Judicial Council hopes to increase turnout

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

To help combat traditional student apathy toward campus government elections, this year election organizers have initiated a Rock-the-Vote campaign-style effort to increase voter turnout.

The Judicial Council, which oversees the elections, will hold primary debates Thursday at 7 p.m. in LaFortune. They will be preceded by a "meet and greet" with the candidates at 6:30 p.m., said Judicial Council president Erin Anderson.

"We are trying to target the student body with publicity. Students will be invited to get involved with the debates, as they will provide the questions that the candidates will discuss," said Anderson. "After the debates, there will be an "O.C. watch" with refreshments."

Anderson said she hopes these moves will increase interest in student government campaign issues and ultimately motivate students to vote in the upcoming elections.

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Viruses added to list of known, suspected cancer causes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government says it is the first time in its list of known or suspected causes of cancer, including hepatitis B and C, and a third virus that causes sexually transmitted disease, Lea...
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on any injuries the alleged vic­
tim sustained, nor would she give­
her name or age. She also would not
give his name or age of the ex­boyfriend, or comment on whether or not he is a Notre Dame
student.
Sister Mary's Security was alert­
ed at 12:40 a.m. and arrived at 1:13 a.m. Sunday, McDonald said, but
the ex-boyfriend had already
arrived at the student's room and
was conducting a complete search of Le Mans. He then left after he
derived and exited the dorm, she
said.
There were no witnesses to the alleged assault, McDonald said, add­
ing that police would keep the
roommates. There was no indication that alcohol was a fac­
tor in the incident, she said.
A no-trumping order has been
issued against the ex-boyfriend,
she said.

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want to raise awareness for the issue, Boyle said. "At Notre Dame, Notre Dame students hadn't received a heart transplant, it really pushed it to the forefront," Boyle said.

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"What this card includes is space for both your signa­
ture and your family member's signature of your family member, so if something happened to you, especially if you are in another state, they will have your signa­
ture on it as well as your family member's signature on it more legally-binding, Boyle said.

Boyle pointed out that while hospi­
tals in states like Louisiana defer taking action based on a signed driver's license, with this card doctors could honor the
donor's intention to donate even if family members cannot contact the hospital in the hours immediately fol­
lowing death.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 18 states do not allow for transplants. Roughly 84,000 people are on the waiting list at any given time.

"Less than a third of people are registered to do it. We're looking to get people who haven't registered to register and to talk to their families," Boyle said. "One organ donor can save up to 80 lives."

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is pretty low," said Sarah Sheehan, a senior from Lewis­
Hall.
"I'm a senior so it doesn't really affect me. I used to read the platforms of previous elec­tion­
tions but I don't anymore," she said.

Like Sheehan, Greg Schafer, a junior from Kreamer Hall, noted a gap in student leadership in student government during the past several years.
"I'm just not that interested. I felt the same way about last year's election," said Greg Schafer.

Still, Anderson said she is hopeful this year's election will be different. She cited the large number of candidates and diverse platforms as factors that may lead to greater student interest.

He explained while this was part one, raising awareness of the current level of diversity on campus, part two, the solution, would take shape from now until April.

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ified student body, not just stu­
dent government, in support of the report, students are asked to wear their "We are ND" or other green shirts Thursday.

Primarily Istvan, vice presi­
dent Karla Bell and Baron wrote the BOT report, along with the help of several sena­
tors. In other CLC news:

- Cavanaugh senator and co­
chair of the social concerns task force Jordan Jorgovian­
na her committee had been busy getting information in order for the Board of Trustees meeting.

"We feel that the issue we're discussing is really important, as the whole student body's report," Istvan said.

Regarding the current level of diversity on campus, Istvan said. "It covers racism, sexism and heterosexism." He encouraged representa­
tives of the Board of Trustees to discuss the possibility of a security task force, which was scheduled to be presented to the student govern­
ment Web site Monday night.

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tant that the report comes from the student body, not just student government," he said.

The third Board of Trustees report, to be presented in April, will attempt to offer solutions to the diversity problem described in the second report, Istvan said.

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Allawi calls for Iraqi unity after vote

Local centers are working to tally sheets, but final results may take many days

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq’s interim premier called on fellow countrymen to set aside their differences Monday, while a station here reported the first phase of counting was 90 percent complete and the departure of 150,000 American troops.

From the counts by individual stations, local centers will prepare tally sheets and send them to Baghdad, where vote totals will be compiled, election Commission official Adil al-Lami said. Final results could take up to 10 days.

With turnout in the vote still uncertain, concern was focused on participation by Iraq’s Sunni Arab minority, amid fears that the group that drives the insurgency could grow even more alienated. Electoral commission officials say the turnout in hardline Sunni areas was better than expected, though they cited no numbers. A U.S. diplomat warned that Sunni participation appeared “considerably lower” than that of other groups.

Meanwhile, guerrillas claimed to have blown up a bridge in the capital but said, “We are not the enemy, we are the voice of the Iraqi people.”

In his first news conference since the elections, Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi called on Iraqis to “join together” to build a society battered by decades of war, tyranny, economic sanctions and military occupation.

“The terrorists now know that they cannot win,” he said. “We are entering a new era of our history and all Iraqis — whether they voted or not — should stand side by side to build their future.”

He promised to work to ensure that “the voice of all Iraqis is present in the coming government.”

In new violence, three suicide attackers in Baghdad on Monday hit American troops. At least 44 people were killed in violence Sunday, when there were nine suicide attacks, most near polling sites in Baghdad.

The claims could not be confirmed, and the alliance had been expected to run strong in the Shiite heartland. Going into the vote, the list headed by Allawi was also considered a main contender.

It was a powerful showing, endorsed by Shiite Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

Judge rules in favor of detainees

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration must let foreign terror suspects challenge their confinement in U.S. courts, a judge said Monday in a ruling that found unconstitutional the military system set up by the Pentagon.

U.S. District Judge Joyce Hens Green ruled that prisoners about whether detainees have been tortured by interrogators judges, she said, should make sure people are not detained indefinitely based on coerced and unreliable information.

Foreigners from about 40 different countries have been held at the U.S. Naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, some for more than three years — without being charged with any crimes. They were mainly swept up in the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan.

The government contends the prisoners are dangerous “enemy combatants” who, because they are foreign, are not entitled to the same constitutional protections as Americans.

Judges are trying to sort out detainee rights following a landmark Supreme Court ruling last summer that federal courts are open to appeals on behalf of the foreigners.

Green’s ruling conflicts with a decision about two weeks ago by another federal judge in the same court who considered a similar lawsuit brought by a different group of detainees.

Judge Richard Leon found that while the Supreme Court gave detainees access to courts, it did not provide them the legal basis to try to win their freedom.

Viet Dinh, a Georgetown Law School professor who worked on terrorism issues as an assistant to Attorney General John Ashcroft, said because the two decisions “are so stark, it’s much more likely than not the Supreme Court will have to weigh in.”

That would mean many more months of legal wrangling, including hearings at an appeals court.
Harassment allegations plague Habitat for Humanity's president

Associated Press

ATLANTA, Ga. — Habitat for Humanity International said Monday that its president, Franklin D. Miller, will step down after months of dispute over allegations of his inappropriate conduct toward a female staffer.

In a statement, the board's executive committee said it found insufficient evidence to substantiate the sexual harassment allegations stemming from a 2003 business trip, but "it is imperative that the board continue to cooperate with the investigation."

Officials also fired Fuller's wife, Linda, who co-founded the Habitat International organization with him 28 years ago.

In October, Fuller, 70, agreed to give up the title of chief executive officer — which he held for 20 years — so he could remain president. Monday's decision also stripped him of his presidential responsibilities.

"We have tried repeatedly over the past several months to resolve differences in a spirit of respectful confidentiality," he said in a statement. "In every conversation, the Fuller's have never been asked or openly been critically of any and all steps taken toward appropriate compromise."

So they decided they would take the steps necessary to fire not only me, but my wife," he said.

Miller Fuller, president, founder, Habitat for Humanity International said Monday that an aide had accused him of sexual harassment, but Fuller told The Associated Press last year that an aide had accused him of touching her on the neck, shoulder and thigh, telling her that she had "smooth skin."

Fuller has been accused of impropriety before. In 1990, several women who worked in the president's office accused him of sexual harassment. Fuller's behavior was the result of the growing up in rural Georgia, where people are more physically demonstrative.

Over the years, Fuller has repeatedly denied the board with the board over the pace of withdrawal of U.S. forces.

When Katlyn "Katie" Coleman's body was found Sunday, it marked the first time since since America's Amber Alert sys- tem was started two years ago that the missing child being sought was found dead.

State police did not issue a statewide alert for Coleman until two days after the 10-year-old Crothersville girl went missing. A state trooper found her body Sunday in a southern Indiana stream. Police, who were awaiting autopsy results Monday, said there was not enough initial information pointing to an abduc- tion to meet state guidelines for issuing an alert. "There was no information other than she was a missing child. That's exactly the kind of alert that the local State Police Sgt. Jerry Goodlin. Coleman's father called Crothersville police officials about the child late Monday, but national guidelines say three-quarters of the child's kidnappers are slain within the first three hours of abduction. But national guidelines say police should issue an Amber Alert when a kidnapped child is missing, even without evidence of an abduction. Bursten said that were done, police would be issuing an average of 33 Amber Alerts per day, or every 43 minutes.

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Then came the collapse of the technology bubble and its briefly insatiable demand for telecommunications services, criticism over its inability to match the fraudulent numbers being reported by WorldCom (now MCI) and regulatory changes that will end AT&T's ability to lease local Bell lines at low government-set rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 62.74, or 0.6 percent, to 10,489.94.

**AT&T's revenues have been on a steady slide, from nearly $50 billion in 1999 to $30.5 billion in 2004. Its residential cus­
tomer base has fallen from a peak of 60 million to about 24 million at the end of last year. In their quar­terly update two weeks ago, AT&T executives declined to suggest either trend might end any time soon.

The agreement calls for each share of AT&T to be purchased for SBC stock worth $18.52 at Monday's price, plus a cash payment of $1.30, for a total value of $19.81 per share. That represents a premium over AT&T's share price, which rose sharply last week.

**Gain in stocks credited to election**

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Then came the collapse of the technology bubble and its briefly insatiable demand for telecommunications services, criticism over its inability to match the fraudulent numbers being reported by WorldCom (now MCI) and regulatory changes that will end AT&T's ability to lease local Bell lines at low government-set rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 62.74, or 0.6 percent, to 10,489.94.

**AT&T's revenues have been on a steady slide, from nearly $50 billion in 1999 to $30.5 billion in 2004. Its residential cus­
tomer base has fallen from a peak of 60 million to about 24 million at the end of last year. In their quar­terly update two weeks ago, AT&T executives declined to suggest either trend might end any time soon.

The agreement calls for each share of AT&T to be purchased for SBC stock worth $18.52 at Monday's price, plus a cash payment of $1.30, for a total value of $19.81 per share. That represents a premium over AT&T's share price, which rose sharply last week.

**Gain in stocks credited to election**
As I walk through the parking lot on the way to DeBartolo or drive through the streets of South Bend, I can’t help but notice the array of bumper stickers. Ranging from the eternally hopeful, “Kerry-Edwards,” to the collegiate, “University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish,” this rainbow of messages boldly declares anything from political party to the fact you brake for animals. Besides providing me with reading material at red lights (highly important!), what purpose do bumper stickers serve? Do other drivers really need to know what kind of a Whitefish Bay Middle School Honor Student is navigating your tiny minivan? Has anyone actually changed their vote after looking at a bumper sticker? Well, I don’t know about you, but once I saw that snazzy Bush-Cheney ’04 logo on the back of a Ford Explorer on Juniper, I was convinced “W” was the man. There was something about the font. The sheer number of bumper stickers on the streets of America reflects the needs of a culture that demands instant gratification. Their one-liners fit our hurried lifestyle, distilling complex arguments to a five-second read. They also provide me with justification when I find myself cursing at other vehicles. “Of course you’d cut me off...Libertarian driver!”

Such easy labeling defies the complexity of who we are. Sure, the compact information at the bottom of this column may say I support the Democratic party. But unequivocally: Absolutely not. So why do we feel the need to define ourselves in such a limited fashion? In a world catered by the Meal Value, where the OC is an intellectual experience, these labels provide enough definition so others generally know our alignment without enforcing any of us to be able to work through our actual philosophies. How incredibly different would America be if its citizens did not see themselves as Republicans or Democrats but had to puzzle out the best possible solution to each national problem, such as health care or education? ( Cue an a cappella version of John Lennon’s “Imagine.” )

If politicians were forced to address an audience of well-informed constituents imagine how different their campaigns might be, rather than their characteristic overarching promises they would seriously discuss crises and the best ways in which to manage them.

Politics in this country is indeed a reality check, and this wake-up call can only come from her electorate. Those running for public office should be able to offer a specific and feasible plan of action for each of their campaign promises.

Also, they should not feel compelled to toe the party line on each issue. Of course I’m not advocating the abolishment of political parties, but I do believe it is often too easy to choose one party line to follow their positions. Either am I trying to demonize bumper stickers, although there are only so many times I’ve heard the phrase “As Long As There Are Tests There Will Be Prayer in Public Schools” will strike me as new and innovative. Once...

But politics should reach beyond these easy statements and black and white affiliations. The complexity of the issues with which politicians deal should be reflected in their own careful and considered evaluations as well as those of their constituents.

If you believe in a particular politician, by all means support him in any way you can. Slap that campaign slogan on the back of your white Honda Civic. Just realize that in the end political campaigns should amount to so much more than the 90-second sound bytes on television, weathered yard signs and yes, bumper stickers. They should amount to more than what you believe in, and you should voice for whomever seems most likely to carry out that agenda, regardless of how fabulous their advertisements look.

And despite the glitz of ad campaigns and media coverage can be difficult in our appearance-oriented society. To make the presence of this venerable column is of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A view from the stage, please

Everyone is raving about the new DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. I can’t blame them; it’s quite impressive in size and décor. After taking a look at the stage in the DPAC, I became very excited about the possibility of the newly founded Dance Company of Notre Dame performing at such a great venue.

But I’ve come to find out only students from registered Notre Dame classes are permitted to use the stage. Therefore, Professor James McKenna’s tap class could use the facility for its show this past semester, but the Dance Company of Notre Dame couldn’t.

That’s difficult to explain, but I think it’s very unfair. The DPAC should be used by everyone, but I believe students should have the opportunity to be involved in the dance community. The more people who get involved in the DPAC, the more students can be part of the dance company.

If you don’t get me wrong, I’m thrilled the Philharmonic is coming (not so thrilled I couldn’t get a ticket, though) and the University should continue to bring such accredited performing groups. Just give the students a chance, too.

Ashley Lucchesi
Dance Company of Notre Dame, President
Jan. 31

Observer Poll

What kind of discrimination do you feel is most prevalent at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s?

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at www.ndsmcobserver.com

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without the work.”

Emile Zola
Author
Definitely worthy of a storming

In the inside column of Monday's paper, Matt Lozar offered his opinion of Notre Dame's win over the University of Connecticut — more specifically, his opinion of the court-rushing that followed the win. It was apparent by his statement, "I became dissapointed to be a Notre Dame student" that he might not have liked it.

Lozar's take on the situation was that field or court-rushing should be saved for a win that "defined the season." By this example, Lozar was attempting to warn the students of our last two home football meetings with Michigan and the previous upssets of Pittsburgh and Connecticut in basketball. In his estimation, this win did not fit into that category.

I am not here to attack Lozar personally or his opinion. He presents one idea on court-rushing, I just wanted to present another. There are plenty of people who choose to do it just for fun. If you have indeed big enough to want to come out as a few hundred students stormed the court. Some people think this win may be the boost of confidence our team needed after two letdowns on the road and a daunting stretch of games against the Big East's best teams right in front of us.

At this point in our season, beating Connecticut was an "unbelievable win" for the program. We struggled from 3-point range but our big men played their best collective game of the year, doing so against one of the best frontcourts in the conference. In fact, this may indeed be a win that "defines our season."

Lozar supports his case by pointing out the best frontcourts in the conference. But this is may indeed be a win that "defines our season."

Brian Tracy
Kress Hall
Jan. 31

Eat normally despite stress

It's spring semester, and for many students, especially seniors, watching the weight after postulating well-thought-out New Year's resolutions, has slipped down a few notches from its spot as the number one priority. For these students, looking graduation right in the face, this time of year is not only a little sad as the days count down but can be stressful and scary as the "real world" approaches.

The hard truth, however, is that stress can do harmful things to bodies if health isn't a No. 1 priority. More often than not, people deviate from their normal eating habits when they're stressed. You may be eating everything in sight while filling out those applications or so are so busy setting up interviews and making the drive to Jackson and Memphlis that you hardly have time to eat at all.

Your "stress mode" eating plan probably doesn't correlate with however many pounds you planned on dropping as soon as you got back to school and hit up the gym. Going through this myself, I had to sit back and figure out some ways to prevent myself from falling into a stressful pitfall, bringing unwanted weight gain.

If you know you are going to be extremely busy all day and may not have time to eat lunch, eat a big breakfast. I know this sounds cliché, but breakfast gets your metabolism going and gives you the energy you need to conquer theensive to-do list. And not to mention that it prevents you from snacking in between meals or eating too much for dinner.

If you absolutely have to have a snack, prepare some things ahead of time such as sugar-free jello, carrot and celery sticks, pickles or sugar-free popcicles.

I understand how working out can become quite a challenge. You may have a schedule that makes it nearly impossible to go walk about during the day, and by the time you can get to the gym everyone else has decided to go at the same time. What I have found to help this situation is to go jog or walk whenever you get a chance.

If you are sitting at the house and about to start getting on some account homework, get on the floor and do a few sets of crunches. You may not feel like you are getting much done, but if this is all you can squeeze in for the time being, it can't hurt. Give school a few more weeks to settle down, and you may find you have an hour here and there to plan on going to the gym regularly.

Until then, do the best you can to keep your health in check and when tempted to grab fast-food or order a late-night pizza to give in to stress, think about how you want to present yourself in your upcoming job interviews. You want to feel as confident as you can and most people would say we rush the court more, not less. And that includes Boston College.

Torin Francis was still around long enough to be happily mobbed by some appreciative fans. Definately worthy of a storming.
**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Carrey’s wacky antics drive ‘Unfortunate Events’**

By RYAN ROGERS

There is something uniquely delightful about Lemony Snicket’s series and the book-to-film adaptation of “Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events” delivers exactly that. The series of unfortunate events begins when the three wealthy Baudelaire children, Violet (Emily Browning), Klaus (Liam Aiken) and Sunny (Kara and Shelby Hoffman), are orphaned after their parents die in a mysterious fire. In turn the children are forced to live with the villainous Count Olaf (Jim Carrey).

The greedy count then attempts to kill the children in order to inherit their fortune, but the Baudelaires are a clever bunch. Violet is a brilliant inventor while Klaus, as an avid reader, knows just about everything. From here Olaf and the Baudelaires match wits with various fantastic settings alongside odd characters.

Everything about this film is imaginative. The costumes, the sets and even the predicaments the Baudelaires find themselves in are truly innovative. In fact, the very method of story-telling is refreshing. The film is based on three books in the literary series, and the viewer gets a real sense of that as the film’s format is three familiar and linear yet distinct episodes. Meanwhile it is all presided over by Lemony Snicket (voiced by Jude Law) himself, although he is perpetually silhouetted.

The big-budget actor of this film is Jim Carrey. His performance is strong as the very nature of “Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events” allows Carrey to show his ability and range. Count Olaf is an actor who takes on many different personas during the course of the film. The role is so diverse it leaves one wondering how much of a necessity it was to cast Carrey. While Carrey ultimately is very entertaining, there are occasions where Carrey goes a bit too far, and the viewers are left rolling in their eyes.

The style of “Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events” is wonderful. The film looks and feels dark in an original sort of way yet it is still family friendly. This is a very fine and difficult line to walk because it is a children’s film, but there is a lot of death and malicefulness. This provides for a very interesting and endearing experience.

**Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events**

**Director:** Brad Silberling

**Written:** Robert Gordon

**Starring:** Jim Carrey, Meryl Streep, Jude Law, Liam Aiken and Billy Connolly

However this darkness against family-friendly notion ends up causing a few problems for the film. The tone of the film is very difficult to place, and there are more than a few moments that seem tremendously out of place. For example Sunny, the youngest Baudelaire, speaks in a series of baby-goo-goo’s and gag-gas which are subtitles into cringe-inducing one-liners. The subtitles are so out of place that you get the impression the filmmakers were a little scared to make the film totally dark.

This is also evident with all of the implied violence in the film. No one dies once even yet the story requires a lot of dying. This is not necessarily a problem, but it leaves one wondering how committed to darkness this film really is. “Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events” suffers from a mild identity crisis. In a time when most believe you cannot tell an original story, “Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events,” even with its flaws, feels original.

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**DVD REVIEW**

**Updated ‘Troy’ epic fails to conquer on DVD**

By MARK REMENDERFER

When Hollywood decides to remake a classic, they usually run the risk of offending long-time fans. In some instances, the literature has been around for thousands of years, passed through the generations. Hollywood then picks these tales up and tries to sell the story on its recognition and established fan base. While the resulting epics aren’t usually terrible, they still tend to stray far enough from the principal literature to fans.

Such is the case with the movie “Troy,” directed by Wolfgang Petersen. Considered purely as a stand-alone film, disregarding its source as one of Homer’s epic poems, it has all the makings of a terrific summer blockbuster. The cast is full of A-list stars, including Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom and Bill Connolly. The big-budget actor of this film is Stephen Dillane. Described purely as a stand-alone film, disregarding its source as one of Homer’s epic poems, it has all the makings of a terrific summer blockbuster. The cast is full of A-list stars, including Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom and Bill Connolly.

The acting in this epic varies from great to atrocious. For being one of the central characters, Bloom’s performance seems unoriginal and leaves a little to be desired. He played a role too similar to the character he played in “Pirates of the Caribbean,” so people know what to expect. Pitt doesn’t show much range in his role either, although his performance is towards the middle of the spectrum. Diane Kruger’s performance as Helen is also lacking and mediocre at best.

The best characters within the movie are the two leaders of the warring factions, the Greeks and the Trojans. King Agamemnon (Liam Neeson) and King Priam (Peter O’Toole) are two of the most interesting characters within the movie. O’Toole displays some decent depth as Hector, the tragic hero. Unfortunately, that standard of quality does not hold true for the DVD’s extras. These extras are on the light side, to put it nicely. The most immediate, and surprising, omission would be a director or cast commentary track. There are three special features though, basically consisting of making-of documentaries. The odd-ball of the trio would be the “Gallery of the Gods,” which showcases the Greek gods absent from the film itself. “Troy” is by no means a bad movie, certainly not one that deserved critic Roger Ebert’s Worst Movie of 2004 award. The film was made as a modern version of the Troy legend, true to the heritage while updating for the times.

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Extended ‘Rings’ DVD fit for a ‘King’

By JONATHAN RETARTHA

After four Golden Globes, two Grammys and a clean sweep of 11 Academy Awards, it would be easy to think that all is well with the film version of J.R.R. Tolkien’s epic. But director Peter Jackson’s operatic finale, “The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King,” has already been said, Jackson, apparently, disagrees.

Following in the tradition of Jackson’s first two films, “The Fellowship of the Ring” and “The Two Towers,” is a mass­ive two-disc extended edition that adds close to a full hour of extra footage, pushing the total running time well over four hours. As with the other extended editions, Jackson interweaves the added scenes into an entirely new cut of the film, complete with additional music scored by Academy Award winner Howard Shore. The extended cut, while extremely long for those who are not die-hard fans of the film, serves as an incredibly rich presentation that will be cherished by both fans of cinema and fans of J.R.R. Tolkien’s source material.

While the extended editions of the first two films served primarily to incorporate scenes that purists of the novel would appreciate, Jackson’s extended cut of “King” thoroughly addresses almost all of the major criticisms of the theatrical cut released in December 2003. One of the biggest concerns among fans and critics was the apparent shortchanging of Gollum (Andy Serkis), the enemy’s emissary who greets the armies of Rohan and Gondor near the film’s finale. The appearance of this character entirely alters the emotional setup and payoff of the scene. In the theatrical cut, the armies charge into Mordor in order to divert the enemy away from Frodo (Elijah Wood) and Sam (Sean Astin) as they make their way up Mount Doom to destroy the Ring.

The appearance of the Mouth of Sauron at the gate, however, intrudes on Frodo’s focus. Branded by Orcs. An Internet forum resulted in leaks of the scene’s deletion from the film. Jackson has reintroduced the scene into the extended cut, and it is a welcome reedit because it details the demise of Saruman through slightly different events.

Another major criticism of the theatrical release was the underdevelopment of Denethor (John Noble), the Steward of Gondor. While the motivation for his apparent madness is a bit cloudy in the theatrical cut, Jackson has used the extended cut of “The Two Towers” and “The Return of the King” to properly flesh out Denethor’s character. The new scenes detail the history of Denethor’s lineage and the drastic decline of the kingdom of Gondor through the centuries. The extended cut also adds significant depth to the characters of Faramir (David Wenham) and Eowyn (Miranda Otto). Additional scenes offer insight into the individual motivations of the characters as well as into their essential relationship.

The most significant addition to the extended cut, however, is the appearance of the Mouth of Sauron (Bruce Spence), the enemy’s emissary who greets the armies of Rohan and Gondor near the film’s finale. The appearance of this character entirely alters the emotional setup and payoff of the scene. In the theatrical cut, the armies charge into Mordor in order to divert the enemy away from Frodo (Elijah Wood) and Sam (Sean Astin) as they make their way up Mount Doom to destroy the Ring.

The appearance of the Mouth of Sauron at the gate, however, introduces the twist that appears in the novel. The Mouth of Sauron presents Frodo’s eulogy to the Gondorian armies, making the heroes believe Frodo is dead, when in actuality he is not. Therefore, Aragorn’s (Viggo Mortensen) climactic line, “For Frodo,” takes on a completely different context in the extended cut. Instead of fighting for Frodo to have a chance to destroy the ring, they are fighting in memory of Frodo, and the scene becomes filled with a sense of despair and utter hopelessness as the armies charge towards what they believe is now certain death.

Never before in the brief history of "extra footage" DVDs has the addition of a scene so drastically altered the tone and emotion of a scene than at the climax of "The Return of the King." The biggest complaint across the board of "The Return of the King" was undoubtedly its brevity of successive endings. Just when the screen fades to black and the film appears to be over, another scene begins that lengthens the finale. Jackson has always reluctantly stood by his ending, professing that such a finish is needed for the sheer wealth of characters and plot lines involved in such a trilogy. Therefore, he does not touch the ending of the film in this extended edition, neither shortening it nor lengthening it, which should please film purists.

This decision will probably delight fans of the films who have no problem with the ending, but will continue to gal­lantize the legions of book purists. Many continued to hold out hope to the bitter end of seeing at least a small portion of "The Scouring of the Shire," the series of final chapters that details the hobbits’ return to Hobbiton, only to find it over­run by orcs.

Such scenes, according to Jackson, were never filmed in their entirety and will never be seen in any further DVD releases. Jackson insists there is even more footage that would like to build in a separate "extra" section of the eventual DVD box set.

As with the other two extended edition DVDs, the presentation of King is unparalleled. The digital transfer is stunning, especially on High Definition televisions. The clarity of the picture and the richness of color are beyond comparison. The DVD experience just as good, if not better, than the theater experience.

Such perfection also serves as a test­ment to the special effects, which continue to look flawless, even when shown in such a strikingly clear format. The character of Gollum (Andy Serkis) truly is a benchmark in visual effects, and deserves to be placed with the T-1000 character of "Terminator 2" and the "Jurassic Park" dinosaurs as a landmark that will continue to amaze and convince audiences decades into the future.

The two discs of extra features included with the extended edition serve as landmarks in their own right, continuing the rich tradition of the first two extended edition DVDs. They also provide one of the most comprehensive looks at the process of filmmaking ever created. Disc 1 contains hours of video and audio material, such as "42 R.E. Tolkien. The Legacy of Middle Earth" and "From Book to Script," are continuations of features in the previous two extended editions. When combined, these documents are long enough to produce entire length documentaries in and of themselves!

Disc 2 deals with the shooting of the film, and the insanity that ensued as the final cut was leaked. Even when shown in such a entertaining and exciting, it makes one wonder what the filmmakers have been like if they had two years to perform the perfect, instead of just doing it.

"The Return of the King" extended edition carries on the high quality from the two previous DVDs in the trilogy. The hours of extra footage clearly show the amount of love and effort put into these films by everyone involved. The DVD serves as a fitting tribute to the filmmakers, as well as the fans. So many people have developed a life-long love of cinema and literature from these films.

It is appropriate for such historic films to be documented and honored in these extended edition DVDs. They will ensure that generations from now, viewers of all ages can watch and be able to reflect on these masterpieces.

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Iverson returns, leads Sixers over Pacers 89-88

Hawks end losing streak; Rockets hold off late Boston run

PHILADELPHIA Allen Iverson scored 24 points, blossoming into a potential winning shot when he knows the ball is going in, Kyle Korver said. Korver made a go-ahead jumper with 6.5 seconds left, and Iverson returned from a three-game absence to score 27 points.

"You see a guy in his second year who's able to hit a big shot like that, it says a lot about him as a player," Iverson said. "I felt like I shouldn't have missed many shots.

Kenny Thomas scored 12 for the Sixers, who opened a four-game winning streak.

Stephen Jackson scored 25 points and shooting guard O'Neal had 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Pacers, who lost their fifth straight.

The Sixers are getting used to these dramatic wins and big shots, too. In November, Iverson beat them for the second time.

Iverson said.

"It says a lot about the coaching staff and the confidence the coaching staff and we have in him."

Korver hit five 3-pointers and added three steals.

James Harden scored 24 points against the Hawks, who have finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Orlando eight-game losing streak in scoring, but its road record of 96.2 points per game is almost 10 points below its home average.

Rockets 97, Celtics 94

Tony Parker scored 15 of his 24 points again st the Hawks in the fourth and 10 assists for the Spurs, who won 78-68 against the Hawks, who have the NBA's best record at 17-3.

The Sonics played without All-Star guard and top scorer McHale and missed his first game of the season because of the flu.

The Sonics also were without coach Nate McMillan. He was not expected to return to the bench after the death of his mother Sunday. The Sonics were coached by assistant Dwane Casey.

The Knicks, who are 18th in the NBA in scoring and 10th in defense, won 93-90.

Rockets 97, Celtics 94

The Knicks opened 1-10 in January. The worst month in the franchise's 59-year history. Their previous worst was 3-14 in March 1986 and January 1963.

Jamaal Crawford scored 11 straight Knicks points in the fourth and finished with 19.

All five starters scored in double figures for the Clippers, who have won four of five following a five-game losing streak. Brand made 10 of 19 shots and got all eight of his rebounds in the second half.

The Knicks have lost 13 of 15 and straight on the road since a 119-111 win over Orlando on Dec. 27. They are 1-4 since Lenny Wilkins resigned as coach on Jan. 22 and was replaced by Herb Williams.

New York has dropped all six games against the Clippers at Staples Center since the building opened in 1999. Before that, the Knicks won each of their previous five road games against them.

New York has lost its last 13 games in the Pacific time zone since beating the Lakers on Feb. 16, 2003 - thanks to Houston's career-high 33 points.

The Clippers, who never led in a 110-96 loss at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 12, didn't take their first lead in this one until Marko Jaric's 3-pointer put them up 58-57 with 7:34 left in the third quarter.

None of the teams were led by more than three over the next 13 1/2 minutes before the Clippers pulled ahead 87-81 with 3:56 to play. Jaric converted his midcourt steal against Marbury into a breakaway layup, and Kaman followed another Knicks turnover with a dunk, then added a free throw.

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And Still We RISE...
Reflecting on MLK Day

As CONCERNED STUDENTS of this Notre Dame student body having recently reflected on the life and legacy of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., we would like to offer the following thoughts, suggestions and questions to our wider campus community:

- On the topic of RACISM AND INTEGRATION, we call for the promotion of a wider community of acceptance and encourage cross-cultural dialogue and greater celebration of cultural difference.
- On the issue of STEREOTYPES AND RACIAL PROFILING, while recognizing the tendency to stereotype, we call for an end to acting on these prejudices and encourage that the dignity of all people be assumed and respected. In the words of one MLK event participant, “What do you see when you look at me?”
- Regarding FAITH AND THE PUBLIC SQUARE, we appeal for the responsible use of our faith traditions, that they may inspire us to more critically ponder the issues at hand rather than limit our discussion.
- Concerning ECONOMIC JUSTICE, we call for equality of opportunity and assert the right of workers to receive fair and more equal compensation. Why are some peoples’ lives worth more than others’?
- With reference to our own community, WHO IS THE “WE” IN THE NOTRE DAME NARRATIVE? How are people of all different races, classes, viewpoints and life experiences being represented here?

And finally,

WE ENCOURAGE ALL INDIVIDUALS OF THE NOTRE DAME COMMUNITY:

to think critically about how their actions may be contributing to deeper divisions and iniquities in our world and on our campus

and

to exercise their power and responsibility to create a community of peace and respect by confronting unjust structures and practices.

Sincerely,

The MLK Planning Committee (Elizabeth Adams, Colleen Case, Aislinn Doyle, Justin Gray, Melissa Hentges, Michael Poffenberger, Kamaria Porter, WilliamDavid Williams, Chandra Johnson, Iris Outlaw, Priscilla Wong), with contributions from the wider student body during the MLK dinner on January 16th and the open town hall meeting on January 17th.

"I submit to you that if a man has not discovered something he will die for, he is not fit to live."

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Owens has first practice since injury

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — T.O. is almost a go.

Terrell Owens, the Philadelphia Eagles’ All-Pro receiver, practiced Monday for the first time since injuring his ankle last month, moving closer toward returning for the Super Bowl.

"I won’t say anything outside of ‘He looks great. He looks great. He looks good,'" Eagles safety Michael Lewis said. "It’s always a lift when you can get anyone out there, an added weapon."

Quarterback Donovan McNabb said, "He did make some big plays for us. He did an excellent job of coming in and presenting a different type of feel for our passing attack."

Myerson inserted two screws in Owens’ ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured. Owens was told after surgery that he had only an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6 1/2 weeks away at the time. But he rehabbed vigorously, hoping to help Philadelphia win its first NFL championship since 1960.

After a checkup last week in Baltimore, Myerson said that while he’s pleased with Owens’ recuperation, the operation requires a recovery period of eight to 10 weeks. Myerson added that any attempt to accelerate the rehabilitation process poses the same risk for injury.

USFCA Fencing Polls

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Spadea, Mello advance in Millennium International

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Top-seeded Vincent Spadea defeated Hugo Armando 6-2, 6-3 Monday night to advance to the second round of the Millennium International Tennis Championships.

Also advancing was defending champion Ricardo Mello. Fifth-seeded Mello defeated Tomas Zib 7-6 (4), 6-3.

The 21st-ranked Spadea eliminated the unseeded Armando in an hour. In their only other meeting, Spadea needed three sets to defeat Armando in the quarterfinals of the 2004 ITF. Spadea went on to lose to Brazilian Ricardo Mello in the final.

"I had a little bit better game plan," said Spadea, who has one ATP victory.

"I stayed back a little bit on my return. He gets a lot of first serves in. I was able to control some points off his serve. I executed pretty well."

Owners and players make no progress in NFL lockout

NEW YORK — The NFL and the players’ association are now disputing whether they have anything to talk about.

The sides have had just limited contact by phone since Thursday, when the league presented more salary-cap concepts in an effort to reach a new collective bargaining agreement.

But even that talking stopped Monday, leaving even less optimism that the hockey season could be saved.

Bill Daly, the NHL’s chief legal officer, expected to hear from the players’ association on Monday, but that call never came.

"I’m somewhat surprised that I haven’t heard from the players’ association today," Daly told The Canadian Press on Monday.

"We broke up on Thursday and both agreed to keep the lines of communication open."

Hooisers hire former QB coach Lynch

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Bill Lynch is returning to Indiana as an assistant head football coach, the school announced Monday.

Lynch had been the Hoosiers’ quarterbacks coach in 1993-94 and was 8-2 last season as the head coach at DePauw. He was also the head coach at Ball State from 1992-2002 and Butler from 1985-90, the school said.

Lynch, who has coached for 25 years, also will be the offensive coordinator/tight ends coach for the Hoosiers. Lynch, a 1977 Butler graduate, joins his son, Billy, who is the wide receivers coach for Indiana and his hiring completes coach Terry Hoeppner’s staff.

"First of all, I am so happy to join Coach Hoeppner’s staff," Lynch said in a news release. "We have a great relationship. He’s a great football coach and runs a quality program."

Hoeppner was enthusiastic about the addition.
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NFL

League aims to avoid 'wardrobe malfunction'

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Oh, what the NFL would have given for a marching band. Instead, it got what will forever be known as a "wardrobe malfunction," an ever-so-soft shot of Janet Jackson's bare breast — barely discernible at first, but easy to see after the replays had been slowed down, digitized and dissected a hundred times over.

In a flash, Janet's halftime debauchery last year altered the watercooler conversation about the Super Bowl — and in an extent about the bigger issues of morals and decency — and made the powers in the NFL realize they had failed in their never-ending quest to micro-manage things down to the microwatt. "Disappointment and embarrassment" was how NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy described the scene and its humbling aftermath. "An unprecedented event and an unprecedented reaction," said Charles Coughlin, the man the NFL put in charge of making sure nothing like that happens at this year's game.

Jackson, who declined interview requests for this story, will be in Jacksonville this week, attending a fund-raising party the night before the big game. Clearly, she will be persona non-grata at any NFL-sponsored event. But her impact on the Super Bowl will never be forgotten — not in this day and age of instant news, instant analysis, instant overkill. Her breast, after all, was much more than a breast, and we're not just talking about the silver sunburst nipple shield that was revealed when Justin Timberlake tore open her black leather top accidentally, he said.

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**NCAA Women's Basketball**

Ohio State ranked second after victory over Wisconsin

Associated Press

Duke stumbled and LSU and Ohio State were there to take advantage. LSU replaced Duke at No. 1 and Ohio State rose to second on Monday to reach the highest ranking in school history in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

It's the second time at the top for LSU, which was No. 1 for six weeks earlier this season. The Lady Tigers (19-1) beat Auburn 75-73 in their only game last week and received 43 of 45 first-place votes from a national media panel.

Ohio State (21-2) received one first-place vote and so did Duke (20-2), which slipped to third after a 56-21 loss at North Carolina. That victory, plus two others during the week, lifted North Carolina from 12th to ninth. LSU's only Division I team with just one loss, had 1,123 points in the voting, while Ohio State had 1,052 and Duke 1,008.

Coach Pokey Chatman's reaction to returning to No. 1 was similar to how she felt the first time her team got there: It's nice, but there's no time to celebrate.

"It's one of those things that will always be more exciting for the fans and the community than it will be for the kids and the coaching staff," Chatman said. "It's not a matter of down-

playing it. It's nice to know our program has been in that point where it's recognized as a top program."

"But when the dust settles, it doesn't factor in to how we're preparing for Ole Miss."

LSU plays at Mississippi on Thursday. Ohio State continues to impress under coach Jim Foster, who had a long string of successes at St. Joseph's and Vanderbilt before moving to Columbus in 2002. The Buckeyes had fallen from national prominence after reaching the NCAA championship game in 1993, but they've now appeared in 32 of the last 43 polls.

Foster, though, was more interested in next Sunday's game with Indiana than his program's ranking milestone.

"To me, it's an end-of-season reflection," Foster said. "You look back. During the season, I'm just sort of about the next game. I think it's probably there for discussion, for fans to discuss. But as far as the practical, day-to-day, where are you with the team, it just doesn't come into play."

Road victories over Wisconsin and Illinois last week extended Ohio State's winning streak to 10. Duke lost to North Carolina last Monday, then bounced back to beat two other Top 25 teams, Maryland and North Carolina State. This was the third change at No. 1 this season. Tennessee led the first three polls before falling away to LSU, which lost its No. 1 ranking the first time after losing at Rutgers.

**NCAA Men's Basketball**

Simien leads Jayhawks over Missouri 73-61

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Wayne Simien had 22 points and Aaron Miles had 14 points and 10 assists, rallying third-ranked Kansas to a victory over Missouri on Monday night.

Missouri (10-11, 2-6 Big 12) hit 70 for the third time this season and fell quickly behind by 10 points before going on a 20-4 run and seizing a stunning 36-28 half-time lead over the Big 12 leaders.

But after shooting just 36 percent in the first half, the Jayhawks, who are fifth in the Big 12, shot 58 percent in the second half, and 60 percent of their shots in the first 15 minutes, 30 seconds of the second half. A 59-pointer from J.R. Giddens made it 57-54 and gave Kansas the lead for good.

Miles, the Big 12's career assists leader, executed two picture-perfect one-handed lays for layups by Christian Moody and Giddens during a 7-1 run that put Kansas on top 66-55 lead. Embattled Missouri coach Quin Snyder, who got the job six years ago over Bill Self when the Kansas coaching carousel was in full swing at Tulsa, fell to 3-10 against Kansas and 0-7 against Self.

The Tigers have lost six of their last seven and are winless at Kansas since 1999.

Giddens had 15 points and Keith Langford had 11 for Kansas. Jaron Conley had a season-high 20 points for Missouri and Linas Kleiza, who was limited to 1-for-4 shooting, had 17. Missour's 3-pointer put Kansas on top 24-20 and the capacity crowd settled in for an enjoyable romp, but the Jayhawks made only four points in the last 4:48 before intermission.

Kleiza, Missouri's leading scorer, who was held out of the starting lineup for the second straight game, meshed inside for a basket to launch a spree that included seven points by Conley and Thomas Gardiner's three-point play that gave the Tigers the lead at 55-54 with 2:21 left.

Conley's steal and driving bucket put Missouri ahead 41- 30 the first few minutes of the second half, but Miles connected on two 3-pointers in Kansas' 18-6 run.

**Congregation of Holy Cross**

"Go and make disciples of all the nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28:19)
Eagles, McNabb expect to rely on others receivers

Associated Press

New York — The trade that would send Sammy Sosa from Chicago to Baltimore Orioles took a step forward Monday when the players' association approved a key to his contract that allows the teams to complete the deal.

Chicago would receive Jeff Hatton Jr., and a pair of minor league teammates, second baseman Mike Fontenot and right-handed pitcher Dave Croxford, in exchange for Sosa and $12 million. The trade is likely to be finalized Thursday or Friday.

Sosa's contract currently contains a provision that calls for if the team's $18 million option for 2006 to be guaranteed if he is traded and for a $19 million team option for 2007 to be added, one that would carry a $4.5 million buyout. As part of the trade, the Cubs will sign an addendum to his contract voiding that provision.

Commissioner Bud Selig also has twice approved the Mike Hampton, three-team trade, and the Orioles would assume responsibility for the $3.5 million severance pay called for in Sosa's contract, which must be given to the seven-time All-Star within 30 days after the trade is finalized. The Cubs would wind up paying $61.5 million of the $72 million Sosa was guaranteed in the four-year deal, with the Orioles paying $5.9 million.

Hatton took his physical Monday in the Phoenix area, but Sosa might not take his until Thursday. The Cubs and Orioles did not include a 72-hour window for a contract extension. The 36-year-old outfielder has agreed to waive his right to block the trade and will go to the Orioles without a healthy deal.

After the deal is done, Baltimore might try to negotiate a new contract with Sosa. Selig has twice approved larger salary exchanges. Texas agreed last February to send the Yankees $67 million over seven seasons in the trade that sent Alex Rodriguez to New York for Alfonso Soriano. In November 2002, Selig approved the Mike Hampton, three-team trade, which involved $30 million.

The Yankees also are expected to send more money to the Orioles, possibly around $20 million, to get more money in the Sosa deal.

Sosa hit .252 last year, his lowest average since 1997, and had 35 homers and 80 RBIs in 126 games. His 57 homers rank seventh on the all-time list.

While Cubs fans supported him after he used a corked bat in 2003, he was booed last season after the Cubs had blown a wild-card lead over the final two weeks. He finished fourth in the MVP voting and had a .284 average, 34 home runs and 103 RBIs in 158 games.

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seem six goals scored on Notre Dame netminder Sunday, possibly matured on the red light. But Cey turned forward attempted a shot on a Falcons power play — even though he did not play a wide net.

If it was apparent before, it is now. Everyone associated with the Notre Dame hockey team is frustrated. "I think this is the most frustrating season of my tenure," Irish coach Mike Sauer said Saturday night's 6-2 loss to Bowling Green. "My first few seasons we didn't have the talent of talent that we have now. I just haven't seen a single thing out of our way. It's been remarkable. You just have to keep telling them that something good is going to happen."

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serve, Coetzee fell 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles against Neunhoeffer in the first of a two-game weekend for the Irish.

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"I look up to her especially because she's from Indiana and is doing so well," Kessler said. "That student-athlete has managed to keep her grades up and have her career, and yet do all the other things that a student-athlete has to do."

Her 12-point performance in the game marked the fourth time in school history that an Irish player had scored 12 points in one game.

"It's good to have that," said Buck, who leads the team in doubles point for the Irish with an equally strong singles record.

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season. Because of these accomplishments, he was nomi- nated for the 2004 Golf Coaches' Association of America (GCAA) Assistant Coach of the Year award.

Members of the Irish squad have expressed satisfaction at the team's success. "He comes from a pretty strong family background," said Patrick Kubinski, the starting fullback verb al commit ment to the Irish program who is listed at 6-foot-6, 288-pounds. "The Irish are frustrated with the Notre Dame hockey coach and team — especially this season and, it's hard for me to go through a week without hearing about Notre Dame's struggles."
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Charlie Weis' first recruiting class nearly complete

Wilson and Lorig remain top undecided prospects for Irish

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Wednesday is National Signing Day, and Notre Dame has 14 verbal commitments ready to formally commit. There are also a handful of undecided players that have Notre Dame on their final lists and should announce their intentions tomorrow.

The highest-profile undecided Irish recruit is Lawrence Wilson. One of the top defensive end prospects in the nation, Wilson decommitted from the Irish after the firing of Tyrone Willingham but now has his choices trimmed down to Notre Dame and Ohio State.

"It's hard to say where he'll go," Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com said. "It's about 50/50. He keeps battling back and forth between Ohio State and Notre Dame."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish view Buck as their cornerstone

Freshman holds a 4-1 record against ranked opponents this year

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Freshman Brook Buck is quickly becoming a cornerstone on the No. 21 Notre Dame team. And with good reason. "She hits the ball so hard. She's fearless," sophomore Christian Thompson said. "If you hit any ball down the center of the court, she'll hit it back for a winner."

No. 16 Karin Coeetze of Wake Forest was on the receiving side of Buck's volleys Sunday. Overwhelmed by Buck's potent power, see BUCK/page 18

Irish winger Tim Wallace, right, moves towards the puck during a game against Bowling Green this past Saturday. Morgan Cey was pulled after letting in his fifth goal Saturday night against the Illini before entering the team's bench.

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Irish hockey player Justin Schuver relies on the line as the coaching team that began when then-head coach John Jasinik resigned for personal reasons on Dec. 7.

Kubinski becomes just the sixth coach in the 76-year history of the program, ending a year-and-a-half long tenure assisting both the men's and women's squads at Duke. During this time he helped lead the men's team to No. 13 ranking in the Golfweek polls and played a large part in the lady Blue Devils' third-place finish in 2004 and their rise to the top of the polls at the close of the fall season.

Kubinski earned head coaching position

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

For the 14 members of the Irish golf team, the long wait is finally over. The school announced Friday it had named former Duke assistant Jim Kubinski as the new head coach of the Irish, ending close to a two-month ordeal for the team. The announcement was made after the Irishview Buck as their cornerstone.

Freshman Brook Buck connects on a return in a match during the fall season. Buck plays No. 2 singles for the Irish and defeated No. 16 Karin Coeetze of Wake Forest on Sunday. During this time he helped lead the men's team to No. 13 ranking in the Golfweek polls and played a large part in the lady Blue Devils' third-place finish in 2004 and their rise to the top of the polls at the close of the fall season.

Sosa trade takes a step forward

The players' association approved a change in his contract, which is a requirement to complete the deal with the Orioles.

FSM BASKETBALL

Kessler relies on the line

First-year player makes over 88 percent of her free throws

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Free throws are the ones she knows she can make and the ones she practices most.

For Alison Kessler, it's that simple: "It's definitely mental," Kessler said.

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HOCKEY

ICERS frustrated with poor season

By JONATHAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Frustration has already reached its peak.

It was apparent when goalie Morgan Gey was pulled after letting in his fifth goal Saturday night against Bowling Green, and the usually-quiet senior netminder tossed his helmet and pads angrily into the tunnel before entering the team's bench.

It was apparent when members of the Irish fan base, fed up with watching their team fail to produce on offense yet again, started an impromptu chant deriding Notre Dame's head coach. It was apparent when the goal judge, after already having wronged the Irish.

Irish winger Tim Wallace, right, moves towards the puck during a game against Bowling Green on Nov. 5. The Tigers rose to the top spot after previous No. 1 Duke lost to North Carolina last week.

MEN'S NCAA BBALL

Illinois remains No. 1 in AP poll

The Illini received all 72 first place votes.

SUPER BOWL XXXIX

Eagles are looking to their other receivers

The five-star safety Rodney Harrison reacts to comments made by the Eagles' Freddie Mitchell last week.

New England's Harrison responds

The Pitt Panthers and New England Patriots have much on their minds, not the least of which is the top spot after previous No. 1 Duke lost to North Carolina last week.

WOMEN'S NCAA BBALL

LSU takes No. 1 spot in AP poll

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MLB

Bonds undergoes knee surgery

He is expected to miss most of spring training for recovery.