.

"We certainly didn't want to give up Justin, but we didn't have any choice," Clarke said.

Markov had four goals and 10 assists in 44 games for Carolina.

JPW Mass Lector Auditions

JPW Lector auditions will take place in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on each of the following dates:

Monday, January 26th at 4:00pm
Tuesday, January 27th at 4:00pm

Please attend one of the two auditions. For further information, please contact Harv Humphrey at 271-7289 or by email at hhumphre@nd.edu
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*Associated Press*

**DALLAS — Al Davis has a history of not hiring high-profile coaches. Apparently, that trend will continue.**

The Dallas Morning News reported on its Web site Tuesday night that the Oakland Raiders will make Dallas Cowboys assistant Sean Payton their next coach. According to the newspaper, Payton is expected to sign a four-year, $1.3 million contract.

He spent much of Sunday and Monday interviewing with Davis, the Raiders’ renegade owner. Payton, 40, would become the NFL’s youngest head coach. If wide receiver Jerry Rice returns to the club, he would be a year older than Payton.

The hiring also would complete a remarkable career rehabilitation for Payton, who as New York Giants offensive coordinator was stripped of his play-calling duties midway through the 2002 season.

This season, Payton was on Bill Parcells’ staff with the Cowboys, overseeing the team’s passing game while working with quarterbacks. Hiring a relative unknown is nothing new for Davis.

In 1998, he made Jon Gruden the youngest coach in NFL history at 34. Gruden went 40-28 in four seasons and led the Raiders to an appearance in the AFC championship game before leaving over differences with Davis following the 2001 season.

In Oakland, Payton would replace Bill Callahan, who was fired one season after leading the Raiders to their first Super Bowl appearance since 1984.

In 2003, the Raiders went 4-12 and tied for last place in the AFC West.

Callahan also drew the wrath of many of his veteran players for his unapproachable attitude. With the Raiders, Payton would inherit one of the NFL’s oldest teams and a club that is expected to have major salary cap problems.

Oakland owns the second pick in April’s draft.

**IN BRIEF**

Colts owner plans to meet with city for negotiations

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay said Tuesday he plans to meet with city officials within the next six weeks for negotiations that he hopes will eventually lead to a new stadium to replace the RCA Dome.

Under the Colts’ current contract, the city is supposed to make payments to the team in two out of the next three years intended to keep the team near the middle of the pack among NFL teams in terms of revenue.

Irsay said it would take about $30 million over that time to reach that medium.

He also said during a news conference that he is willing to make Peyton Manning the league’s highest-paid player and hopes to have him signed to a new contract before March 1.

Manning was named the NFL’s Most Valuable Player earlier this year.

Beltran signs one-year contract with Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Outfielder Carlos Beltran and the Kansas City Royals agreed Tuesday to a $9 million, one-year contract.

Beltran, who had filed for arbitration last week, is eligible for free agency after this season and the Royals have said it is unlikely they will be able to sign their star to a long-term deal before then.

Despite opening the 2003 season on the disabled list, Beltran led the team with a .307 batting average, 102 runs, 26 home runs, 100 RBIs, 72 walks and 41 steals.

Manning named Sporting News player of the year

ST. LOUIS — Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning has won another postseason award, and he won’t have to share this one.

Manning, who earlier was named co-MVP along with Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair, on Tuesday was named player of the year by Sporting News.

Manning received 11 of 22 votes cast by NFL pro personnel directors. McNair was second with three votes, and Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis received two votes.

The St. Louis-based publication also named New England’s Bill Belichick coach of the year.

Manning threw for more than 4,200 yards and 29 touchdowns. He also erased the stigma of previous playoff failures by leading the Colts to two playoff wins before losing 24-14 to New England in the AFC championship game Sunday.

"Peyton Manning has been a great quarterback for several years and his play this season was simply unsurpassed," said Sporting News editorial director John Rawlings. "His control over the offense is unique in the NFL and he makes the most of the opportunity."
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But the Irish jumped out to an early, 12-2 lead behind two 3-pointers from Chris Quinn and one from Jordan Cornette. The Hokies responded with a 9-2 run to get within three. A 9-2 run of their own later in the half gave the Irish some separation as they went into the locker room up, 30-22.

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McGraw was not expecting

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Freshman Lauren Kohn has won
back-to-back Big East Freshman
of the Week honors after scoring
11.5 points and 3.5 rebounds for the
Orangewomen in their most
recent games.

Julie McBride is a great play­
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guard,” McGraw said. “She’s
played well against us quite
a few times, and we have a lot of
respect for her. We really need to
shut her down.”

Syracuse’s greatest weakness

is their lack of depth. Orange­

woman coach Keith

Cieplicki uses only seven players
during most games.

Sophomore guard Megan Duffy drives to the basket against
Connecticut Jan. 13. The Irish travel to Syracuse tonight.

SMC Basketball

Belles look to snap six
game losing streak

Saint Mary’s hopes to improve on what
has been a disappointing season thus far

By BOBBY GRIFFIN

Sports Writer

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Captains

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looked to for leadership and looked up to for the way they go about their business,” Mainieri said. “I just felt that these three guys clearly should be named as captains and have that honor.”

Sollmann, who also served as a captain in 2003, became just the eleventh player in the history of the program and the fourth in the Mainieri era to serve as captain in multiple years.

Last season, Sollmann led the Irish with a .384 batting average. He was named a second team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association and a third team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. Already this season, Sollmann has found himself named to three pre-season All-America rosters and has been tabbed as the 2004 Big East Preseason Player of the Year.

After seeing only limited playing time as a freshman, Sollmann burst onto the Irish scene his sophomore year at shortstop after injuries to Matt Macri and Matt Edwards left a whole at that position. That season, Sanchez hit .281 with five home runs and played a big role in Notre Dame’s run to the College World Series.

Last year, Sanchez filled another void, this time at the catcher’s position vacated by Paul O’Toole. In just his first year behind the plate, Sanchez exceeded expectations by committing only eight errors and batting .303 along the way.

“Fortunately we have a couple of senior players that have seen just about everything that college baseball can throw at them in Javi Sanchez and Steve Sollmann.”

Paul Mainieri
head coach

As a freshman, the right-handed hurler Niesel overcame a bout with mononucleosis that sidelined him for a month to finish 4-0 with a 3.36 ERA, but he best proved his worth at the end of the season on the line. In Game 3 of the NCAA Super Regionals, Niesel held off a strong-hitting Florida State team in a 3-1 victory as the Irish advanced to the College World Series.

Last year, Niesel finished 9-1 with a 2.65 ERA and 87 strikeouts in 98.1 innings pitched and was named third team All-America by the NCBWA.

“Chris Niesel is head and shoulders the guy that everybody on our team looks to for leadership on that pitching staff,” Mainieri said. “I think everybody on our team, when they look at Chris Niesel, they realize we have a bulldog out there on the mound, and we’ve got a chance to win. He’s a great example for all of our younger players.”

The first Irish game is now less than a month away, as the Irish will travel to Los Angeles to take on San Diego State Feb. 20 to start the season.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

On the road again

Irish dominate Hokies inside in 74-63 victory

By MATT LOZAR
Assistant Sports Editor

Irish need answers, wins away from home

Tuesday night's performance at Virginia Tech was a first step in the right direction.

The Irish dominated inside in the paint and on the glass in defeating the Hokies 74-63 in Blacksburg, Va.

The win snaps a two-game losing streak for the 19-5-3 in the Big East), and hands Virginia Tech (6-7, 1-3) its fourth loss in its last five games.

Last week, Pittsburgh and Syracuse each controlled the lane against the Irish, but coach Mike Brey exploited the undersized Hokies down low.

Virginia Tech had no answer for forward Terin Francis, who finished with 22 points and 16 rebounds.

For the game, the Irish outscored the Hokies 32-26 in the paint. In the first half, the Irish held the Hokies to zero offensive rebounds and out-rebounded the Hokies 20-11.

Overall, the Irish held a 42-37 rebounding edge.

The defensive effort also improved against Virginia Tech as the Notre Dame defense held its opponent to 35.4 percent from the field.

Virginia Tech's 1-3-1 trap zone caused some problems for the Irish in the first half, forcing five turnovers and 15 overall. On the game, that pressure defense resulted in 31 steals.

BASEBALL

Mainieri names 2004 captains

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame baseball coach Paul Mainieri and his staff have named the Irish captains for the 2004 squad. Senior infielders Steve Sollmann and Javi Sanchez and junior pitcher Chris Niesiel were granted the honor of leading the Irish into the upcoming season.

"Each of these three guys has a great story behind him, and I'm so proud of them for the great things they've already accomplished and what they will continue to accomplish," Mainieri said. "I don't think our team could be in better hands than to have those three guys leading the way."

In selecting captains for the baseball team, players can nominate teammates for the position in essay form, and the Irish coaching staff evaluates the letters for the players they feel are most worthy of the honor. This year, Mainieri and his staff saw three distinct favorites for the position.

"(Sollmann, Sanchez and Niesiel) were clearly the guys that their teammates see CAPTAINS/page 22

Syracuse in Manley Field House at 7 p.m.

"We want to play every game at home," Irish coach Matt McGraw said. "Right now we just can't win on the road, and we're just beating our heads against a wall trying to figure out a reason for it. We're losing to teams that are not quite as talented when we're on the road."

The Irish are 1-7 in true road games — games at the opponent's home court — while staking a perfect 7-0 record at the Joyce Center. Disappointing road losses this season include Michigan State, Georgetown and West Virginia.

"We're just so comfortable playing at home," McGraw said. "The crowd really helps us, and I think there's an immaturity to that — that you need somebody else to pick you up. That's what we have to work on — how can we individually and as a group find the pulse to withstand playing on the road? So far we haven't found the answer."

Struggling on offense or defense can be fixed during practices leading up to a game.

Figuring out how to beat teams in their home arena in front of a hostile crowd isn't an easy task.

"We've tried a lot of different things, and I still feel it has to be a combination of people that we're putting in the games," McGraw said. "So we're yet to see CUSE/page 21.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish need answers, wins away from home

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

They can beat ranked foes like Virginia Tech and Connecticut at home, but for whatever reason, the Notre Dame women can't win on the road, andConnecticut at 7 p.m.

The struggling Belles need a win after losing a heartbreaker to Alma.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Wolke and Crum join 2008 class

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame football coaches are batting .500 recruiting quarterbacks.

Quarterback David Wolke became the verbal commit on Monday with a statement from his home in Smyrna, Tenn., while top-rated Kentucky signal caller Brian Broom chose his hometown Louisville over Notre Dame, Kentucky and Tennessee on Tuesday.

Quarterback Darren Bragg of San Jose, Calif., will visit Notre Dame this weekend.

Bragg could also commit, as coaches have said they plan to sign two quarterbacks.

Wolke committed just a day after the Irish received their ninth commitment from Florida lineage backfielder Maurice Crum, Jr.

While not rated high in recruiting reports, Wolke — who bypassed offers from Kentucky and Wake Forest — reminds one expert of a former Irish quarterback.

"Wolke is a blonde-haired Matt LoVecchio," ESPN点缀 RECRUITS/page 20.