College Readership pilot begins

By KATE ANTONACCI
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Students approved a plan last week to launch a free, one-month trial of the College Readership Program. The program will be run through the committee on Academic Affairs, which will also oversee the creation of a new student panel to guide its operations.

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By AMANDA MICHAELS
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The Student Senate covered issues ranging from V-Day proclamations to constitutional amendments at Wednesday's meeting. Senator Sexton reported the free copies of USA Today, Chicago Tribune and The New York Times placed in different locations around campus.
The festival was not intended to be and, even more disturbing, despite allowing students to find out about an event, it was conceived of last year by a friend of mine, and then made real through a collaboration of the Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and several academic departments. Last year’s festival turned out to be a great success, bringing in gay alumni and the directors of the movies from all across the country, as well as drawing audience members from as far away as Chicago.

After such a success last year, we figured we would have an easier time this year. How wrong our supposition has proven to be true. This year we have had to deal with posters being torn down by unknown people across campus. And, even more disturbing, despite having several academic departments and the counseling center as sponsors, the Student Activities Office deemed this year’s posters “unacceptable” and refused to allow posting or advertising in any area. Anyone who has seen the posters which feature a drawing of a lady’s face along with the schedule of events will likely be just as puzzled as we were by this decision—especially because we were not given any reasons and were asked to leave the Student Activities Office when we tried to press the issue.

To me, this type of experience is a very troubling one not only because it brings into question the inclusiveness of this campus, but also because it hampers our ability to allow students to find out about a truly wonderful academic event. The festival was not intended to be a Gay Pride event or to push some sort of liberal social agenda, but rather designed with a large amount of time, discussion and faculty input to be a very educational experience. This year’s guests and panelists included renowned experts on GLB issues such as marriage and the history of the GLB rights movement as well as Tony award-winning playwright. These are not the kinds of things that you would normally expect to meet or hear spoken about during the festival.

With such an opportunity available to this campus, I would highly encourage everyone to try to make it to at least one of the events over the three-day festival. This will not only send a message of solidarity to the gay and lesbian members of our campus community but also condemn the actions of those who have been trying to undermine this event. And hopefully you will also learn something in the process.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**Correction**

Due to a reporting error, it was mistakenly reported that posters were sold out for The Pasquerilla East Musical. Tickets are still available at the LaFortune box office.

**Chicagoh Samba**

A Midwest-based music ensemble that performs authentic Brazilian music, will perform at the Palace Royale on Friday from 8 p.m. until midnight. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Kellogg Institute, International Student Services and Activities, International Study Programs, and the Offices of Alumni and WVF 88.1 FM.

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ND faculty members awarded fellowships

By JULIE BENDER

The increased visibility of body image issues "Get Real" reminds students that information, a listening ear and help are available—and are available throughout the school year.

"We have a number of students come in and talk about their struggles," DePauw said. "People said getting through and discussion is her favorite part of the work.

"For Get Real to be successful, it is important to remember that historically speaking, there is no possibility of social ethics without Judaism, because Judaism is the basis of their moral system," Bartky said. "Bartky began his lecture by discussing the idea of the religion being the central idea of the religion is the Torah."

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the way, we haven't had any protests," Dacey said. "We don't expect any this year either. I think it's just credit to the way we've gone about it."

The festival has been well received by both students and faculty. "I've only heard positive things, and some of my professors have encouraged us to go, to experience diverse things," said senior Erin Phillips. "I don't really understand the point of the festival other than that it is a themed series that explores a poorly-understood and highly-discriminated portion of our population," said senior Joanna Cornwell. "I don't understand why such a senior Joananna Cornwall. I say."

My hope is to keep the festival going, to lay a foundation for an annual event, and it's a good way to bring in big names from the film world. They're coming basically for free because they believe in what we're doing, so we go the right way, it'll just get better and better."

While homosexuality remains a touchy subject on campus, Dacey feels Notre Dame has become more accommodating of alternative lifestyles in recent years. "It's just little things on campus that make you think we still have a long way to go," Dacey said. "But I think a lot of positive things have been done to make campus more accepting."

The organizers also have high hopes for future festivals. "I think it will get better and better every year. This year, we have a better lineup in terms of films and speakers— we have a Tony-award winner, which isn't something you see every day at Notre Dame," Dacey said. "My hope is to keep the festival going, to lay a foundation for an annual event, and it's a good way to bring in big names from the film world. They're coming basically for free because they believe in what we're doing, so we go the right way, it'll just get better and better."

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Izer Kaidyn Rodfield.

"The proclamation is obviously a symbolic measure, because we don't expect Notre Dame to become a rape-free zone just with this," Redfield said. "But as students, we need to take a stand on the issue of violence against women."

The proclamation was unanimously passed.

The committee on Oversight then brought two constitutional amendments to the table regarding the make-up of the Executive Policy Board and the Executive Programming Board.

The first amendment was the addition of the student body president as a member of the Executive Policy Board, suggested by current student body president Adam Jitsam. "It just makes sense for the student body president to be there at these meetings," Jitsam said. "It's a natural adjustment to the constitution."

The second made several changes to the Executive Programming Board, including the removal of the Student Union Board manager and one of the two Hajd President's Council co-chairs and the reduction of Board meetings to once every other week.

"The director of programming from SUB is already on the Board, so right now having the manager there too is superfluous," Dave Baron, chief executive assistant and chair of the Executive Programming Board, said. "Having the second in command for SUB on there fits with the fact that it is composed mainly of vice presidents from the various components."

Baron added the Board recommended the amendment unanimously.

Both amendments passed without opposition.

A resolution regarding the presidential Anti-Sweatshop Task Force was introduced by the Committee on University Affairs.

Currently, the student body president sits on the Task Force, along with a collection of administrators, counsel and the University president. The resolution proposes the student body president nominate a student to fill their position on the board for the duration of their term.

"We recognize that the student body president already has many duties to fulfill, and that it makes more sense for someone more knowledgeable on the topic of human rights to attend the meetings," Katie Wolfe, committee on University Affairs chair, said.

Again, the resolution was passed unanimously and will now be pursued through the University administration.

As the last item of business, Brendan McElugh of the Executive Senate's on Residence Life spoke about his research into a file-sharing program called Ruckus Network.

An alternative to Napster, Ruckus would provide Notre Dame students with a legal alternative to pirating music for a cost of $6 per month. Ruckus offers not only music, but a group of 20 movies per month on a rotating basis and can be customized to allow lectures taped on campus to be downloaded.

"If we had had this last year when Desmond Tutu was on campus, his speech could have been videotaped and put on the Web site," McElugh said. "A wider range of people would be able to see campus speakers."

There are drawbacks to the program, besides its monthly cost, include the fee charged for every song downloaded from Ruckus and burned onto a CD or transferred to an IPod and the 1,000-student user minimum for the service to be installed.

In other Senate news:

• Judicial Council President Brin Anderson told senators to remind their constituents that voting in the runoff election for student body president—between the Dave Baron-Lizzi Shappell and James Leito-Jordan vonavranti tickets—will take place today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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2005-2006 GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

The Center for Applied Mathematics (CAM) is pleased to announce the annual Graduate Student Fellowship competition for the 2005-2006 academic year. Each fellowship provides a nine-month stipend and some travel funds for professional travel to technical meetings. Recipients will be designated as Graduate Fellows of the Center for Applied Mathematics.

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Iraq election results without results

Recount necessary to eliminate discrepancies caused by ballot fraud and tampering

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials said Wednesday they must recount votes from about 100,000 ballot boxes because of various discrepancies, delaying final results from the landmark national elections. Hundreds — perhaps thousands — of other ballot boxes were declared invalid because of alleged tampering.

Postelection violence mounted, raising fears that the Jan. 30 balloting had done little to ease the country’s grave security crisis.

An American soldier was killed Wednesday and another wounded in an ambush north of the capital, the U.S. military said. Two other American soldiers died earlier in the week, the command said Wednesday.

Gunmen ambushed a convoy of Kurdish party officials in Baghdad on Jan. 18, killing one and wounding four. And in the sandstorms of Basra, gunmen killed an Iraqi journalist working for a U.S.-funded TV station and his 3-year-old son as they left their home.

Officials had promised final results from the elections by Thursday, the end of the week, but the declaration was postponed until early next week.

Several American soldiers have been killed and dozens wounded since the balloting, raising fears that the-day of polling could bring a surge in attacks.

Although Daley himself has not been accused of any wrongdoing, he has taken several steps to insulate himself from any travel bans would soon be eased and several limited new areas could be developed in the near future.

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Bush said during his Oval Office meeting with Kwasniewski, a Western diplomat who visited the region earlier in the week.

Bush administration officials declined to say which other nations would benefit from the fund, partly designed to reward allies and coax them to stay in the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq. Spain, Singapore, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Thailand, Philippines, Norway and Honduras have left the coalition.

Siblings charged with murder

INDIANAPOLIS — A brother and sister were sentenced Wednesday to life in prison for allegedly killing their mother and grandparents, burying them in the basement and sending off to Las Vegas with the victims’ cash.

The siblings were charged with three counts each of murder, conspiracy and tampering with尸体.

Each box should contain roughly the same number of ballots. It was unclear whether the bags were sealed and tampered with.

Meanwhile, a Western legal expert said investigative judges were nearly ready to hand over lengthy dossiers of affidavits, witness statements and other documents to a five-judge panel that would run the trials for former members of Saddam Hussein’s regime. The expert, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he would not say which of Saddam’s 14 defendants were likely to face the Iraqi Special Tribunal first, and it was unclear when the dictator himself would stand trial.
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cant progress toward integrating academics and Notre Dame's Catholic character, according to Hatch.

"I do think, better than any university in this country, Notre Dame has been a center for Catholic intellectual engagement," he said.

Hatch will depart Notre Dame on July 1 for the Wake Forest presidency.

In the student affairs subcommittee, chair Jay Brandeis said little progress had been made on the senate's December resolution authorizing the formation of a student and faculty committee to oversee creation of a new student course review process.

"We've not gotten much response," he said.

To date, only one faculty member, engineering professor Al Miller, has stopped for- ward to join the committee. Brandeis said he would continue searching for two additional faculty members, not necessarily from the senate, to join the committee.

Until this occurs, work on the course review proposal will remain stalled.

First proposed by associate provost Dennis Jacobs, the initiative calls for the University to create a new procedure, separate from teacher course evaluations, for students to assess classes and professors and provide that information to other students.

Cunningham retires from CSC

Special to the Observer

Each fall, around about the time the Notre Dame band reunites to take its first lap around campus, Sue Cunningham began to get a parade of her own.

Students who had spent their summers engaged in the Center for Social Concerns' Summer Service Project (SSP) landed at Cunningham's office door to recount the trials of a summer's adventures and chortled at just about everything else.

Cunningham retired in December, having grown SSP from about 20 students in 1985 to almost 200 in 2004. Of 3,100 students who have been through the program, Cunningham worked with 2,833 of them.

Although she didn't start the SSP, her name is synonymous with the program, having forged its academic component. She spearheaded the effort to ensure that students receive three credits for their SSP project and that the experience has a meaningful academic element.

And while she can't take credit for starting the service programs at alumni clubs around the country, her steadfastness and indefatigable promotion has played a significant role in nurturing SSP as a major initiative in at least 115 alumni clubs.

"I cannot begin to explain the profound impact Sue has had on the center," said Rev. Bill Lies, CSC, executive director of the Center for Social Concerns.

"Through her dedication and passion, she has helped us to deepen our commitment to service and learning, not only on campus, but throughout the country."

The Summer Service Project was started in 1980 as an "experiential learning program" meant to encourage Notre Dame students to assist those in need while learning about the Catholic Church's response to social problems. The learning would come as students developed a deeper, more nuanced understanding of social problem through service to such organizations as the Boys & Girls Club, Catholic Charities agencies or local homeless shelters.
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In Brief

Wal-Mart will close Canadian store

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Wednesday it will close a Canadian store whose workers are on the verge of becoming the first ever to win a union contract from the world's biggest retailer.

Wal-Mart is shuttering the store in Jonquiere, Quebec, in response to unreasonable demands from union negotiators, that would make it impossible for the store to sustain its business. The United Food & Commercial Workers Canada last week asked Quebec labor officials to appoint a mediator, saying that negotiations had reached an impasse.

"We were hoping it wouldn't come to this," said Andrew Reilly, a spokeswoman for Wal-Mart Canada. "Despite nine days of meetings over three months, we've been unable to reach an agreement with the union that in our view will allow the store to operate efficiently and profitably."

Pellerin said the store will close in May. The retailer had first discussed closing the Jonquiere store last October, saying that the store was losing money.

A380 just too big

SEATTLE — It's one thing to build a really, really big airplane. But, it turns out, it's quite a different matter to fly one.

What's more, some airport officials say they aren't seeing the demand for the A380 in anything other than an emergency. "Let's do a cost/benefit analysis: Are you really going to spend millions of dollars that would warrant such cost and inconvenience?" said aviation analyst Mike Boyd.

"We were hoping it wouldn't come to this," said aviation analyst Mike Boyd. "When you might have two of them a day fly really big, you're going to spend millions of dollars that would warrant such cost and inconvenience."

"Most of the husbands and sweethearts want to get the product there on the day they soar as high as $22.70, which is only a fraction of the 2000 split-adjusted high of almost $70 a share."

Chief executive and chairman of Hewlett Packard HP Carly Fiorina stepped down in a surprising move Wednesday.

After almost six years, board members force Carly Fiorina to leave company

SAN FRANCISCO — Carly Fiorina's nearly six-year reign at Hewlett-Packard (HP) ended abruptly Wednesday as board members forced her out, disavowed by her inability to transform a plodding technology giant into a more nimble innovator.

HP's stock, which has gone nowhere for two years and is down two-thirds from its peak in 2000, rose almost 7 percent after earlier soaring almost 11 percent on the news of her ouster.

Board members said they fired the chief executive — perhaps corporate America's most influential woman — because Fiorina failed to slash costs and boost revenue as quickly as directors had hoped.

"While I regret the board and I have differences about how to execute HP's strategy, I respect their decision," said Fiorina, 50, who is expected to collect a severance package worth $21.1 million.

Fiorina is best known for orchestrating the 2002 acquisition of Compaq Computer Corp. — a $24.2 billion stock deal that required her and Compaq bosses Michael Capellas to spend months wowing reluctant executives and shareholders.

The fiercest resistance came from HP director Walter Hewlett, son of an HP co-founder. Hewlett argued that the deal would dilute printing profits, while the company absorbed Compaq's low margins in personal-computer business. Employees also soared on the deal, which led to the elimination of thousands of employees per quarter for more than a year.

Many analysts and shareholders remain skeptical that the biggest acquisition in the computer industry was worthwhile.

Some business experts expect Fiorina's ouster to precipitate a broad restructuring and management shake-up, possibly undoing many of the changes she spearheaded.

"She brought about a major acquisition, that, from the objective of those of us who look at corporate restructuring, had absolutely no merit," said Dr. James Owen, professor of finance at the Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University and an expert on corporate reorganization.

"Combining HP with Compaq appeared to be more an ego trip, not a business deal. Many of us are still saying, 'Where's the rationale here?'"

HP directors appointed chief financial officer Robert P. Wayman as interim chief executive. They also named director Patricia C. Dunn non-executive chairman.

Dunn, a board member since 1998, said Wednesday that directors had been discussing the change for "quite some time" based on consultations with lawyers, venture capitalists and academics.

HP's board discussed shifting day-to-day responsibilities from Fiorina to other executives in mid-January, and it's been reviewing her performance for months, Dunn said.

Directors said Fiorina, whose salary and bonus for 2002 totaled $3.5 million, failed to evenly boost profits across all divisions, ranging from printers and computer servers to technology consulting contracts with Fortune 500 companies. Dunn said Fiorina's firing in no way reflected a change in direction of the board's general roadmap for the company.

"Looking forward, we think the job is very reliant on hands-on execution, and we thought a new set of capabilities was called for," Dunn said.

HP shares rose $1.36, or 6.8 percent, to $21.50 a share in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Earlier in the day they soared as high as $22.70, which is only a fraction of the 2000 split-adjusted high of almost $70 a share.

High Valentine's Day sales expected

The war of the roses is on.

An expected surge in Valentine's Day flower purchases this year is proving to be a bonanza for both South America growers and major shipping companies.

United-based UPS Inc. and Memphis, Tenn.-based FedEx Corp. are bringing in extra weekend flights to handle all the flower shipments from Colombia and Ecuador, where the bulk of the roses sold in the United States are grown.

And demand is predicted to be high with roughly 175 million roses produced for Monday's holiday, according to the Society of American Florists.

FedEx this week expects to carry 900,000 shipments of Valentine's Day gifts, including flowers, teddy bears and chocolates. UPS said it expects to move in excess of 20 million flowers alone.

"While our total volume is roughly the same as last year, our peak day — Monday — is going to be 30 percent higher than last year," said John Muhls, FedEx's vice president of global network planning.

FedEx doesn't deliver on Sundays, so that means more shipments of flowers this year will be made on Monday. Last year the holiday fell on a Saturday.

"Most of the husbands and sweethearts want to get the product there on Valentine's Day," he added. "This year, with the holiday falling on a Monday, we're focusing a lot of attention on the weekend.""}

To handle the extra volume, FedEx is adding more than 100 refrigerated trucks and more than 50 flights this week. Spokeswoman Lourdes Pena said about 40 corporate employees have volunteered to help at the company's Miami distribution hub.

At UPS, the company said that during the run-up to Valentine's Day, it doubles its number of flights out of South America to handle the flower shipments. Retailers place their orders with growers in Ecuador, then work with export cargo agents to get ships like UPS to bring the flowers into the United States.
**Indonesia**

Strong quake sets off panic

Associated Press

**BANDA ACEH** — A strong earthquake struck Indonesia's tsunami-ravaged Aceh province Tuesday, sending terrified residents running through buildings as terrified residents fled for higher ground in an area still dazed by a 2004 tsunami. The Indian Ocean tsunami hit the Indian Ocean floor, about 65 miles southwest of the provincial capital of Banda Aceh, the Banda Aceh Geophysics Center said.

The U.S. Geological Survey registered slightly different readings, estimating the quake's magnitude at 5.7 and its epicenter about five seconds later, southwest of Banda Aceh. A magnitude-6 quake can cause wide damage to a large area centered in a densely populated area.

The shaking lasted less than five seconds and was felt across a wide swath of Aceh on the northern tip of Sumatra island. Even before the tremors subsided, police officers and soldiers began heading for the tsunami-prone capital, causing mayhem for about a half-hour.

Panic-stricken residents evacuated buildings and raced in cars and on foot for the highest ground, a habit that has left the city with the scars of the disaster.

At a mosque, where dozens of frightened residents had gathered, officials urged calm.

"Do not panic. God will forgive, nothing serious has happened," a voice said over the loudspeaker.

The Tigers have hit the region frequently since the December earthquake, which registered a magnitude of 9.0, and the following tsunami that killed more than 160,000 people in 11 Indian Ocean nations. Most of the victims were in Aceh province, closest to the epicenter.

Also Wednesday, a powerful earthquake struck the Indonesian island swabed near Vanuatu island, but there were no immediate reports of damage. A Pacific warning network issued a bulletin saying the 6.7 magnitude quake did not generate a tsunami.

Although Vanuatu is on the same tectonic plate as Sumatra, the island is not connected with the Dec. 26 quake, seismologists said.

On Monday, Tamil Tiger rebels canceled a key meeting with international donors — a move threatening reconstruction efforts.

**Concern spreads over drug given to troops**

Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO** — As a volunteer from the military's malaria program, Guerino Pogany had seen disfigured bodies pulled from wrecked cars. But something very different happened when the Army interrogator saw the mangled remains of an Iraqi soldier.

He became panicked, disoriented and that night reached for both his loaded pistol and rifle as he thought he saw the enemy bursting into his room.

Pogany asked his superiors for help; the Army packed him home to face charges ofcowardice — the first such case since Vietnam.

None of it made sense to Pogany unless he learned more about the white pills the Army gave him each week to prevent malaria.

Pogany is among the current and former troops blamed for dangerous behavior. The families of some troops blame the drug, Lariam, for being used in Iraq. Though the evidence is largely anecdotal, their stories have raised alarm in Congress, and the Pentagon has stopped giving out a pill it probably never needed to give troops in Iraq in the first place.

"Are we doing giving troops drugs that cause hallucinations, confusion, psychotic behavior to people that carry weapons and hold secret clearances?" asked Pogany, 33, who is now seeking a medical discharge. "It doesn't pass the common-sense test."

The U.S. military, which developed the drug after the Vietnam War, won't say how many soldiers have complained about Lariam and won't detail how widely the drug was used in Iraq.

The Pentagon maintains that Lariam is safe and effective, though officials have expressed some concern and the military tells its pilots not to take Lariam.

In written guidance on the drug last year, the military urged commanders to send a medical evaluation anyone who showed behavioral changes after taking the drug, "...whether they carry a weapon" — a description of nearly all U.S. troops in Iraq.

"Delay could put the service member or your unit at risk," the guide said.

Lariam is among the drugs recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for treatment and prevention of malaria, which kills about 1 million people worldwide each year.

The drug's New Jersey-based manufacturer, Roche Pharmaceuticals, points out that more than 30 million people worldwide have used Lariam over 20 years.

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**Bush seeks support for Social Security plan**

**WASHINGTON** — Senate legislation to overhaul Social Security legislation he said was needed to maintain the system for future retirees as a cost-saving device have emerged as particularly troublesome for Republicans, some of whom fear they may pay a price at the polls in 2006.

Already, there are alternative plans. Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he intends to introduce legislation Thursday that calls for personal accounts that differ significantly from Bush's proposal.

Under Shaw's plan, the government would give money to workers to invest in a personal account, up to 4 percent of pay, up to $1,000 per year.

At retirement, individuals would have a choice: collect an income based on the amount accumulated in their personal account; or receive the traditional benefit as promised under Social Security and give the money they invested privately to the government.
Cosby lawyer denies fondling allegations

**Comedian accused of alleged sexual assault**

**Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA Bill Cosby's defense attorney charged that possible misconduct, denied claims by a second woman that he drugged and fondled her. The second accusation dates to 30 years ago, and the former Pennsylvania Attorney General said Wednesday such an old claim likely wouldn't be relevant in the current case.

The 67-year-old comedian's lawyer also blasted the Philadelphia Daily News for printing the accusations by Tamara Green, who was described by the newspaper Tuesday as a model-turned-lawyer who worked for Cosby in the late 1970s. Cosby has not yet acknowledged the time of the alleged encounter.

The report was published as prosecutors mulled whether to file charges against Cosby in the complaint by a former Temple University student. A decision by Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce L. Castor Jr. could come this week.

Green, 57, told the newspaper that Cosby gave her two pills at a restaurant after she felt ill. She said he then drove her home and tried to undress and kiss her.

Green, who allowed her name to be used, said she came forward this week because her experience closely matched one alleged by the former Temple employee who went to police last month to report that Cosby had given her pills and fondled her at his suburban Philadelphia mansion a year ago.

According to the State Bar of California, Green entered a program for lawyers with substance abuse or mental health problems in October. The bar had lodged disciplinary charges against her in March, alleging 12 counts of misconduct involving three clients, spanning a 10-year period.

Among the allegations were failure to pay client funds promptly, failure to perform with due care, and failure to maintain client funds in a separate account or to refund unearned fees.

Green did not return telephone messages left Wednesday at a Ventura, Calif., bank number believed to be her home.

First Assistant District Attorney Philp Ferman declined Wednesday to comment on whether the investigation would include Green's complaint. But she said such decades-old allegations can only be used in a very limited number of cases.

"Generally, an accusation from over 30 years ago is not going to be considered admissible in court or relevant to an investigation," Ferman said.

Cosby's attorney, Walter M. Phillips Jr., said Green's allegations were "absolutely false."

"Mr. Cosby does not know the name Tamara Green or Tamara Lucier (her maiden name) and the incident she describes did not happen," Phillips said. "It is irresponsible of the Daily News to publish an uncorroborated story of an incident that is alleged to have happened thirty years ago."

Daily News city editor Kurt Hildenbrand said the paper was "standing by its story."

The former Temple employee, who now lives in her native Ontario, Canada, went to Canadian authorities Jan. 13, contending that Cosby gave her some medication that made her feel dizzy, then fondled her at his Cheltenham Township residence after a dinner out with friends. She said she later awoke to find her bra undone and her clothes in disarray.

Cosby denies her allegations.

She said she considered Cosby, a Temple alumnus and booster who frequently attends campus events, a friend and mentor.

In a time of changing climate in the off-campus housing market, one constant has remained. Lafayette Square Townhomes continues to deliver the finest in student housing at a reasonable price. With the most landlords are charging $320 to $400 per student. Lafayette Square is offering its 4 and 5 bedroom apartments at just $210 per person through the end of February. Although the amenities are too numerous to list, the most popular features include a central air, dishwasher, dryer, 2 bathrooms, private patio and spacious storage and living areas.

Located just south of Notre Dame on the 400 block of Eddy Street, the blue townhomes of Lafayette Square have gained the reputation of being the "in" place to live for students. In fact, anyone who has witnessed one can tell why it is named the "Blue Zoo." Property Manager Rod Ludwig encourages students to have fun while at the same time be smart about their partying. "The key is to not disrupt the surrounding neighborhood. Our students have proven that it is possible to party and have a good time while at the same time not cause problems in the community," Ludwig states.

With just 15 townhomes left for the 2005-2006 school year, students must act quickly to guarantee housing for next school year. For a private showing or additional information, contact Real Estate Management Corporation at 234-9923.---
There is something seriously wrong with America’s fortune cookies. A bold claim to be sure, but one backed by solid investigative reporting. For the past week, with barely a thought for my personal safety or the Pulitzer Prize, I have been eating nothing but Chinese food. The last three fortune cookies I received contained the following messages: “You are known for being quick in action and decisions,” “You love challenges” and “You are going on well with your business.” Even passing over the issue of their dubious accuracy, it should be apparent that none of these are fortunes.

Fortune cookies may have gotten out of the prediction business, but other forms of futurology are flourishing. According to a recent Harris poll, 31 percent of Americans believe in astrology.

I am generally inclined to treat such polls with a large measure of skepticism, and I certainly doubt that 31 percent of a sample group answering “yes” to the question “Do you believe in astrology?” indicates the belief plays a major role in their lives. Clearly, there are a lot of people who do take astrology seriously, with the best evidence for this being the commercial magnitude of the astrological enterprise.

I have no reason to doubt my friends’ sincerity when they say they read the horoscopes in The Observer purely for fun—entertainment value, but I do doubt anyone would pay $1.99 per month to call an astrological hotline if their motives were simply ironic. There are many such hotlines.

The popularity of astrology is sometimes seen as part of the New Age movement. While this is true in a sense, astrology is the least element of the New Age. The belief that the stars predict or even decide our fate is as old as civilization itself. To the best of our knowledge, astrology started in Babylonia, and the practice quickly spread around the ancient world. When Kepler called astrology the foolish daughter of astronomy, he was right about the “foolish” part, but his gnosticism was upside down: some say astrology and other superstitions are a remnant of a pre-scientific age that will soon be discarded. The most famous expression of this view was provided by the great biblical scholar Rudolf Bultmann, who said it is impossible to use electric light and at the same time believe in the New Testament world of spirits and miracles.

The general public never got the memo. Most people find it not only possible to use electric light and believe in spirits and miracles, it’s easy. One explanation may be provided by Charles’ Third Law (named after Arthur C. Clarke), which states that “Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.”

So why should we be surprised if using microwaves doesn’t prevent us from believing in magic, when for most of us technology has always been magic? Similarly, when Stephen Hawking writes for the general public about quarks and leptons, it would make very little difference if he called them pixies and elves. And as for the New Testament, most modern people find it easy to accept the spirits and miracles than the prohibition on astrology.

Another facet of the New Age is the widespread interest in the occult. A lot of parents find this sinister. Personally, I think the problem with the modern occult is that it’s not sinister enough.

As any classicist will tell you, the occult is meant to be hidden and secretive. Witches, for example, are supposed to gather at midnight to perform unspeakable rituals. But according to the typographically challenged new Witch magazine (a publication dedicated to “Witches, Wiccan, Neo-Pagans and other earth-based, ethnic, pre-Christian, shamanic and magical practitioners”) this is all a big misunderstanding.

The pages of newWitch do indeed contain spells and incantations, but none of them claim to involve powers any greater than those regularly attributed to perfumes in glossy advertisements.

The rest is numbered lists and astrological sex tips, which only goes to confirm my theory that given enough time, any magazine for a female readership will turn into Cosmopolitan (or parallel) guidebook true with men’s magazines and Maxim.

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And the greatest is love...

To my mind, however, the most insidious reason for the celebration of the Saint. We speak of the way God loves. When your grandmother sends you that card, when your parents in law send you that card, when you are just one person — say, towards the end of your life, the greatest is love... 

But Boston College also maintains healthy rivalries outside of the Notre Dame page. As such, Boston College basketball was considered to be an academically and athletically progressive Conference. Coffey's article exemplifies why much of the non-Domer world considers Notre Dame to be arrogant and insular. Of course, Coffey's label of Boston College as "Backup College" and his further attack on Boston College's academics are unfounded. Last year, 22,500 applicants applied to Boston College for an entering class of 2,250. Were all 22,500 applicants choosing Boston College as a backup to Notre Dame? Do all Notre Dame applicants choose to apply to Notre Dame as a backup to Northwestern? As Boston College undergraduates, we met very few students who didn't get in and yet even fewer who were even mildly unhappy with their experience at Boston College after four years. In addition to being trite, smug and juvenile, the views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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First of all, Notre Dame has lost more than four games against Boston College. Coffey implores circular reasoning in almost every anti-Eagle diatribe. As I think about it, this is the main reason we never understand the bitterness and hostility that Valley fans have for Boston College. Coffey demonstrates great goodwill in regards to "Abstain from storming the court,"...
Relient K lacks maturity to achieve greatness

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

Relient K is one of the better known Christian bands in the current music scene. While its newest album, "M83" has not yet reached the recognition of its last album, "Two Left Don't Make a Right, But Three Do" which debuted at No. 38 on the Billboard Top 200 album chart, it seems that it may be on its way to the same success. While "M83MM" is a solid punk rock album from Relient K, it is not its best album and perhaps overreach for artistic merit at points in the album.

Relient K released its first album in 1999 and since then has released two other solid albums making "M83MM" its fourth studio released album. While the fan base of Relient K continues to grow, especially in the Christian market, the development of the band as musicians seems to have grown as well. "M83MM" is composed of a pure punk rock with some twists throughout the album. The album is mostly upbeat, but it is punctuated with a few memorable slower songs. These slow songs, however, definitely make up a small percentage of the album. This is not a problem since the faster songs on "M83MM" are, for the most part, great. Relient K incorporates a good deal of different styles into its traditional punk rock form, and it is a mix that works well. Songs that begin sounding like a standard punk rock song will end in a moving piano solo that is in a bizarre way really works well within the music of the song. This particular example is drawn from one of the slower songs on the album, "Let It All Out," which is also one of the best songs on the album both musically and lyrically.

Most of the remaining great songs on the album are fast punk-rock songs with a lot of energy behind them. One of the most original ideas lyrically on the album is in, "My Girls Ex-Boyfriend" in which the lead singer Matt Thiessen thanks the ex-boyfriend that walked away from his current girlfriend, thus leaving her available for him. Thiessen hits the point at the end of the song when he sings, "When she and I settle down you can bet / That he is going to have to settle for less / He's someone I would hate to be / I got the girl, and he's left with just the memory."

There are some interesting ideas lyrically portrayed in many of the songs on "M83MM." More than just an attempt to achieve a level of self-identity, Relient K attempts to achieve a level of self-/societal identity. One little man faces the letter through richer experience. Beyond the album's exquisite cover M83 has also diversified the meat of "M83MM." Overall, what "M83MM" really shows is Relient K being a band that continues to improve musically and lyrically. "M83MM" is a solid album, but some maturing needs to be done to really make Relient K a band that can produce a truly terrific album.

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M83 creates glistening midnight anthems

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

The night wounds. These hours soaked in moonlight are a time of danger, of hearts broken and stolen and of countless imperatives. The night too sees its share of the better parts of the human experience, as a storied catalyst for love and exhilaration — in short, it is the ideal stage for the emotional highs and lows the daytime cannot possibly hope to contain. Gracefully, music can.

Under the moniker M83, French electronic artist Anthony Gonzalez has composed some stunning symphonies to the night hours, and bestowed upon it the most appropriate and gorgeous title of "Before the Dawn Heals Us." Gonzalez begins his opus with "Moonchild," which opens with a child reciting a poem and soon blossoms into a heavenly alternating key chorus that sets the perfect tone for M83's nocturnal descent. "Don't Save Us from the Flames" then explodes with celestial guitars and pulsating keyboards. These disappear into a hush so that Gonzalez can deliver a lyrical sketch of an automobile accident, and erupt once again to punctuate the epic melodrama.

M83 raises the emotional ante even more a few tracks later with an unlisted number denoted simply by an asterisk that contains all the fiercest intensity of a sunburst. One cannot help but marvel the cosmic energy in these songs comes from one little man and his keyboards. Listening to the waves of electronics and crescendos, one has the sensation of soaring high above the night-light metropolis depicted on the album's exquisite cover. M83 made a splash with the critically-acclaimed "Dead Cities, Red Seas & Lost Ghosts," released domestically in 2004, which drew considerable accolades and even more "My Bloody Valentine" comparisons. While maintaining the cinematic grandeur of that landmark, M83 has also diversified his sound with "Before the Dawn" and emerged with a fantastic record that carries the listener through richer cadences.

However, Not all of M83's sonic experiments prove fruitful. The hokily named "Car Chase Terrror," for instance, is marred by a rather inane spoken-word dialogue that carries throughout the song. Interesting during perhaps the initial listen, this aliquot just does not work as a mortified mother and child (seemingly voiced by the same person) fleeing some unspecified demise. One grows increasingly grating with each successive spin.

Aside from a few missteps, M83's "Before the Dawn" provides an enriching listening experience. Also cringe-worthy is "Can't Stop," in which Gonzalez apparently enlists Alvin and the Chipmunks to chant the line "Can't stop / I can't stop, now" ad nauseam. These two aside, the rest of "Before the Dawn" shines more than enough to make for an infinitely enriching listening experience. Indeed, the dawn can wait.

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The Wiggles scorch in live album

By MICHELE JEFFERS and MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critics

Ludwig Wittgenstein once remarked all great things come in fours. There are four Beatles, four seasons, four "Lethal Weapon" movies, four Horses of the Apocalypse and now from the very bosoms of the muses, four Horsemen of the Apocalypse — great things come in fours. There are four Beatles, four seasons, four "Lethal Weapon" movies, four Horsemen of the Apocalypse — great things come in fours. There are four Beatles, four seasons, four "Lethal Weapon" movies, four Horsemen of the Apocalypse — great things come in fours. There are four Beatles, four seasons, four "Lethal Weapon" movies, four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

The Wiggles, with NBA star Shaquille O'Neal, is a successful Australian children's band that has won several Australian music awards during its career. The Wiggles' notoriety has skyrocketed in recent years due to a wildly popular television program and a series of dance crazes steamrolling through a 20-song set that returned the arena-sized crowd rapturous memories from his past like "hooded Percussion" and a series of dance crazes — those ups and downs — that have taken the band to the top of the charts.

The Wiggles even sells nutritious Wiggle snacks on its Web site. The song "Fruit Salad" proves to be anything but filler. It proves the band's commitment in helping fans achieve healthy lifestyles so that their minds and bodies can keep on wiggling.

Simply put, "Live Hot Potatoes" is a phenomenal album. The breadth of its talent is matched only by the lead singer's humorous stance on the album cover. The Wiggles are a beacon of inspiration, a lighthouse for those canons lost in the murky sea of Post-Modernism. Its music transcends genre, time and space, leaving the listener with more than just a smile on their faces.

The Wiggles' music will find a place in your heart and mind. The album is an experimental electronic album in contrast to the folky single pop of "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning."
No. 7 Duke knocks off No. 24 at Cameron

**Men's NCAA Basketball**

Redick, Nelson lead Blue Devils to 71-70 triumph in rivalry

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke slowed the pace and North Carolina play a halfcourt game. Under those circumstances, nobody plays better defense than the Blue Devils.

J.J. Redick scored 18 points, freshman DeMarcus Nelson added 16 and No. 7 Duke forced 23 turnovers to hold off the second-ranked Tar Heels 71-70 Wednesday night.

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DeMarcus Nelson added four free throws and Redick had another three to give Duke an 87-84 win in overtime. Duke's Brian Cardinal kept his winning streak at Kansas State alive.

The Tar Heels' first crowd — the first at Bramlage Coliseum since Kansas was here in 2003 — carried anti-Duke chants as the Tar Heels picked up a road victory through most of the game. Some North Carolina fans even tried to throw a live chicken under the Kansas State bench shortly before tipoff.

But the most memorable moment was a layup by Sean May off a set play that cut the margin to one point.

Redick then was forced to launch a shot from about 28 feet with the clock shot winding down, and the Tar Heels took possession with the game on the line.

Feltos passed it to his teammate, and it was too late.


Last year Kansas State won 75-73 on the road in overtime.

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**No. 7 Duke beats No. 24 Kansas State 80-75**

Duke guard J.J. Redick drives against North Carolina's Rashad McCants in the No. 7 Blue Devils' 71-70 win over the No. 2 Tar Heels.

W a l u e f o r i n c l u d e s m o t i o n sensor light for basement available for storage of belongings on UND. Large room with 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, Internet, high speed internet included. $400 per student. 2005-2006 Academic year. Off street parking. washer/dryer, refrigerator, garbage disposal, high speed internet included. 2773097.

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Lakers knock off Nets despite Kidd’s triple double

Angeles’ third in nine games.

Chucky Atkins 14, including a son-high five-game winning streak and ended the Nets’ season-long 3-pointer that tied the game at home.

Butler 19, Luke Walton 17 and Lamar Odom had 16 points, Los Angeles Lakers to a 104-103 overtime victory over the New Jersey Nets on Wednesday.

The Lakers rallied from a 10-point deficit with 4:44 to play when he hit a jumper in the lane.

Carter gave the Nets a 101-99 lead with 2:02 to play when he hit a jumper in the lane.

Rockets 105, Bulls 92

Tracy McGrady scored 24 points and Yao Ming added 21 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Houston Rockets to a victory over the Chicago Bulls.

Houston has won a season-high five straight and four straight over the Bulls.

Chicago went within 86-77 after a basket by Ben Gordon with 7:45 remaining, but that’s the closest the Bulls would get.

The Rockets went on an 11-0 run in the next two minutes to stretch the lead to 97-77, their biggest of the game.

Chicago, which entered the game averaging 44 percent from the field, shot just 37 percent. It’s the first time in nine games that Houston has held an opponent to under 40 percent shooting.

Chicago got 16 points from Kirk Hinrich and Tyson Chandler added 12 points and had 20 rebounds.

A night after scoring 30 points and grabbing 11 rebounds in a win over Dallas, Luol Deng managed just seven points and three boards.

McGrady was just 7-of-17 from the field, but was 9-of-9 from the line and had nine assists.

Heat 110, Knicks 110, OT

Dwyane Wade dribbled the ball between his legs three times before dashing around Shep horn Marbury and making a layup, easily the prettiest play of overtime in the Miami Heat’s victory over the New York Knicks.

Wade scored 20 points with six assists and six rebounds, Damon Jones scored a season-high 24 and Shaquille O’Neal had 16 points and 13 rebounds as Miami won its fourth straight.

Marbury led a fourth-quarter comeback and scored 36 points for the Knicks, who lost for the 17th time in their past 20 games.

Displaying the one quality – a refusal to quit – that president Isiah Thomas considered praiseworthy after a 1-5 road trip, the Knicks rallied behind Marbury with a 13-2 run in the final 3:53 of regulation.

But New York never led in the overtime period, and Wade’s drive around Marbury gave Miami a 105-99 lead. The Knicks never got closer than four from the rest of the way.

Celtics 94, Bobcats 87

Jermaine O’Neal validated his addition to the Eastern Conference All-Star team one day after being selected to play in his fourth straight All-Star game. O’Neal scored 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, helping the Indiana Pacers hold off a late rally in a win over the Charlotte Bobcats.

“To be invited is an honor, but it’s only for a couple of days,” O’Neal said. “Then I’ve got to get back to the real mission, that’s this team. This is my team.”

O’Neal, who is averaging 32.3 points in his last three games, scored 15 points in the first half on 7-of-10 shooting, leading the Pacers to a 54-36 lead.

“Hello’s an All-Star everyday,” Stephen Jackson said.

Wizards 95, Spurs 87

Antawn Jamison had a season-high 35 points and 11 rebounds, Gilbert Arenas scored 24, and the Washington Wizards took advantage of Tim Duncan’s absence in a victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

Without Duncan, the Wizards’ All-Stars outrebounded the Spurs 42-30, and they were the difference. Arenas spurred a 16-2 run in the second quarter when it seemed the Spurs were going to blow the game open, and Jamison scored 14 points on 5-for-6 shooting in the fourth quarter to keep San Antonio from making a final run.

Celtics 94, Clippers 89

Paul Pierce and the Boston Celtics needed more than three quarters to figure out how to beat the Los Angeles Clippers.

Pierce had 25 points, 10 rebounds and nine points, and the Celtics used a late run to rally past the Clippers.

“We just came out with a better sense of urgency in the fourth quarter,” Pierce said. “We were tired from the first half, but we fought back in the second.”

After falling behind 79-65 early in the fourth quarter, the Celtics scored 16 straight points to take their first lead of the game on Raef LaFrentz’s 3-pointer with 19:49 remaining.

“We are starting to become a pretty gritty basketball team,” coach Doc Rivers said.

Grizzlies 98, 76ers 95

Allen Iverson emphatically defended Kyle Korver’s decision to take a 3-pointer with time running out.

“We’d take that 82 games,” he said. “A wide-open 3-point shot.”

Memphis would also gladly take the same option again — a miss and a nice road victory.

Dahntay Jones scored a career-high 23 Rivers scored and Stromile Swift added 17 to lead the Grizzlies past the Philadelphia 76ers 108-93 on Wednesday night.

Timberwolves 90, Nuggets 92

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The Nuggets led 82-77 with just under 6 minutes to play after Andre Miller hit a jumper.

Bucks 110, Raptors 107

Hafer Alston was back in action for the Toronto Raptors and looking for an apology.

Michael Redd had 29 points, leading the Milwaukee Bucks to a victory over the Raptors and their troubled point guard.

Alston said he wanted an apology after being benched for much of Tuesday’s loss to Cleveland and that’s not sure he wants to stay with the Raptors.

Alston and coach Sam Mitchell argued after Alston was pulled from the game in the first quarter against Cleveland. Alston didn’t come out of the dressing room for the second half and was seen crying as he was escorted to the team bus by security during the fourth quarter.
**NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

No. 7 Baylor escapes Oklahoma, winning 73-72

No. 10 Connecticut destroys Big East foe Boston College, 80-55

Associated Press

**NO RM AN, OKLA. — Sophia Young hit a jumper from just inside the 3-point line in the final seconds to give No. 7 Baylor a 73-72 victory over Oklahoma on Wednesday night.**

The Bears took possession after a driving layup by Oklahoma’s Diannnah Jackson with 11.5 seconds left. Chelsea Whitaker drove to the left baseline and kicked it out to Young, whose jumper bounces in. Oklahoma couldn’t get a shot off after a timeout and long inbound pass into traffic.

Young had 21 points to lead the Bears (18-3, 8-2 Big 12). Emily Niemann added 15 points, Robyn Blackmon 11 and Chameka Scott 10.

Jackson scored 26 of her 30 points in the second half, nearly leading Oklahoma back for a badly needed victory. Leagen Rush had 12 points and reserve Antoniette Wadsworth finished with 10 points for Oklahoma (12-9, 4-6), who has lost six consecutive games.

The Sooners rallied back from a six-point halftime deficit to tie the game at 26 after back-to-back baskets by Wadsworth. But Niemann hit a 3-pointer from the right side and Young scored inside to give Baylor a 61-56 lead.

Jackson drove for a basket to bring Oklahoma back within two points, and Niemann faked another 3-pointer before stepping in for a jumper to start a 6-0 run that extended Baylor’s lead to 69-61.

Jackson pushed back with a jumper and two free throws to bring Oklahoma back within three. Niemann hit two free throws, but Jackson responded with two of her own before bringing the Sooners within a point with a driving layup with 1:21 left.

Scott lost the ball out of bounds on the left wing to set up Oklahoma’s final possession, and Jackson’s driving layup rolled all the way around the rim and fell in to give the Sooners their only lead of the second half at 72-71.

**No. 10 Connecticut 80, No. 22 Boston College 55**

Barbara Turner had 18 points and eight rebounds to lead No. 10-ranked Connecticut to an 80-55 victory Wednesday night over No. 22 Boston College.

The Huskies (16-5, 9-1 Big East) held the Eagles to a season-low 33 percent shooting and tightened their grip on the conference lead.

The Eagles (15-6, 6-4) were playing their second straight game without leading scorer Jessalyn Deveny, out for the season with a ruptured Achilles’ tendon in her right leg.

The senior co-captain was averaging 17.1 points.

Without her, the Eagles continue to struggle. BC was coming off a 69-52 loss at home to St. John’s.

None of the BC starters finished in double figures. Reserve guard Kimsy Dorsey had three of BC’s six 3-pointers and led the Eagles with 11 points.

The Huskies put this game away early with stifling defense and a speedy transition game.

UConn dominated inside, outscoring the Eagles 40-16 in the paint and had 22 points off 16 BC turnovers.

**No. 11 Rutgers 67, Seton Hall 40**

Matee Ajavon scored 13 points in a homecoming of sorts, leading No. 11 Rutgers to a victory over intrastate rival Seton Hall.

In the second half, as Rutgers put on a full-court press, Ajavon put on a show. Playing within a few blocks of her neighboring hometown of Newark, the freshman scored seven straight points in an 11-4 run surge the first five minutes, giving Rutgers a 42-27 lead.

It was the second straight victory for the Scarlet Knights (17-5, 8-2 Big East) after losing last week at Connecticut. Hatta Korpivaara paced Seton Hall (13-9, 5-6) with 12 points.

Cappie Pondexter added 12 points for Rutgers. Seton Hall got off to a strong start, taking a 7-2 lead in the first three minutes on a driving jumper by Monique Blakely. Ajavon then got in gear, scoring on two consecutive penetrating shots to cut the lead to 7-6 with 15:46 left.

**No. 17 Texas 83, Nebraska 53**

Tiffany Jackson scored 19 points and No. 17 Texas stayed alive in the chase for the Big 12 title with a rout of Nebraska.

Kerie Hardy and Danielle Page scored 13 points apiece to lead Nebraska (14-8, 6-4).

No team has won the Big 12 with more than three losses in league history. Texas lost a total of three conference games this year but has won six straight.

**Saturday, February 12th**

Hockey vs. Ferris St. @ 7:05PM

Joyce Center Fieldhouse

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IN BRIEF

Grady McNama denies reports of illness during Super Bowl

KAPOLIE, Hawaii — Donovan McNama has no apologies for his Super Bowl performance. He won’t allow his teammates to make excuses, either.

The Philadelphia Eagles quarterback set everyone straight after his first practice for the Pro Bowl on Wednesday. McNabb said he wasn’t ill during the fourth quarter of their loss to New England, as center Hank Fraley claimed earlier this week, and receiver Freddie Mitchell certainly didn’t call any plays for him.

The Eagles’ offensive struggles were caused only by the Patriots and the tension of a Super Bowl, not a phantom sickness.

“No, I wasn’t sick and no, I didn’t throw up,” McNabb said. “If people want to use that as an excuse for why we lost, that’s not the way it was, but I’ll put it on my shoulders. I’ll take the blame. When you’re trying to make every play possible, you have to dig deep. We were just trying to give all we had.”

San Francisco to host 2007 MLB All-Star game

SAN FRANCISCO — Baseball’s All-Star game will return to San Francisco in 2007 for the first time in more than two decades, giving the Giants a big draw for season-ticket holders the year after Barry Bonds’ contract expires.

Commissioner Bud Selig made the announcement Wednesday at Willie Mays Plaza outside the Giants’ waterfront stadium. Mays, who played in a record-tying 24 All-Star games, said he was glad the city would get the opportunity to showcase AT&T Park.

“I wish I had a chance to play here,” he said. “I think I would have hit a little bit more home runs than Barry.”

Bonds, who passed his godfather on the career home run list last season and has 703 overall, is under contract through 2006. Tickets for the All-Star game could be an incentive to help the team keep its season-ticket holder base of about 28,000 fans for 2007.

Women’s British Open will allow transgender golfers

LONDON — Transsexual golfers will be allowed to play in this year’s Women’s British Open in a policy change made by the Ladies Golf Union.

The move, announced Wednesday, comes 11 months after Danish-born Mianne Bagger became the first male-born golfer to play in a professional women’s tournament.

The LGU, which governs amateur golf in Britain and also runs the women’s British Open, followed a similar move made last year by the Ladies European Tour, the governing body of professional women’s golf in Europe.

Bagger, who had a sex-change operation in 1995, is playing this season on the Ladies European Tour, the governing body of professional women’s golf in Europe.
NEW YORK — With just a little bit of hedging, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman all but issued a salary-cap rejection during a secret meeting in Toronto. Bettman and players’ association senior director Ted Saskin.

Bettman and players’ association executive director Bob Goodenow were invited by the union back to the table last week

The sides agreed to keep negotiating through Wednesday, with a bit of hedging, NHL commissioner Bill Daly said. The lockout reached its 147th day Monday. But a deal is not in sight.

“Obviously we will listen to everything the union has to say, but we’ve given all we can give and gone as far as we can go,” Bettman said. “This has just been a very difficult, frustrating process and we’re sorry. But we have to go through it,” he said.

The souring has wiped out 813 of the 1,230 regular-season games, as well as this weekend’s scheduled All-Star game.

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If it was determined after an unspecified period of time that there wasn’t working, the agreement would be converted to the league’s Feb. 2 proposal that contained a salary cap that would force teams to spend at most $32 million on player costs but no more than $42 million, including benefits.

Also included in that six-year offer — which could be reopened by the union after four years — was a profit-sharing plan that would allow the players’ association to evenly split revenues over a negotiated level with the league.

“The union’s response was that this was not a framework that they were interested in going forward with,” Bettman said.

It was believed that there had been no contact between the sides since last Friday when talks broke off after three straight days of meetings. The sides agreed to keep negotiating through Wednesday. Bettman said.

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Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Tim Herron walked back to the sixth tee Wednesday morning at Pebble Beach and took in a spectacular view of the 513-yard hole, which stretches out toward the Pacific Ocean, rising along the rugged cliffs on the right side of the fairway.


Then it dawned on him. He could never see the cliffs so clearly because of a large cypress tree. But that tree is no longer there, wiped out by a hurricane. "It should make the par 5 play easier, because any tee shot that strayed too far to the right was blocked by the tree. Players either had to go over it or around it."

"You can see the whole cliff now, and it’s pretty cool," Herron said. "But it changes everything, especially on the second shot. That tree played with your head."

The Pebble Beach National Pro-Am will have a slightly different look when it gets under way Thursday. Banning that delayed California six-weeks ago also washed out a small section of the 18th fairway about 280 yards from the tee, making the landing area a little tighter. Plus, the two cypress trees replaced in the middle of the fairway were planted about 20 yards further out than they were.

"I hit a drive where I used to, and it was 15 yards from the tee — not 25," Jim Furyk said. "But there are some things about Pebble Beach that rarely change."

One of them is the weather, and that’s the good news. A tournament that developed a reputation for "Crosby weather" — cold, rain, wind, rain, fog, rain — looks as if it will be basking in sunshine for the fifth straight year.

And the field is eclectic as ever. Because the three courses, the pros range from the defending champion Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson to players like Steve Stricker, Garrett Willis and Tom Scherrer, whose only status on the PGA Tour is having won a tournament once upon a time.

Amateurs range from Hollywood stars (Bill Murray, Kevin Costner) to comedians (George Lopez), to athletes (Patriots coach Bill Belichick, Emmitt Smith, Jerry Rice) to CEOs of Fortune 500 companies.

Another Pebble tradition over the last two decades is the type of name on the crystal trophy. Only three of the last 21 winners of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am have not won a major.

No other regular PGA Tour event has such a major list of winners over the last two decades. The next best is The Players Championship — the fifth major — with 16 of the last 21 champions having also won majors.

No major winners at Pebble is no fluke. "It’s going to be a slow process of putting yourself in position and never really shooting yourself out of the tournament," said Mark O’Meara.
NBA

Olajuwon's charities gave money to terrorist groups

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A mosque established and funded by basketball star Hakeem Olajuwon gave more than $80,000 to charities the government later determined to be fronts for the terrorist groups al-Qaida and Hamas, according to financial records obtained by The Associated Press.

Olajuwon told the AP he had not known of any links to terrorism when the donations were made, but he supported the government's crackdown on the groups, and would not have given the money if he had known.

"There is no way you can go back in time," Olajuwon said in a telephone interview from Jordan, where he is studying Arabic. "So now they have the list of organizations that are banned by the government.

A Treasury Department spokesman, Molly Millerwise, declined to discuss Olajuwon's contributions but said, "In many cases donors are being unwittingly misled by the charities."

Federal law enforcement officials said they were not investigating Olajuwon until the Sudanese group was named in a federal trial in 2001 that now controls the Islamic African Relief Agency, the charity Olajuwon supported.

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Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — An NCAA committee on Wednesday recommended that permission to use a video replay system tested last season in the Big Ten be expanded to all schools and conferences for further study during the 2005 football season.

The recommendation by the Football Rules Committee will be considered by an oversight panel Feb. 24 and, if approved, will be put in place for the regular season this fall.

"The response to video replay nationally and in the Big Ten was overwhelmingly positive," said Chuck Boryles, the coach at Pittsburgh Staur and chairman of the rules committee. "When we have the ability to correct a potentially game-changing error, and we have the technology to do so, we feel this improves the fairness of the game and directly improves the student-athlete experience.

He said many conferences have asked permission to try the replay system for the 2005 season.

The Big Ten in December said replay was used in 28 of 57 conference games last season. Of the 43 calls questioned, 21 were overturned.

Games where replay was used averaged three minutes longer than games without replay.

Under Wed­nesday's rec­ommendation, any conference that wants to use video replay must confirm its plans with the rules committee by June 1.

"The preparation, training and educational effort needed to properly administer a system of review requires a com­mitment from a conference to make it run successfully," Boryles said.

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"They came and approached us and everything was legitimate. I had no knowledge of their activity," Olajuwon said.

The Treasury Department alleged in October that several top officials of the group's branches overseas are al-Qaida members or associates and the group gave bin Laden hundreds of thousands of dollars in 1999.

The federal government says the Sudanese-based Islamic African Relief Agency's U.S. branch is IARA-USA, based in Columbus, Ohio. That group has challenged the terrorist designation in court, saying it is separate from the Sudanese group.

Shereef Akel, a lawyer for IARA-USA, acknowledged the U.S. group and the Sudanese group "may be in a partnership together" and some people with links to IARA-USA have terrorist associations.

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College Football

Committee suggests video replays for '05

NCAA group says replay should be expanded next season

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was a different story. A 3-pointer by Bulldogs freshman forward Katie Puoste cut the Belles' lead to three. Belles senior forward Emily Creachbaum answered on the other end, and it looked like the teams would be locked in a competitive game.

Then the Bulldogs scored the next 19 points. The Belles went 12 possessions and almost 10 minutes without scoring at all. A free throw by senior co-captain Maureen Bush with less than nine minutes left ended the drought, and the Belles put up one more basket before half time.

NBA

Jordan searching
for opportunities

JORDAN

NEW YORK — Michael Jordan is willing to wait for the right situation before becoming an NBA owner.

In the meantime, Jordan said Wednesday, he is spending time with his family and promoting various interests, including his high school All-Star game and the release of the 20th edition of his best-selling book, the “Jordan Classic.”

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Michael Jordan shakes hands after a press conference for his high school basketball tournament, “The Jordan Classic.”

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STAR GAME

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“I still have that desire to purchase a team. But I’m hoping patience and waiting for the right scenario,” Jordan said at a news conference announcing his Jordan Classic prep game in April will move from Washington D.C. to Madison Square Garden. “When the right situation comes up, it will happen. I’m very patient. I enjoy being home. I enjoy being with my kids and doing a lot of the things that I haven’t had a chance to do. Basketball is still my passion, and I look forward to getting back into it.”

Jordan, looking trim in a black pinstripe suit and silver tie, has had several runs at becoming an owner. He had talks with Charlotte Bobcats majority owner Bob Johnson about a role with the expansion team, and was in serious discussions with Sen. Herb Kohl to purchase control of the Milwaukee Bucks.

There also was a report last summer that Jordan was interested in buying the Miami Heat, before team owner Micky Arison said the franchise was not for sale.

It seems inevitable Jordan someday will have his own team. Even NBA commissioner David Stern said last year, “I would predict that in the next few years Michael Jordan will be an owner of an NBA team.”

Jordan said the right situation would be “something I like ... financially it fits, economically it’s worthwhile. That’s important for anybody who wants to make a business decision.”

He didn’t rule out an expansion team, if one is approved in the future.

Jordan was asked about second-year stars LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, who both will be in the All-Star game later this month. When asked about comparisons being made between Jordan and James, Jordan said, “He’s doing fine on his own.”

He also said he was not in favor of the route James took to the NBA — leaving high school straight for the pros. “That’s not what I would do,” Jordan said.

“But they have their own minds and choices.”
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*defense in the second half, limiting the Friars to just 21 points on 8-for-24 shooting (25 percent). Notre Dame also outscored Providence 42-10 in the paint. Notre Dame got a spark from freshman Tulyah Gaines, who came off the bench to score nine points on 3-for-4 shooting. She added two rebounds, two assists and two steals in 18 minutes of play.

"I thought Tulyah came in and gave us some good minutes off the bench," McGraw said.

Meanwhile, forward Courtney LaVerne started for the first time since her December knee surgery and had 10 points on 5-for-9 shooting to go along with four rebounds and three steals in 23 minutes of play. Teresa Burton added 10 points and four rebounds as well for the Irish.

Batteast finished with a double-double with 23 points and 10 rebounds. She was 10-for-13 from the free throw line. For the game, she was 3-for-5 and 1-for-2 on three-point shots, scoring 50 percent from the field, scoring 45 second-half points. However, McGraw was not pleased with her team's effort.

"We weren't focused at all tonight, and we definitely took them lightly," McGraw said. The Irish are back in action Saturday afternoon when they face Georgetown at the Joyce Center for another Big East contest.

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For the Belles this season in the individual medley and will likely be an essential factor in a strong start for Saint Mary's, who fell to two conference opponents — Albin and Calvin Colleges — in its last meet. Following the individual medley, sophomore Nicole Korte, who has had a successful first season swimming with the Belles, can be counted on for a strong performance in the 50-yard freestyle. Korte has been fairly consistent for the team in achieving high finishes in the sprint events throughout the season. Competition will continue into Friday and Saturday, with a total of 20 women's events taking place during the meet.

Friday will begin with the 200-yard medley relay and move into such events as the 200-yard butterfly and 100-yard breaststroke. The last race on Friday will be the 800-yard freestyle relay. The last day of the meet will open up with the event's longest race, the 1,650-yard freestyle.

Most recently, freshman Lisa Boley has been swimming consistently against the Belles, with a time of 20 minutes, 2.83 in the 1,650-yard freestyle when the team competed in the Maroon invitational in November.

The 200-yard breaststroke will also take place on Saturday, and the competition will conclude with the 400-yard freestyle relay. Preliminaries begin daily at 10 a.m. and finals begin at 6 p.m.

As of now, undefeated Calvin College sits at the top of the MIAA standings. Hope, Kalamazoo, Olivet and Albion are all ahead of the Belles. Saint Mary's is at sixth place in the conference, with Alma College coming in at seventh.

The conference season has provided a combination of ups and downs for the Belles, but overall the program has made significant strides since last season. Saint Mary's posted its first conference victory in over a year on Jan. 15 when it defeated Alma College by a score of 31-49.

Although the competition against Kalamazoo College appeared to be a significant defeat on paper, the Belles captured five first-place finishes against one of the strongest programs in the conference.

Although the meet will not likely change Saint Mary's position in the conference standings, the Belles are in position to achieve high individual and team finishes in several of the events.

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and the Biletnikoff Award winner under Diedrick, and quarterback Todd Husak was first-team all-Pac-10.

Diedrick could not match that success with the Irish, but the statistical production of a few of his picks is eyeopening — in addition to past experience encouraged the Stampeder staff.

"I'm extremely pleased to have Bill join our staff, as he has a remarkable resume holding some great positions," Calgary offensive coordinator Steve Buratto said in Wednesday's press release. "I've tracked his coaching since his days with the Eskimos, and we are very fortunate to have him join the Stampeder organization. Diedrick will coach the two offensive positions that performed best in an inconsistent final season with Notre Dame. In 2004, Husak quarterback Braddy Quinn threw for 2,586 yards and 17 touchdowns. Freshman running back Darius Walker played in 11 games, rushing in 46 yards. In 2003, Diedrick was one of the coaches responsible for developing Quinn as a freshman. Quinn set freshman school records for passing yards, touchdowns, completions and attempts that season. Diedrick has coached at four Division-I schools — Notre Dame, Stanford (1998-2001), Washington (1994-97) and Washington State (1989-90) — in his 34-year career. He has also been the offensive coordinator at Division-II schools Montana State (1984-85) and Idaho (1986-88), as well as a high school head coach and a graduate assistant at Hawaii.

Diedrick has coached NFL quarterbacks Drew Bledsoe and John Friesz and top college for the Eskimos, and we are very

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ATTENTION UNDERCLASSMEN!
The men's boxing team is seeking a freshman or sophomore for the position of Men's Boxing Club Manager.

The student will spend the second semester of this year training with and assisting the current managers, and be or she must commit to working over (fall and spring), and ideally through senior year.

Student must be extremely responsible, well organized and available to work Monday-Friday between 3:30 and 6:30. Student will be paid $6.45/hour. Secretaries are responsible for a wide range of tasks including compiling boxers' data, helping to plan and prepare for the Bengal Bouts, accounting large sums of money, and coordinating with different administrators and departments on campus.

Student must be flexible enough to work on weekends, and has strong organizational skills and is proficient in Microsoft Office applications as well.

The club is looking for a student who is very motivated and willing to take on large responsibilities to help out with a great Notre Dame tradition.

If interested, please contact Kristen or Ashley at bengals@nd.edu or 631-9325.
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Winning ugly

Irish trail last-place Providence by six at half, storm back to give Friars 10 straight losses

By HEATHER VAN HOOGARDEN
Sports Editor

Providence wasn’t supposed to compete with No. 6 Notre Dame. The Friars scored just six points in the first half against No. 10 Connecticut Feb. 5, and won just one game all year. But the Irish took them lightly Wednesday night, and as a result found themselves losing at halftime before pulling away for a 75-57 win at Alumni Hall.

“We played the worst defensive half of the year in the first half,” Irish coach Muffett McGraw said. “Give credit to their offense.”

McGraw, who just two days ago was praising the play of late of her team, was not any more Wednesday night. Notre Dame gave up 36 points in the first half with the Friars shooting 50 percent from the field. Shauna Snyder led the way for Providence with 16 of her 18 points in the first half, helping the Friars to a 36-30 half-time lead.

Snyder was playing out of her mind,” McGraw said. “She shot the ball real well, and she got a lot of open looks too.”

Providence (1-20, 0-10 Big East) lost its 10th game in a row after the Irish (21-3, 9-2) pulled away in the second half with a 21-3 run. During the run, Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast scored seven points to give the Irish a 67-49 lead with 5:50 to play, sealing the Irish victory.

Snyder finished 6-for-17 from the field, including 4-for-8 from beyond the arc. The Friars hit six 3-pointers as a team, most of them wide-open looks.

“We just didn’t have any leadership tonight and it started with our leaders,” McGraw said. “The underclassmen just followed suit. The Irish played better

Irish teammates Jacqueline Batteast, right, and Teresa Burton block a shot by Providence guard Kristina Baugh.

Bad half gives Adrian win

Belles lead at break on the road, fall apart in second half

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

It was an all too familiar scenario for the Saint Mary’s Belles. Just like earlier games this season against Allison and Alma, the Belles took a lead into the locker room against the Adrian Bulldogs, but a major second half scoring drought led to a disappointing 71-56 loss for Saint Mary’s Wednesday night at the Merillat Center in Adrian, Mich.

After a back and forth first 10 minutes, the Belles (9-13, 4-9 MIAA) pulled out to 30-20 lead just before halftime. Two Adrian threes cut the lead, but Saint Mary’s was still up 32-26 at the break.

The second half, however

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FOOTBALL

Diedrick heads north to coach Stampeder

Ex-Irish coordinator accepts position with Calgary of the CFL

By PAT LEONARD
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Bill Diedrick is headed back to the CFL. The Calgary Stampeders Football Club of the Canadian Football League named the former Notre Dame offensive coordinator as the CFL’s Edmonton Eskimos (1991-92).

“I Bill’s background speaks for itself,” senior vice-president of football operations and head coach Tom Higgins said in a news release. “He brings an enormous amount of knowledge, as well as his CFL experience, to the Stampeders and will be a huge asset to the coaching staff.

Diedrick most recently spent three years as Notre Dame’s offensive coordinator from 2002-04, guiding the team to a 21-16 record under the West Coast offense.

Before coming to Notre Dame, Diedrick was the offensive coordinator for four years at Stanford, where he built one of the nation’s most productive offenses.

Cardinal receiver Troy Walters — now of the NFL’s Indianapolis Colts — was Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Three-day conference championships start today with prelims

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary’s swimming team hit the road Wednesday afternoon to travel to the Holland Community Aquatic Center in Holland, Mich., to compete in the MIAA Conference Championship. The three-day event begins this morning with swimmers taking to the water for preliminary events at 10 a.m. The day kicks off with the 200-yard freestyle relay, followed by the 500-yard freestyle. The afternoon will play host to a variety of events, including the 200-yard individual medley and the 50-yard freestyle.

Junior Sarah Nowak has been an especially strong swimmer

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