An on-board camera catches a glimpse of Spirit's robotic arm and the Martian surface on Jan. 16.

By ANDREW THAGARD
American News Editor

When a younger Eric Baumgartner learned of an indication of high blood pressure during a physical, he figured his life-long dream of becoming an astronaut was over.

Years later, this double Domer (the graduated in 1986 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering, earned a Master's degree at the University of Cincinnati then returned to Notre Dame for a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering) hasn't set foot in space. His job, however, as the lead test and operations engineer for the robotic arm component of NASA's Martian rovers Spirit and Opportunity, has given him a close-up look at Earth's neighbor that even a few astronauts might envy.

"It's been tremendous for me," Baumgartner said of the experience. "When you look at those vintax from the panoramic camera, it's like you're standing there."

Baumgartner's team is part of a larger NASA mission to explore the surface of Mars.

ND alum catches glimpse of Mars
Engineer supervises team for NASA rovers' robotic arms

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
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President George W. Bush shakes hands with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld before his State of the Union address.

Students gear up for race
Three teams vie for SMC president

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Campaigning begins today for the State Mary's student body presidential and vice presidential election, which will occur next Tuesday. This is the first time three successive student body elections in which only one ticket ran, this year, there are three. The tickets are made up of Sarah Brown and Michelle Fitzgerald, Shay Jolly and Veronica Saavedra, and Sarah Catherine White and Mary Pauline Moran.

The six candidates running for office have each held a variety of leadership roles throughout their college careers, including representing Saint Mary's as Student Body Vice-President, Residence Hall Association President and Student Diversity Board President.

"I think we have three tickets this year because this year's student government has done a phenomenal job in making strides for our campus," said Nicole Haeberle, elections commission. "The rise in numbers is due to the spectacular efforts of our student government and making many students want to be involved."

In order to run, a student

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Profs react to Bush's State of Union

By LIAM FARRELL
News Writer

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

The speech was a statement of confidence, promise and protection where the President touted the renewed strength of the economy and his administration's health care initiatives and encouraged every American to remain vigilant in the fight against terrorism and the effects of Homeland Security.

American Studies Professor Thomas Guglielmo said that the State of the Union Address should be viewed in the context of a campaign speech.

"Watching a State of the Union Address is like watching a boxing match," Guglielmo said. Although Guglielmo said he did not agree with Bush's statements or policies, he praised parts of the speech. "To be charitable, it was striking to lead off with the Patriot Act and he is bold and sticking to his guns on the most controversial part of his campaign," Guglielmo said.

However, Guglielmo said he was not surprised that the type of strong assertions that marked last year's address, including naming statistics and specific numbers of chemicals and toxins available for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, were absent.

"(Last year, Saddam Hussein) was shown as an imminent threat but a year later nothing has turned up and all he said was a quote from the Kay report which does very little [in proving his case]," Guglielmo said this was, "clearly a weak part of the speech."

English Professor William O'Rourke criticized the address, saying Bush seemed to be defensive on foreign policy and weak on domestic issues, only reciting a "laundry list" of proposals.

O'Rourke said the most interesting part of the speech was the see REACTION/page 8

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Read this for once**

You're not even reading this, are you?

That's because this is the Inside Column. Most people skip it. Honestly, I don't blame you. Giving paid staff members 400 words every single day leads to a lot of stress and really p o i n t l e s s columns. I consider this an oversight.

Personally, I'm a freshman, which means I get stuck doing these columns as my coworkers of legal age go bar-hopping. It will be great to be the senior in this position, so I'll suck it up for now. But future freshmen, beware - the day I turn 21 is the day my inside columns as my coworkers of legal age go bar-hopping.

Days are over.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SHOULD ND GIVE TO THE INDIAN TRIBE SUING OVER THE LAND?**

Emily Pike
Sophomore Parley

Siegfried sweatshirts.

"They can have Carroll."

"Football tickets."

"Give them some of the endowment."

"We have lakes to spare. We can give them one."

"We're giving them the Stepan Center."

Kate Gales
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**IN BRIEF**

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

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

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

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

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

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

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.

**OFFBEAT**

**Good to the last dropp**

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

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

Money stolen from US commercial.

Someone stole a bank bag containing $100,000 from Jack Whittaker, winner of the richest undivided lottery jackpot in the world.

Whittaker, a 56-year-old contractor, won a $314.9 million Powerball jackpot in December 2002 and collected his winnings in a $113 million lump sum.

The break-in was the second time in less than a year that money was stolen from Whittaker.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

TODAY: 28 HIGH 21 LOW
TUESDAY: 19 HIGH 12 LOW
THURSDAY: 8 HIGH 10 LOW
FRIDAY: 23 HIGH 18 LOW
SATURDAY: 10 HIGH 16 LOW
SUNDAY: 27 HIGH 18 LOW
GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Students plan campus drive for blood bank

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Notre Dame students, faculty and staff are giving back to the community at today’s blood drive, organized by the Graduate Student Union and benefiting the South Bend Blood Bank.

This is the first time the GSU has sponsored a blood drive, but after the overwhelming response from the student body, it hopes for the drive to become a tradition, said John Young, organizer of the blood drive and chair of the GSU’s health care committee.

"The number of volunteers has been astonishing," said Young.

The drive, suggested to GSU president Martiqua Post by graduate student Harold Ernst, will take place today from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

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Legends entertains campus

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

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

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

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

Legends maintains a structured set-up of events that provide a wide range of entertainment specifically targeting students.

"We’ve seen great turnouts ... we set Thursdays mainly aside for campus bands," Jorissen said. "Students here on campus deserve a chance to play in front of their friends."

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

"We have literally hundreds of bands that want to play, and we have to be highly selective," Jorissen said. "It's a learn-as-you-go process," Jorissen said.

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

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

The group has recently been featured in Rolling Stone Magazine as well as on MTV and VH1.

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Johathan Jorissen, program coordinator

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Mars
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Mars and search for past signs of water and, possibly, life. The two rovers were deployed last summer at a combined cost of $800 million. The first of the two rovers, Spirit, has landed successfully within Mars' Gusev Crater, a geographic landmark that scientists believe may be a former lake basin, and its sister rover Opportunity is scheduled to touch down on the red planet Saturday night.

For Baumgartner, who has been working on this project for the past three and a half years, the excitement-and apprehension-begins when the rovers reach Mars' surface and the engineers must coordinate the unfolding of their arms. "The first time we deploy the arm there was a great deal of tension," Baumgartner said.

The first ten minutes that Spirit spent on the planet were also particularly suspicious, he said. "I feel a sense of being there. It's almost like the robot is an extension of yourself."

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For Baumgartner, that means he'll be kept busy for the next few months. "I'm gonna try to stick with [the mission] as long as the vehicles are alive," he said. "You work so hard on these projects that when they come to fruition it is just tremendous."

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three days that I did not say Mass," Hesburgh said. "I have said it 500 feet beneath the Pacific on a submarine, at 50,000 feet in an airplane and at the South Pole... I almost had the opportunity to go up into space, and if I had I would have said Mass on the space shuttle, which is definitely something you don't see every day."

Hesburgh spoke with fierce pride about Notre Dame, calling it "the greatest Catholic University in the world, bar none." If you were to "take all the pontifical universities in the world," he said, and "add them up, I don't think they'd add up to Notre Dame."

When asked if he had one piece of advice for Notre Dame students at the end of the lecture, Hesburgh responded simply. "Stay close to our Lady. Her it's place; she knows how to take care of you."

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Rebel leader ousted by wife in feud

Bush gives State of the Union
Annual address focuses on reelection issues, capture of Saddam and Iraq war

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Laying out campaign themes, President Bush is hailing progress in Iraq, recharging the economy and helping Americans afford health care. But Democrats say his election-year State of the Union address scores poorly on how it addresses the nation’s hard-won peace.

The morning after he addressed a national television audience and an audience of Congress, Bush was embarking Wednesday on a two-day swing through Ohio, Arizona and New Mexico to highlight his job training and counterterrorism programs.

Those were among several plans he said he would offer in his 2005 budget — a blueprint to be released Feb. 2 that will be constrained by record budget deficits that approach $500 billion this year.

Even as Democrats scrapped among themselves over who would oppose him in November, the president told state and local officials in closed-door sessions that the toppling and capture of Saddam Hussein, the revival of economic growth, and the passage of major trade and Medicare prescription drug benefits, "America this evening is a nation called to great responsibilities," Bush said in an article that will appear Tuesday evening. "And we are rising to meet them."

The address contained few major new proposals, underlining a shift toward leaving a federal safety net of social programs, despite a strong ground organization and union support.

"I gave this campaign everything I had in me," Gephardt told a news conference, his voice cracking. "I failed to produce a repeat performance.""I can’t imagine the president has reached its end. I’m with Bush, I’m going to vote for Bush, and returning to private life after a long time in the warm light of public service.

Peterson trial changes venue
MIDHISTO, Calif. — The judge in the murder case against Scott Peterson moved the trial about 90 miles away to San Francisco Bay area Tuesday because of hostility toward Peterson in his dead wife’s hometown.

Judge Al Girolami ruled earlier this month that the trial had to be moved out of Modesto to make sure Peterson got a fair trial in the stringing of his wife, Laci, and unborn son.

One target, a Modesto training position, took a direct missile hit and the sound of exploding ammunition was heard in the area, officials said. They said they couldn’t determine the extent of damage because of the remote location.

Gas plant explosion kills 23
ALGONQUIN, Ill. — Searchers recovered ten more bodies at a natural gas complex rocked by an explosion, raising the death toll to 23. An official said Tuesday, Seventy-four people were injured and rescuers said as many as a dozen workers were believed missing.

The cause of Monday evening’s explosion in the Mediterranean port city of Skikda was still under investigation, Algeria energy minister Chakib Keftel told state radio. Authorities said the toll could rise because it was not known how many people

National News
Gephardt withdraws candidacy
SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt abandoned his second bid for the presidency has reached its end. I’m glad I made this decision before the Iowa caucuses, said Minority Leader Dick Durbin.

From 1987 to 1995, Gephardt served as the House majority leader, but was unable to produce a repeat performance in the 2004 political season.

Tuesday, theatrical manager and leave our work in the dangerous illusion that terrorists are not plotting and outline regimes are no threat to us."

"We have not come all the way — through tragedy and trial and war — only to fail and leave our work unfinished," the president said.

Democrats, however, saw Bush and his policies as entirely dispensable — and employed rhetoric aimed at their own supporters.

"The State of the Union may look rosy from the White House balcony or the suites of George Bush’s wealthiest donors, but hard-working Americans will see through this president’s effort to wrap his radical agenda with a compassion-ate ribbon," said former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean.

State News
Prognosis poor for Siamese twins
INDIANAPOLIS — Conjoined twin girls born Tuesday to a Fort Wayne Woman are unlikely to survive long because they share several vital organs, said a neonatologist who is helping care for them.

The twins were in critical condition at St. Vincent Hospital after being born at 12:21 in the afternoon to April McCray and her 19-year-old husband, Rocky McCray.

The twins, Stephanie Nicole and Rebecca Marie, are joined at the torso and have separate hearts, but appear to share a liver, intestines and other organs.

Associated Press
Worried about the economy and health care, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Republicans need to produce a "new, positive message" before the next general election.

"We've got to be more aggressive in terms of economic growth and job creation," the Arizona senator said Tuesday during a speech at a meeting of the California Republican Party. "It's just wrong to think the best solution will be accomplished through a tax cut made on the backs of working Americans."

President George W. Bush pauses while giving his State of the Union Address Tuesday. The speech dealt with Iraq, terrorism, the economy and other issues.

"I will tell the American people the approach I've chosen for our war with terror," he said. "This is a war against an ideology and force of evil that's well beyond the four corners of Iraq, and we'll never agree for anybody to fight in this country again," she said.

Around her, fighters of the rebel Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy movement nodded assent. Diplomats streamed in for consultations.

Unlawfully resolved, the dispute threatens to destabilize Liberia, where a U.N. force of 15,000 is backing a power-sharing government after 14 years of civil war that killed a quarter-million people.

Peace came to Liberia in August, when warlord President Charles Taylor fled into exile as the rebels laid siege to his capital and interna- tional peacekeepers moved in. The risk is that a lasting rift between loyalists of rebel leader and rebel wife could revive factional fighting.

Rebel leader ousted by wife in feud...
Potential 20th 9/11 hijacker was refused entry

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A man who may have been the intended 20th hijacker in al-Qaida’s Sept. 11 terror attack was prevented from entering the United States by a U.S. immigration agent, federal officials said Tuesday.

The unidentified man, known only by his last name of al-Qahtani, was turned away by the senior law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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

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

The agent in Orlando became suspicious when al-Qahtani provided only vague answers to immigration questions about what he was doing in the United States and whether any of these others provided only vague answers to immigration questions about what he was doing in the United States.

At the time al-Qahtani was stopped in Orlando, the United States-by-June 2001. But the FBI has long suspected that one of the planes — United Flight 93, which crashed in a Pennsylvania field after a passenger uprising — contained five instead of only four hijackers.

The other three planes taken over that day had five hijackers.

 al-Qahtani is to testify about the matter at a hearing next week before the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon The United States, better known as the 9/11 commission. Melendez-Perez is currently an inspector with the Customs and Border Protection bureau of the Homeland Security Department.

FBI Director Robert Mueller told reporters last week that the bureau had shared “millions of documents” with the commission and that many senior FBI officials, Mueller included, had briefed the panel members. Mueller said the briefings and documents include information about “persons we are interest- ed in” as part of the Sept. 11 investigation.

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

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

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

Moussaoui is the only person being prosecuted in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks. A 2003 report from the House and Senate intelligence committees concluded that all of the 19 hijackers who took part in the Sept. 11 attack were in the United States by June 2001.

The six organizers lived in the United States for varying amounts of time. The other 13 — the “muscle” intended to overcome pilots and control passengers — arrived in pairs, except for one group of three, the report said. All traveled to the United States through the United Arab Emirates. After his apprehension, U.S. agents put al-Qahtani on a plane back to Saudi Arabia, the officials said. He later wound up in Afghanistan, where he was captured by U.S. forces and is now being held along with other captives at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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

In Brief

Regulators review lending laws

Stocks looking towards recovery

Salvation Army receives $1.5 billion

Martha Stewart’s trial opens

Famous home decorating expert pleads not guilty to five criminal charges

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart waved to her supporters, strode into a Manhattan courtroom Friday and repeated a plea of innocence at the formal start of her stock-trading trial Tuesday.

The 62-year-old millionaire executive, who stood in court and nodded at the first batch of jurors, who were interviewed one by one by a judge in a private room.

"Not guilty," Stewart said five times, speaking almost inaudibly and nodding as she re-entered her plea to five criminal charges brought by the FBI and SEC.

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A convicted pedophile priest who is a suspect in the murder of an altar boy has been defrocked by the pope on Nov. 20 and will be removed from the payroll on May 31.

Republican leaders and President Bush just hours before his State of the Union address, however, the roll call became more of a symbolic stunt.

Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., removed the drama by predicting the Senate would approve the bill by next week, regardless of whether the problems were resolved. Majority Republicans had said repeatedly they would not alter the food labeling or other provisions that Democrats opposed.

"Our desire is not to kill the bill. Our desire is to give them a chance to fix it," Daschle told reporters before the vote.

SPRINGFIELD Bishop Thomas Dupre said announcing the pope's decision "brings me no pleasure."

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

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

Dismissal from the priesthood is a fairly unusual and complicated process. Since the clergy sex abuse scandal erupted in the Boston Archdiocese two years ago, about two dozen priests have been suspended from the ministry.

None have yet been defrocked.
Democrats end blockade of spending bill

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., removed any drama by predicting the Senate would approve the bill by next week, regardless of whether the problems were resolved. Majority Republicans had said repeatedly they would not alter the food labeling or other provisions that Democrats opposed.

"Our desire is not to kill the bill. Our desire is to give them a chance to fix it," Daschle told reporters before the vote. He said if Republicans refused to rewrite the disputed provisions, Democrats would use other legislation to wage their fights. The bill would impose a two-year delay on labels identifying the countries many foods come from, would allow an administration move to reduce the number of white-collar workers eligible for overtime pay and would ease limits on the number of television stations a company can own.

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Elam's scholarship reprehensible

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

Last week, Kent State University not only accepted Elam as a student, but also offered him a scholarship as a football player to play for 2004. Elam has one year of eligibility remaining.

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

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

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

Many criticized Notre Dame's discriminatory process that kicked Elam and the other three football players out of school before criminal charges were filed. But few can question the University's moral stance. Kent State, on the other hand, should be embarrassed by its decision to give scholar­ship money to a convicted felon.

Even presidents write rough drafts

THADDEUS G. W. SMITH

Thanks to my many powerful con­nections in the White House, I actually managed to procure a copy of President Bush's first draft to last night's State of the Union address. Who me? Duhby's original version is 800 words longer than the speech prior to any tampering by White House officials.

Mr. Speaker, Uncle Dick, members of Congress, my loyal subjects, for Dick Gephardt, majoring in political science and

Joey Falco

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...is a gentle husband, very few citizens will...
The Observer

Face the music

THE QUESTION IS UNFAIR TO STUDENTS

I hate "the Question." It is by far the worst possible thing to ask a senior in college. People should know right off the bat that the question is stupid, mean, seriously, don't they realize the stress and all the pressure asking a question like that causes? And why does society expect us to know? Are we supposed to have life figured out at 22? In fact, why do they have to know the answer anyway?

Complete strangers ask "the Question." The other day, I was at Martin's and the cashier asked me. I could have screamed. If I say "I don't know," then I look like an ass because, apparently, I should know the answer. "Doesn't everyone know by now?" she said.

One day, will I wake up and have it hit me like a bolt of lightning? Or am I forever doomed to the uncertainty of it all? Will I wonder about this for the rest of my life? Because really, my answer will determine the route I will travel for a good many years.

I know you know the question I am talking about. It probably lingers in the back of your mind like a bright yellow rain jacket. I wonder about this for the rest of my life? Because really, my answer will determine the route I will travel for a good many years.

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senior
Kleen Hall

The Question

The year of our Lord 2003 ended magnificently. Months of careful plan-
ning crystallized into what many may or may not remember as the party of the year: the Super Bowl party. With TV posters boy and choreography provided by Wade Robson, we printed pocket bees bearing his name and saw that there was an atmosphere of dancing cool, and we consecrated an entire evening to throwing bi-weekly theme parties so that others may witness firsthand dancing’s therapeutic power in helping to cope with a long spring and an oth-
erwise lackluster social scene here at Notre Dame. We already have a few marinating in our minds, and fully intend to bring them to fruition in weeks to come. Amongst them are Junior High Revisited and Springtime Slope-Dance, as well as a possible sec-
ond installment of Wade Robson. Truly, the options are endless.

With an open mind and the ability to literally think on your feet, you might have the night of your life and make a few friends in the process. It’s too easy to get bogged down in average entertain-
ment, and, quite frankly, life is too short. Turn over that leaf, turn up the volume, and give your Studebaker one unfortu-
nately, the week’s capstone event, at which new-comers to the ski trip were to be initiated by way of the year’s ski and other hushed bathing rituals. It ended, however, with the reprisal of Fluffy’s dance in our living room to a score of “80’s recordings” by a group of kids who should have ended up at Juilliard or as background music in “Jenny From The Block.” I take two very important les-
sions from my time in Montana, both of which I wish I had learned during fresh-
man orientation. One, you should never restrict the title of “friend” to just those kids who happen to live down the hall from you in your dorm. People grow up in accepting things as their friends only those who compete with them in weekend activities. Pretty much all Notre Dame guys are the same in far as they assume that all those with whom they go to watch chilled are thereby not cool. It’s simply not true, and you are doing yourself an injustice in thinking so.

Second, theme parties, and more specifically, dance and performance parties, are the missing ingredient in the elusive recipe for a great social life. My experience at the Wade Robson Project dance party, and the as-yet-unnamed 4 a.m. version, really proved that back in the bad old days, I had never arrived at a feasible resolu-
tion for the New Year. I resolve myself...
Horror legends make killer comeback

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene DVD Critic

Freddy vs. Jason, directed by Ronny Yu, is an epic romance of star-crossed lovers, forever kept apart because of a cruel twist of fate. Yeah, right. At this point in history, practically everyone has seen one of the Nightmare on Elm Street or Friday the 13th sagas. In the very least, one has at least been exposed to their influence. Every Halloween, one is almost overwhelmed by the flood of hockey masks and glove knives. The latest movie, Freddy vs. Jason, counts as Freddy’s eighth film, and Jason’s 11th. After all this time, the image of someone beating a dead horse springs to mind. So it is surprising to discover that Freddy vs. Jason is a great little flick. As can be expected, the plot is predictable with all of the standard precedents of the two series still in effect. Freddy makes wise cracks while pursuing his victims. Jason walks slowly, and yet still catches the running teen (after she trips of course). Blood is split by the gallon. And of course, the members of society that drink, smoke and have premarital sex are the first to go, making one wonder if the scriptwriters also wrote dildos [with the drugs and sex business, not the massive spilling of blood]. But of course, the plot isn’t the real reason to see the movie, although it’s still pretty fun with plenty of drinking game potential. The real reason to see the movie is for the last 20 minutes that features the much-anticipated fight. It’s choreographed well, although don’t expect to see Jason dodging bullets as the camera slowly whirls around him. However, since both anti-heroes are dead, they can take quite a bit of abuse from each other. But the DVD is quite nice as one can always just skip all the boring dialogue, plot elements, and people in various stages of undress to witness the showdown.

The DVD was released as a two-disc special edition, and it shows in the details. The video is top-notch. Never before has being bad looked so good. The audio on the DVD is near crystal clear. You’re able to hear all of the sound effects in all their gory detail, which is either an advantage or disadvantage depending on your disposition. In the way of special features, the DVD offers commentary from the director and the actors who played Jason and Freddy. It also offers some deleted scenes, some of which are actually quite funny but cut for good reason. For the gore hounds out there, the DVD also offers a “skip to a death” along with a scene selection.

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

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MOVIE REVIEW
Along came predictability

By JACQUELINE PIMENTEL-GANNON
Scene Movie Critic

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

In Along Came Polly, the obstacles are comical, especially for those who are fond of bathroom humor—literally as well as figuratively. Unfortunately, most of the funniest parts of the film are revealed in the previews. Stiller plays Reuben Feffer, a risk assessment analyst who uses his technical skills to manage and minimize the risk in his own life. His perfect life is right on track as he marries his real estate agent Lisa Kramer (Debra Messing of television’s Will and Grace). Everything falls apart, however, on the first day of their honeymoon as Feffer goes to pick up his new wife from her scuba diving lesson only to find her in a compromising position as Feffer’s ordeal—though this is rectified soon enough Feffer’s oh-so-helpful friend Sandy, provides the most memorable line of the movie when explaining why he and Feffer have to leave the party immediately. So if for no other reason, watch this movie to truly appreciate the meaning of friendship.

On his first date with Polly, Feffer runs into problems almost as ridiculous as those that confront Stiller’s character in Meet the Parents. Ironically, Polly is about the only person who hasn’t yet heard about Feffer’s ordeal—though this is rectified soon enough Feffer’s oh-so-helpful friend Sandy, provides the most memorable line of the movie when explaining why he and Feffer have to leave the party immediately. So if for no other reason, watch this movie to truly appreciate the meaning of friendship.

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

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**The Simpsons Third Season Set**

20th Century Fox

Homer Simpson's trademark exclamation, "D'oh!", made its way into the Oxford English Dictionary in 1994. Since then, it has become a staple of daily conversation and has been used in everything from TV shows to ads. The new DVD set is packed with extras, including a behind-the-scenes look at the show's evolution, interviews with cast members, and a chance to see the show's signature humor in a new light.

**The Simpsons' DVD set delivers the goods**

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

*Some DVD clips*

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Pierce leads Celtics past Heat to snap losing streak

MIAMI (AP) — Everything went right for the Boston Celtics down the stretch of an emotionally charged win.

Paul Pierce turned a potential turnover into a layup, Mark Blount came up with the night’s most important rebound, and the Miami Heat’s composure fell apart.

The combination helped Boston rally from a nine-point deficit in the final 5 1/2 minutes Tuesday night to snap a four-game losing streak by beating Miami 106-90.

“We just had that great sense of urgency,” Pierce said. “We could have gotten discouraged with four or five minutes to go, but we kept our composure.”

The Celtics were badly outrebounded in the first half, but they brought 17-8 rebounding edge ahead of the first half.

Pierce scored 29 points, including a highlighted drive that cut the margin to 84-83. He lost the ball, scooped it up, juked past Antawn Jamison with a 360-degree spin and sank a layup.

Boston’s Ray Allen scored 18 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, a record for a Miami rival since the arena opened, in an assist in an only the fourth triple-double in Heat history, joining Elgin Baylor, Wilt Chamberlain and Earl Monroe, who each had 28 rebounds and nine assists.

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Mavericks 106, Nets 93

DALLAS — Antoine Walker scored 19 of his 22 points in the second period and Dirk Nowitzki added 19 points, helping the Dallas Mavericks continue their exhibition season grip over the New York Nets with a victory Tuesday night.

The Nets miss their midpoint of 50-28 in a five straight game, their best thus far.

This was the seventh straight time they’ve beaten the Nets, their longest current streak against any team.

Nowitzki scored 15 by halftime, then played the second half with a triple-double in Heat history, joining Elgin Baylor, Wilt Chamberlain and Earl Monroe, who each had 28 rebounds and nine assists.

“It’s great to be the team that got him No. 300,” Boozer said of his coach, who got a TV microphone and playfully grinned the second-year forward with questions in the locker room.

“Let’s move on and get him 400. Well, let’s do 350 first.”

Darius Miles, who skipped the last 14 games when he overslept on Monday, scored down the baseline to dunk a missed shot by Tim Hardaway and missed his first three-game losing streak of the season.

Anthony had 14 and the Nuggets added 17 after the break down the stretch, on 10-of-19 shooting and four free throws.

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No. 4 Connecticut (3-0) is the only unbeaten team left in Big East play. Seton Hall started the game by scoring the first 12 points and Syracuse never really threatened to take the lead. The Pirates made sure there wouldn't be any late comeback by the Orangemen by going 14-for-16 from the free-throw line over the next three minutes. C.J. Watson broke the drought for Tennessee with 3:53 left. Tennessee's Scooter McFadgon made two free throws to make it 61-60, but neither team could score over the next three minutes.

Tennessee (10-4, 2-3) trailed until it put together two 9-0 runs midway through the second half, the last giving the Volunteers their first lead at 52-51 with 7:37 remaining. Kentucky got the lead back and was ahead by three points with 3:33 left. Tennessee's Scooter McFadgon made two free throws to make it 61-60, but neither team could score over the next three minutes.

Cliff Hawkins hit a 3-pointer with 16.3 seconds left to tie it at 64. McFadgon missed a shot as time expired. McFadgon had four points in overtime, but a 3 by Daniels and Hayes' rebound and basket was all Kentucky needed to get its fourth straight win over the Volunteers.

McFadgon led Tennessee by scoring 19 of his 33 points in the first half, and Crump added 14 points and 13 rebounds. Hawkins had 13 points and six assists for the Wildcats, who overcame 23 turnovers and 30 personal fouls to avoid a second straight loss. Tennessee lost 65-57 to Georgia at home, and coach Tubby Smith questioned the Wildcats' toughness. But Kentucky showed plenty against, which came in 9-0 at home this season.

Charlotte 64, Marquette 76
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Demon Bown scored 23 points to lead Charlotte to an 84-76 victory Tuesday over Marquette, which lost leading scorer Travis Diener to an apparent neck injury. Brown hit 6-of-16 3-pointers while Curtis Withers added 17 points and Eddie Basden 15 or the 49ers (11-4, 3-1 Conference USA), who picked up their second win against a Final Four team from a year ago.

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

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

Marquette finished with 20 turnovers in a game that featured 56 fouls.

Dieners, who came in averaging 17.3 points and 6.3 assists per game, was injured with 13:03 left when Calvin Clemmons went for an upfake and fell hard on top of him.

Charlotte athletic director Judy Bone said Dr. Jim Fischel told her Dieners had movement in his arms and legs, but was complaining of tenderness in his neck and back. He was scheduled to undergo an MRI and a CAT scan at University Hospital late Tuesday.

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Syracuse. It was Seton Hall coach Louis Orr's first win in five games against his alma mater and former coach Jim Boeheim.
The loss ended the 13-game winning streak Syracuse (13-2, 3-1) was on since losing its sea­son opener to Charlotte. This was the last of a three-game road trip for the Orangemen, who won the first two at Missouri and Notre Dame.
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Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — A team that looked like an NFL power emerged from New England’s season opener. No, not the Patriots. They lost 31-0 to the Bills, who lived up to glowing preseason predictions in that game. The Patriots, meanwhile, showed no indication that they would be the first team to win an amazing Super Bowl run.

The loss came five days after the surprising release of safety Lawyer Milloy, who signed with Buffalo and played against the Patriots. Certainly, the setback must have motivated the Patriots. Some good must have come from such a problem-filled opener.

"Good!" coach Bill Belichick said. "No. No."

In the fourth months since, Buffalo faltered and missed the playoffs while the Patriots went 16-1. They take a 14-game winning streak into the Super Bowl against Carolina on Feb. 1 in Houston.

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

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

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

They're down in numbers, but we still have to go out and play," Law said early in the season. "It's now we change a few schemes here and there, but overall, we know everyone on this roster can play and wouldn't be here if they couldn't.

The Patriots kept proving that. There are few big-name players. This is a very deep team that was able to fill holes with talented backups.

"This is the ultimate team defense and this is the ultimate team," Law said after intercepting three passes in Sunday's 24-14 win over Indianapolis in the AFC title game. "If we put it together, we feel like we can beat anybody.

The only other team they failed to beat was Washington and they came very close. The Patriots lost 20-17 in the fourth game, but outgained the Redskins by 435-250.

Since then, New England is perfect.

"To win in 14 in a row, I mean that's unbelievable," Brady said. "Nobody does that. Nobody does that.

The streak started on Oct. 5 with a 38-20 win over Tennessee and continued with victories over the Dallas Cowboys, St. Louis Rams, Jacksonville Jaguars, Miami, Cleveland, Denver, Dallas and Houston.

The Patriots went to Indianapolis and beat the Colts 36-34 when Willett McGinest tackled Edgerrin James at the Patriots' 1-yard line on the final play.

"Every time we play them it's a fight," McGinest said afterward. "We got a lot of fighters in our locker room. We're not going to give anything away.

They didn't as they won their last four regular-season games by a combined score of 179-47 while committing just four turnovers, took advantage of two fumble recoveries and two interceptions in the playoffs.

The Patriots kept winning behind Brady's steadiness, the defense's big plays and the entire team's selflessness.

But Belichick wouldn't just call the game particularly special.

"They were all special. Any game, they were all special," he said. "Obviously, playoff games sit a little higher than the regular-season ones, but without the regular-season ones there wouldn't be a playoffs."
Hurricanes acquire Williams from Flyers

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

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

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

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

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

Markov suited up for his new team Tuesday night, getting one shot on goal in the Hurricanes’ 3-1 loss to Ottawa. Williams, the Flyers’ first-round pick in 2000, played in all 47 games for Philadelphia this season. "The positive thing is I’m coming to a team that really wants me here and I’m going to play," Williams said after the game. "I’m excited to turn a new page in my career."

The move brought an abrupt end to Markov’s short tenure with Carolina, which went to great lengths to acquire the 6-foot-1, 190-pound defenseman.

The Hurricanes traded former first-round picks David Tanabe and Igor Knyazev to Phoenix on draft day. But it took a long time to sign Markov, who threatened to play in Russia before coming on board in August.

Markov had four goals and 16 assists in 44 games for Carolina.
Around the Dial

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NBA

Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback coach Sean Payton congratulates quarterback Quincy Carter in the Cowboys' 24-20 win over the Panthers in November. Payton will sign a four year deal to coach the Raiders.

Raiders replace Callahan, hire Payton

Associated Press

DALLAS - Al Davis has a history of not hiring high-profile coaches. Apparently, that trend will continue. The Dallas Morning News reported on its Web site Tuesday night that the Oakland Raiders will make Dallas Cowboys assistant Sean Payton their next coach. According to the newspaper, Payton is expected to sign a four-year, $13 million contract. He spent much of Sunday and Monday interviewing with Davis, the Raiders' renegade owner. Payton, 40, would become the NFL's youngest head coach. If wide receiver Jerry Rice returns to the club, he would be a year older than Payton.

The hiring also would complete a remarkable career rehabilitation for Payton, who as New York Giants offensive coordinator was stripped of his play-calling duties midway through the 2002 season. This season, Payton was on Bill Parcells' staff with the Cowboys, overseeing the team's passing game while working with quarterbacks. Hiring a relative unknown is nothing new for Davis.

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

In Oakland, Payton would replace Bill Callahan, who was fired one season after leading the Raiders to their first Super Bowl appearance since 1984. In 2003, the Raiders went 4-12 and tied for last place in the AFC West. Callahan also drew the wrath of many of his veteran players for his unapproachable attitude.

With the Raiders, Payton would inherit one of the NFL's oldest teams and a club that is expected to have major salary cap problems.

Oakland owns the second pick in April's draft.

USA Today Hockey Top 15

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Colts owner plans to meet with city for negotiations

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

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

Irsay said it would take about $30 million over that time to reach that medium. He also said during a news conference that he is willing to make Peyton Manning the league's highest paid player and hopes to have him signed to a new contract before March 3.

Manning was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player earlier this week.

Beltran signs one-year contract with Royals

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

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

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

Manning named Sporting News player of the year

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

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

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

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

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

"Peyton Manning has been a great quarterback for several years and his play this season was simply unsurpassed," said Sporting News editorial director John Rawlings.

"His control over the offense is unique in the NFL and he makes the most of the opportunity."
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But the Irish jumped out to an early, 12-2 lead behind two 3-pointers from Chris Quinn and one from Jordan Cornette. The Hokies responded with a 9-2 run to get within three. A 9-2 run of their own later in the half gave the Irish some separation as they went into the locker room up, 30-22.

Notre Dame opened the second half just like they opened the game — with hot shooting. A 12-4 run put the Irish up 16 points. After seemingly to solve the Virginia Tech pressure defense for most of the second half, the Irish had problems late in the game as the Hokies implemented a full-court press and got as close as seven. Cornette fouled out with 1:08 remaining and Tom Timmermans already had four fouls.

Still, the Notre Dame guards broke the press and maintained the lead. Chris Thomas finished with 23 points on 7-of-16 shooting. Quinn ended up with 13 points, with eight of them coming in the first half.

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Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas finished with 23 points on 7-of-16 shooting at Virginia Tech Tuesday.

Recruits

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recruiting expert Tom Lemming said in comparison to the former Irish and present Indiana Hoosier quarterback. "He doesn't have an overpowering arm, but he has decent running ability." Wolke, at 6-foot-3, 205 pounds, threw almost every down from the shotgun at Smyrna High School. A four-year starter, Wolke completed 53.8 percent of his passes for 6,232 yards and 54 touchdowns.

"[Irish coaches] said they'll play the best player," Wolke said. "I'll have the opportunity to compete in camp."

Crum is a 6-foot, 210-pound linebacker who received honorable mention all-state in his junior year at Tampa Bay Tech, making 100 tackles — 13 for a loss — and three interceptions. He runs a 4.6 second 40-meter dash and is the son of former Miami Hurricane great Maurice Crum, Sr.

"Crum is solid and quick to the ball," Lemming said. "He's a bit undersized, but he can grow."

Lemming rated Crum the 25th best inside linebacker in the country. The linebacker recorded 70 tackles, four sacks and one interception for a touchdown his senior season, even though a bruised thigh kept him out of two games.

Crum made the decision to attend Notre Dame on Sunday morning during his visit and has cancelled a scheduled visit to Tennessee on Jan. 23. "The overall visit, everything went well," Crum said. "When I was meeting the coaches and players, I knew this was the place I wanted to be."

Crum cited the attitudes of the players encouraged him. "Talking to everyone and looking in their eyes, I could see fire in their eyes," he said. "Talking about [last season], I could see they felt pain."

Crum's size, however, will most likely prevent him from having an immediate impact. Wolke is not rated high and barring anything extreme will most likely compete for a backup role.

The top priority for Coach Tyrone Willingham and the Thomas brothers — Georgia running back Darius Walker and New Jersey linebacker Brian Toal. Toal has two remaining visits and has not decided whether or not to travel to South Bend.

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TORIN FRANCIS/The Observer Torin Francis struggled against Syracuse but had 22 points and 16 rebounds Tuesday night.

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again looking at not changing the starting lineup, but playing differ-
ent people at different times." The Irish have moved from an of-
fensive-oriented starting lineup to a more defensive-oriented

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group, which includes Megan Duffly, Le'Tania Severe, Teresa

Borton, Jacqueline Batastini and Monique Hernandez. McGraw

said she plans on starting that

lineup against the

Orangewomen. McGraw was not expecting

such struggles on the road,

Orangewomen. "I'm

disappointed the upper-

classmen haven't been able to

get it done on the road," McGraw

said. "It's a veteran team who is

just struggling to find an

answer." At 9-7 and 2-2 in the Big East, Notre Dame needs this game if

they hope to make a run at the

conference championship. Three

teams have just one loss in the

Big East, including Syracuse. The

Orangewomen are just 6-8 over-

all, but they recently defeated Rutgers to become 3-1 in confer-

dence play. Notre Dame meets Miami (4-1) two times this sea-

son, while the Irish have already
defeated Connecticut (4-1).

Syracuse is led by reigning Big

East Player of the Week Julie

McBride, who averaged 20.0

points, 5.5 rebounds and five

assists in two wins over Rutgers

and Providence last week.

Freshman Lauren Kohn has won

back-to-back Big East Freshman

Player of the Week honors after scoring

11.5 points and 3.5 rebounds for

the Orangewomen in their most

recent games. "Julie McBride is a great play-
er. She's a senior and a great

guard," McGraw said. "She's played well against us quite a

few times, and we have a lot of

respect for her. We really need to

shut her down." Syracuse's greatest weakness

is their lack of depth. Orangewoman coach Keith

Cleplecki uses only seven players

during most games.

Syracuse guard Megan Duffy drives to the basket against

Connecticut Jan. 13. The Irish travel to Syracuse tonight.

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Belles look to snap six game losing streak

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

By BOBBY GRIFFIN

Sports Writer

It would be an underestimate

to say that the Belles' season to this point has been a
disappointment. Saint Mary's has dropped six

straight games, culminating with a 70-67

loss to Alma. The Belles seem

lost as they try to turn around

the season and need to get

their feet back on the ground

tonight, when they take on

Kalamazoo on the road.

Kalamazoo, on the other

hand, is coming off back-to-

back wins over Tri-State and

Adrian, games won by a

combined five points. Their season

has been up and down, with

several winning streaks split

by pairs of losses. Mary Brown

has been the leading threat for

Kalamazoo, scoring 13.8

points per game while shoot-
ing 36 percent from the field.

Ashley Riley adds 13.1 points

per game while grabbing an

average of 8.6 rebounds.

In the loss to Alma, the Belles' Emily Creachbaum played

scored 19 points and had six rebounds. Creachbaum was

limited to nine minutes due
to foul trouble. Katie Miller

added 15 points, all coming from behind the 3-point arch.

She made five-of-ten from

three, and five-of-ten from the

field.

Most impressive in the loss

for the Belles, however, was

their lack of turnovers, which

have become characteristic of

their play in recent losses. They

turned the ball over a total of seven times, while

managing to dish out 17

assists. In their most recent

three losses, Saint Mary's

turned the ball over 64 times

25 against Adrian, 18

against Hope and 21 against

Calvin College.

The Belles must continue to

minimize their mistakes

tomorrow night in order to be

successful against a very

strong Kalamazoo team. This

may be a challenge for Saint

Mary's, as Kalamazoo forces

an average of 20.4 turnovers

game. Kalamazoo's defense,

combined with Saint

Mary's recent trouble in keep-

ing possession of the ball, may

create problems for the Belles.

Saint Mary's has ten games

remaining on its schedule,

including Thursday night,

before the MIAA tournament

begins. They have an 0-5

record in their conference and

need to finish out strong to

save their season.

The Belles will need solid

efforts from Creachbaum, who

leads the Belles down low, and

guard Katie Miller. Miller had

just one turnover in the 3-

point loss to Alma.

Tip off time tonight is at 7:30

p.m. in Kalamazoo.

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Senior shortstop Steve Sollman led the Irish with a .384 batting average last season. He is one of three captains this year.

Pitching ace Chris Niese was 9-1 last season with a .265 ERA. Now a team tri-captain, Niese also struck out 87 batters in 2003.

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looked to for leadership and looked up to for the way they go about their business,” Mainieri said. “I just felt that these three guys clearly should be named as captains and have that honor. Sollmann, who also served as a captain in 2003, became just the eleventh player in the history of the program and the fourth in the Mainieri era to serve as captain in multiple years.

Last season, Sollmann led the Irish with a .384 batting average. He was named a second team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association and a third team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

Already this season, Sollmann has found himself named to three preseason All-America rosters and has been tabbed as the 2004 Big East Preseason Player of the Year.

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

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

Paul Mainieri head coach

“Chris Niese is head and shoulders the guy that everybody on our team looks to for leadership on that pitching staff”

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“Fortunately we have a couple of senior players that have seen just about everything that college baseball can throw at them in Javi Sanchez and Steve Sollmann. Sanchez exceeded expectations by committing only eight errors and batting .303 along the way.

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

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

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

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

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**ARYES** (March 21-April 19): You may not want to deal with the problems facing others. However, don't be too quick to refuse. Rewards can be yours if you lend a helping hand. Expect lots of activity in your home.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Jealousy on the part of your mate may well be justified if you have been spending too much time away from home. Career advancements will be yours if you're willing to pay the price.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Romance will be plentiful. However, do not get involved with someone at work. Don't lead someone on if you aren't completely into how you feel.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You can enjoy the company of people you consider special. However, you shouldn't feel the necessity to pay them if you really can't afford it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Think before you leap. You will have a tendency to take unnecessary risks that could end in disaster. Don't let someone love you goad you into doing things you prefer not to do.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Social activity will open new possibilities as well as bring you in contact with individuals who can lead you to higher positions.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on your work. Lovers will only interfere with accomplishing your objectives. You haven't been seeing things too clearly on an emotional level.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Depression due to a domestic problem is quite likely. Direct your efforts into your work rather than waiting your day dwelling on past mistakes.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be able to charm the world, but you had better have some concrete answers when dealing with authority figures. Lies will come back to haunt you. 2 stars.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Romantic connections can be made through social or organizational acquaintances. You can gain popularity if you voice a humanitarian opinion.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Drastic measures will not help if you have a problem with your town. Seek sound advice from someone you respect. Take a long, hard look at your motives.

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**FIVES JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. (Answer: "FLUP Covers"

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BASEBALL
Mainieri names 2004 captains

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

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

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

In selecting captains for the baseball team, players can nominate teammates for the position in essay form, and the Irish coaching staff evaluates the letters for the position. Mainieri and his staff saw three distinct favorites for the positions.

"Solomon, Sanchez and Niesel were clearly the guys that their teammates wanted," Mainieri said.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Irish need answers, wins away from home

By JOE HEITTLER
Sports Editor

They can beat ranked foes like Virginia Tech and Connecticut at home, but for whatever reason, the Notre Dame women can't seem to get back to a winning effort.

After Saturday's loss to Syracuse, the Irish talked about becoming more physical, instead of outsourcing their opponents. Notre Dame, who got to be back to a 40-minute defensive effort.

Tuesday night's performance at Virginia Tech was a first step in the right direction. The Irish dominated inside in the paint and on the glass in scoring the Hokies 74-63 in Blacksburg, Va.

The win snaps a two-game losing streak for the Irish, who are 3-2 in the Big East, and hands Virginia Tech (8-7, 1-3) its fourth loss in its last five games.

Last week, Pittsburgh and Syracuse each controlled the lane against the Irish, but coach Muffet McGraw exploited the undersized Hokies down low. Virginia Tech had no answer for forward Torin Francis, who finished with 22 points and 16 rebounds.

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

Virginia Tech's 1-3-1 trap zone caused some problems for the Irish in the first half, forcing nine turnovers and 15 overall. On the game, that pressure defense resulted in 11 steals.

Irish dominate Hokies inside in 74-63 victory