Legends takes dating to fast lane

By JEN ROWLING

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By AMANDA MICHAELS

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A majority vote ensured that the Refugee and Immigration Services would receive $2 from every $5 ticket sold. Last year, approximately 200 tickets were sold, and organizers are hoping to see an increase to 250, so they can give the charity at least $500. President Martiqua Post praised the idea.

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Accounting majors assist needy with taxes

By TERESA NOWAKOWSKI

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Watch your mouth

Anyone who knows me also knows the one pet peeve that stands out above all others in my book. When you say you’re going to do something, do it.

This past weekend, I got a call from my best friend. At one point she halted the conversation to point out, “If there’s one thing about you, I know that you always keep your word.” I take pride in the fact that I hold to my commitments. Not only do I recognize this trait in myself, but as others get to know me, they start to appreciate it as well.

I don’t care if it’s something as simple as making a phone call that you said you’d make, or following through on a favor that you promised. Not there’s one thing wrong with that?

To say that everyone upholds their commitments comes trust. Therefore, when one pet peeve that stands out is that, if you can’t hold someone to their word, what can you hold them to? With commitment comes trust. Therefore, when a commitment is let down, so is trust (and respect too, I might add).

To say that everyone upholds their obligations is non-existent. It’s as though, initially, they didn’t меся to mine. It’s as though, initially, they didn’t love me.

Instead, I expect everyone to keep their word. It’s a safe bet to assume that the person on the receiving end will expect it. After all, assume that the person on the receiving end will expect it. After all, assume that the person on the receiving end will expect it.

I’ve finally realized that everyone is not perfect. Everyone makes mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

IN BRIEF

“Border Fillers,” a lecture by José Saldivar, professor of English and ethnic studies at the University of California, Berkeley, will be held today from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The lecture is a component of the series on “Race in the Americas.”

The Observer regards itself as a professional publica-
By TERESA NOWAKOWSKI
News Writer

Actress and stand-up comedian Geri Jewell began her lecture at Saint Mary’s Tuesday by describing her life with an admirable vitality, only casually mentioning the fact that she has lived with cerebral palsy since birth.

“I was born this way, so it’s no big deal,” she said. “You know what is a big deal to me? My hair.”

Despite her disability, a chronic condition affecting body movements and muscle coordination caused by partial brain damage, Jewell has maintained control of her life in every capacity she can.

“She’s a public figure, she would eventually break into mainstream entertainment. In addition to “The Facts of Life,” Jewell has held roles in “I Love Liberty,” “Two of a Kind,” “Nice Dreams” and “Deadwood,” which will premiere in March on HBO.

Jewell demonstrated Tuesday that she will laugh at her own jokes and stories, yet is first to admit that she’s “had an interesting life.”

Despite her now positive outlook, Jewell’s life has not been all smiles and laughter. As a child, she was the subject of frequent taunting and name-calling.

“You just deal with it,” she said. “I highly overcompensated.”

In school growing up, Jewell said she “was the last generation of children with special needs who are not mainstreamed” and a self-described “survivor of Special Ed.”

Jewell graduated from high school and was left to the discretion of California state agencies. They tried to make her learn a variety of skills in a workshop, in a job at a switchboard and in a filing position, yet she could not complete any of them — simply because she was never interested in what she was doing.

“They never asked me what my interests were,” explained Jewell about why she failed to succeed in the tasks given to her.

Within her lecture, Jewell interpersed stories about the difficulty encountered when merging her disability with her entertainment career, such as knocking off Big Bird’s head in front of a live Sesame Street audience.

“We deal with a lot of ignorance on a daily basis,” she said. “To say that I have to change (a non-disabled person’s attitude) toward me, that’s very unrealistic. Sometimes we get so used to rejection and not having friendships that we expect it to be this way.”

Jewell insists that she “will go 200 yards to make someone feel comfortable” around her, “but it’s always a two-way street.”

“The only thing I can be responsible for is my attitude and what I believe about myself,” she said.

Jewell was the first in a series of guest speakers for Saint Mary’s Disabilities Awareness Week. In addition to other presentations and lectures, signs will also be posted around campus illustrating the effects of disabilities and highlighting public figures that live with a disability on a daily basis.

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Jewell sheds light on life with a disability

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Theology on Tap

Is there hope in grief?

Come to Legends this Wednesday to hear Jennifer Sands, a victim of 9/11, discuss her experiences with finding hope and faith in the midst of tragedy.

Jennifer Sands recently wrote a book entitled A Tempered Faith: Rediscovering Hope in the Ashes of Loss, and is a guest of the University for the Sophomore Literary Festival. Come hear her story, and help us find answers to the question of suffering.

Why does God allow suffering?

Join us at Legends on Wednesday, Feb. 11th

Doors open 9:30. Speaker begins 10:15.

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Each participant attended eight five-minute dates. Couples sat at a table chatting during their time intervals and, when time was called, they rotated to their next partner. Every potential date had his or her own scorecard, and, after the completion of each date, they evaluated the people they met. If a person had potential, a "yes" was circled. Contrarily, if there was no interest, a "no" was circled. Legends coordinators collected the score sheets and distributed them among the students if two individuals checked "yes" for each other. After the eight dates were completed, participants were given about their evening. "Everyone I met was really nice," freshman Allison Smith said. Senior Dave Harnen expressed a similar opinion, saying that Notre Dame's efforts to enhance the social atmosphere at the University are "wholly beneficial." He said he believes that speed dating is a potential way of meeting people and, after the completion of each night by year of graduation, expressed interest in this. Sophomore Craig Brede said that "the majority of what goes on is just hooking up," and he said he believed speed dating could greatly change Notre Dame. "I don't think speed dating will work, but if you think it would be fun to meet people that way, more power to you," Brede said.

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Bomb at police station kills 53, wounds many more; locals blame Americans

Associated Press

ISKANDARIYAH — A suicide bomber blew up a truckload of explosives Tuesday outside a police station south of Baghdad, killing up to 53 people and wounding scores more — an attack that would be Iraqi insurgents lined up to apply for jobs.

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Estimates rise in Church scandal

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NATIONAL NEWS

Local News

Muslims quit gay marriage debate

PLAINFIELD — An umbrella group for North American followers of orthodox Islamic law has ended its support for a phalanx of groups that are opposed to same-sex marriage, citing that the Muslim group has drawn from a small number of the society, representing several million people from 300 mosques and Muslim organizations, ended its affiliation with the alliance last month.

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Bush releases Guard pay records

WASHINGTON — The White House, trying to end doubts about President Bush's Vietnam-era military service, released documents Tuesday that said he proved he had "met his requirements" in the Texas Air National Guard.

The documents outline the days on which he was called to active duty in Alabama, but his supporters have struggled to prove it.

Bush was not paid for any service during a five-month period in 1972, from May through September, according to the records released with Bush's approval Tuesday.

He was paid for two days in October and four days in November and none in December 1972. He was not paid for February or March 1973. The records do not indicate what duty Bush performed or where he was.

Indeed, the payroll documents and annual service "point summaries" could throw new fuel onto a story the White House wants to put behind it.

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Kerry stayed silent on the subject Tuesday.

"I just don't have any comment on it," he told reporters between campaign stops in Tennessee and Virginia. "It's not an issue that I chose to create."
SHARJAH — An Iranian plane carrying migrant workers back from a visa-renewing journey to a Gulf island crashed Tuesday while approaching the airport, killing 43 of the 46 people aboard and narrowly missing nearby homes.

Three survivors of Kish Air’s Flight IRK1770 were hospitalized, two in critical condition with burns and fractures. Authorities recovered the Fokker-50’s cockpit voice and data recorders and hoped they reveal why the plane — which had not reported any trouble on its final approach — crashed two miles from Sharjah airport and burst into flames.

It was returning from the Iranian island of Kish, a favorite destination of foreign workers who must exit the Emirates and return to meet their visa requirements.

The airline advertises cheap “visa change” excursions and its daily flights are packed with foreigners — particularly Indians, Pakistanis and Filipinos who make up the bulk of the Emirates’ workforce.

According to a passenger list released by the airline, 25 of the 40 passengers were traveling on visa change package deals that included air fare and cheap hotels in Kish.

According to the list, aboard were 13 Iranians, 13 Indians, four Egyptians, two Algerians, two Bangladeshis, two Filipinos, one Nepalese, one Kyrgyz, one Nigerian and one Cameronian. Six Iranian crew members also were aboard.

One man, Yaqoub Nasir, who was listed as an Iranian, was from the Emirates, according to his family.

Many Iranians traveling to the Emirates to shop or for business first fly from Tehran to Kish, then make the 60-mile hop across the Gulf on Kish Air, which is significantly cheaper than a direct flight.

Col. Saleh Ali al-Mutawaa, general director of Sharjah Police, said 43 of the 46 people aboard died in the late morning crash. Two men — an Iranian and a Filipino — were being treated at the coronary care unit of al-Qasimi hospital, emergency room attendants said.

Another man, badly burned on his face and body and with multiple fractures, was on a ventilator in intensive care, the attendants said. They did not give his nationality, but Al-Mutawaa, the police official, said two Filipinos and an Iranian survived.

The near miss shocked residents.

"I was sleeping when I heard what must have been the shriek of the engines, and then a very loud noise that was like a nightmare," said Hamza Gherab, whose house was only 100 yards from the wreckage. "My whole family ran out and we couldn’t believe our eyes: There was a burning plane sitting in our front yard."

Gherab said the smoke and fire stopped him and others from getting too close, and residents feared the plane would explode.

"All I could see was flames and smoke and bodies everywhere," said Beatrice Manolo, a Filipina maid working in one of the homes in the area.

Thirty charred bodies covered with red blankets lay in rows near the wreckage. The bodies were intact but burned beyond recognition, one was an infant, an Iranian girl.
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**Energy**

**OPEC to cut world oil output**

Oil cartel surprises markets with million-barrel daily cut; futures jump

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**Business**

**In Brief**

Aide: Martha altered phone logs

NEW YORK — With an investigation looming, Martha Stewart sat down at her assistant's computer and altered a record of a message left by her stockbroker about ImClone Systems stock, the assistant testified Tuesday.

Stewart immediately stood up and ordered her assistant to dump Blockbuster for Paramount in a heated takeover battle against rival suitor QVC.

IRS cracks down on tax shelters

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced Tuesday it had collected $170 million in taxes and penalties on hidden offshore accounts and has shared with state tax agencies information about 20,000 taxpayers using scams and shelters to avoid taxes.

Both efforts stem from the agency's move to curb the growth of tax shelters among wealthy taxpayers, an agency priority — said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson.

The IRS uncovered the money hidden offshore by offering a three-month amnesty last year, but fewer than 1,300 taxpayers took the offer to avoid $6.7 billion in penalties.

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**The planned April cut in OPEC's formal output is unconditional, added Oil prices rose. North Sea Brent crude for March delivery was up 69 cents to $29.80 in London, while March contracts for light sweet U.S. crude were up 60 cents at $33.43 in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.**

**OPEC's emphasis on the need to curb over-production was "a sign of some discipline" that should, by itself, help keep crude prices firm in the short term, said John Waterlow, an analyst with Wood Mackenzie Consultants in Edinburgh, Scotland.**

**The April cut in production would bite deeper into consumers' wallets, said Jan Stuart of FIMAT USA, a New York brokerage. "This may mean that consumers are going to carry on paying loads of money for their car.**

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**Tyco, which has about 72,000 employees and $36 billion in annual revenue, makes electronics and medical supplies and owns the ADT home security business.**
Kerry's views resonate with Southerners

Exit polls show Kerry attracted voters angry with Bush, eager for victory

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John Kerry scored victories in Democratic primaries in Virginia and Tennessee on Tuesday by tapping into voter anger and dissatisfaction with President Bush, especially among those eager to see a government change, according to Associated Press exit polls.

The Massachusetts senator discovered the same hunger among Southern state primary voters for victory in November and displeasure with the incumbent that he found among voters elsewhere in the country in a string of victories since the primary caucuses in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Kerry ran very strong among those who said the most important quality for a candidate was the ability to defeat Bush — claiming three-fourths of the Virginia voters who said that quality was most important and almost two-thirds of Tennessee voters who wanted to support a general election winner.

None of his rivals were even close among those voters — about three in 10 of all Virginia voters and one-fourth of all Tennessee voters. Kerry also ran strong in both states among voters who thought experience was the top quality.

The economy and jobs were top issues in both states. And the ability to beat Bush was a quality many voters were looking for in both states.

Michelle Darby, 34, a marketing manager for an insurance company in Roanoke, Va., said she voted for Kerry because she wants to see a victory by "anybody but George Bush...sustainability." "I like what (Kerry) stands for," she said. "John Edwards is a little too young. [Howard] Dean's a crazy man. [Wesley] Clark's just, I don't know, there's just something there I don't like."

Michelle Darby Southern voter

Kerry's views resonate with Southerners

Now is your opportunity!
Debate on gay-marriage ban brings lobbyists

Gay-rights activists, conservative leaders converge on Mass. statehouse

Associated Press

BOSTON — Gay-rights activists, conservative leaders and media from around the globe converged on the Massachusetts Statehouse for a historic session Wednesday in which lawmakers will take up a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

As the hours ticked down, Senate leaders favorably sought a middle ground, proposing a compromise that would ban same-sex marriage but establish civil unions.

"We should not engage in a divisive, all-or-nothing debate that may end by eliminating all rights for same-sex couples," Democratic Senate President Robert Travaglini and Republican Senate Minority Leader Brian Lees wrote fellow lawmakers Tuesday.

The compromise prompted almost immediate criticism, including from House Speaker Thomas Finneran, who called it "highly inappropriate" to use an amendment to craft legislation or pass new law — like one establishing civil unions.

The gay-marriage issue has created an unprecedented spectacle at the Capitol: As many as 4,000 spectators and 300 media members are expected to attend the start of the constitutional convention, and a furious lobbying effort was already under way.

Christian conservatives used a dolly to haul in more than 18,000 petitions signed by citizens from across the country urging lawmakers to pass the amendment.

Meanwhile, children of gay couples traveled to the Statehouse to plead with the Senate "not to write discrimination into our constitution."

"I've never seen anything like this," said Charles Rasmussen, spokesman for Finneran, a Democrat who supports the amendment.

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Camera crews from London, Japan and Spain are seeking credentials for the event, and authorities planned to beef up security to handle the crowds.

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Charles Rasmussen
political spokesman

Massachusetts put itself at the very center of the gay-marriage debate when the Supreme Judicial Court ruled 4-3 in November that gays should be guaranteed the benefits of marriage. Lawmakers thought that Vermont-style civil unions might suffice, but the court issued an advisory opinion last week that left no doubt: Only full-fledged gay marriage would pass constitutional muster.

That cleared the way for the nation's first legally sanctioned same-sex weddings by May.

At the constitutional convention, the House and Senate will meet to consider 140 proposed constitutional amendments. The gay-marriage issue is near the bottom of the agenda and might not get to a final vote for days.

Another proposal under consideration is an amendment that could require the state's judicial leaders to be either elected or appointed — an issue that has taken on added significance because of the court's polarizing stance on gay marriage.

If approved by the Legislature during this session, the gay-marriage amendment would have to again be ratified by lawmakers during the 2005-06 session before it could go on the November 2006 ballot.

The last time Massachusetts lawmakers, in the heavily Roman Catholic state had a chance to weigh in on the issue of gay marriage was in 2002, when the constitutional convention was gavelled to a close before any vote took place. Near-brawls erupted among citizens who attended and raised voices were heard in the normally sedate chamber.

The Senate president at the time used parliamentary procedures to prevent a debate or vote on the gay-marriage ban. Travaglini, who does not support gay marriage but is in favor of civil unions, promised not to use such maneuvering this time.

On Tuesday, lawmakers circulated proposed changes to the amendment, hoping to secure the necessary 101 votes among the 199 sitting lawmakers to get it passed. The proposed compromise establishing civil unions had critics on both sides of the issue.

"We find that reprehensible," said Ron Crews, president of the Massachusetts Family Institute, which opposes gay marriage. "We need legislators who will have the courage to take a stand to preserve and protect marriage as it is currently worded. We would encourage the legislature not to cloud this with any other language at this time."

Gay-rights advocates said the compromise does nothing but camouflage a bigoted amendment.

"At the end of the day, they're writing discrimination into the constitution and putting a fresh coat of paint on it," said Amy Hunt, director of the LGBT Aging Project, a state gay-rights group.

Gay-marriage activists called Travaglini's words "polemical" and "misleading.".

"I'm surprised that anyone can present this as a compromise," said Amy Hunt, director of the LGBT Aging Project.

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Defense objects to GPS evidence in trial

Associated Press

BEDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Defense lawyer Mark Geragos will try to convince the judge in the Scott Peterson double-murder case Wednesday that global positioning technology is inaccurate and unreliable.

Legal experts said he faces an uphill battle, since the technology has been in use for many years by airline pilots and even hikers to pinpoint locations to within a few feet, using signals bounced off satellites.

Geragos has said his client was tracked by Global Positioning System devices placed by authorities in vehicles he drove after his wife, Laci, disappeared on Christmas Eve in 2002. Geragos wants all the GPS tracking evidence excluded from the trial.

"The GPS technology has not been generally accepted by the scientific community," he contended in court papers filed in October.

Geragos faces a gag order and can't comment on what he hopes to gain by keeping the tracking evidence out of the trial. Likewise, prosecutors haven't said how they hope to use the evidence.

If his claims about GPS unreliability fail to persuade Judge Alfred A. Delucchi at the Wednesday hearing, Geragos hopes to prove the device used to track Peterson was operated improperly by Modesto police.

"We all know from how much we use GPS now that it's quite accurate," said Mark Hutchins, attorney for the Modesto police.

Police used GPS to track Peterson from Jan. 3 through April 22, 2003, when they arrested him near San Diego only days after the bodies of his wife and unborn son surfaced in San Francisco Bay. GPS was first developed for military use in 1978. In California, prosecutors who use GPS evidence in court are required to establish the device's reliability using properly qualified experts.

Prosecutors not connected to the Peterson trial say this shouldn't pose a problem.

"We all know from how much we use GPS now that it's quite accurate," said Mark Hutchins, senior deputy district attorney in Alameda County. "Airplanes use it. Everyone's got a GPS map thing in their car."

S.D. mulls ban on abortion

Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. — The House passed a bill Tuesday that would outlaw most abortions in South Dakota, but opponents said it would do nothing but cost taxpayers money if it becomes law.

The bill, passed 54-15, would outlaw abortion unless a mother's life is in danger. It makes no exceptions for rape victims or women who could suffer permanent serious health problems by having babies.

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ECDC Registration

The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is currently registering children for the 2004-05 School Year and the 2004 Summer Day Camp. ECDC at Saint Mary's College enrolls children ages 3 through 5 during the school year and 3 through 9 during the summers. ECDC at Notre Dame enrolls children ages 2 through kindergarten during the school year and 2.5 through 9 during the summer. For more information and ECDC Parent Tours, please call one of the numbers below.

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Canines compete for top dog at Westminster

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With so many top dogs in town, any win at Westminster is a big deal. So it made perfect sense that Karen Mammano let out a playful yelp when the judge picked her American water spaniel.

No matter that Shane was the only American water spaniel in the show.

"Yeah, it was a little strange being out there all by ourselves," Mammano said after taking best of breed. "But hey, I'll take an automatic win."

Hours later, the competition got a lot tougher at America's most prestigious canine event. Of the 2,624 dogs entered, only a handful were left in the running for best in show heading into Tuesday night.

Josh, a bounding, shiny black Newfoundland, figured to be the favorite among the crowd of 15,000 or so at Madison Square Garden. Big dogs always attract a lot of attention, although a sprightly Norfolk terrier named Coco had been almost unbeatable on the recent show circuit.

A primped, above-it-all Pekingese and a stylish, shaved standard poodle also earned their way into the final seven with group wins Monday. An Ibizan hound named Bunny — she has a white patch in the shape of the Playboy symbol on her back — was a repeat winner Tuesday night in the hound group and a Sussex spaniel won the sporting group.

Josh spent part of the day napping in his crate, kept cool by a pair of huge circular fans. His owners planned to take him on a long walk to relax.

"We've got to get him out of here," co-owner Peggy Helming said.

Mikimoto on Fifth, the poodle with purple rollers in his hair, prepared for the big night with a little entertainment. With his paws, he played pattycake with owner Karen LeFrak.

Keeping a dog — and its owner and handler — calm on the big day can be a doggone difficult task. Along with more than a thousand dogs in the holding area, there is a crush of people strolling backstage to look at the pooches and buy a bevy of pet products.

"It's not an ideal situation," admitted handler Bill McFadden, who guided a Kerry blue terrier named Mick to the best in show title last year. "Sometimes, you have to take the dogs down the ramp to stretch their legs. It's cooler down there, and the fresh air helps."

Just in case of an emergency, Westminster keeps veterinarians on call in a Garden office right behind the ring. The vets work in two-person teams in three-hour shifts.

"Most of the problems are stress-related," vet George Korin said. "We haven't had anything too serious."

Mark Salemi said the biggest trauma he recalled came when a Bernese mountain dog jumped out of its crate and caught a nail that bled profusely.

Often times, the vets wind up soothing the nerves of the owners and handlers. "That can be a big part of it," Salemi said.

One dog that missed out because of an injury was a low-chien named Napoleon. Three weeks ago, a pit bull-mix got into the family's backyard in Lawton, Okla., and broke its leg.

Still, 8-year-old handler Rachel Skaggs, her brother and her mother came with Napoleon as special guests of Westminster. "He's a brat, and so am I," Rachel said, holding her pet.

"We're going to come back here next year," Mammano had it easy in the afternoon. Though five American water spaniels were entered, hers was the lone one that showed up.

"I've never seen it at Westminster," said Mammano, a longtime handler.

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A liberal's liberal

Let's call a spade a spade here. John Kerry is a liberal's liberal. Barring a political meltdown even more embarrassing than Howard Dean's "I have a Scream," this year's current Democratic frontrunner with his party's nomination. But despite cruising his way to victory, this might not be a good thing for a shaky Democratic Party that can ill- afford for President Bush to capture re-election this November. Unlike Bill Clinton's meteoric rise from out of nowhere in 1992, there is just not an overwhelming sense amongst moderate and even Democratic voters who comprise the party's majority that Kerry represents their best interests. Clinton secured the Democratic nomination by distinguishing himself as a central Washington outsider desist- chanted with the extremely liberal direction in which his party was headed.

Kerry, no matter how hard he will try in the coming months to portray himself otherwise, is guilty of steering the ship in that extremely liberal direction. Americans for Democratic Action, the self-described nation's oldest liberal lobbying organization, gives Kerry a lifetime rating of 93 percent. That's considerably higher than any other candidate field, So high that liberal- dinosaur Ted Kennedy, who has a rating of only approximately 85 percent, actually holds the title as the American people's most conservative senator, from Massachusetts. Anyone who can make Ted Kennedy look conservative should be cause for serious apprehen- sion.

This primary has not exactly been one of those difficult process-of-elimination tests. Amidst an overly crowded field of political nobodies and lightweights, Democrats are choosing Kerry by default. Despite Time Magazine and U.S. News and World Report's best efforts to drum up support for Howard Dean by placing the not-so-good doctor on their covers virtually every week over the last few months of 2003, the former Governor of Vermont proved to be an also-ran in all polls.

Reasonable Democrats knew the American people were never going to elect a team of former police officers running a camera, left-wing radical whose face grew so red every time he spoke that it looked like he was choking on a piece of rawsierie chicken. The campaigns of Carol Moseley Braun, Al Sharpton and Dennis Kucinich were jokes, and that's putting it nicely.

Even if Modonna and other lib- eral Hollywood entertainers publicly embraced Senator Wesley Clark, he lacks both the experience and the person- ality to play with the big boys. John Edwards, a rising star in the Democratic party, is a respectable guy, but too overly ambitious. For an ex-trial lawyer who has yet to complete a full term as Senator, he does not hold enough political clout yet to be elected President. His best chance might be four years later. But as it stands now, Edwards, regardless of his political fate in the primaries, will fade into oblivion because he will not be defending his Senate seat in 2004.

Thus, the Democrats will nominate John Kerry not for his charisma or any dynamic political agenda, but because, as his current campaign states, "I am the only candidate who can defeat Bush." That is a scary thought, not just for the radical right wing but for mid- of-the-road voters like the majority of us.

True to the liberal mantra, Kerry believes the government should coddlie the dreges of society. He voted against mandatory prison sentences for drug dealers who sell to children. He also supported the hardworking taxpayers' money to provide avail- ability payments to drug addicts and alcoholics. No other senator has been as staunch a defender of abortion rights. Either Kerry has voted against every pro- tested restriction on abortion, or he is reflecting his party's views on that issue. And if the American people decide that Kerry is not fit to be an arrogant blowhard.

Ostensively, Kerry has tried the line of conservatism making dis- patching remarks about the merits of affirmative action while vocalizing sup- port for school vouchers. But these are lies. His support for the Supreme Court to decide, not the United States Senate. And even if he is a liberal judge who would protect abortion rights would probably not strike down any affirmative action or uphold school vouchers, Kerry's conservative talk is cheap. With the possibility of as many as four current Supreme Court justices retiring in the next four years, this election will determine the social direction of this country. Voters should not forget the type of liberal, activist justices Kerry will surely appoint.

While social issues will be critical in this election, no issue will take more precedence than national security. Judging by his comments on the campa- gne trail, Kerry does not seem to know where he stands. Kerry deserves the utmost respect for serving in the Vietnam War, but this does not automatically make him a better candidate than President Bush in this area.

If his past voting record is any indica- tion, Kerry is anything but tough. Despite sitting on the Senate Intelligence committee and being privy to highly classified information reveal- ing looming security threats to the United States, he has not publicly voted for military and intelligence spending cuts throughout his time in office. Kerry was among one of only a few senators to vote against the first Iraq war. In 2002, he did an about-face, voting for the Iraq war resolution, but has repeatedly criti- cized President Bush for making the decision to go to war even since. Kerry has justified this contradiction by say- ing he voted "to thwart the use of force to make Saddam Hussein comply with the resolutions of the United Nations," not necessarily to go to war. Does Kerry really think the American people can't see through these shameless attempts at political expedi- tion? According to Kerry, the Bush Administration would have worked hard- er to convince Americans to back the so-called allies, France, Germany and Russia, to support the war. But the third-term president can look to that photo- books that all of the United States' allies had handsome oil contracts with Saddam Hussein's Iraq. A hundred thousand dead and not even understand- ed bribes would have convinced him to support the war. Not that their support should matter anyways. The United Nations should never have to ask another country's permission to defend ourselves. Most alarming, though, is Kerry's claim that the Bush Administration has exaggerated the terrorist threat to the United States. Does Kerry suffer from amnesia? Has he already forgotten the over three thousand Americans who tragically died on 9/11? Not only are Kerry's comments cruelly insensitive to the families of the war victims, but they are also frighteningly naïve.

In the coming months, John Kerry will try to paint himself as a moderate to the American people. But we know better. He's a liberal's liberal, and our nation will suffer if he is elected President.

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"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination." Nelson Mandela anti-apartheid activist

QUOTE OF THE DAY
Bengal Bouts support Holy Cross Missionaries

1854: Franklin Pierce was president. Notre Dame was 12 years old. And the first Holy Cross missionaries set foot in what is now Bangladesh, one of the poorest countries in the world. Bangladesh is 83.3 percent Muslim and 10.5 percent Hindu. Could those missionaries have foreseen that, 150 years later, Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters would staff schools, parish and other activities throughout that country? Maybe. But they could not have imagined that the largest single donation to their apostolate every year would be generated by Notre Dame students majoring in pugilistic science.

The Holy Cross Brothers, under Brother Alan McNeil, CSC, organized a Notre Dame boxing tournament in 1920 to support the Bengal Missions. With the encouragement of Knute Rockne, that program developed. In 1931, Dominic (Nappy) Napolitano organized the Bengal Bouts in the form in which they have continued for 74 years.

In 2003, the Bouts contributed $44,000 to the Bengal Missions. This year, 143 boxers will try to beat that total.

The student officers of the Boxing Club run the program under the supervision of Rich O’Leary and Dave Brown of the Club Sports office. The senior captains are Pat Dillon, Tomes Denko, Stefano Borovina, Billy Zizic and Tony Hollowell. The junior captains are Nathan Lobster, Jim Christoforetti and Galen Loughrey. Each boxer is a function of Willing, dedicated, disciplined and a gram arc. But the brains of the outfit, and the key to its financial suc-
cess, are the student managers, Kristin Boyd, Ashley Merusi and Rachel Anderson, who are taking the administrative and business end of the Bouts to a new level.

This unique athletic phenomenon could happen only at Notre Dame. “The Bengal Bouts,” wrote Chicago sports columnist Bill Gleason, “are as purely amateur as a sport can be.” The head coaches are Chicago, former Terry Johnson, Columbus, Ohio former Tom Saddles and Pat Farrell, the university pilot. All are former Bengals champs.

“We teach traditional, stand-up style boxing,” said John Johnson, “the same way Nappy taught it 50 years.” We approach boxing as a sport, not as a fight. The guys understand this and are dedicated to sportsmanship, camaraderie and boxing for the missions.”

In a workout led by Tom Saddles, the boxers count push-ups and sit-ups by the hundred and Tom does every one of them himself (almost). “The Bouts are special,” notes Saddles, “because you may end up in the ring with your best friend and after the final bell your relationship and mutual respect are stronger than before you put on the gloves.”

The assistant coaches, all volunteers, include Sweet C. Robinson, of the Berrien Springs police department, and former boxers Ryan Bann, Chip Farrell, Tom Bocchini, Jeff Dubosh and Roland Chambless, a Superior Court Judge and four-time Bengals champ who may be the only active judge who also serves as cornerman in a boxing ring.

Holy Mother Church is in the act with the chaplains, Fr. Bill Scott, CSC and Fr. Brian Daley, Notre Dame community will continue their strong support for this superb cause on this 150th anniversary of the Bengal Missions. We welcome you to visit the practices in the JACC Boxing Room any weekday from 4 to 6 p.m. You will be impressed. And maybe even surprised.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

‘Monologues’ not what we need

I am a woman. I have never been sexually abused but have close relatives and friends who have. I have read the "Monologues." With that said, upon reading the "Monologues," I was deeply offended and felt that my femininity was grievously degraded. I have been saddened to see so many of my sisters in Christ promoting them as a means of empowering women.

What is needed to combat violence against women in the world is a complete paradigm shift. We, as women and men created in the image of God, need to stop seeing women as objects, as mere products of negative experiences, or as a body part, and start seeing them as whole persons, as beautiful expressions of God's love.

Then, and only then, will women start respecting themselves, not for the control they can have over their bodies, not for the pleasure they can give mankind, not for the power they can have over men, but because they are created and radically loved by God. If we aim to eliminate all forms of violence against women, we should hardly employ violence as our means. The "Monologues" are violent emotional-ly, psychologically and spiritually. If we see women as having intrinsic, God-given dignity, then we should highlight that dignity and do further damage to it.

Even if the content of the "Monologues" was not violent, in many places where they are shown (although not at Notre Dame) some of the proceeds go to Planned Parenthood, which through its unqualified support of abortion and contraception completely under-mines the value and dignity of women in this country. Even though the proceeds from Notre Dame’s show will not go to Planned Parenthood, an injustice to women anywhere is an injustice to women everywhere.

I encourage all women on this campus to re-examine the way they view themselves and their sisters (and brothers) in Christ. We deserve better than the "Monologues." Let us look to the Blessed Mother for a monologue that is truly empowering.

Christina Dehan
Junior
Radio Hall
Feb. 10

EDITORIAL CARTOON

I SEE DEMOCRATS... WORKING TOGETHER... UNITING BEHIND A CANDIDATE... COOPERATING...

SERIOUSLY DELUSIONAL...
**Movie Review**

**Jack and Diane at Their Best in Comedy**

By EMILY IAROCCI

Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton are undoubtedly two of the brightest and best actors of their generation. We have grown up seeing them on screen in such movies as *Batman*, *A Few Good Men*, *As Good As It Gets*, *The于cker Boy* and *Father of the Bride*. Nicholson and Keaton joined in this winter's romantic comedy *Something's Gotta Give*. *Something's Gotta Give* is written and directed by Nancy Meyers, the same woman who directed *What Women Want,* another outstanding romantic comedy. Both Nicholson and Keaton are outstanding actors of their generation. We have watched them in many films, and both have received several award nominations. The story of *La Bohème* is staged by the *Verdi Europe*, a Bulgarian opera company. The company was established by Ivan Kyurkchiev in 1996 and has been involved with many opera houses from all over Russia and Eastern Europe. They gained international fame from their productions of other famous operas such as *Carmen*, *La Traviata*, and *Rigoletto*. What makes the company unique is their combination of all of the major Bulgarian opera houses into their performances. They have also worked with opera houses in Romania, Hungary, Moldavia and Ukraine. The company performs over 70 times a year, and this is their first tour in the United States.

Carin was sold in 2006 to the wealthy sitting up in boxes wearing tuxedos and sporting tiny binoculars. This image is augmented by the fact that most operas are not in English, and are therefore even more inaccessible to the average American citizen. Puccini's opera has succeeded where so many others have failed because it was able to draw such deep emotion from a relatively simple story. Take, for example, the way the simple melodies and chords stemming from the *Basilica organ* fill campus visitors with awe every week.

**Contact: Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton enjoy a walk along the beach together in the romantic comedy "Something's Gotta Give."**

**Show Preview**

**Famous opera arrives in South Bend**

By JONATHAN RETARTRA

Scene Writer

"The greatest love story ever sung" comes to The Morris Performing Arts Center in the form of opera. Verdi Europe presents Giacomo Puccini's famous opera, "La Bohème." The opera, presented with subtitles, tells the story of Mimi and Rodolfo, two lovers who face poverty and death in the midst of their romance.

The opera takes place in Paris, around the year 1830. Rodolfo and his impoverished bohemian friends are living in a small garret in the Latin Quarter when Mimi, Rodolfo's neighbor, stops by to ask for a light for her candle. When she drops her key in the room, the ensuing search leaves them both sitting on the floor in the moonlight telling their dreams to each other. Rodolfo dreams of writing and Mimi dreams of the coming spring.

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Harry Sanborn (Jack Nicholson) and Erica Barry (Diane Keaton) enjoy a walk along the beach together in the romantic comedy "Something's Gotta Give."
Hockey never looked so good

By ANN FLIES
Scene Movie Critic

"Miracle"

Director: Gavin O'Connor
Producer: Eric Guggenheim
Starring: Kurt Russell, Eddie Cahill, Michael Mantenuto, Patrick O'Brien Dempsey, Kenneth Mitchell, Nathan West and Noah Emmerich

Coach Herb Brooks (Kurt Russell) diagrams a play for his team in the new film "Miracle," which is based on the 1980 U.S. Gold medal-winning hockey team.

The four hours it takes to cook may be turned off by Johnny Depp's character. This leads us to the movie, "Once Upon A Time In Mexico." For starters, you don't need to have seen the previous ones to understand what is going on in this one. Although it helps, because you notice all of the returning actors, including ones that were killed in previous movies. It is also the deepest one of the trilogy, which seems to contrast with its action based nature. "Desperado" was centered basically on the Mariachi character (also known as El). This time around, the number of characters almost seems overwhelming, which they are on the first viewing of the movie. It improves upon a second viewing, which is almost required as only the most astute movie watcher will catch everything in the movie the first time.

Sound in the movie and video quality are both top-notch. Shots are used wise and clear, along with any other sound worth mentioning. Video looks terrific with no discoloration or darkness, it is a rather superior DVD.

Rodriguez's latest movie is practically bursting with all the stars in it, including Johnny Depp, Enrique Iglesias and Willem Dafoe. Rodriguez knows what he does well, and because of that he gets what he wants.

"Once Upon A Time In Mexico," a meal that is documented on the film's DVD.

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Explosive finale for the 'Desperado' trilogy

By MARK REMENDERDER
Scene DVD Critic

Before I review "Once Upon A Time in Mexico," it is my duty to enlighten the faithful reader why Robert Rodriguez is the man. His first film in the El Mariachi trilogy was filmed on a shoestring budget. But it was good enough and showed enough potential that he was able to snag some very big names actors for the movie and not just his regulars (Antonio Banderas, Selma Hayek, Cheech Marin, etc.).

Rodriguez is especially evident early in the film where a scene in a pub calling for a heated argument lacks any form of emotion. The lack of acting experience among the team members luckily is not evident when the movie moves to the ice. As the actors' bios suggest, most of them have some amount of hockey experience, which helps to enhance the quality of the piece during crucial moments.

One of the truly outstanding qualities of "Miracle" is its ability to put the viewers into the action. The movement, energy and excitement of hockey are readily evident; a viewer was heard to say, "If you didn't like hockey before the movie, you will love it after.

In spite of the fact that most viewers already know the outcome of the game, the natural momentum of the storyline keeps the suspense and excitement in place. The movie wisely reaches a crescendo with the Soviet Union game, where great camera placement captures every second of the action. Even those who are not appreciative of the game will find enjoyment in the memorable quotes and prevailing feeling of team unity.

Overall, "Miracle" is an incredible thrill ride echoing past movie favorites such as "The Mighty Ducks," but with a more mature and intense twist. "Miracle" would be good for the sole reason that it is recounting an iconic piece of American history, but the fast-paced hockey scenes and emotional audience response make it truly great.

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MOVIE REVIEW

"Once Upon A Time in Mexico"

Agent Sands (Johnny Depp) sits down to enjoy some slow roasted pork in "Once Upon A Time In Mexico," a meal that is documented on the film's DVD.

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DYNAMIC REVIEW

DVD REVIEW

Columbia Tristar

"Once Upon A Time in Mexico"

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NBA

Even a little adversity isn't too much for the New Jersey Nets to overcome under new winning coach Lawrence Frank.

Richard Jefferson had 27 points and 10 rebounds and the Nets posted their ninth straight win - eighth in a row under Frank, rallying to beat the Detroit Pistons 89-76 on Tuesday night.

This was probably the toughest loss for Frank, who replaced Byron Scott two more weeks ago. The Nets fell behind by 13 points after the first quarter and the 33-year-old coach said he had way between periods.

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Wallace, who had 13 points and 12 rebounds and the 33-year-old coach scolded his team between periods. "We didn't have a lot of guys making their energy. That's my responsibility," Brown said. "I never thought I'd have to coach effort. It seems to me a lot of games, we have to coach effort."

The 13-point first-quarter deficit was the largest since Frank took over. He face was red as he yelled between quarters.

"He had a leg up," Martin said.

About halfway through the second quarter, the Nets finally got their transition game going. New Jersey closed the lead to 13 at 3:15 and took a 42-46 lead. Detroit missed its final 10 shots.

"Jeff was outstanding in the run. He scored eight points and ignites the run with an alley-oop lay-in of a Martin pass that might have been offensive goal-tending," Brown said.

Kidd had 10 points in the third quarter when New Jersey opened a 71-62 lead. The Nets nailed down the win, holding the Pistons to zero points in the final 7:30.

Hamilton scored 11 points and the Pistons held the Nets to just 6-for-25 shooting from the field in taking a 29-16 lead after the first quarter.

Lakers 98, Heat 83

Derek Fisher caught a long outlet pass and sent a back­ward, between-legs bounce pass to Gary Payton for an uncontested lay-in at the 15-second mark.

It was the only thing Fisher made look easy Tuesday night.

Fisher went on a personal 8-0 run over a 2:24 span of the fourth quarter, capping off his season-high 16-point effort and lifting the Los Angeles Lakers past the Miami Heat 98-83.

Miami never was that close again.

Fisher secured the win with an open-court steal and breakaway dunk with 1:17 left, giving the Lakers their double-digit lead of the night, 94-83 - part of a game-ending 20-6 run that began with Fisher's scoring spree.

The Lakers could have tied the game at 80 with 6:33 left, but Eddie Jones' 3-pointer failed to go down and Miami turned it over. "We performed a lot offensively going down the stretch," Miami coach Stan Van Gundy said. "We came out and played all 2:24 straight."

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Eddie Jones also had 13 for the Heat, who shot just 39.0 percent the rest of the game.

"After a very mediocre start, when we built a big hole for ourselves, I thought we played 40 minutes of very good basketball," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

Timberwolves 96, Clippers 84

Still swirling over a one-point loss two days ago, the Minnesota Timberwolves finally found a way to start strong.

Kevin Garnett finished with 35 points and 16 rebounds for his third straight double-double and the Timberwolves built a lead as big as 17 in the first half.

Garnett set the tone for the one with 14 points and nine rebounds in the opening period, and the Timberwolves built a lead as big as 17 in the first half.

Helping Minnesota make up for its 99-93 defeat to the Memphis in which Mark Madsen missed the potential game-win­ning layup at the buzzer, Garnett had his fifth 30-point performance in the past six games and Gary Trent scored 15 points.

"Our team just keeps our com­posure," said Sam Cassell, who had eight points and 12 assists after going scoreless for the first 27-plus minutes.

Gary Maggerte had a season-high 34 points for the Clippers, who lost their third straight.

Elston Brand added 12 points.

This was the fifth of a six­ game road trip that takes the Clippers up to the All-Star break, and they emerged quite sluggishly.

Was it fatigue?

"No. I'm not going to say that," Maggerte said. "We have to be up grown about this.

Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said his team through an intense, training camp-style practice on Monday as the team tried to make amends for the disappointing loss to Memphis.

And on Tuesday they seemed in complete control, as opposed to the familiar sight of struggling through one of the first two periods and playing a frantic game of catch-up.

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NCAA Men's Basketball

Majerus will not return to coaching at Utah

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Rick Majerus said Tuesday he will not coach the University of Utah again this season, ending his 15-year association with the school he brought to national prominence.

"No. I won't come back this year, and I won't coach next year for sure," Majerus told ESPN.

He also ruled out coaching Utah in the future.

"They need to hire a coach," Majerus said. "I've divorced myself from this."

Apparently, the decision was not Majerus' alone.

"His doctor told him that under no circumstances was he coming back this year," Majerus' attorney, Bob Henderson, told The Associated Press.

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Associated Press

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U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin issued her ruling last Thursday in a lawsuit by Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett, a 20-year-old sophomore who played just one season in college before trying to enter the draft.

The NFL asked the judge for a stay while it appeals, saying a higher court may not be able to rule before the April draft.

"Absent a stay, countless college underclassmen, as well as high school students who lack the physical and psychological maturity to succeed in professional football, will be encouraged prematurely to declare themselves eligible for the NFL draft," the NFL said.

At issue is a league rule that a player must be out of high school for three years before he is eligible for the draft.

The NFL argued that the rule is for the young players' own good: It is designed to make sure they are big enough and strong enough to play with the pros.

"Immediate enforcement of the court ruling will encourage teenage athletes to overtrain — or worse — to use steroids or dangerous nutritional supplements in the hope of rapidly developing the strength and speed required to compete in the NFL," the NFL said.

Scheindlin, however, said the eligibility rule violates antitrust law by denying young athletes the right to market their talents.

Clarett has not said whether he would enter the draft because he still might want to return to college.

Ohio State would have to petition the NCAA to allow Clarett to return for the 2004 season, and it is unclear whether the school would succeed.

Maurice Clarett talks on his cell phone with his lawyer, Alan Milstein, Monday at a press conference. The conference followed a federal judge's ruling against the NFL's policy that barred eligibility for high school students. The NFL asked for a suspension of the ruling, which they say will harm the league.

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Purdue's leading scorer set to return Wednesday

INDIANAPOLIS — Purdue's unquestioned leader is about to return from a three-game absence, and it couldn't come at a better time for the reeling Boilermakers.

Purdue coach Gene Keady said he expects forward Kenneth Lowe to play on Wednesday against Northwestern after missing three games with a sprained left elbow.

Lowe was injured in a loss to Indiana on Jan. 27. The Boilermakers (11-7, 5-4 Big Ten) went 1-2 without him and have lost three of their last four games.

"After the (Michigan) game, he felt like his progress was good enough," Keady said.

Lowe participated in light workouts at practice last week and, depending upon how he looks before Wednesday's game against Northwestern, Lowe could start or come off the bench.

His return is good news for a team that desperately needs some. The Boilermakers went to Bloomington on Jan. 27 playing for the lead in the Big Ten. The emotional loss sent them into a tailspin from which they have yet to recover.

Mental breakdowns against Michigan and Ohio State, among others, have reduced title contenders to a team needing a victory to get back on track.

"We haven't had a lot of good things happen to us," Keady said. "This is a good thing. I hope he gives us a jolt, some positive reinforcement."

The latest disappointment came Saturday when Courtney Sims tipped in a rebound with 1.4 seconds left to lift Michigan over Purdue. Keady said a win in Ann Arbor, Mich., would have given the Boilermakers a solid shot at winning the Big Ten title.

Instead, the loss has instilled a sense of urgency, starting with the game against the dangerous Wildcats.

"Now you have to win six in a row," Keady told his players.

The first one, he said, will be no easy task. The Wildcats (19-11, 4-5) used an aggressive matchup zone defense to thump then-No. 14 Wisconsin 69-51 on Saturday.

"We have a chance to run for the championship and we have to make a long run here," Keady said. "Our goal is to play that last game for the championship. We're worried about Northwestern and that's it, bottom line."

Leading the way for Northwestern is guard Jiim Young, who is fourth in the Big Ten in scoring with 18.1 points a game. He scored 17 in Northwestern's big win over the Badgers.

"Young is one of the best worries in the league," Keady said. "He's strong, understands the coach's offense. He does so many good things, just plays hard all the time."

The Wildcats also run a version of the Princeton offense, a complicated motion offense featuring screens and backdoor cuts. Combined with the unique matchup zone defense, it makes preparing for them a difficult prospect, which is only compounded by Purdue's injuries and suspensions.

"Our kids understand they can beat us," Keady said. "They have great balance. We just respect the heck out of them."

Even though Lowe will play, he said he won't be 100 percent. Swingman Melvin Buckley is also nursing a sprained ankle and Chris Booker was recently ruled academically ineligible.

Keady openly wondered this week why folks have the impression that the Boilermakers don't have the same personnel problems as other teams in the Big Ten, then added a little levity to his complaint.

"Somebody needs to coach the announcers," he said. "We have three guys out, physically, and about 10 guys out mentally."
Hasek out for rest of the year with groin injury

Associated Press

DETROIT — Dominik Hasek’s season is over because of a groin injury. He’s determined not to let his career end this way.

"I’ll be back next season," Hasek said Tuesday.

The 39-year-old Hasek ended his retirement after one year and agreed to make $6 million this season, the Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman and agreed to make $6 million this season, the Red Wings goalie said he doesn’t regret coming back.

"No, I never made a mistake," he said. "Unfortunately my groin wasn’t strong enough."

One of the NHL’s all-time great goal tenders, Hasek won two MVP awards and six Vezina Trophies, given to the league’s six top goalies annually. He has kept his family in Buffalo. He also led the Czech Republic to a gold medal in the 1998 Nagano Olympics. He joined the Red Wings before their 2001-02 season, winning his first Stanley Cup that season.

Hasek skated with his teammates Tuesday, then made his surprising announcement.

"It’s very sad, but that’s the way it is," he said. "I hoped for two months it would get better every day, but it didn’t get better, it got even worse last week."

Rich Winter, Hasek’s agent, said the goaltender’s desire to win another championship will have him back on the ice next season.

"He came back to Detroit to win a Stanley Cup and I think he wants to come back again to be a part of another run for the Cup," Winter said. "This was not the storybook ending we were all hoping for for Dominik, in the final chapter of his career."

Red Wings general manager Ken Holland said Hasek wants an extended period of time to give his groin a chance to heal.

"I think in the summertime he’s going to decide whether he wants to officially retire," Holland said from a meeting of GMs in Hendersonville, Tenn.

The Red Wings are left with the same goalies — Curtis Joseph and Manny Legace — they had last year. Detroit had one of the best records in the league last season, but lost to Anaheim in the first round of the playoffs.

"Curtis and Manny can concentrate on playing," Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman said. "We have no distractions."

The season started with a big distraction.

When Hasek retired in 2002, Detroit lured Joseph away from Toronto with a $24 million, three-year deal to replace Hasek. When Hasek returned and agreed to make $6 million this season, the Red Wings desperately tried to trade Joseph.

"But no one wanted to take Joseph because of the two years and $16 million left on his contract."

"We’re very, very lucky that he’s been a real pro through this," Holland said. "And lucky for us that nobody claimed him."

Joseph is 13-9-2 with a 2.48 goals-against average this season. He has kept his family in the Toronto area because he didn’t know where he would end up playing this year.

"I don’t think there’s been a player in the league who’s gone through more adversity individually this season," Detroit coach Dave Lewis said. "And I think he’s become a stronger person and player because of it."

"Sometimes the (trades) you don’t make are the best ones."

Joseph did not make himself available to reporters after practice Tuesday.
American-born Howard slumping with Manchester Utd.

Associated Press

LONDON — Tim Howard keeps watching the ball whiz by him into the net.

First came a 3-2 win over Southampton in which Manchester United wasted a two-goal lead. Then the Red Devils squandered a three-goal lead over Everton before winning 4-3.

Five goals in two games — a quarter of the season total against Howard, who has 10 shutouts in 24 Premier League games. What's going on?

United lost Rio Ferdinand, one of the world's top defenders, who was suspended for eight months after missing a drug test.

"It's just a matter of jelling," Howard said during an interview with The Associated Press. "It took us a while at the beginning to jell with Rio. Now it's going to take a little bit, too — but, hopefully, not too long."

The 24-year-old from North Brunswick, N.J., joined Manchester United in a four-year deal last summer from Major League Soccer's MetroStars. He immediately replaced France's Fabien Barthez as the starter and said claim to being a worthy successor to former United great Peter Schmeichel.

"If I was a good goalkeeper when I came here, I need to be exceptional," Howard said. "If I was a good goalkeeper when I came here, I need to be exceptional," Howard said. "If I was a good goalkeeper when I came here, I need to be exceptional," Howard said.

"I'm in the process of doing it, no question. I'm not a finished product yet, but hopefully getting there."

Howard is determined to prove the last two games were anomalies.

"Inevitably as a goalkeeper, no matter who you are, what league, what age, you're going to go through that," he said. "You're going to have highs and lows. The most important thing is staying consistent. You just hope you're not in that dip for too long."

Howard, who has 14 shutouts in 30 games with United, including cup play, returns to action Wednesday against Middlesbrough, followed by Saturday's FA Cup game against rivals Manchester City. "It's going to be pushing themselves to keep their spot. That's the natural progression of things."

The fans go crazy for it," Howard said. "No matter who's struggling, who's doing well, both teams are going to be up for it. It should be a pressure cooker."

Adding to the mix will be the likely appearance in the Manchester City lineup of midfielder Claudio Reyna, the U.S. national team captain.

Howard and Reyna are among six Americans playing regularly in England's top league, joined by goalkeepers Kasey Keller (Tottenham) and Brad Friedel (Blackburn), defender Carlos Bocanegra and forward Brian McBride (both Fulham).

Manchester United, which has won eight of the last 11 league titles, is two points behind unbeaten Arsenal. United also faces Portugal's Porto this month in the next round of the European Champions Cup.

"Success is really determined by how much silverware you win at this club," Howard said.

The recent defensive troubles at Manchester United coincide with a bitter off-field feud between manager Alex Ferguson and the club's major shareholders, Irish race horse owners John Magnier and J.P. Magnier.

Among the deals under scrutiny is Howard's $3.6 million move from the MetroStars.

A six-figure sum was allegedly paid to an agent who is a business partner of Ferguson's son, Jason.

"My agent and I have said what we needed to say," Howard said. "Our slate is clean, we're sure of that."

Howard will join the U.S. national team for an exhibition game in the Netherlands on Feb. 18. His performances for United have established him as a strong contender to beat out Friedel and Keller as America's No. 1 goalkeeper.

"With respect due to those guys, they've got years of work in," Howard said. "I certainly am going to be pushing them to get their spot. They're going to be pushing themselves to keep their spot. That's the natural progression of things."

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PHILADELPHIA — Randy Ayers lost his job after less than a season as the Philadelphia 76ers’ coach. If the team doesn’t turn things around, others might be on their way out, too.

And star guard Allen Iverson would like to have some input.

The 76ers fired Ayers on Tuesday with the team 21-31 and 1-1/2 games behind the Boston Celtics for the Eastern Conference’s final playoff berth. Assistant Chris Ford takes over on an interim basis.

Some things I was looking at, I just was not comfortable with,” general manager Billy King said. “We’re going to be aggressive and see if we can do something to change the roster. We still expect every player to play hard, be professional and play the right way.”

He said he is willing to make trades that could help the 76ers make the playoffs. The deadline for deals is Feb. 19.

King thinks some players have not put forth a full effort every game — something Iverson said aloud recently.

Iverson was surprised and upset by Ayers’ firing. He said he would have liked to have heard the news from King first. Now the NBA’s leading scorer (27.5-point average) wants to have a say in whatever changes might come next.

“Just being called the franchise player, for being here as long as I’ve been here, I definitely feel like someone should have said something,” said the league’s MVP in the 2000-01 season. “I feel like I’m supposed to be involved with a lot of stuff. I’ve earned the right to know some of the things that are going on.

Iverson, in his eighth season, agreed with King that a shakeup could be needed, but he says he wants to finish his career with the team he led to the 2001 NBA Finals with coach Larry Brown.

Ayers became the Sixers’ head coach when Brown resigned after last season. Brown is now coaching the Detroit Pistons.

“I’m crushed,” Brown said before Detroit’s game at New Jersey on Tuesday night. “He was an assistant for me for six years and he was wonderful. I was proud of him when he got the opportunity. You hate to see it happen.”

IN BRIEF

Johnson falls to Expos in salary arbitration

NEW YORK — Baseball owners improved to 2-0 in salary arbitration when the Montreal Expos defeated first baseman Nick Johnson on Tuesday.

Kevin Millwood, who had been scheduled for a hearing Friday, settled his case with Philadelphia, agreeing to an $11 million, one-year contract, a raise of $1.1 million.

Among free agents, Fred McGriff, Albert Belle and Ivan Rodriguez are still seeking salary arbitration awards.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — McGriff, 40, would get a contract for the $300,000 minimum if he is added to the major league roster of the Devil Rays, his hometown team.

Belle and Rodriguez, along with Ayers’ firing.

Iverson, a former NBA star, has been offered $1.25 million by Arizona, Mississippi and New York.

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Ruth Riley chosen to compete for spot on U.S. Olympic team

Former University of Notre Dame All-America center Ruth Riley is one of four WNBA stars chosen to fill spot on the 2004 USA Basketball Women's Senior National Team training camp Feb. 19-27 in Jacksonville, Fla. The camp will be used as part of the evaluation process in selecting the final three members for the U.S. team that will compete in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

"It would be an extreme honor to be a member of this team," Riley said. "The highest honor an athlete can have is to represent her country and to be named to the team would be the highlight of my career."

Joining Riley at the USA Basketball training camp will be former Connecticut standout Swin Cash, Louisiana Tech product Cheryl Ford and North Carolina graduate Nikki Teasley. Cash and Ford are teammates with Riley on the WNBA's Detroit Shock, while Teasley is a two-year starter with the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks.

The 6-foot-5 Riley has prior international experience with USA Basketball, having played with the 1998 USA Basketball Select Team that went 7-1 against national teams from Puerto Rico, Poland and Spain. She returned to USA Basketball a year later with the 1999 USA World University Games Team, helping that squad earn a silver medal. In addition, she was a 2002 USA Senior National Team hopeful, taking part in that unit's spring training in Colorado Springs, Colo.

In September, Riley completed her third WNBA season with a bang, leading the Shock to the league championship. The Macy, Ind., native was named the Most Valuable Player of the WNBA Finals after averaging 14.7 points and 5.0 rebounds in the three-game championship series, including a career-high 27 points in the decisive Game 3 win over the two-time defending champion Sparks. Riley also became the first women's basketball player ever to be named the Finals MVP at both the college and professional levels — she was the Most Outstanding Player of the 2001 NCAA Final Four when she guided Notre Dame to its first national championship in the sport.

Currently, Riley is in her first season playing with the Colorado Chill of the National Women's Basketball League, averaging 13.3 points and 8.0 rebounds per game while sparking the Chill to a 6-4 record, good for second place in the league. She also was recently selected as an NWBL All-Star and will play for the U.S. Senior National Team this summer.

Riley and the U.S. Senior National Team will train four days in Jacksonville before departing for Cuba for a three-game exhibition series against the Cuba National Team Feb. 24-26 in Havana.

The final roster positions for the U.S. Senior National Team will be determined by USA Basketball Women's Senior National Team Committee, which is chaired by WNBA Vice President of Player Personnel Renee Brown.

The team is coached by Van Chancellor, who has guided the WNBA's Houston Comets to four championships.
smoke clears tomorrow, let's see where we are."

On the more optimistic side, Monday's win could be the start of a number of positive factors working in Notre Dame's favor.

"We knew that one big win was all it would take to get the team turned around and get the team in the right direction," Notre Dame senior co-captain Torrian Jones said.

Jones and a number of other Irish players feel this win will propel them to getting hot for the rest of the season. That's a testament to the attitude in the locker room, as the Irish had lost six of eight going into Monday night and just had a tough loss against No. 4 Pittsburgh only 48 hours earlier.

"After that loss Saturday against Pittsburgh, you could just feel it," Notre Dame forward Jordan Cornette said. "These guys were like, 'We're on the brink.' We knew we had to crack sometimes."

Second, that momentum Jones and Cornette talk about could help them pick up enough "RPI wins" over the next two weeks to make the Irish a factor on Selection Sunday.

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Irish Guard

Combine finally getting a big win with gaining some late season momentum and the last and possibly most important factor becomes apparent — for the first time in Brey's tenure at Notre Dame, the Irish could finish hot in those always important last 10 games of the season.

Brey knows the only way that can happen is one game at a time.

"We haven't talked big picture," Brey said. "I don't think we can talk big picture with the schedule we have coming up. We have to try and get guys healthy for Saturday."

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Irish guard Torrian Jones jumps to block the shot of Connecticut guard Taliek Brown during Monday night's 80-74 win over the No. 5 Huskies.
SMC BASKETBALL

Belles only senior hoping to go out strong

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Despite the disappointing season that is quickly coming to a close on Saint Mary's, many of the Belles will look forward to next year as their young team continues to grow in hope of better things to come.

That's not the case for Katie Miller, the sole senior on a team comprised mainly of juniors and freshmen, who will be ending her basketball career when the Belles' season to a close.

"We're building, we're still building. Hopefully with this experience next year they'll be a lot better, they do great things next year."

Katie Miller
Belles point guard

Katie Miller, the only Belles senior, looks past a defender in their Dec. 5 win over Illinois College.

"It was [weird], but I was used to it," said Miller. "Throughout the four years, there were other girls that were my age that were playing but they all ended up quitting or transferring, so I was fine with it."

But Miller was hesitant to accept the idea that the season was coming to an end.

"It's not over yet," Miller said. "It's sad, it's really sad. It's been a great four years."

Miller has averaged 5.9 points per game in 24.2 minutes per game this season. Her 24.2 minutes per game are second only to Emily Creachbaum who clocks in at 25.5 minutes per game. Miller also has 39 assists on the season.

Despite theplenitude of emotions that are running through Miller's head with another losing season coming to an end, she has remained positive about her experience as a Belle.

"I think we've improved a lot over the past year." said Miller.

While the Belles have improved since last season, it is no secret that Saint Mary's has struggled this year despite their growth. They have faced tough competition and struggled to put together strong first halves against solid conference opponents.

But for Miller, she sees a team growing with each other despite the losses piling up in bunches, and the wins few and far between.

"We're building, we're still building. Hopefully with this experience next year they'll be a lot better, they do great things next year," Miller said.

Saint Mary's could, in fact, improve on their 6-15 record, going into Wednesday's game with Adrian. With the development of freshmen Bridget Lipke and Jessica Binhack, among others, and the continued growth of sophomores Anne Hogan and Bridget Boyce, and seniors Creachbaum, Emily Pernotto and Maureen Bush, Miller could in fact see a solid nucleus of talent behind her that could make a solid run in the MIAA next year.

While the Belles' future is undetermined, Miller's is not. It seems fitting that Miller, the sole senior who has been responsible for leading a younger team on and off the court, plans on going into education.

"I plan on teaching, I'm an education major so I'm teaching next year ... kindergarten through second grade," said Miller.

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was never really tempted to play on grass rather than ice.
"I never played football, but I tried everything else," Walsh said. "I was never really pressured much by my father to play football, and hockey was the sport I really felt good with early on.
"I really picked between hockey and baseball, and in my sophomore year of high school I decided that I wanted to focus on hockey and pursuing that sport full-time."
Walsh's exploits impressed Notre Dame coach Dave Poulin, who has used the NAHL as a pipeline for Irish players over the years. Walsh is one of six current Notre Dame players who have played in the NAHL, along with Rob Globke, T.J. Mathieson, Derek Smith, Chris Trick and Jason Paige.
There was never any question that Walsh would wear the Irish uniform.
"Notre Dame was always an easy fit for me," Walsh said. "Growing up with my dad who had come here, he really pushed me towards the school. But it was never a hard sell, because I always wanted to come here."
Walsh expressed that he was impressed upon meeting Poulin for the first time and that the coach was a major reason Walsh decided to become a member of the Irish.
"How could you not help being impressed by Coach [Poulin]?" Walsh said. "Especially for a kid who's aspiring to play in the NHL, you'd want to come and play for a guy who spent several years in the NHL."
A major step toward that dream for Walsh happened at the end of his freshman season, when he was selected by the New York Rangers in the fifth round of the 2002 NHL Entry Draft.
"I was there with my parents, so I was happy that they were able to share that with me," Walsh said. "Especially when you consider how much time they had spent driving me to practices and games and things like that."
Certainly one of the most impressive aspects of Walsh's game is that he also leads the team in plus-minus with a plus-10. It is very unusual for a player other than a defenseman to lead a team in that statistic.
"I've always considered myself a two-way player," Walsh said. "The defensive part is really where it all starts. If you take care of your defensive zone it will translate into good offense. I've been fortunate to play with two other defensive-minded linemates [Andy Gill and Cory McLean] who are just as responsible defensively as I am.
"That's one reason we've been so successful this season as a line."
It's certainly one reason the Irish have been a successful team this season, as well.
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Golf

momentum on despite the cold temperatures, strong winds and pouring rain.
"It was really hard to keep the scores down," Ishan said. The Rice Intercollegiate marks the third top-two finish of the 2003-04 season for the Irish, and the team is happy to start the spring portion of its schedule off on a good note.
Young, but talented, the team is hoping to win the Big East and fare well in the NCAA Tournament. With a difficult schedule ahead, this week's tournament gave them needed experience early in the season.
"It was a pretty good team effort," Ishan said of their second place finish, "but, obviously, we have a ways to go."
Their next event, to be hosted by USC, is not until the beginning of March.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You need to move on. It's time to let go of the old and start a fresh start. You've had enough and need a change.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Socializing with co-workers will lead to a better working environment. Someone you do business with will find the way you can be helpful. Remember, it may be detrimental if you aren't direct. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you've been early, you'll be surprised how much you can get accomplished and how much pain you'll receive from loved ones. Organization will help you achieve your goals. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's a good idea to get busy catching up on those household chores you've been putting off. Don't leave any detail undone. You'll feel much better when you catch up. ****

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Attend a meeting with a close friend. You need to have a bit about a worthwhile cause, but will meet interesting individuals who energize you. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let others take advantage of your generosity. You could easily misplace your wallet or item of jewelry if you aren't careful. Listable characters may influence you. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will get rid of the old and bring in the new. You will find that your emotions will fluctuate if you don't keep your emotions steady. Don't give your heart the chance to counter these emotions. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't stress over your career. Take the day to relax and get your mood off your troubles. Do something special with family. You need support from the ones you love. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get together with those who could help you move forward. You need to make new connections and get on with your life. You're supposed to have much time to think and ponder and figure things out. It's time to present yourself and your talents. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful not to offend someone you care about. People are often more fragile than they appear. Try to use your diplomatic and calm help to build up this person's ego. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You should be doing something to enhance your outlook or bring you knowledge. You need to learn something to prepare yourself.

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**HOCKEY**

Two-way threat

Strong defensively as well as offensively, sophomore Mike Walsh has already become a leader for the Irish

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

Finally able to play consistently, Mike Walsh has been able to show what he's capable of this season.

Walsh, a sophomore forward who is currently third on the Irish with 10 goals, has returned from a difficult freshman year to play a big role on this year's team. Walsh missed a total of 17 games his rookie year with a broken jaw and mononucleosis and was never quite able to get any in kind of offensive rhythm.

"Playing-wise, it definitely affected my development in making the jump to college and all the speed and everything that changes at the next level," Walsh said. "And also, with missing so many games early in my freshman year, it kind of isolated me from being with the team and getting to know everyone right away because I'd be spending weeks at a time away from the rink."

His one goal that rookie year was a sign of things to come, however, as Walsh notched the game-winning tally in a 3-2 victory over Lake Superior State on Feb. 21, 2002. This season, Walsh has made a living of scoring big goals.

In Notre Dame's earlier 1-0 victories this season against then-No. 1 Boston College and then-No. 3 Maine, Walsh scored the only goal in each contest.

"Growing up and playing big games, I've always thought of myself as the kind of person who can be in the right position to score a big goal," Walsh said. "The people that I play with [on the Irish] really do a lot of work, and a lot of times I'm lucky and the puck just bounces the right way at the right time."

Playing well in big games runs in Walsh's blood. His father, Max, was a member of the 1963 Irish national championship football team. Despite this gridiron pedigree, Walsh

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Mike Walsh Irish forward

**Golf**

Men finish second despite slow start

By ANNIE BRUSKY

The Notre Dame men's golf team powered its way to a second place finish at the NCAA Intercollegiate after compiling the lowest team scores in each of the final two rounds.

Finding themselves in ninth place after the first round Monday, the Irish answered by shooting 299 and 303 in the following two rounds to tie with Denver for second place at 36-over par 216 (78-68-72).

Bryan, a freshman, finished in eighth place with 6-under par 276, while freshman Shane Sigbee placed third.

Sophomore Mark Baldwin and Scott Gustafson finished 33rd and 42nd, respectively, while freshman Shane Sigbee placed third.

Yesterday's final round was even more impressive in that the team was able to carry Monday's