Financial aid changes won’t hurt ND

University administrators.

Notre Dame students who receive federal financial aid will not suffer as a result of recent changes to the government formulas that determine aid eligibility, according to University administrators. The changes, which will take effect in the 2005-06 academic year, will mean reduced federal aid for some college students in many states, particularly New York, Delaware, Massachusetts, Michigan, South Carolina, Virginia and Wisconsin. But because Notre Dame is committed to meeting 100 percent of each student’s demonstrated need, the University will make up for any cuts in federal aid, said Joseph Russo, director of the Office of Financial Aid.

“The impact in our mind is relatively modest,” Russo said.

We’re very blessed here that we do have resources, and we can make those commitments,” he said.

Approximately one-third of all Notre Dame undergraduates receive some federal financial aid — types of which include Pell Grants, college work-study, federally subsidized Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants — but not all will see their eligibility affected, Russo said.

Depending on a student’s individual circumstances, the University will compensate for any reduced eligibility for one form of aid with aid from other sources, Russo said.

And while he didn’t want to belittle students at other universities who will be hurt by the changes, he said speculation about the decrease has been “blown way out of proportion.”

“It’s somewhat of a political issue... and I do think it’s been totally exaggerated,” he said.

“It is not going to change the [national] demographics of who’s going to college.”

The cuts’ impact on Notre Dame's financial aid budget will not be immediately noticeable, Russo said.

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Siegfried senator James Lello, right, speaks to Residence Life Committee chair Sarah Bates, far left, and University Affairs Committee chair Sarah Boyle at Wednesday’s meeting.

CSC moves up break deadline

Early 2009 applicants impress

Ethnic minority numbers constant

By CLAIRE HEININGER

With its Dec. 31 application deadline past, the Office of Admissions now turns its attention to shaping the Notre Dame Class of 2009 — which, thanks to 2,800 early action applicants, is already coming into focus.

That number is 200 applicants lower than last year, but this year’s early action group is academically stronger than past applicant pools. Director of Admissions Dan Saracino said.

And while the admissions office is still counting regular decision applications, he said, and therefore still “guessing” what the final applicant pool will look like, early action offers a preliminary picture.

Of the 1,362 applicants who were admitted under early action — the remaining 1,438 were denied or deferred to the regular decision pool — 17 percent are ethnic minorities, Saracino said.

“That should transfer into a total of 22 or 23 percent when the dust settles come May,” he said, which is consistent with the Class of 2009's demographics.

Notre Dame grad’s Purple Heart revoked

By MADDIE HANNA

News Writer

U.S. Marine and 2000 Notre Dame graduate 1st Lt. Dustin Ferrell wants the processo used to award Purple Hearts to change.

Ferrell, 27, knows from personal experience.

On Dec. 14, 2003, Ferrell received a letter from the U.S. Department of the Navy stating that the Purple Heart awarded to him March 21, 2003 would be revoked — nearly two years after he received the prestigious military decoration.

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By AMANDA MICHAELS

Assistant News Editor

At the first Senate meeting of the new calendar year, members reviewed old resolutions and issues, including ones for a third, “Flex 10” meal option, in addition to the current 14 and 21 meal plans.

Chief Executive Assistant Dave Baron started the meeting with an update on the Safe-Rus proposal’s status.

“We’ve been in contact with South Bend’s Transpo. and

By TRICIA DE GROOT

News Writer

Due to a request by the Office of the Registrar, the deadline for applications to Center for Social Concerns service learning seminars has been moved up two weeks compared to past years.

The change was made to simplify the registration process for these one-credit courses, said Angela Miller-McGraw, director of the Appalachian Program and Educational Immersions for the CSC.

“Students will be able to register by special permission within the registration period, which will reduce paperwork for the Registrar’s Office and the CSC, and we will also be able to finalize details with

By AMANDA MICHAELS

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Members debate idea of ‘Flex 10’

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Get out your Eagles green

You should be pleased to know that we are looking at the approximately third time of the year. The first is in fall, when South Bend is warm and the NFL is wide open and the Irish are free of embarrassing gridiron losses and baseball is starting to get really interesting, although my beloved Phillies are usually eliminated around this time. The second is March, when college basketball is the passion of every sports fan and the Warhol is a beautiful vision where one can believe that the Phillies have a similar rotation and deep bullpen.

But it’s a new year right now, a new season and the beginning, you’re state is wiped clean and every student sees dozen hot flowers and 40 grades. This is the time where conference play is starting in the always interesting Big East basketball conference and spring break plans are being made and most importantly, I am strengthening my soul to endure another round of the playoffs. There are a lot of religious people in my part of eastern Pennsylvania, but most of us are devout Eagles fans far the way the Amish are devout Christians. It’s a subject of interest, because I’ve never seen a church service before this season began, we had a new set of saints in our lives.

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OFFBEAT

Bank discards loaded cash machine

OSLO, Norway — Arild Tofte and Kaare Hegdal know that recycling pays, but they weren’t quite prepared for the jackpot that the scrapped cash machine contained. It was still full of cash. Enough to buy a house and take a luxury vacation.
The two Norwegians run a recycling company in the western Norway town of Arendal, and had been hired by the Sparebanken Moere bank to remove an outdated automatic teller machine, or ATM, from a gas station, media reported Wednesday.

Tofte, 30, said the woman on duty at the gas station was more than a little skeptical when two men showed up with a trolley and a truck, wanting to remove her ATM.

“She calmed down when I explained that the machine was empty and that we had a contract to pick it up,” Tofte told the local Romdalshus newspaper.

Arkansas cops use taser to subdue nude jogger

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. — Officers have finally arrested a man for making late-night runs in the nude along Airport Road in West Memphis. Nate Patterson, 39, of West Memphis was apprehended Monday night. West Memphis police said Wednesday, Officers had to use a taser to subdue Patterson, who had dodged police for six months or so. The jogger was arrested after he ran past a police car and failed to stop when he was ordered to do so by officers on location. After his capture, Patterson was charged with indecent exposure, fleeing and resisting arrest.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Campus Ministry will sponsor a mass for victims of the Asian tsunami today from 6:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Collections will also be taken to support relief efforts.

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To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to ubanews@nd.edu.
Returning students face airline problems, delays

By STEVE KERINS

For Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students traveling home or for vacation over winter break, airport hassles in South Bend, Chicago and elsewhere caused delays and frustration.

Numerous incidences of severe weather, increased volume at major airports due to holiday travel and logistical issues combined to produce increased delays and cancellations.

Airports and airlines began to experience increased problems during Christmas week, causing US Airways and Comair to ground dozens of flights.

The airlines also cited increased sick calls from staff and crew and computer troubles as causes. Also, a prolonged cold snap and heavy snows slowed air travel throughout the Midwest.

Heavy rains and snow in California and other areas of the Southwest over the past several days have caused major and minor travel delays at airports nationwide.

"It had one [flight] cancelled because the plane broke down and another one [was cancelled] because of snow in Nevada," said freshman Jessica Badger, who was traveling back to Notre Dame from her hometown, Carson City, Nev.

"We took an orchestra tour to California," said sophomore Patrick Wood. "We flew [back] to O'Hare. We were delayed by an hour. It was a couple days after they shut down the airport, so they overcompensated."

Freshman Louis Gularte flew from San Francisco to Chicago's O'Hare airport, where his United flight to South Bend was cancelled.

"There was no South Bend flight that I really could have gotten on," he said, noting that there were too many standby passengers for too few remaining flights. "I took the bus back."

Other students experienced problems due to airport issues.

"I was going from Los Angeles to South Bend, with a stopover in Cincinnati," sophomore Liz Clifton said. "The elevators at O'Hare and at the gate. My flight was delayed an hour. It was a delay of Flight Crew Operations."

In Cincinnati, Clifton found more delays.

"The flight to South Bend was delayed seven hours and full from stand-by. I would have had to stay overnight, but I eventually got off in Cincinnati and had my husband Mark drive me to South Bend," she said.

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Astronaut, ND alum returns

Special to The Observer

Astronaut and Notre Dame graduate James D. Wetherbee has retired from NASA to pursue other interests. He flew six times aboard the space shuttle and is the only U.S. astronaut to command five space flights.

Most recently, Wetherbee, 52, served as the space shuttle lead in the Independent Technical Authority at NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC). His earlier positions included service as technical assistant to the director of JSC's Safety and Mission Assurance Directorate, two years as director of Flight Crew Operations at JSC, and five years as the deputy director of JSC.

"Jim is a true expert in space operations, who has dedicated his life to space exploration," said Director of Flight Crew Operations Ken Bowersox. "His engineering sense and relentless attention to detail were critical to the success of all his space missions. Those same skills will serve our country well, as Jim moves on to new challenges."

Wetherbee was selected to the astronaut corps in 1984 and served as pilot on his first space flight in 1990. He was the commander on missions in 1992, 1995, 1997, 2001 and 2002, and his flights included the first rendezvous by a shuttle with the Russian Mir Space Station, a docking mission to Mir, and two flights to the International Space Station.

Woman charged in child's death

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A woman was charged Wednesday in the death of a 3-year-old boy who was allegedly raped and slain by a 12-year-old. Relatives and a friend said the woman was the mother of the older boy, who also has been charged.

District Attorney William Bennett said Marisol Alverio, 28, was arrested Wednesday afternoon on charges of murder and reckless endangerment of a child. She will be arraigned Thursday.

Earlier Wednesday, the 12-year-old was ordered held without bail following his arraignment on rape and murder charges; the juvenile court had been closed.

"The evidence gathered indicates that Marisol Alverio acted with malice in failing to protect the victim from someone whom she knew was abusing (the victim) and in failing to seek medical attention for an obviously injured 3-year-old child," the prosecutor said.

Bennett did not reveal the relationship between Alverio and the 12-year-old, whose name was not released because of his age. However, the victim's aunts and a male friend of Alverio said she was the older boy's mother.

They said she was a family friend who had been caring for the preschooler while his parents were in Puerto Rico on family business.

Bennett would say only that the caregiver was not a member of the victim's immediate family.
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Ferrell found out from his bat­
talion that the event was actually an accident.
"But their understanding was
that I still merited the award, according to Purple Heart crite­
rion," he said.

However, according to the latter
Ferrell received from the Depart­
ment of the Navy, a copy of
which was obtained by The
Observer, his injuries were 
previously accidental and did not merit the
medal.

"Although your injury occurred
during a combat operation, your
command verified that your injury
was the result of a vehicle acci­
dent and was not caused directly
or indirectly by enemy action," the
letter stated.

According to U.S. military guide­
lines that govern who receives the
award, the medal is "awarded to
members of the armed forces of
the U.S. who are wounded by
an instrument of war in the hands of the
enemy and subsequently to the
next of kin in the name of
those who are killed in action or
die of wounds received in action."

Ferrell said that according to his
knowledge, 10 other servicemen
who were in Iraq also recently
had their Purple Hearts revoked,
including the other two passen­
erg in his vehicle.

"I don't want my own medal
reinstated. It would be odd for me
to wear it after all this," Ferrell
said.

Ferrell, who participated in
ROTTC while at Notre Dame, said
the school greatly affected his life.

"Growing up at a place like
Notre Dame really helped make
me a better officer, a moral deci­
sion maker," Ferrell said, adding
that he converted to Catholicism
in 1999.

Ferrell never expected that war
might break out and that the mili­
tary would send him to Iraq.

"War was the furthest thing
from my mind," he said. "You kind
of get complacent." Although Ferrell feels that after having his Purple Heart taken
away he "might as well have been
in a tough accident at home," he
doesn't regret going to Iraq.

"I know that — a possibility I
might not have come home, and
I'm very lucky," he said.

But Ferrell now has a non-combat
job as an assistance officer
at Base Camp Lejeune in North
Carolina.

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2007's 21 percent and the
Class of 2009's 22 percent
ethnic minority representa­
tion.

Like the regular decision
process, distinctions such as
ethnic minority status stand
out in the early appli­
cation
pool, where a solid aca­
demic record alone
may not be enough,
Saracino said.

"We kind of
raise the bar a
little bit with
early action," he
said.

Only about
200 of those
who cleared
that bar have
decided to attend
Notre Dame, Saracino said.

But that figure is typical for
this early stage in the
admissions cycle, he said,
adding that a rush of confir­
maions usually takes place
when financial aid packages
are offered in late March.

"The students who are
going to confirm with us
before April 1 are the stu­
dents [for whom] money's
not a big concern — ROTC,
cholarships, athletes," Saracino
said.

Like regular decision
applicants, early action
applicants have until May 1
to confirm enrollment.

The luxury of more time
to decide on a college —
more than four months,
since they are informed
whether or not they will be
offered admission by Dec.
20 — is one advantage early
action applicants enjoy,
Saracino said.

That service to students is
the reason Notre Dame has
always offered non-binding
early action instead of bind­
ing early decision, he
said, and will not convert to
early action —

Dan Saracino
director of admissions

"Notre Dame is
fortunate in that
the right thing
is, to me, a no- 
brainer."

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This Friday.
**International News**

**Car bombs on the rise in Iraq**

Baghdad, Iraq — Car bombs echo across Baghdad and a constellation of cities around Iraq nearly every day, inflicting slaughter and billions of dollars in damage. Do not hear them, to all who see or hear them that the country’s insurgents can strike almost anywhere.

**AIDS rapidly spreading in Russia**

Moscow — HIV/AIDS is spreading at a devastating pace in Russia, with a new study showing an estimated 1 million people infected — the highest estimate ever, a.U.S. and Russian experts reported Wednesday.

**Supreme Court makes changes**

WASHINGTON — A splintered Supreme Court threw the nation’s federal sentencing system into turmoil Wednesday, ruling that the way judges have been sentencing some 60,000 defendants a year is unconstitutional.

**Washington governor inaugurated**

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Democrat Christine Gregoire, winner of one of the closest governor’s races in U.S. history, was inaugurated Wednesday amid a legal challenge that could undo her election.

**Midwest weather causes crashes**

Allston, New York — At least two people died and 25 others were injured when about 100 vehicles crashed on a foggy highway on the highway in New York state. A number of others were injured. The National Weather Service had issued a dense fog advisory for the area, saying visibility could be less than a quarter of a mile.

**National News**

**Weapons search finally over**

Two-year multimillion dollar effort by inspectors in Iraq fails to yield results

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House acknowledged Wednesday that its hunt for weapons of mass destruction — a two-year search costing millions of dollars — has closed down without finding the stockpiles that President Bush cited as a justification for overthrowing Saddam Hussein.

Bush’s spokesman said the president offers no regrets about invading Iraq.

Based on what we know today, the president would have taken the same action because this is about protecting the American people,” said Press Secretary Scott McClellan.

The Iraq Survey Group — made up of as many as 1,500 military and intelligence specialists and lab technicians where it was thought that equipment and products might have been converted to making weapons.

McClellan said the search would have virtually ended. “There may be a couple, a few people that are focused on that,” he said, adding that they would handle any future reports that might come in.

At a meeting last month, McClellan said, Bush thanked the chief U.S. weapons inspector, Charles Duelfer, for his work, special adviser to the CIA director, Duelfer will deliver, a final report on Iraq’s weapons next month. McClellan said it is not expected to fundamentally differ from the findings reported at the time of the Iraqi leader’s Dec. 14, 2003, downfall.

Duelfer then said that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction and had not made any since 1991. However, he said the government harbored intentions of recreating its weapons programs and had gone to great lengths to manipulate the U.N. oil-for-food program.

“Now that the search is finished, President Bush needs to explain to the American people why he was so wrong, so long, about the reasons for war,” he said.

The end of the weapons hunt comes as the White House administration struggles with a dangerous security situation in Iraq leading up to Jan. 30 elections. Meanwhile, other countries — notably Iran and North Korea — are suspected of developing covert nuclear weapons programs.

When asked whether the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq would damage U.S. credibility in handling future threats, McClellan said the president would continue to work with the international community, particularly on diplomatic solutions.

He said pre-emptive military action was “the last option” to pursue. “We are acting to make sure we have the best possible intelligence,” McClellan said, adding that a number of changes have been made since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Almost one year ago, Bush formed a presidential commission to investigate U.S. intelligence capabilities on weapons of mass destruction, focusing not only on Iraq but on how well the intelligence community understands the threat from other countries and terror networks. Its report is due March 31.

He closed down the weapons search was first reported in the Washington Post on Wednesday.

David Kay, who headed the Iraq Survey Group until stepping down last January, said he was not surprised the group was concluding its efforts without finding any major weapons stockpiles.

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon fended off the latest challenge to his Gaza withdrawal plan on Wednesday, winning a parliamentary vote that threatened to bring down his embattled government.

But hard-liners in his Likud Party said they would oust Sharon if he doesn’t put his pullout plan to a national referendum — a step he has ruled out.

The 120-seat Knesset, packed around Sharon’s 2005 state budget, which must pass three votes by March 31.

Otherwise, the government must resign and new elections would be scheduled, putting the Gaza pullout in jeopardy.

Sharon this week formed a new government with the dovish Labor Party and a small ultra-Orthodox Jewish party. The alliance, with the occasion of backing of several opposition parties, gives Sharon a solid majority in favor of the Gaza withdrawal, despite objections from 13 Likud lawmakers.

Without the hard-liners’ support, however, Sharon doesn’t have enough votes to push his budget through parliament. Some of the opposition parties backing the withdrawal oppose Sharon’s 2005 spending plan.

Just before Wednesday’s vote, the Likud rebels said they would temporarily support the budget. But they threatened to oppose the budget in subsequent votes. Sharon does not hold a referendum on the pullout plan.

“It was decided unanimously to support the budget until the second and third readings,” Yehiel Hazan, one of the hard-liners, said before the 64-53 vote. “We call on the prime minister to reconsider holding a referendum.”

Sharon has rejected a referendum as a stalling tactic. Sharon’s spokesman, Asaf Sharir, said after the vote that the prime minister’s opinion hasn’t changed.

Sharon was expected to court the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party to shore up support for the budget.
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our site partners earlier in the semester,” Miller-McGraw said.

The Center for Social Concerns offers one-credit service seminars that allow students to examine various social issues during fall, winter and spring breaks.

Traditionally, the deadline for the spring service seminars has been at least two weeks after students return from winter break, but this year, after a series of earlier conversations between the Office of the Registrar and the CSC’s site partners, the deadline was moved to today, the third day

of spring semester classes, said Miller-McGraw.

The CSC is offering six seminars for the March 5-12 spring break this year. The Appalachia Seminar, at 223 students, is the largest.

The early deadline prompted concerns about fewer applicants compared to previous years.

However, Miller-McGraw said the number of applicants remained high, but the Appalachia Seminar still had open spaces. She would not provide specific numbers about how many people had applied as of Wednesday compared to the numbers of applications received by the CSC on the day before the deadline of previous years.

The CSC was also not able to accept all applicants to the smaller seminars, like the Migrant Experiences Seminar and the Children and Poverty Seminar, due to limited funding and site accommodations.

“IT may take some time for students to adjust to the earlier application process now that it coincides with the regular registrations period, but I do not think it will have a significant affect on the program,” Miller-McGraw said.

The deadline for applications is today, but there may be a grace period for students unaware of the changed deadline if spaces are still open in the Appalachia program, Miller-McGraw said.

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Research office appoints director

Special to The Observer

Michael Edwards, currently director of technology transfer in Notre Dame’s graduate school has been named assistant vice president and director of the Office of Research. The appointment is effective Jan.

Edwards succeeds Howard Hanson, who is retiring after serving in the Office of Research for 15 years, the last five as assistant vice president and director.

The Office of Research helps faculty members obtain and manage the funding they need to support their research and scholarship.

“The doubling of sponsored research at Notre Dame over the last few years requires us to provide new levels of administrative support and service to faculty and students at the University,” said Jeff Kantor, vice president for graduate studies and research. “I’m looking forward to working with Mike to meet this challenge.”

“I’m privileged to have this opportunity,” Edwards said. “Howard Hanson, with the support of Jeff Kantor and the leadership of the Graduate School, has created a culture of outstanding support to the faculty. With the assistance of the superb staff in the Office of Research, I intend to maintain that culture and continually seek ways to improve it.”

Edwards came to Notre Dame in 1986 as an assistant professor of military science. He returned in 1997 as a professor and chair of the Army ROTC program and was named director of technology transfer in 2000.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Edwards served on active duty in the U.S. Army for 24 years, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

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they’ve already started offering a discounted student pass of $25 for 31 days of rides. And we’re still talking about late-night routes,” Baron said.

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“I’m privileged to have this opportunity,” Edwards said. “Howard Hanson, with the support of Jeff Kantor and the leadership of the Graduate School, has created a culture of outstanding support to the faculty. With the assistance of the superb staff in the Office of Research, I intend to maintain that culture and continually seek ways to improve it.”

Edwards came to Notre Dame in 1986 as an assistant professor of military science. He returned in 1997 as a professor and chair of the Army ROTC program and was named director of technology transfer in 2000.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Edwards served on active duty in the U.S. Army for 24 years, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

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In Brief

Billionaire to start free newspaper

DENVER — A media company owned by bil- lionaire investor Philip Anschutz said Wednesday it will launch a free, six-day-a-week newspaper in the Washington, D.C., area on Feb. 13.

The Washington Examiner, a tabloid, will replace three suburban newspapers that Anschutz's Clarity Media Group bought from Journal Newspapers Inc. last year for an undisclosed sum.

The Examiner will be published Sunday through Friday and will tailor some news and opinion pages to the residents in the District, suburban Maryland and northern Virginia.

The company said home delivery will also be available in parts of Washington, a rarity for a free newspaper in a big media market. It is planning an initial daily circulation of about 260,000.

McKesson will repay shareholders

SAN FRANCISCO — Health services giant McKesson Corp. said Wednesday it has agreed to repay shareholders $960 million to settle a class-action lawsuit related to an accounting scandal that has resulted in criminal convictions of several former executives.

The case consolidated several class-action lawsuits brought on behalf of McKesson's shareholders begun by the financial shenanigans that occurred when the company bought software maker HBOC Co. in 1999.

The company said Wednesday it would establish a $1.2 billion reserve for the payout and future claims stemming from 16 still-unresolved shareholder lawsuits.

The expense will saddle San Francisco-based McKesson with a net charge of $810 million, or $2.70 per share, in its quarter just completed in December.

The settlement "represents a significant step toward fully resolving the uncertainty related to this unfortunate chapter in the company's history," the company said in a regulatory filing. "It allows us to focus once again only on the future," said McKesson Chairman John H. Hammergren.

McKesson has been fighting dozens of lawsui ts since an internal investigation concluded that HBOC had been fabricating revenue in the years leading up to its $12 billion sale.

Trade deficit hits record high

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit in goods and services hit a record high of $60.3 billion in November as American appetites for foreign oil and other goods of even imported food reached record levels.

The Bush administration urged other countries to help fix the problem, but analysts said the yawning deficit won't be so easily solved.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that the shortfall between what the United States sells abroad and what it imports increased 7.7 percent from the previous record — the October deficit of $56 billion.

That was a surprise given that oil prices had come down during the month. Analysts said it served to underscore the seriousness of the country's trade situation.

The deficit through November totaled $561.3 billion and is expected to top $600 billion once December's figures are tallied, far surpassing last year's record of $496.5 billion.

"We now have the Grand Canyon of trade deficits," said John Norio, head of a Holland, Pa., forecasting firm. "Actually, deficit is really a misnomer. Chasm, gorge, black hole, infinitely deep well all fit the description better."

Democrats who sought to make the widening trade and budget deficits issues in the presidential campaign contended that the November shortfall was fur­ ther evidence that President Bush's trade policies are not working. The country's current account fell 2.7 million manufacturing jobs over the past four years, while companies moved production facilities to low-wage countries.

"A trade deficit of $60 billion a month is a crisis and it needs to be addressed, not ignored," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., who called on Bush to convene an emergency meeting of key government policymakers.

But administration officials said foreign countries are not growing fast enough to stimulate domestic demand that would help boost U.S. exports. Treasury Secretary John Snow told reporters in New York that tariffs from officials of the world's seven wealthiest countries would focus on ways to promote global growth when they meet in London in early February.

"We want to create more engines of world growth," Snow said, containing that Europe and Japan need to do more to stimulate growth. "Snow said the administration has not changed its policy of favoring a strong dollar, but currency traders believe the administration really wants the dollar to decline further to lower the trade deficit by making U.S. exports cheaper on foreign markets and making imports more expensive for Americans.

News on the deficit sent the dollar sharply lower in trading Wednesday against major currencies including the euro and the British pound. Stocks, however, took the bulliong deficit in stride. The Dow Jones industrial average finished the day up 61.56 points at 10,617.78 as investors chose to focus instead on strong earnings news from Intel Corp.

Engineered crops remain a success

SAN FRANCISCO — Farmers around the globe planting genetically engineered crops enjoyed another bumper harvest last year even as political and financial pressure mounted from skeptical consumers in Europe and packets of the United States, an industry-supported group said Wednesday.

Eight million farmers in 17 countries grew engineered crops on 200 million acres last year, a 20 percent increase over the 167 million acres in 2003, according to a report released by the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications. The report was paid for by two philanthropic groups, includ­ ing the Rockefeller Foundation.

In 1996, the first year genetically modified crops were commercially available, about 4.3 million acres were under biotechnology cultivation.

"The technology is probably poised to enter a new era of growth," said the group's founder and chairman, Clive James. The group promotes use of the technology in poor countries.

James estimated that the number of biotech crop acreage could double by 2010, spurred on by China's expected approval to grow genetically engineered rice as soon as this year.

The most popular biotechnology crops contain bacteria genes that make the plants resistant to either bugs or weed killers.

While the dollar is down significantly against the euro over the past three years, it has declined much less against Asian currencies. China has refused administration pleas to stop linking its currency directly to the dollar, a practice that U.S. manufacturers contend has made the yuan as much as 40 percent undervalued, giving Chinese companies a huge competitive advan­tage.

Former Michigan Gov. John Engler, who heads the National Association of Manufacturers, said the administration needs to keep up the pressure on China not just on the currency issue but on other unfair trade practices as well.
The Office of Campus Ministry wishes to offer a warm “Welcome Back!” to all Notre Dame students. We’ve missed you!

For those students departing for study abroad, may God bless your travels and all your new experiences!
**PAKISTAN**

**Renegade tribes force gas plant shutdowns**

Associated Press

QUETTA — More than 2,000 troops took control of one of Pakistan's major natural gas plants and shut it down after renegade tribesmen fired hundreds of rockets, blowing up a pipeline and triggering clashes that have killed eight people in the last five days, officials said Wednesday.

Tribesmen frequently target security forces and gas facilities to demand higher royalties from gas extracted from their territory, according to the government.

Since Friday, attackers have fired 14,000 rounds of small arms fire, 435 mortars and up to 60 rockets at the plant in Sui, where about 22 percent of the natural gas supplied to Pakistan comes from, Interior Minister Atta Khan Sherpao told a news conference in Islamabad.

Soldiers were dispatched Tuesday after armed tribesmen stormed the gas plant and "started damaging it," senior government official Abdul Samad Lasi said. About 2,000 soldiers took control of the plant and captured at least five suspected attackers.

"The situation is now under control, and more paramilitary forces are expected to arrive in Sui today," Lasi said.

Sherpao said an army operation was not immediately planned in Sui, 220 miles southeast of Quetta, the capital of Balochistan province.

"As far as army action is concerned, it is for the provincial government. ... If they have the matter under control the federal government will not intervene, but if they ask the federal government, then necessary steps would be taken," Sherpao said.

Eight people, three of them security personnel, were killed and another 33 people, mostly civilians, were wounded in five days of shootouts between assailants and government forces, officials said.

"The civilians suffered casualties when rockets fired by attackers hit their homes," Lasi said.

Authorities had to shut a gas plant and suspend some supplies because of the damage caused to a pipeline, said Abdur Rasheed Lone, an official with the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd., which operates the Sui gas field. He said he hoped supplies would be restored within 24 hours.

**INDONESIA**

**Affected regions' debt suspended**

Associated Press

BANDA ACEH — The U.S. military faced hard restrictions Wednesday as the Indonesian government sought to reassert control over foreign troops, relief workers and journalists in the tsunami-devastated region, which also has been the site of a rebel insurgency.

In Paris, the world's wealthiest nations said they support a moratorium on debt repayments by countries stricken by the Dec. 26 disaster that has killed more than 150,000 people.

The moves by the Indonesian government, aimed primarily at U.S. troops, underscore the nationalistic country's sensitivity at having foreign military forces operating there — even in a humanitarian effort. They also come amid warnings from the Indonesian military that areas of tsunami-battered Aceh province may not be safe for aid workers.

Hundreds of from troops from Australia, Singapore, Germany and other nations are also helping the relief mission. The Indonesian military is providing security for all of them.

The aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, which is leading the U.S. military's relief effort, steamed out of Indonesia Wednesday because the U.S. Navy only has permission from Indonesian officials to fly a combat aircraft into its airspace that are directly supporting the humanitarian operation, said LT. Cmdr. John M. Daniels, spokesman for the Lincoln carrier strike group.

Helicopters will still deliver aid to Sumatra's devastated coast, however.

"A three-month period is enough, even the sooner the better," Jusuf Kalla, Indonesian vice president, said Wednesday.

"We'll seek further clarification from Indonesia about what this means," White House spokesman Scott McClellan. "We hope that the government of Indonesia and the military in Indonesia will continue the strong support they have provided to the international relief efforts so far."

At a Paris meeting Wednesday, a French official said the world's wealthiest nations, including the United States, believe a temporary suspension of billions of dollars in debt repayments by tsunami-devastated countries will provide a necessary "breath of oxygen" for recovery and reconstruction from the disaster that killed more than 150,000 people across southern Asia.

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Journalist prisoner takes his fourth stand

Associated Press

LAKE CHARLES, La. — Forty-four years and three overturned convictions after he was convicted of killing a bank teller on a lonely rural road, Wilbert Rideau took the stand Wednesday in hopes of winning his freedom by convincing jurors his actions fell short of murder.

Rideau, who became an award-winning journalist behind bars, has never denied his guilt.

His defense team hopes his fourth jury touros a verdict no worse than manslaughter, mak­ ing him eligible for release because of the time he has already served. "You killed Julia Ferguson, didn't you?" defense attorney Julian Murray asked Rideau.

"Yes," he answered, in the silent, packed courtroom.

Rideau, 62, insisted the rob­bery-murder was unplanned, and took shape as he reflected, at 19, on his poverty and lack of prospects as a black man in segregated Lake Charles.

"I was miserable, I was desper­ate," Rideau said.

Under questioning from Murray, Rideau said nothing that had happened to him justified what he did to Ferguson in 1961.

Prosecutors say that despite the renown he has received as a journalist, Rideau is a cold­blooded killer underserving of clemency. They used testimony from earlier trials and Rideau's own words in arguing for a fourth murder conviction and a life sentence.

Originally sentenced to death for Ferguson's murder, Rideau was spared in the 1970s when the Supreme Court declared the death penalty unconstitu­tional. Meanwhile, he made a name for himself as part of a team that earned critical acclaim for the state peniten­tary's prison magazine, "The Angelou."

His first two convictions were overturned on appeal. His third stuck until 2000, when a feder­al court said he was entitled to a fourth trial because blacks were excluded from the grand jury that indicted him.

State pardon boards have recommended clemency four times. But Rideau's bid for clemency from a no-parole life sentence has been denied by two governors in the face of stiff opposition from the vic­tims' family and Lake Charles authorities.

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Greg Cleveland

fire captain

Los Angeles County

Mudslide leaves man grieving

Associated Press

A CONCHITA, Calif. — Jimmie Wallet went out for ice cream, and when he got back, everyone and everything he had left behind were gone.

On Wednesday, he identi­fied the bodies of his wife and three of his daughters, pulled from a tangle of homes smashed by a mud­slide.

No one lost more than Wallet in Monday's mud­slide, which has killed at least 10 people in this ocean­side communi­ty. And, driven by the frantic hope of finding his family, no one was as quick to claw through the debris and help pull out survi­vers.

Wallet dug for hours in the mud Wednesday as more bodies were found and residents on the missing list either reassessed the rescue opera­tion on Thursday night.

The three girls were found next to each other, apparently sit­ting on a couch when the slide broke apart their house, pushing it for about 100 yards and cover­ing it in muck.

"They never had a chance to get out," said Scott Hall, a battalion chief with Ventura County Fire Department.

His fourth daughter, a 16-year-old, had been in nearby Ventura when the slide hap­pened.

At least three people were missing. The number of missing slowly dropped Wednesday as more bodies were found and residents on the missing list either showed up at a town meeting or got in touch with authori­ties.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger viewed the damage by helicopter Wednesday, and declared a state of emergency in the county.

"It's extraordinary the way people have come together here from the moment the mudslides hit," he said.

The rainstorm that trig­gered the slide continued to bedevil the West, causing floods that destroyed houses in Arizona in Utah, washed out roads and forcing dozens of people from their homes. No serious injuries were reported, but one man was missing in Utah.

Crews using dogs, cameras and microphones intended to keep searching for survivors in La Conchita and then reassess the rescue opera­tion on Thursday night.

The massive mound of mud covered several blocks and stood 30 feet high in some spots. Scattered in the mud were a variety of household items, including surfboards, dish towels, golf clubs and cashed checks.

A pickup truck looked like it had been in an explosion. Other cars and mobile homes were smashed.

"It tears these cars up like they're toys," Los Angeles County fire Capt. Greg Cleveland said.
A hacker broke into a wireless carrier’s network over at least seven months and read e-mails and personal computer files of hundreds of customers, including the Secret Service agent investigating the hack, the government said Wednesday.

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Robert Reed Jr., who was para­ lyzed in a car accident, visits his library in Ontario, Ore., every day it’s open to work on college class­ es online toward his science degree. Reed said that his home com­ puter and its Internet connection is currently accepting applications for the 2005-06 Editor-in-Chief

Hacker reads confidential e-mails

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Nicolas Lee Jacobsen, 21, of Santa Ana, Calif., a computer engineer, has been charged with the break-in in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. Investigators said they traced the hacker’s online activities to a hotel in Williamsport, N.Y., where Jacobsen was staying.

Jacobsen, who was arrested in October in California, has been released on a $25,000 bond posted by his uncle, who was ordered to keep his own personal computer locked up so Jacobsen couldn’t use it.

The hacker was able to view the names and Social Security numbers of 400 customers, all of whom were notified in writ­ ing about the break-in. T­ Mobile said it said customer credit card numbers and other financial information never were revealed.

“Safeguarding T-Mobile cus­ tomer information is a top pri­ ority for the company,” said a spokesman, Peter Dobrow. He said T-Mobile discov­ ered the break-in late in 2003 and “immediately took steps that prevented any further access to this system.”

Court records said the hack­ er had access to T-Mobile cus­ tomer information from at least March through October last year.

An online offer in March 2004, traced to Jacobsen, claimed hackers could look up the name, Social Security number, birth date and pass­ words for voice mails and e­ mails for T-Mobile customers, court records said.

The Secret Service said its agent, Peter Cavicchia, should never have been using his per­ sonal handheld computer for government work. Cavicchia, a respected investigator who has specialized in tracking hackers, was a T-Mobile cus­ tomer who coincidentally was investigating the T-Mobile break-in, according to court documents and a Secret Service spokesman, Jonathan Cherry.

Cavicchia, who won the Secret Service’s medal of valor for his actions in the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, resigned to work in the pri­ vate sector. He told The Associated Press he was not asked to leave and said he was cleared during an internal investigation into whether he had improperly revealed sensi­ tive information or violated agency rules.

The case against Jacobsen was first reported by the Web site Security Focus, which is owned by Symantec Corp.

Cherry, the Secret Service spokesman, said the agency’s own e-mail servers were not affected by the T-Mobile break-in. “The account was a personal account of a Secret Service agent that was for a time compromised,” Cherry said.

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My, how quickly December passed us by. When I was a kid there was no month I looked forward to more than the twelfth one. My holiday-jolly month of celebration started with a bang on the Lee’s, when Saint Nicholas’ Day came around.

St. Nick, the Catholic saint upon whom the legend of Santa Claus is based, was the son of wealthy parents. After his parents died during his youth, St. Nicholas gave away his entire inheritance to aid the needy. He was especially known for his generosity, as he gave away his entire inheritance to aid the needy homes, tossing them — it is said — into shoes and stockings left near open windows. The practice of giving gifts during the Christmas season is largely based on the many legends of St. Nicholas which celebrate his uncommon generosity.

Of course, I didn’t know any of this when I was a boy. What I knew was that if I left my boots by our front door and went to bed, when I woke up there would be mountains of candy inside of them. There’d be gold coins, too, but not of the monetary kind. No, for this young boy there was something much more important than money: milk and chocolate.

My sugar high would wear off around another December milestone: my youngest brother’s birthday. As nice as this day was for him, it was even better for me. Irresistibly, he would receive gifts that would, by hook or crook, become community property. This particularly applied to video games and movies which always had a way of making their way out of his private stock at the hands of his two older brothers.

By the approach of Christmas Break, my December blues was at a fever pitch. It was just a hop, skip and jump to Christmas Day, where I quickly unwrapped and discarded boxes of sweaters to get to toys, toys, toys. As it’s been said, all things change. Over the past four Decembers here at ND, I’ve spent most of the month hiding away high up in the stacks of the Hesburgh Library. My note­books filled with Jonathan Swift and Alexander Pope, neither of whom is nearly as delicious. Since I’ve been away my little brother has gotten much stronger and can easily fend off my attempts at gift piracy. And on Christmas Day these days — I quietly unwrap and discard toys to get to sweaters, sweaters, sweaters.

But rather than dwell on what used to be and what might have been, I’d rather pass along a simple December story.

My brother and I were invited to a Chicago Bears game on the first Sunday of Christmas Break by a dorm-mate and friend of ours. We hopped on the South Shore and were immediately greeted with an hour long delay in Michigan City. When the electric train lost power, producing the holdup, we laughed. It was like a scene out of one of my favorite holiday films, “Planes, Trains and Automobiles.” We were a real-life Steve Martin and John Candy and we’d have a good story to tell when we got back.

But life wasn’t finished initiating art as we showed off Soldier Field after the game waiting in the dark for our train home on a night with heavy snowfall and a high temperature of five degrees, I experienced something much more painful and humiliating than the Bears’ 24-15 loss.

The South Shore, our trusty and safe ticket back, sped right past us. As I stood there feeling hopelessly alone and panicking as to how we’d get home, my brother’s cell phone rang. It was our friend and his dad. They had seen our predicament and were ready to drive us back to South Bend. We were certainly not expecting such an uncommon act of kindness and it proved even more extraordinary when we ended up driving most of the way home at 35 miles per hour in complete white-out conditions.

In a lifetime of living in the Midwest, I had never seen driving conditions so poor. What our friend’s dad saw, however, was two guys who needed to get home.

It may seem like a simple story — a straightforward act of charity — but the English poet William Wordsworth said that the best part of a man’s life is his “little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.” At the core of every seemingly simple kindness like this is a wealth of great love. Saint Nicholas knew that. This particular act of charity — and the unremembered acts of kindness and love. The view expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
A recent conversation with a friend who is kind enough to read my column, or at least courteous enough to pretend to, revealed that he had imagined that the night before a column is due I sit down at my desk in a state of hypercaffeinated delirium and simply type the first 800 words that pop into my head. Because my friend may not be alone in thinking this, I’d like to take the opportunity to set the record straight.

But it is not quite as bizarre as it sounds. I churn the night before they’re due, after consuming an epic quantity of coffee and precise dosage is known to caffeine connoisseurs as a “defibrillator.” But this isn’t how the columns are created; it’s how they are finished. Each installment of Englishman Abroad is the end product of weeks of painstaking research. Sometimes I even play video games.

To be a truly successful cultural analyst, one’s writing must be grounded in a thorough knowledge of what one is writing about. And so, this Christmas, after finishing Star, Pamela Anderson’s roman a clef, I celebrated the birth of my daughter; these days, thanks to tweens, the witticism is outdate.

It had been many years since I last engaged in any serious gaming — I’m not even sure whether “game” was a verb back then. So the first thing that struck me was the production values. The game looked like a movie, which made it a lot more entertaining than the movies that play like video games. Resident Evil: Apocalypse looked as if they had shot the whole thing in slow motion and used special effects to speed up the scenes with talking. They needn’t have bothered, but the dialogue still sounded like David Mamet comedies.

For me — the subject of this column, albeit inadvertently — the greatest eye-opening experience. “Tweens” is now the accepted term for the increasing number of 10-year-olds who ape the sophisticated clothing and entertainment of 16-year-olds. It is not at all unusual for women to have fluffy toys on their bed and an issue of Cosmopolitan beside it. The magazine will probably be promising, in large capital letters, to reveal the secrets of its new multiple-organ-weight-loss plan, which will be to all intents and purposes indistinguishable from the one it offered the previous month, and the month before that every purchase of Cosmopolitan is, as Samuel Johnson said of revolution, a too live in an age of transition, and if we were not so close to these changes it would be easier to see how remarkably rapid they have been. It will be a long time before, however, we know for sure what their impact will be or whether this new arrangement of the universe is even sustainable.

Now, if you’ll excuse me, I have to save the world.

Peter Wicks is a graduate student in the Philosophy Department. His new year’s resolution is to become a being of pure energy and to rule over the universe. He’s as usual, about a decade behind the better funded market researchers who by now have abbreviated the phenomenon to KGOY.

One of the most important changes has been the audience. That’s the real new thing; video games for grown-ups.

When people talk about recent changes in adolescence they usually focus on its beginning. Literally, an adolescent is someone who is in the process of becoming an adult (a social, not a biological category). As sociologists have used to be said that the definition of a conservative is a liberal with a teenage daughter; these days, thanks to tweens, the witticism is outdate.

But the inanity of modern movies is a subject for another day, and the technological advances of video games are only a superficial development compared to the most important change, which is their audience. That’s the real new thing; video games for grown-ups.

The most saddening display of all, though, is the masses of students香um as having left the final note of the alma mater has been played, only further demonstrating the true nature of such alleged Notre Dame fans. All of this, however, does not need to remain as it is. We should not be placing blame elsewhere until we look at ourselves. The JACC should be one of the most feared and hated arenas for visiting teams not only because of the talented Fighting Irish, but even more so because of its spirited student section.

One way to do it is to undergo a vast improvement by this Saturday and show St. John’s how intimidating Irish fans can be.

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**GTA music better suited for game**

*By BECCA SAUNDERS*  
*Scene Editor*

Fans of "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" have eagerly awaited the release of its official soundtrack and the more inclusive box set. The soundtracks from "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City" were received enthusiastically, and it was hoped that the new soundtrack would reach the same heights.

The smaller official soundtrack condenses highlights from the hit video game into a two-disc set with an eclectic mix of hip-hop, funk, country, and other genres. The collection of older hits from Rage Against the Machine, 2Pac, Public Enemy and others is obviously designed to take fans back to the rough streets of Los Angeles in the early 1990s when the artists were in their heyday. The expanded box set, with eight CDs with songs from the radio stations of the fictional Los Santos area, is aimed at the real fans of the game who want as much of the music as they can get.

Many of the songs on the official soundtrack are excellent in their own right. This is inevitable with a soundtrack that has picked its material from the artists who have already stood the test of the past decade or longer and remained popular. The problem is that the collection isn't really good enough to justify buying the soundtrack instead of investing in entire CDs by the acclaimed artists it features, nor does it carry the bragging rights of owning the box set. Fans of the game could certainly make a worse purchase, but it isn't a classic.

The box set offers a wider selection of less common music, which might be good for people who want to delve into more obscure music, but many of the tracks are not of the same quality as the hits on the condensed soundtrack. The discs also include imitation radio commercials and station identifications, which probably entertain some people but will be extremely irritating to others. Fans will be disappointed to learn that many of the songs featured in the game are not included in the box set. Some of the harder hip-hop has been removed, along with several other songs probably removed to save space, and other songs included are not actually the same versions featured in the game. Anyone who buys the set will probably not like at least some of the featured genres, and will end up paying for music they will never really want to hear. Most fans have one or two favorite stations, and will not be likely to listen to the others much. Radio Los Santos modern hip-hop is a common favorite but has been cut to a mere five songs for the box set, while K-Rose country is likely to irritate anyone who is not a determined country fan. Annoying radio stations of various genres are readily available in most places for free, and people who spend the $50 to buy the box set will probably have to admit they only bought it for the sake of owning it and not for the quality of the music.

The songs chosen for "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" work well within the context of the game. However, as with many soundtracks, they do not stand as well on their own, especially considering the substantial quality of several discs in the box set. Leave the box set on the shelf and save your money for the next big game.

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Mario shows promising future

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Music Critic

R&B songster Mario is back with a new look and a fresh style. His sophomore album, appropriately titled "Turning Point," represents a maturing not only in his style, but his musical ambitions as well. At the age of 15, Mario released his first album, and gained a squad of teen followers with the remake of rapper Biz Markie's "Just a Friend." Now, at the age of 18, Mario attempts to extend his young fan base for a slightly older market.

"Let Me Love You," the album's first single, reflects somewhat of a progression from his previous songs about puppy love to a more mature, relationships kind of love. The new song has already dominated radio airwaves nationwide, pushing record sales sky high, and allowing the single and the album to climb their way up the Billboard charts.

Seeking the help of Scott Storch, the ever-popular producer of such recent hits as Beyond Knowles' "Baby Boy" and Fat Joe's chic favorite "Lean Back," Mario has succeeded in creating an inspired album with soulful vocals and infectious beats.

Great things can be expected from the R&B, semi Hip-Hop star. Often compared to leading songster Usher Raymond, Mario makes reference to these similarities on the CD's first track, "18," featuring J-Record label friend Cassidy. In it, he explains that he still has time to catch up to the older star, who coincidentally scored his first hit song at the same age of 15. If you insist on comparing the two stars, however, it must be said that "Boom," track number three of the record, is a pale comparison to the Usher favorite, "Yeah!" that it seeks to reproduce. "Boom" attempts to pick up on the same clubby like sound of "Yeah!" by featuring the same Lil Jon as well as the Ludacris-ly infectious beats are what make this record an obvious hit.

In addition to "Let Me Love You," which is easily the best song on the entire CD, songs like "How Could You?" and the reggae beat "Girl I Need" recall an Usher-like sentiment to which many can easily relate. "How Could You" is reminiscent of a romance gone awry by what Mario refers to as a "ghetto karma suit." "Like Me Real Hard" is fun with lyrics that repeat, "You don't have to love me, just like me real hard."

The CD undeniably sets out for a love-like theme, but maintains its youthful appeal with songs like "Couldn't Say No" and "Nike's Fresh Out the Box." You know Mario is not going to get too serious on you when he compares a new love interest to the feeling of opening a fresh pair of kicks.

Mario has come a long way from the young cornrowed kid we have seen on previous music videos such as "Braid My Hair." In fact, the first scene of the "Let Me Love You" video shows him trading in his boyish cornrows for a more mature short cut, which in a way reflects the change in his music. Starting from a young age, Mario has successfully paved his way from being out karaoke tunes with his mom and impromptu performances at the local barbershop, to a lucky break with music mogul Clive Davis. Mario surpasses his debut album "Just a Friend 2002," and brings a superior thirteen track CD chock full of head hopping hits on "Turning Point."

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Architecture an elfin delight

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

Once-adorned pine trees lie dead on the sides of suburban roads, the snow has taken on a holocaustically muddy hue, and Target is hawking "Xmas 2004" stationary at 90 percent off — yes, the holidays are over. Now the big question on everyone's mind should of course be: what are the elves to do? Why, sing, surely! During the off-season, however, the elf who calls for "Santa, I need a break," to the aus­ terely closing organ chords of "Vannishing," this record is an absolute charmer.

Architecture employ a smattering of instruments to create their inspired modi­ pop, including glockenspiel, clarinet, recorder, tuba, and quite possibly several of the convoluted hybrid musical toys popular among the Whos in Whoville. The songs are relatively short and cater to those with even shorter attention spans, often consisting of several tiny "move­ ments" within a single two-and-a-half­ minute track. Architecture caps off this sugary recipe with fragile, pixie-like female vocals, and a male vocalist who is clearly the Will Ferrell among the elves, sounding more like a boy in the throes of puberty. While in certain contexts this would surely spell disaster, in the case of Architecture it gels surprisingly well.

If the arrangements are somewhat child­ ish, the lyrics are wildly precocious. In "Souvenirs," the vocalist muses melancho­ lically, "We've got souvenirs, so yester­ day can't mean too much." The record's centerpiece, the riotous "The Owls Go," contains a lyrical transformation worthy of the finest wordsmiths, as "finding a replacement with a heart sedated, I'll for­ get you" later morphs into "ate in a base­ ment with a knife serrated, I'll protect your heart sedated, I'll forget you." A bizarre breed of children these are.

Although their name might lead one to assume otherwise, Architecture reside far from wintry Finland — and even further from the North Pole, as it were — hailing from Australia, of all places. The octet has garnered comparisons to several of indie­ pop's finest collectives, including Belle & Sebastian and Broken Social Scene. With a brand new record set to arrive in March, Architecture in Helsinki is poised to enter the hearts of America's youth well before they go a-curling once more.

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Texas A&M upsets No. 10 Texas at home 74-63

No. 1 Illinois 90, Penn St. 64 CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Luther Head's eyes lit up as soon as he saw Penn St. was playing zone defense.

He finished with five of top-ranked Illinois's school-record 15-3-pointers and scored 19 points in a victory that tied the school record for consecutive wins at 17.

Drew Brown also has five 15s and finished with 15 points for the Illini in the Big Ten. The record-winning streak was set by the 1988-89 team that was the last from Illinois to reach the Final Four. Illinois became the 15th Division I school to reach 1,500 victories.

"When teams play zone, there's always open shots for me, Dee and Deron (Williams)," Head said. "We just had to step up and try to show these teams that we are good shooters."

It felt great," Simien said. "It was one of those things."" Today wasn't the prettiest win we've had," Williams said. "It was one of those ugly games, where you're just toughing it out more than the other team."

Marvin Williams had 14 points and 16 rebounds and Sean May each had 12 for North Carolina (14-1, 3-0 Big East Conference), which has won 14 straight since an opening loss to Santa Clara. Point guard Raymond Felton was suspended for that game.

"A Top Ten team and a Top Ten opponent out of the first five games," said Law IV, who was the first of his family to reach the Final Four. "It's one of those things."

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Texas A&M guard Acelia Law IV goes to the basket against Texas forward LaMarcus Aldridge in a 74-63 Aggies win.

No. 18 Cincinnati 84, East Carolina 78 GREENVILLE, N.C. — This was not the way Bob Huggins wanted Cincinnati to head into difficult stretch of the sched­ule.

Jason Maxillet had 24 points and eight rebounds to help the 15th-ranked Bearcats hold off East Carolina, 84-78, in the Bearcats' first meeting ever with both teams in the top five.

"We started off the first couple of possessions fine, but everyone knows you have to play the whole game," Jack said. "That's the one thing we didn't do, we didn't play hard for 40 minutes."

When Billy Gillispie took over as head coach at Texas A&M in March, he found a team lacking size, experience and depth.

But on Tuesday night, the Aggies did have some talent despite their size.

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"It feels great," Simien said. "It was almost a game-time decision whether I would play. They tried different casts and the ref­erees approved the one I wore. It was a bit bulky, but shooting with one was fine."

Corey Rouse had 21 points and 13 rebounds for the Pirates, who fell to 0-7 all-time against the Bearcats. Mike Cook added 19 points.

The Bearcats have to hope this was an altercation between players' folks, that we had to do, but that's apparently not the case.

When you have to spend time fixing things, that takes away from your time to prepare.

Cincinnati needed a bit of time to take control of the game, with the Pirates — thanks partly to a rowdy home crowd — hanging in most of the first half. But once their defense stepped up, the Bearcats had several transition scores to help build a double-digit lead.
Theater:

**Late Night Catechism 2**
Presented by The Broadway Theatre League
Decio Mainstage Theatre
This sequel to the hit comedy _Late Night Catechism_ explores the concept of Catholic guilt through the character of "Sister," an old-school nun who accepts no excuses and takes no prisoners.

- **Tuesday**, January 11 at 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday**, January 12 at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday**, January 13 at 7 p.m.
- **Friday**, January 14 at 8 p.m.
- **Saturday**, January 15 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- **Sunday**, January 16 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday**, January 18 at 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday**, January 19 at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday**, January 20 at 7 p.m.
- **Friday**, January 21 at 8 p.m.
- **Saturday**, January 22 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- **Sunday**, January 23 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets: $10, $8 faculty/staff; $6 seniors, $3 all students

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Music:

**Music for Two Gambas and Organ**
A NOTRE DAME FACULTY PERFORMANCE
Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
Friday, January 20 at 8 p.m.
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**John Blacklow Recital**
A NOTRE DAME FACULTY PERFORMANCE
Leighton Concert Hall
Wednesday, January 19 at 8 p.m.
Tickets: $10, $8 faculty/staff; $6 seniors, $3 all students

**Organist Craig Cramer**
Music for Two Gambas and Organ
Opening Recitals on the Fritts Organ
Choral Hall
Thursday, January 20, 8 p.m.
Friday, January 21, 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m.
Sunday, January 23, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, January 25, 8 p.m.

These performances are open to the public and free, but tickets must be obtained through the DeBartolo Box Office.

**The Marian Anderson String Quartet**
Presented by The Fischoff National Chamber Music Association
Decio Mainstage Theatre
Thursday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m.

These performances are open to the public and free, but tickets must be obtained through the DeBartolo Box Office.

Theater:

**ND Presents: Ballet at the Morris**

Founded over a quarter of a century ago, the St. Petersburg State Ballet Theatre is one of the most distinguished classical companies in Russia. The younger sibling of the Kirov and Bolshoi ballet companies, the St. Petersburg Ballet has presented its rich, varied performances to sold-out audiences in more than 50 countries. As part of Notre Dame’s ND Presents: Live at the Morris series, the ensemble will present Sergei Prokofiev’s dramatic and passionate Romeo and Juliet, choreographed by Sergei Vikulov. Based on Shakespeare’s famous tragedy, this very accessible three-act ballet enchants audiences with a combination of delicacy, pageantry, and lyrically sweeping melody and movement.

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Main Floor Rear/Boxes/First Balcony: $33, $26 faculty/staff; $22 all students
Second and Third Balconies: $28, $22 faculty/staff; $20 all students
To purchase tickets, call the Morris Performing Arts Center Box Office at 235-9190, or visit www.MorrisCenter.org

Film:

**Browning Cinema**
Tickets: $6, $5 faculty/staff; $4 seniors, $3 all student
Tickets go on sale each Monday before the screenings.

**Motorcycle Diaries (2004)**
Thursday, January 13 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
In 1952, two young Argentines set out on a road trip to discover the real Latin America. The diverse geography they encounter begins to reflect their own shifting perspectives. As they arrive at a leper colony, the two begin to question the value of progress as defined by economic systems that leave so many people beyond their reach. Their experiences at the colony awaken within them the men they will later become.

**Les Choristes (The Chorus) (2004)**
Special FREE Sneak Preview of this film soon to be released Miramax Films
Friday, January 14 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Set in 1948, a professor of music, Clement Mathieu, becomes the supervisor at a boarding school for the rehabilitation for minors. What he discovers discords with — the current situation is repressive. Through the power of song, Clement tries to transform the students.

**Notre Dame Student Film Festival**
Thursday, January 20 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Friday, January 21 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Saturday, January 22 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
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Tuesday, January 25 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Wednesday, January 26 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
CBA

Williams to play again 3 years after conviction

Former Nets star forward to join Idaho Stampede

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Jayson Williams signed a contract with the Idaho Stampede of the Continental Basketball Association, and was set to play Wednesday night.

The former NBA All-Star, who faces reckless manslaughter charges related to a 2002 shooting at his New Jersey mansion, has said he hopes to use the CBA as a springboard for his return to the NBA.

The 6-foot-10 forward turns 37 next month.

He quit professional basketball in 2000 because of knee problems.

"Interested NBA teams want assurances that I am fully recovered and can withstand the rigors of daily competition," Williams said in a statement Wednesday. "The very competitive CBA will provide me with this opportunity."

Williams was expected to play in the Stampede's game against the Yakima Sun Kings Wednesday evening.

The Stampede signed Williams to improve its rebounding and wasn't deterred by his legal difficulties, said general manager John Brunelle. "The best case scenario would be that he performs really well, we win ball games, and the NBA makes him the third call up from the Stampede this season," Brunelle said.

Williams was acquitted in April of aggravated manslaughter in the Feb. 14, 2002, shooting death of a limousine driver, Costas "Gus" Christofi. He convicted on four counts stemming from a failed bid to conceal the shooting.

His retrial on a charge of reckless manslaughter is due to begin in March.

Williams, who called the shooting an accident, won't be sentenced on the four cover-up convictions until the remaining charge is settled. Possible sentences run from probation to about five years in prison. The reckless manslaughter charge carries a possible 10-year sentence.

Williams played nine seasons for the New Jersey Nets and Philadelphia 76ers. He averaged ten or more rebounds per game in his final four NBA seasons.

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Sweepstakes official rules will be posted in the Sorin Conference room located in the Fortune Student Center beginning January 11th through January 13th.

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Pray for the victims of the tsunami--

Thursday, January 13
5:15 pm Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C., President-elect, will preside and preach.
Music provided by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir.

A collection will be taken up at the Mass to assist the relief efforts.

This Sunday, January 16,
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Members of the faculty and staff are invited to join us in this
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See www.crs.org

Contributions to the tsunami relief made before January 31, 2005 are tax deductible for the 2004 tax return
for those who itemize. Alternately, this deduction can be applied to the 2005 tax return.
NBA
Bryant returns to a familiar state

Associated Press
DENVER — Kobe Bryant has spent more time in Colorado than he would have liked the past two years, flying in and out dozens of times for hearings in the sexual assault case against him.

On Wednesday, the Los Angeles Lakers star returned to the Rocky Mountain state for the first time since the case was dropped.

"It's not a big deal to me," Bryant said Monday in Minnesota. "I'll be done with it. Not a big deal to me, bro." What Bryant went through during the past 18 months certainly was a big deal.

Bryant was accused of sexu­ally assaulting a woman in his room at a Vail­area hotel where she worked in June 2003. The case was about to go to trial when prosecutors dropped the felony sexual assault charge last Sept. 1 because the woman said she would no longer participate.

Bryant avoided a possible prison term, though he still faces a civil suit and repairing a severely tarnished image. It was an experience that forced Bryant to take a deep look at himself and his priori­ties.

"When I think about last sea­son, I think about what a blessing it was to go through something like that," Bryant said. "I don't look at it as a curse. I look at it as a blessing. It got me close to God."

"God helps you and he car­ries you through many days."

"It feels like a burden, but there are many people in this world who have bigger crosses to bear: My wife's healthy, my daughter's healthy, my family's healthy. You've got to keep that in perspective."

Bryant has shown he can shake off outside distractions. Last season, he played four times after spending the day in the courtroom and was stellar each time, hitting a game-win­ning shot at the buzzer to beat the Denver Nuggets and con­tributing a 42-point effort in the playoffs against San Antonio.

Bryant also shrugged off a media frenzy and plenty of boos last season in his first trip to Denver after he was accused of sexual assault, fin­ishing with 27 points.

Then again, Bryant always seems to play well against the Nuggets, no mat­ter where they play. He set the Pepsi Center record with 51 points in February 2003, a night after scor­ing 42 points against the Nuggets in Los Angeles, and started off this season with 25 points in an opening win against Denver.

Last week, Bryant scored the first 14 points of the fourth quarter and 42 overall to lead the Lakers to a 99-91 victory.

In that game, Nuggets inter­im coach Michael Cooper reportedly told DerMarr Johnson to "lock him up" within earshot of Bryant, and later said he felt the Nuggets had done a good job keeping the Lakers star in check.

Bryant responded by telling The Los Angeles Times: "If that's keeping me in check, wait until next time."

Even without the extra incentive, the Nuggets know it isn't going to be easy.

"Kobe is a great player," Johnson said. "You can't guard him by yourself."

Lakers star plays against Nuggets in Colorado, where rape allegations surfaced
Controversial King sues ESPN for $2.5 billion

Promoter contends a "SportsCentury" segment lied and insulted him

NEW YORK — For once, Don King kept quiet.

Instead of pontificating, the boxing promoter stood stiffly in the background as his lawyer discussed a defamation suit King filed Wednesday against ESPN. The attorney said King is entitled to damages of more than $2.5 billion.

The lawsuit says a "SportsCentury" segment aired last May accused King of being "a snake oil salesman, a shameless huckster and worse," claimed the flamboyant promoter underpaid Muhammad Ali by $1.2 million and lost $50 million in underpaid Muncie, Ind. King sued the Florida-based cable and satellite system.

"We have not seen a copy of the lawsuit, so we are not in a position to comment on it," said Mike Soltys, ESPN's vice president of communications. "However, SportsCentury is a Peabody- and Emmy-award winning series of more than 250 biographies that is widely respected for its journalistic quality and integrity."

The suit also says SportsCentury accused King of threatening to break the legs of heavy-weight Larry Holmes and of cheating boxer Meldrick Taylor out of $1 million in a fight and then threatening to have Taylor killed.

"It was slanted to show Don in the worst light. It was one-sided from day one," Gary said. "Don is a strong man, but he has been hurt by this."

King has represented fighters including Meldrick Taylor, who has spent much of his career in court, but the wild-haired promoter said he had just had enough.

"I just felt that this was the straw that broke the camel's back and I can’t take it anymore, and I’m going to fight back," King said at a news conference. "I seek justice.

King, wearing a garish American flag tie and two flag lapel pins, then quietly stepped back and let lawyer Willie Gary answer questions. Gary called the SportsCentury segment "a story designed to orchestrate and create an impression that is not there," and said the network had refused to retract parts of the program that offended King.

The suit, filed in state court in Broward County, Fla., names ESPN and its parent company, Walt Disney Co., among the defendants. Also named are Disney-owned ABC Cable Networks and Advocate Communications, a Florida-based cable and satellite system.

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Willie Gary lawyer

Don King addresses reporters after a recent news conference. King is suing cable sports station ESPN for defamation.

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Illness keeps Jets’ QB Pennington off field

New York prepares for second-round playoff game against top seed Pittsburgh

Associated Press
HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.—All of a sudden, the New York Jets have issues at quarterback.

Chad Pennington missed practice Wednesday with a stomach virus, while backup Quincy Carter went home to Georgia to be with his ailing mother. Pennington may not be able to practice Thursday, but coach Herman Edwards is confident his franchise player will be ready for Saturday’s playoff game against Pittsburgh.

“He’ll play,” Edwards said. “I wouldn’t be shocked if he didn’t."

Pennington called Edwards Wednesday night to say he was sick.

He came to Jets headquarters Wednesday and tried to practice, but Edwards took one look at him and sent him inside to get some rest.

Carter went home Tuesday, so No. 3 quarterback Brooks Bollinger took the snaps with the first-team offense at practice.

Edwards said he didn’t know when Carter would return. That means Bollinger would be the backup for game, not exactly the ideal situation for the Jets, who need Pennington at his best to have a shot at beating the Steelers.

Pennington, who got sick from his wife and son, had intravenous fluids to help him get better. Edwards was not worried about Pennington.

“Generally when guys get sick they have good games,” said Edwards, who also is under the weather. “I thought one time Michael Jordan got sick and he had, what, 100 points of something like that? Maybe that’s a good sign when guys get sick."

Pennington is coming off his best game since straining his right rotator cuff in November, throwing for 279 yards in a 20-17 overtime wild-card win over San Diego.

“If anything, it rests his arm another day,” Edwards said. “There’s always a positive in everything in life if you look at it that way. Now you can spin it the other way and say this glass is empty, but I’ve still got some water in it.”

Pennington had one of his worst games of the season in the first meeting with Pittsburgh, throwing three interceptions and finishing with a quarterback rating of 33.6.

It was his second game back since the injury, so he looked a little rusty.

But against the Chargers, Pennington threw long and short, and looked to back his old self.

“I think that’s the only way we win, with Chad playing the way he did,” Curtis Martin said earlier this week. “We need Chad to be the MVP of the play-offs for the New York Jets in order for us to win. It can take us all the way.”

Chad is the leader of this team. His play takes this team to a whole other level. When he’s on point, a lot of other things can go wrong and we still seem to get the job done. We need that.”

Missing a few days of practice could disturb his rhythm and his preparation for the biggest game of the season. Meanwhile, defensive end John Abraham also is questionable with a sprained right knee and practiced Wednesday and would be a game-time decision.

But injuries to his two biggest players will not deter Edwards.

“I don’t get hung up on all that stuff, I really don’t,” Edwards said. “I learned a long time ago you coach the players that are available.”

“When they get back to practice they get back in practice.”

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Defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson discusses plays with the Jets’ secondary. New York was without starting quarterback Chad Pennington for Wednesday’s practice.
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### Baseball

#### Baseball reaches new steroid agreement

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Baseball players and owners have reached a new agreement on steroid testing and plan to announce it Thursday. The Associated Press has learned.

The agreement will include penalties for first-time offenders, an AL player said on condition of anonymity. Other details, such as the frequency of tests, were not immediately available.

Baseball and union officials were preparing an announcement, and commission Bud Selig and union executives intended to discuss the agreement Thursday after an owners’ meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz., players said.

“I’m glad we could come to an agreement,” said Chicago Cubs pitcher Mike Remlinger, who was briefed on the deal Wednesday. “It was the right thing to do. I think it was something that needed to be done, and I think players understand it needed to be addressed.”

The sides spent the past month negotiating the deal after the union’s executive board gave its staff approval to pursue an agreement on a more rigorous testing program.

Some in Congress threatened to take action unless baseball reached an agreement on its own.

“I think it’s going to entail more testing, some out-season testing, yes, more in-season random testing and stiffer penalties,” said New York Mets pitcher Tom Glavine, a senior member of the union.

Bob DuPuy, baseball’s chief operating officer, said he anticipated confirmation of a deal by the end of the owners’ meeting.

“it will be wonderful once it’s done, but I don’t want to pre-empt any announcement, and I certainly don’t want to pre-empt all the work the commissioner has done on this, so I’ll reserve my comments until after it’s announced,” he said.

Selig declined comment Wednesday. Gene Orza, the union’s chief operating officer, also declined comment.

Players and owners agreed to a drug-testing plan in 2002 that called for survey-testing for steroids the following year. Because more than 5 percent of tests were positive, random testing with penalties began last year. Each player was tested for steroids twice over a single five- to seven-day period.

#### Baseball hopes to find new owner for Nationals

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Major League Baseball still is targeting April for finding an owner for the Washington Nationals, now that the new home of the former Montreal Expos has been determined.

“I would expect that we would start the diligence with the prospective buyers within a week to 10 days,” baseball’s chief operating officer Bob DuPuy said Wednesday during a break in the owners’ meeting. “We’ve got materials assembled in New York, and we’ll be inviting groups in, and we’ll go from there.”

A week after a number of prospective owners groups were expected, DuPuy said, “a little higher than that, and my guess is it will sort itself out over time.”

Ownership of the Washington, Oakland and Milwaukee franchises were to be discussed during the two-day session at a north Scottsdale resort.

#### In Brief

**Agassi sets up meeting with Roddick**

MELBOURNE, Australia — A seer, flitter Audere, Agassi beat Olympic gold medalist Nicolás Maou of Chile 6-1, 7-6 (4) in the first round of the Kooyong Classic on Wednesday to set up a match with Andy Roddick.

Roger Federer beat Gaston Gaudio 5-7, 6-1, 6-4, closing with an ace and a sharp forehand to tune up for his defense of the Australian Open title. Second-ranked Roddick, advanced in the exhibition tournament with an easy 6-1, 6-4 win over Croatia’s Ivan Ljubicic — a late replacement for injured Paradorn Srichaphan.

Agassi and Roddick will meet Thursday in the eight-man promotion-relegation format, while Federer next plays Friday against Tim Henman, who had a 6-1, 7-5 win over Argentina’s David Nalbandian.

Agassi, who will be looking for his fifth Australian Open title, trimmed down to about 163 pounds from 176 after concentrating on strength and

Runs instead of tennis technique.

**Diamondbacks add Estes, trade Hillenbrand**

NEW YORK — The retooling Arizona Diamondbacks made two more deals Wednesday, finalizing a contract with pitcher Shawn Estes and trading infielder Shea Hillenbrand to Toronto.

Arizona’s moves came one day after it sent Randy Johnson to the New York Yankees and acquired Shawn Green and Javier Vazquez in separate trades.

Fanes turned down a two-year offer for more money from the Washington Nationals. He and his wife, Heather, and their sons, 16-month-old Jackson and 3-month-old Cody, live in Paradise Valley, about a 20-minute drive to Bank One Ballpark.

He becomes the third new starting pitcher on a Diamondbacks roster that has been dramatically overhauled after the team lost 111 games last season. Arizona also signed free agent Russ Ortiz.
The members of Weis' new staff are Cutcliffe, Haywood, Lewis, receivers coach/recruiting coordinator Rob Ianello, offensive line coach John Latina, defensive coordinator/linebackers coach Rick Minter, defensive line coach Jappy Oliver, tight ends/special teams coach Bernie Parmalee and assistant defensive backs/special teams coach Brian Polian.

Cutcliffe was fired as the head coach of Ole Miss following a 4-7 record this season. Prior to his time at Ole Miss, Cutcliffe served as offensive coordinator for Tennessee's 1998 undefeated national championship team.

In his six years at Ole Miss, Cutcliffe amassed a 44-29 record including a 10-3 mark in the 2003 season. In 2004, he was promoted to recruiting coordinator all six seasons at Ole Miss, will join Cutcliffe on Weis' Notre Dame staff.

Minter is another member of Weis' staff with previous ties to Notre Dame, after spending the 1992 and 1993 seasons as defensive coordinator under Lou Holtz. In 1994 he was hired as head coach at the University of Cincinnati and held that job until 2003. In 2004, Minter again served as a defensive coordinator for the Dolphins, this time at South Carolina.

"I mean, when you get guys with that ability to come and join your staff, if you don't get them, then you're the one making the mistake by not trying to get them." Ianello, who served as Cutcliffe's defensive coordinator all six years at Ole Miss, will join Cutcliffe on Weis' Notre Dame staff.

Current Texas running back Cedric Benson, who Haywood also coached, is almost guaranteed to be a high draft pick.

"What I found with Mike Haywood and Rick Minter, who happen to be the coordinators, you bring in a head coach with Notre Dame ties, an offensive coordinator with Notre Dame ties, and a defensive coordinator with Notre Dame ties, I think you're on the right track to get going," Weis said.

Lewis has been the defensive nickel package coach for the NFL's Miami Dolphins since 1996. Under Lewis' guidance, the Dolphins have finished in the top eight of passing defense six of the last seven seasons, including a second-overall ranking in 2004 at 162 yards per game.

"Dave Cutcliffe, who can argue with his past success? I mean, [look at] his successes with the Manning alone, both at Tennessee and at Ole Miss."

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By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Staring at a 6-8 record, Saint Mary's discovered composure and poise at the perfect moment. In the second half of a highly contested, mini-game win, the Belles came up with all the right plays at the right times to secure a 66-61 victory over the Bulldogs of Adrian College on Wednesday night.

"It definitely wasn't easy," Belles coach Suzanne Bellina said. "We really gutted this one out."

Saint Mary's jumped out to an early 13-3 advantage and led for the entire first half. Freshman guard Allison Kessler hit a lay-up as time expired to give the Belles a 39-25 intermission lead.

Senior forward Emily Creachbaum had 12 points and five rebounds in the first half.

In the second period, the Bulldogs slowly chipped away at the Saint Mary's lead. Adrian applied full-court pressure and developed the offensive rhythm it was missing in the first half. Freshman forward Amanda Rainsberger led the Belles charge, finishing with 19 points and eight rebounds.

With 11:22 remaining in the game, Rainsberger hit a turnaround jumper in the lane, then fouled by Belles center Maureen Bush. Rainsberger hit the free throw to make the score 39-37. But Creachbaum immediately responded on the other end with a layup, extending the Saint Mary's lead back to four.

This marked the beginning of a second-half trend. Time and time again, Adrian pulled within one basket of the Belles, only to have Saint Mary's immediately score on its next possession.

Creachbaum, Bush, Kessler and Bridgette Royce all had clutch baskets that kept the Bulldogs out of striking distance.

"We really did a great job of staying calm and making the plays when they needed to be made," Bellina said.

With 1:10 left, Adrian guard Jesse Borwik hit a baseline jumper to bring the Bulldogs within one point. Saint Mary's responded as it had throughout the second half. On the next possession, the Belles went to Creachbaum, who coolly sank two foul shots to push the lead to 60-57.

The Belles closed out the game with flawless free throw shooting down the stretch, as Creachbaum, Royce and Bridgette Lipke combined to go 6-of-6 from the line in the final minute, ensuring the win.

Creachbaum led Saint Mary's in the winner's offensive effort, making up for the fact that the team shot only 33 percent from the field.

"(Creachbaum) is so solid and consistent," Bellina said. "She just always gets the job done."

With the win, Saint Mary's moves to 7-8 overall and 2-4 in the MIAA. Bellina stressed the importance of the victory as the Belles try to make up ground in the conference.

"We were playing the top teams for the past week or so," she said. "This stretch, starting tonight, is so important for us.

Four of the bottom teams in the conference were 1-4 heading into tonight. We wanted to start a drive back to the middle of the pack with a win tonight."

Saint Mary's will look to continue its upward trend on Saturday with a road contest against Alma College.

SAINT MARY'S 66, ADRIAN 61
at the ANGELA ATHLETIC CENTER
SAINT MARY'S (7-8, 2-4) 1-3-2-2 10 Bosch 4-11 6-8 14, Creachbaum 9-16 6-6 32, Mallozzi 6-13 5, Maggio 2-2-2 3. ADRIAN 4-4-5 1-1-5-1-0, Rouse 2-6-0-0-0, Rainsberger 7-10 5, Borwik 6-10 5. Hart 4-10 2-4 11, Blasjective 4-9 0-0 8, Kessler 2-2-2 4, Lipke 0-0 0-0 0.

KELLY HOGGIN/STAFF PHOTO
Belles senior Emily Creachbaum sets for a three-point shot against Anderson Def. 9. Saint Mary's won the game, 69-54.

Recruits continued from page 28

ing most of his career at Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Penn., Turkovitch will move down the line and play offensive tackle for Notre Dame. The three-star prospect gained 50 pounds in order to play tackle during his senior year at Valley Forge after three years as a tight end.

"I committed because of the education and I believe in what coach Weis is going to do," Turkovitch said to Irisheyes.com. "I believe in him. I think very good things are on the way for Notre Dame." Neither player will be committed officially to the Irish until they sign their national letters of intent in early February.

Duncan is successful off the field as well, carrying a 3.4 GPA and a 1090 SAT. His choice came down to Notre Dame and Duke. LSU was in the running for him until Nick Saban resigned to coach the Miami Dolphins.

Turkovitch had his prospective schools narrowed down to Boston College, Wisconsin and Notre Dame before his commitment to the Irish.

"He's quick footed and a really solid player," Frank said.

A handful of prospects will be making their college choices known this weekend at half-time of the Army All-America Bowl in San Antonio. Among these high school stars will be wide receiver D.J. Hord from Rockhurst High in Kansas City. The 10-ranked player at his position according to Scout.com, Hord has narrowed his list to Kansas State and Notre Dame.

"It was so much fun," Hord said to ESPN.com's Tom Lemming about his recent visit to Notre Dame. "I met a lot of players, Coach Weis was a really nice guy. I finally got to meet him face to face with my family. Overall, it was a really great experience."

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McGraw said. "They didn't do that in Cincinnati. It was a little quicker than they were in side. That's what we've got to get better at." That's been our Achilles heel the whole year, and it's something we've got to do that today."

Notre Dame started the second half but did return to play 18 minutes in the second half. She finished with eight points on 2-of-12 shooting.

Irish guard Charel Allen fights for a loose ball with Huskies guard Mel Thomas during Wednesday night's game.

Auriemma said. "They really controlled the boards. They had 17 offensive rebounds. That's been our Achilles heel all year, and it's something we've got to get better at." Notre Dame started the second half on a 7-0 run to take a 35-26 lead. The two teams exchanged leads until Connecticut pulled away by six. 35-39, with 8:59 on a Battle field goal. The Huskies extended their lead to 51-41 when Mel Thomas sank a pair of free throws with 7:27 left. "We were a little quicker than they were inside. That's what we've got to do."

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Tough to win when you turn over the ball and defensive rebounding needs to improve. In the meantime, the Irish have to deal with another upset, their third of this young season. I think they expect to be one of the better teams in the league, and they certainly act like it and they play like it," Auriemma said.

Just not on Wednesday.

The views in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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Well, thanks to Notre Dame, Connecticut knows who they're against. That's what Wednesday's game did. But on the other side, Notre Dame has to regroup. Battle must get healthy, Duffy has to take care of the ball and defensive rebounding needs to improve. In the meantime, the Irish have to deal with another upset, their third of this young season. I think they expect to be one of the better teams in the league, and they certainly act like it and they play like it," Auriemma said.

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**WILL SHORTZ**

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Happy Birthday: You are creative in a way that spells money no matter what you look at. You should be able to convince others to put money behind you. This can be a great year if you are confident, work hard and follow through on your promises. Your numbers are 3, 19, 25, 31, 47.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You've plenty of energy and a do-it-now attitude. A lot can be accomplished if you do your homework first. Someone will take an interest. ***

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Don't let anyone get to you today. Be strong and steadfast. Emotional support is expected. Someone will try to hold you back. **

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): A creative interest will interest someone you talk to. Don't sell yourself short - you are the one to remove your ideas. Love is in the picture.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): If you try to work at home, someone will bother you. Don't let smiley comments get to you. It's not up to you to do someone else's work. **

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): There is plenty happening around you. Get out and mix and mingle with people who are done. Call in favors from your peers. You can surprise if you try.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The more unique you are, the further you will get away. Your skills will get everyone around you thinking. You can take a leadership position. ***

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love should be preached. If you are single, accept a blind date or attend an even geared toward people looking for partners. Less than optimistically, last year's dream will return. ***

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be questioning your current personal situation. A move to a different house or moving to your old quarters may be required. Talk to a trusted friend. **

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money and how you make it may be on your mind but it's the research you do that will clarify what you should be doing. Put in a few calls or sign up with a financial advisor. **

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have probably taken on too much and made too many promises. Backtrack if you don't want to risk losing out financially. You have to put in a tight ship. ***

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen to yourself for a moment and then begin again. You have to take off negativity and back away from anyone who brings you down or you can move forward and make progress. ***

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Getting involved in a group can be a good thing from a social standpoint. However, look for hidden costs in any group, organization or deal you get involved in. ***

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**Fumbled opportunity**

Huskies dominate second half as Irish lose second straight Big East contest

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Connecticut proved Wednesday it isn’t ready to roll over, despite a rocky start to the Huskies season. Notre Dame, on the other hand, now sees its chances of a Big East title slowly slipping away.

With an 8-4 Connecticut team in town and an opportunity to rebound at home after its first Big East loss against Villanova on Sunday, Notre Dame came out at the Joyce Center and got completely dominated in the second half by the Huskies in a 67-50 loss. The Irish dropped to 13-3 and 2-2 in Big East play, while Connecticut improved to 9-4 and 3-0 in the conference.

“We have a game like this, and we expect our veteran players to step up and play well,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “What I like about Notre Dame is that they have the academics and the talent to protect him. Offensive linemen Paul Duncan and Michael Turkovich are the ninth and 10th additions to Charlie Weis’ first Irish recruiting class after making their verbal commitments during a visit to campus this past weekend.

Notre Dame quarterback recruit Evan Sharpney was excited by the decision of his teammates.

“They’re a couple of big dudes,” Sharpney said. “They should really be able to help our team out.”

Duncan, from East Paulding High School in Dallas, Ga, is rated the 20th-best lineman in the nation and has earned a four-star rating from Scout.com. Standing 6-foot-6 and weighing 285 pounds, he is projected to play offensive tackle for the Irish.

“What I like about Notre Dame is the tradition they have and the academics that are so strong,” Duncan said on Scout.com. “I feel that Connecticut rebounded better, played better defense and most of all wanted the win more than the Irish.

For Notre Dame, it was a bad loss.

But wait, a loss to Connecticut — a national powerhouse — a bad loss? Yes, that’s right, a bad loss. This year’s Huskies are not last year’s team. They have struggled all season, losing games to Arizona State, Michigan State and Tennessee, games the Huskies of old would have won. It took over-time for Connecticut to beat South Florida at home Wednesday’s win over the Irish was the Huskies’ first win over a ranked opponent this season.

And so Notre Dame is left with a two-game losing streak and a mediocre 2-2 Big East record.

“We have a lot of work to do,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

The Irish struggled most of the game. They played as if they were the underdogs of just a year ago. But they

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**FOOTBALL RECRUITING**

Linemen give their word

By MIKE GILLOON
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Paul Duncan is rated No. 20 among offensive linemen.

Michael Turkovich converted from tight end to lineman.

Notre Dame can get back to what it once was and the excitement involved in that is pretty enticing.”

Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com believes Duncan is a promising player. Weis’ choice of his staff was to balance the new group of coaches between two key strengths — knowledge of fundamentals of the game and recruiting. Hayward, who comes to Weis’ staff after spending the 2004 season on the staff of Texas coach Mack Brown, is one such highly touted recruiter.

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

SBC LASTBALL

Saint Mary’s 66
Adrian 61

Emily Creachbaum scored 24 points as the Belles earned an important conference win.

NFL

Pennington sits out practice

The New York Jets did not practice their quarterback Wednesday due to illness.

SMC BASKETBALL

King sues ESPN

Famous boxing promoter Don King is suing ESPN for $2.5 billion after he believed ESPN defamed his name.

BOUXING

Bryant returns to Colorado

Kobe Bryant said he was not concerned returning to the state of his recent trial.

NBA

Jayson Williams returns

The retired former Nets star signed a contract with the Idaho Stampede.

CBA

Texas A&M 74
Texas 63

The Aggies upset the Longhorns in College Station, led by 28 points from Acie Law IV.

**FOOTBALL**

New assistants bring experience, specialty

Weis adds football minds and recruiters to Irish staff

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Even with his current team trying to win its third Super Bowl in four years, new Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis has done his homework in assembling a new coaching staff for the 2005 season.

Weis’ staff includes former head coaches like offensive coordinator/runnings back coach Michael Haywood and even current NFL assistants like defensive backs coach Bill Lewis.

“We first, the thing I wanted to do, I wanted some people with Notre Dame ties as part of the staff,” Weis said at a press conference Jan. 9. “I thought that was one thing coming in.

“When I was assembling the staff, I wanted to find a few people at least with Notre Dame ties ... (Bhat) was one of the premises, one of the foundations, of my thought process.”

Another important factor in Weis’ choice of his staff was to balance the new group of coaches between two key strengths — knowledge of fundamentals of the game and recruiting. Hayward, who comes to Weis’ staff after spending the 2004 season on the staff of Texas coach Mack Brown, is one such highly coveted recruiter.

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