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## Breach may have exposed donor information

Hacker causes Notre Dame's first major computer security intrusion

By MADDIE HANNA  
Associate News Editor

The personal and financial information of some University donors may be at risk after an unknown intruder hacked into a Development Office server Jan. 13 — the first computer security breach of its magnitude at Notre Dame, University officials said Sunday.

The data in question — possibly including Social Security numbers, credit card information and check images from donations made between Nov. 22, 2005 and Jan. 12 — pertains to a "minority" of alumni donors and friends of the University, said Hilary Crnkovich, vice president of Public Affairs and Communication. She declined to

provide a specific estimate of the number of donors affected.

"We're not comfortable quantifying it," Crnkovich said Sunday. "We have no facts or quantification that people were compromised."

The intrusion was not initiated from an on-campus location, Crnkovich said, but its source is still a mystery.

"We just really don't know," she said.

Gordon Wishon, chief information officer for the Office of Information Technologies, said the University is working with two independent forensics firms to determine the source of the intrusion and expects to receive results in several days.

The analysis will "examine the contents of the server, look at the

logs and a variety of data to help describe the nature of the intrusion and the intent of the intruder," Wishon said Sunday.

However, the investigation may be unable to pinpoint the intruder's exact location, especially if the site was overseas or several relay sites were involved, Wishon said. And it's also unclear whether or not the University will know what information, if any, was viewed.

"It may be that we'll never find out exactly what was exposed or taken," Wishon said.

Both Crnkovich and Wishon said it was possible the purpose of the intrusion was for file-sharing purposes, designed to obtain server space rather than personal information.

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### Computer Security Incident Support

As you know, the University has been the victim of an illegal intrusion into one of its computer systems. As have other institutions that have suffered such intrusions, we are taking this situation very seriously. The University greatly values your support, and as we share information with you on the situation as it unfolds, we also offer you our support and assistance. This website contains resources to help you in this process.

#### Steps You Should Consider

We believe it is prudent for you to take the necessary precautions to protect your personal information from fraudulent activity. Based on expert recommendations, some steps you should consider:

- Contacting your financial institution to monitor activities on your personal accounts. If any intrusive activity is detected, shut down your accounts immediately.
- Placing a fraud alert with credit bureaus to further monitor credit card information.
- Running a credit report periodically.
- There steps you should consider.

#### Toll-free helpline

In order to help address any immediate questions and concerns that you may have, a special phone line (toll free 1-888-648-7118) has been activated Monday through Friday between 8am and 5 pm EST.

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After the Jan. 13 security breach, University officials released support information to donors seeking help.

## Saint Mary's event celebrates College history

Presidential lecture kicks off Heritage Week

By MOLLY LAMPING  
News Writer

As an institution with a history spanning more than 160 years, Saint Mary's is deeply rooted in tradition. This week, students will be able to explore and relive the College's past through the events of the first-ever Heritage Week.

Starting today and running through Friday evening, Heritage Week was an idea created by student body president Kellye Mitros and vice president Susan McIlhuff during last year's student body presidential campaign.

Students are already looking forward to the idea of Heritage Week.

"I think that it's going to be a

good time," freshman Clare Heintz said.

College President Carol Ann Mooney will start the week with a lecture in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. tonight. She will speak about the time she spent in Le Mans, France; the city from which the Sisters of the Holy Cross emigrated.

"This should be really interesting for students to see the roots of Saint Mary's and the history of Sisters of the Holy Cross," Mitros said.

There will be a scavenger hunt held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday. Teams of two to six people will run all over campus to search for the answers to 20 ques-

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MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

Heritage Week will feature a family-style dinner similar to the ones formerly served in Stapleton Lounge, pictured above.

## Lawsuit results in victory

ACE federal funding protected by ruling

By MEGAN O'NEIL  
Saint Mary's Editor

In a decision that will protect future federal funding for Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), the Supreme Court refused to review the March 2005 U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruling that AmeriCorps members can both receive training from and teach at religiously affiliated institutions without violating the constitution's establishment clause.

The Jan. 9 announcement that the ruling would stand came as a relief to those affiliated with ACE and brought nearly two years of litigation to a close.

"We were thrilled," ACE director John Staud said. "I wasn't surprised because we felt all along our relationship with AmeriCorp was legal and just — but you never know."

Founded in 1993 by Father Timothy Scully, ACE is a two-year teacher training program that places participants in disadvantaged schools throughout the United States. The participants return to the University during the summer months to earn master's degrees in education.

In addition to the roughly \$11,000 per year ACE teachers earn from their schools, most apply for and receive two annual \$4,725 education vouchers through the federal service pro-

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## Transition to ND tough for abroad students



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Many students who travel abroad feel some nostalgia for their former host countries when they return to Notre Dame.

Returnees nostalgic for former host countries

By JOE TROMBELLO  
News Writer

*Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two-part series exploring how students make the transition back to Notre Dame from studying abroad.*

For Notre Dame students returning from abroad, the transition back to South Bend from urban, culturally exciting cities like London often leaves them nostalgic for their host countries.

"I liked just about everything better about London," said Molly Corcoran, a junior from Howard. "There was

always something to do, but the people were laid back. We find everyone saying we wish we were back there."

Since Corcoran has lived in the United States all her life, she said it was not especially difficult to re-adjust to living in America. However, she said one difference was that "driving and traffic take so much more time" than she spent in London, where students regularly walk or take public transportation.

For Corcoran, getting re-acclimated to Notre Dame's parietals policy has also been difficult.

"The parietals, that's a new

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Digital deceptions

Digital cameras are the technological innovations that have been replacing film cameras in the past few years, and they are the embodiment today's society that yearns for instant gratification. With the push of a button and a flash of light, an image can be captured in time and instantly seen on a small screen on the camera. Just as quickly as a picture can appear on that screen, though, it can be deleted and that moment is then lost forever.

Jenny Hames

Wire Editor

There is a sense of wonder about where that image goes as it disappears into thin air just as time does every second, but the greatest sense of wonder about digital cameras is the effect that they will have on the future's perception of today's society.

The ability to only print the pictures one chooses could leave the future with a false impression of the past. People are only having the pictures printed that they believe best represent themselves, and most of the classic pictures of someone with his or her eyes closed, someone making a funny face, or a baby crying are being deleted.

The fact is, though, that those pictures are greater representations of real life than pictures that are of all smiles because life is filled with more emotions than happiness. One tends to want people to believe that he or she is happy, so even if a smile in a picture is not sincere, one would rather print that picture than one where he or she was not anticipating a picture to be taken.

In film cameras, all of the pictures that are taken are permanent; they cannot be gotten rid of until they are developed, and even then, a negative still exists of that picture. With digital cameras, however, one chooses the pictures that will be printed and therefore creates an ideal image of his or her life.

When the generations of the future look back upon photo albums from today, they will see a group of seemingly flawless people who did not know sadness and fear. They will see an illusion of happiness and wish they too could feel that elation, but they will not be able to see the deleted images that reflect true life. Not everyone, though, deletes these candid photos. Some people actually prefer these kinds of pictures to ones where everyone appears to be happy.

I personally choose not to delete many of the pictures I take with my digital camera.

Over winter break when I was in Arizona for the Fiesta Bowl with my family, I took a picture of my mom just as the wind started to gust.

Her hair flew straight up just as the picture was taking, and instead of deleting what some would consider this imperfect picture, I kept it.

This will be a picture that people will laugh about for years to come, and it shows that people's hair does get messed up and that people living in this time are not perfect.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON STUDY ABROAD?



Paul Hommes

freshman  
Morrissey

"As an engineer, I'd like for it to be easier to go somewhere other than London."



Mike Quisao

senior  
Morrissey

"Study abroad? What's that?"



Marty Schroder

senior  
Welsh Family

"Washington program ... that's a foreign country, right?"



Liz Clouse

senior  
Walsh

"I had to learn how to sleep on benches."



Patrick Henry

junior  
off-campus

"Sometime around midnight this weekend."



Hannah Youh

junior  
Lyons

"If I had it all over again, I'd definitely go."



KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

Notre Dame graduate student Katie Hunt displays her hand-made jewelry in Reckers on Sunday. Hunt makes the beaded and semi-precious stone bracelets and sells them at various locations around campus.

## OFFBEAT

### Rescuers try to save whale in Thames River

LONDON — Veterinarians and rescuers waded into the River Thames on Saturday after a lost and distressed whale tried to beach itself, taking medical tests and attaching an inflatable pontoon to the 17-foot-long animal as Londoners jammed the riverbanks to watch the drama.

The Northern bottlenose whale — the first seen in the river since record keeping started in 1913 — was in the water close to London's Albert Bridge. On Friday it flailed through the murky

waters of the Thames past the Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, watched by hundreds of curious onlookers.

The inflatable pontoon was passed underneath the whale and acted as a sort of floating stretcher. The Port of London Authority's Martin Garside, on a craft alongside the whale, said a medical assessment would take place before a decision on how to move the whale was made.

### Man in toga arrested for stealing underwear

MORGANTON, N.C. — A man clad only in a toga fled in a car after breaking into a

woman's home and stealing her underwear, police said.

Michael Sean Ostrander, 33, of Morganton, was arrested Monday after stopping his car following a pursuit by police. He faces charges including breaking and entering.

The woman told police she was visiting a neighbor when she heard her burglar alarm go off and saw a man flee in a car.

The woman then gave chase and called the police, with the state Highway Patrol and local officers joining the pursuit along state Highway 181.

## IN BRIEF

University President Father John Jenkins will be giving his Academic Freedom and Catholic Character address and discussion for faculty today at 4:30 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall and on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for students in Washington Hall.

Charismatic Renewal at Notre Dame: How it Got Started and What's Going on Now? The conference will be in Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune Student Center at 7 p.m. today.

Saint Mary's College President Dr. Carol Mooney will talk about her recent trip to LeMans, France tonight at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium.

Thornbird will play tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Saint Mary's student center lounge.

There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in Rolfs Sports RecCenter. Call 631-6100 to register.

"Poetas y Pintores: Artists Conversing with Verse" art exhibit will open Friday, Jan. 27 in Moreau Art Galleries at Saint Mary's College.

Welsh Family Hall Dance Show presents: "Game Faces" this Friday, Jan. 27 and Saturday, Jan. 28 at Washington Hall. Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at LaFortune Box Office or at the door. Profits benefit Hannah and Friends.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to [obsnews@nd.edu](mailto:obsnews@nd.edu)

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## Security

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"Most commonly with incidents of this type, that's what happens," Wishon said. "It's very common ... [but] I certainly don't know if that's the case."

The server, which is not part of the University's central data system, was used for inter-office file sharing in the Development Office, Wishon said.

While the server is maintained primarily by Development Office staff, Wishon said OIT's Information Security Department collaborated with the Development Office to provide security standards for the server.

OIT was involved in the detection of the intrusion, when staff noticed "anomalous behavior" on the server and notified the Development Office, Wishon said. The server was immediately taken off-line after a breach Wishon estimated to be "fairly short in duration."

Donors whose information was potentially viewed received an e-mail Saturday from Vice President of University Relations Louis Nanni and were also sent letters in the mail advising them to take appropriate safeguards listed on a newly-created University sup-

port Web site and to call a toll-free Notre Dame phone number for more information.

Since little is known at this point, donors should not necessarily expect the worst, Crnkovich said.

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**Hilary Crnkovich**  
vice president of  
Public Affairs and  
Communication

"What we're doing is providing recommendations and outreach to the potential group and asking them to take their own precautions," Crnkovich said. "We really feel it's prudent to give people all the resources we can. We take it seriously."

Crnkovich said the Development Office had not received phone calls from concerned donors as of Saturday night. The Office has received e-mails, but they have all been positive, she said.

"People have been very thoughtful and said thank you for letting them know to take the steps," she said.

But other donors say they are far from thankful. Mike Coffey, a 1991 alumnus who runs the ND Nation Web site and message boards that received a flurry of posts over the weekend from concerned donors, said he was "extremely disap-

pointed" after receiving e-mails informing him of the security breach.

"It seems to be a very shoddy set-up for protection of personal information I've provided to the school," Coffey said. "What is a server with this sensitive information on it doing on the Web? I can't perceive anyone outside of Notre Dame needing that information."

Coffey, who received his degree in Management Information Systems and has been an IT professional for 15 years, said he "thought [he] learned" the proper way to maintain a server at Notre Dame.

"Apparently [University staff members] don't practice what they preach," he said.

Despite his disappointment, Coffey said he would not change his donating practices and hopes the incident causes the University to improve the way it stores and accesses information.

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**Mike Coffey**  
alumnus

"I donate to Notre Dame because I believe in what Notre Dame does," he said.

Crnkovich said similar security breaches have occurred at other universities, including Stanford and the University of Connecticut. However, she said

she did not know how the incidents were handled by those schools.

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## New Shedd exhibit by ND professors debuts

*Aquarium displays invasive Great Lakes species*

Special to The Observer

A new exhibit at Chicago's Shedd Aquarium that Notre Dame biologists helped develop brings Midwesterners face-to-face with some new — and unwelcome — neighbors: Asian carp, snakehead, gobies and other invasive species now residing in the Great Lakes.

"We are so pleased to partner with the Shedd Aquarium," said David Lodge, a Notre Dame professor of biological sciences and the leader of the multi-university National Science Foundation-funded Integrated Systems for Invasive Species (ISIS). "Our team of scientists and economists is working hard to provide understanding and solutions to invasive species problems. Shedd Aquarium has the unparalleled ability to show the public the wonderful resources of the Great Lakes, to display the invasive species that so threaten those resources, and to illustrate how the public can help solve these problems. Shedd has done a wonderful job of collaborating with us and others to turn ideas and discoveries into a fun and effective exhibit."

Non-native species are species that humans have introduced outside their normal distribution. Once they arrive in their new environment, some of these species threaten valued environmental,

agricultural or personal resources and are termed invasive species. Scientists believe at least 170 aquatic non-native species currently live in the Great Lakes and a new species is discovered, on average, once every eight months.

"Species from elsewhere in the world, a small proportion of which are now on display at the Shedd, have transformed the Great Lakes food web from top to bottom," Lodge said. "Canada and the U.S. together spend about \$16 million annually to reduce the damage done by one species, sea lamprey, on trout and salmon at the top of the food web. The bottom of the food web, in turn, suffers from round gobies, zebra mussels and many other invasive species."

"And the damages are far reaching, from the shoreline pipes of power plants clogged by zebra mussels to many other lakes and rivers across the continent, as many species spread from the Great Lakes. The damages to industry from zebra mussel alone currently approach \$200 million annually and are growing as zebra mussels continue to spread."

The new \$140,000 permanent exhibit, located in the Shedd's Local Waters Gallery, offers visitors close-up looks at such live invasive species as Asian Carp, a snakehead, round gobies, alewives and rusty crayfish, among others.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart bell will chime at 2:45 today. Please take a moment to remember the University community's celebration of Dr. King's legacy.

University of Notre Dame

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration

Townhall Meeting

A Call for Your Voice:

The Responsibility of Every Man and Woman

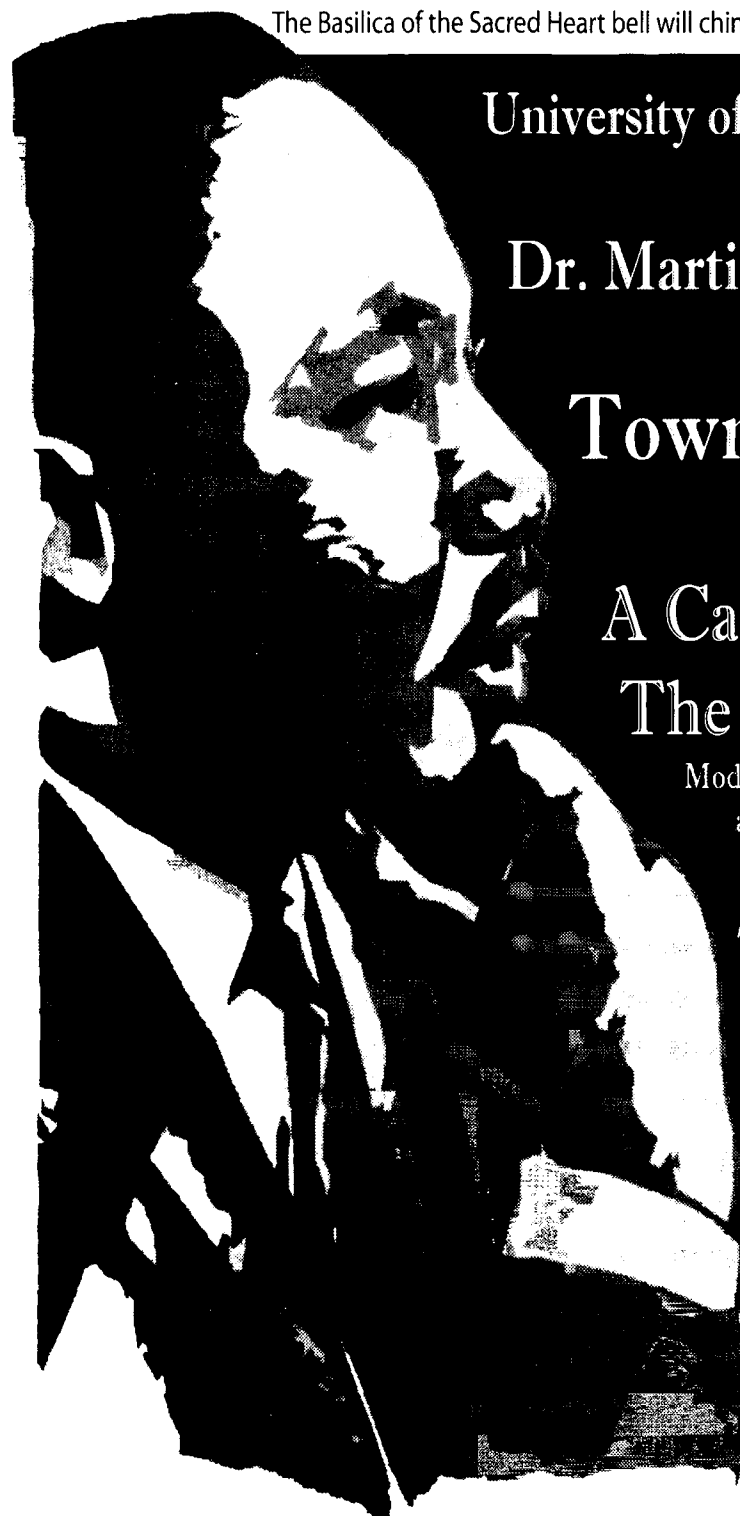
Moderated by Dr. Anthony Burrow, Department of Psychology  
and Ms. Reanna Ursin, Departments of English and Africana Studies

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Hammes Student Lounge, Coleman Morse Center

All are welcome!

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## Abroad

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thing. People are more involved in your life here," she said.

Caroline Rycyna, a Pangborn junior who was abroad with Corcoran, said studying in London allowed her the chance to be more independent.

"It was one of the first opportunities to really be on my own," she said. "I felt I got to know myself a lot better ... have my own schedule and do what I wanted."

She said having greater personal freedom and responsibility was especially attractive, and living close to male Notre Dame students seemed more realistic.

"I felt like they trusted us more ... [it was] more like a real life experience. It worked; it felt more normal," she said.

Rycyna said she misses all of the cultural opportunities available to her in London.

"London is a huge metropolis, and the center of so much," she said. "In London, I could go see a play just because I felt like it. All the opportunities culturally ... it's hard not to have those."

Both Rycyna and Corcoran said that they have re-connected with their London friends often, with students frequently planning get-togethers.

"I've already been to a few London parties," Corcoran said, "and those are on-going."

Rycyna said that she hopes to return to London, perhaps finding employment there after graduation.

"Going to a place like London and then coming back, it was almost painful knowing there was a place like that," she said. "The fact that [I am] not there makes me sad ... I feel like I met a lot of people I really con-

nected with."

Other students, especially those who return from less Westernized places, experience some transition difficulties and feel that students are not adequately informed about the on-campus support services.

Christine Donovan, a senior who graduated in December, studied abroad in Chile in Fall 2004, and spent last summer in Lima, Peru on an internship sponsored by the Kellogg Center. Donovan said the transition from Chile back to Notre Dame was made more difficult by what she perceived as a lack of on-campus support.

"Coming back from Chile was very difficult for me because I didn't find very many resources to help me make the transition to being back in the U.S.," she said. "I didn't find a lot of things that were offered through the University at the time, which was very frustrating, not feeling like I had people who knew what I was feeling."

Donovan said Chile was an enjoyable and different experience for her.

"Being down in Chile, it was the first time I had been in Latin America, and I really enjoyed that experience," she said. "A lot of the people I met, and the contrast in culture, I really wanted to explore that more in Latin America."

Donovan worked for an NGO (non-governmental organization) called COPRODELI while in Peru, which allowed her to work on a number of different projects, including healthcare and education. Donovan said

she especially enjoyed the opportunity to work and live in a less well-to-do area.

"The idea of going back [to Latin America] and seeing ... Peru, where things are a little more tenuous, and working with people who are not well off was very appealing to me," she said, "both the part of me that wanted the adventure ... and the part of me that is interested in social justice."

Donovan said the transition from Peru back to America was difficult in that she had to readjust to the wide socioeconomic disparity she observed.

"Coming back from Peru, even just being inside a supermarket and having so many things [representing] the affluence of the United States, almost offended me," she said. "It was hard for me to realize that I couldn't simply reject American culture or American people because of the economy we live in. That was something that I really struggled with, making sure I wasn't alienating the people around me."

Despite some difficulties in readjusting to the United States, Donovan said she found it easier to get re-acclimated to Notre Dame, mostly because of a class she took taught by anthropology professor Greg Downey. The class, called

Cultural Difference and Social Change, allowed her and other students who spent time in developing countries to talk about and process their experiences.

"Coming back from Peru was

very different because I came back to Greg Downey's class, which was wonderful," she said. "It made me think about things I hadn't previously considered about my experience, and he really pulled a lot out of me that I didn't know was in there. It engaged both my rational and my emotional side."

The course, Donovan said, was comprised of three components: learning about the economic life of developing countries and how U.S. trade laws and foreign aid affect these countries, discussing "success stories" made possible through the work of NGOs in developing countries, and giving student presentations on individual projects.

Donovan and another student co-authored "a handbook for student activism," which Donovan said might be made available to other students as a resource through the International Studies Office. She said the project allowed her to help other students with their own transition difficulties. "It gave me the chance to help other students realize that you are feeling things, you are frustrated about things, but you can do something about them," she said.

Donovan said the chance to interact with other returning students — both inside and out of class — was perhaps the most helpful part of the course.

"It was a wonderful support structure to have so many people understand what I was feel-

ing," she said. "I felt like coming back from Chile, I had nothing but a few friends who would listen without any experience, and then coming back from Peru, I had an entire network of people who I could e-mail or call at any time."

Donovan said since Downey has moved to Australia, the course is currently not being offered. She said the anthropology department has been unable to find a professor willing to take on the course, especially since it

requires the supervision of so many independent research projects.

She said that despite some difficulties in getting used to America and Notre Dame, her experiences abroad and through Downey's class have helped her to realize her passion for working in an NGO, something she considers as a possible career path after graduation.

"I grew up in a family where both of my parents worked in the non-profit world, and it's very likely that I will go into domestic non-profit or international NGO work," she said. "Going abroad continually pushes me in that direction ... to be able to spend my life talking and giving and teaching and learning very much appeals to me, and I feel like I would be able to do that in NGO work."

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Caroline Rycyna  
junior

## ACE

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gram AmeriCorps. This requires that the participant complete 1,700 hours of non-religious affiliated service in or outside of the classroom.

Notre Dame also receives a grant from AmeriCorps for every full-time AmeriCorps member who signs on — money that helps defray classroom and administrative costs. Originally \$400 per member, that amount jumped to \$1,000 last year after ACE was elevated to Professional Corps status.

In 2004 the American Jewish Congress (AJC) filed suit arguing AmeriCorps was violating the constitution by providing government money to individuals teaching in parochial schools. Giving money to teacher training programs sponsored by religious institutions also violated the constitution, the group contended.

On July 2, 2005, Federal District Judge Gladys Kessler agreed with the AJC and ruled federal money was being misused to promote Christian values. She ordered that none of the funding could be revoked, however, until an appeal was heard.

Kessler's decision was overturned on March 8, 2005 by the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals by a 3-0 vote. The court ruled tax-

payer support of religious schools is constitutional in cases where funding goes to "programs of true private choice."

The appeal to the Supreme Court was the last legal step available to the AJC for this specific case, said Notre Dame law professor Rick Garnett, and the denial to review was anticipated.

"I am certainly not surprised that the Supreme Court decided not to take this case," Garnett said. "The Court of Appeals' decision was correct and the justices usually don't take cases just to affirm."

*"We have always had careful procedures in place and I guess what I learned is that I am very glad we did."*

John Staud  
ACE director

Garnett, who did some consulting with the University counsel when the suit was first filed, said the main beneficiaries of the federal funding in this case are the AmeriCorps members and the disadvantaged students they serve, not Notre Dame.

"The main issue, in terms of the first amendment, is whether the beneficiary of the government funds is the religious entity, or the AmeriCorps volunteer. In this case, as in the school vouchers context, the public funds have a secular purpose, and benefit religion, if at all, only indirectly."

ACE has always taken precautions to remain within the boundaries of federal law, Staud said, training its participants to carefully log and distinguish between hours spent in

secular activity and those spent in a faith-based activity. Only hours spent in non-religious service count toward the 1,700 hours required for the AmeriCorps Education Awards.

"We have always had careful procedures in place and I guess what I learned is that I am very glad we did," Staud said.

While Staud could not quantify what impact the lawsuit had on the number of ACE applicants during the past two years, he said it certainly did not help and those inquiring about the program did ask about the security of its funding.

"[Applicants] definitely asked us [about the suit], and we always believe in honesty about all things and telling people exactly what they are going to get when they come to ACE — and [the lawsuit] was always a question mark," Staud said.

ACE receives roughly 300-350 applications each year, Staud said, and accepts roughly 85 applicants, making the program highly competitive. While its roots remain with the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, ACE does accept applicants from other schools.

Grateful for the ongoing support of the University, Staud said he and his colleagues are looking forward to the future success of the program.

"Every year we just try to make the program better," Staud said. "One of the best things for me working [for ACE] is there is a culture of continuing improvement and a pursuit of excellence."

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## Heritage

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tions that pertain to Saint Mary's history.

"The scavenger hunt will give students the chance to see a lot of places on campus that they wouldn't usually see," Mitros said.

At noon on Wednesday, Humanistic Studies professor Gail Mandell will give a lecture on the life of Sister Madeleva Wolff in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall. Mandell is the author of several books on Madeleva.

On Thursday evening, there will be a field hockey demonstration in the Angela Athletic Facility. This demonstration will enlighten the audience into the sport and reflect on the athletic accomplishments of women.

Student-led tours of Reidinger House will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday. The building at the center of campus contains many artifacts from the early years of the College.

The crowning event of the week will be the Heritage Dinner on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

The dinner will allow students to dine family-style, similar to how students did years ago when Reignbeaux Lounge was the location of the dining hall.

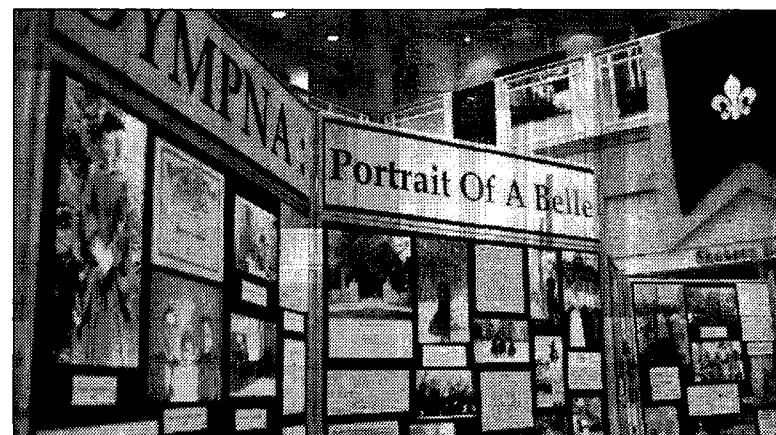
"The dinner will be reminiscent of how dinner used to be served at Saint Mary's," McIluff said.

Several Sisters of the Holy Cross will be on hand to share their experiences at the College over the years and 2004 graduate Kym Dunlap will be reading excerpts from her book "Memories Down The Avenue."

Tickets for the dinner are available to students today and are free.

"I think that the dinner, and all of the activities, will be a fun way to bring the whole College community together," freshman Kristen Anderson said.

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This Heritage Week display in the Saint Mary's Student Center portrays one historical Belle's time at the College.

# WORLD & NATION

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Kidnapped workers to be released

LAGOS, Nigeria — Militants holding four foreign hostages in Nigeria claimed Sunday they would release the captives soon, according to a statement purportedly from the militant group.

The hostages — an American, a Briton, a Bulgarian and a Honduran — were seized near a Shell oil field on Jan. 11 by a group that also claimed responsibility for other oil industry attacks that have cut Nigerian production by almost 10 percent.

"We promise that they would soon join their families, hale and hearty enough to tell the true story of a revolution," the statement e-mailed to The Associated Press said.

The identity of the e-mail's authors could not be independently confirmed and no name was attached to it. But the statement came from an e-mail address known to be used by the Movement for the Emancipation of the People of the Niger Delta, which has claimed responsibility for a series of recent attacks on the country's oil industry.

### Albanian leader loses cancer battle

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro — Kosovo lawmakers, some crying, observed a minute of silence Sunday in memory of late President Ibrahim Rugova and pledged to pursue his lifelong dream of independence from Serbia.

Throughout the province, flags flew at half-staff and ethnic Albanians mourning their leader's death placed flowers and formed long lines to pay condolences at Rugova's official residence.

The 61-year-old ethnic Albanian died Saturday from lung cancer. He was diagnosed with the disease in September. While undergoing treatment, Rugova continued

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Son takes over at Crystal Cathedral

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — The stalwart Crystal Cathedral entered a new era of leadership Sunday when Robert A. Schuller succeeded his father, Robert H. Schuller, as senior pastor of the church.

The younger Schuller, 51, was installed during a 35-minute ceremony at the famed all-glass church in Orange County.

Considered one of the most influential religious leaders in the country, the elder Schuller, 79, will continue to appear on the pulpit during Sunday services and on the church's weekly television show, "Hour of Power," which boasts a worldwide audience of 20 million.

### Pageant searches for new host city

LAS VEGAS — Miss America rolled the dice moving to Las Vegas, and the gamble paid off, pageant organizers said Sunday.

Held outside Atlantic City, N.J., for the first time in its 85-year history, the pageant wrapped up Saturday night with the crowning of Miss Oklahoma Jennifer Berry — and with new buzz for the faltering grande dame of beauty competitions.

Yet it remains to be seen whether what happened in Vegas will stay in Vegas. Pageant CEO Art McMaster said that no decision had been made on where Miss America was headed next, although the Aladdin Resort & Casino wanted it back next year.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Tollway lease remains questionable

GRANGER, Ind. — Most details of the governor's plan to lease the Indiana Toll Road to help fund major highway projects remain unclear as lawmakers face a Feb. 2 deadline to advance the legislation, three northern Indiana newspapers reported Sunday.

Gov. Mitch Daniels' administration outlined some details of the lease plan to lawmakers last week — including continued policing by state police and maintenance standards set by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

## BOLIVIA

# Morales wins Bolivian election

*First Indian president promises to end centuries of poverty and discrimination*

Associated Press

LA PAZ — Evo Morales, Bolivia's first Indian president, took office on Sunday with a promise to lift his nation's struggling indigenous majority out of centuries of poverty and discrimination.

Morales, a former leader of Bolivia's coca growers and a fierce critic of U.S. policies, raised a fist in a leftist salute as he swore to uphold the constitution.

"I wish to tell you, my Indian brothers, that the 500-year indigenous and popular campaign of resistance has not been in vain," Morales said.

The 46-year-old son of a peasant farmer, Morales vowed that his socialist government would reshape Bolivia. He criticized free-market economic prescriptions supported by the U.S. and international donors, saying they had failed to end chronic poverty.

"The neoliberal economic model has run out," said Morales, an Aymara Indian.

Thousands of Aymara and Quechua and other Indians attended, many wearing the varied styles of hats imposed on them when Bolivia was a Spanish colony hundreds of years ago. They stood alongside miners, students and leftist sympathizers waving Cuban and Venezuelan flags on the cobblestone plaza outside the colonial-era Congress building.

"Power is in the hands of the Bolivian people for the first time," said Walter Villarro, among 2,000 miners who turned out dressed in their trademark helmets and black leather jackets.

Morales compared decades of discrimination against Indians to apartheid, saying "Bolivia seems like South Africa" as he recounted how, decades ago, Indians were barred from entering the plaza.

He said he planned to bring Bolivia's vast natural gas reserves under more state control, and call a constitutional assembly to answer Indian demands for



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, left, raises the hand of new Bolivian President Evo Morales, as they stand on the balcony of the presidential palace in La Paz, Bolivia.

a greater share of power at all levels of society, he said.

But he said his government would rule "with all and for all" and would not seek revenge for past injustices. He also reiterated promises to respect and protect private property.

Part of a broader Latin American tilt to the left, Morales has left many guessing whether he will maintain free-market policies or take a more radical path.

Morales met Saturday with Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Thomas Shannon, and was to talk Monday with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, a vociferous critic of the Bush administration.

"I would like to thank the

representative of the United States, Mr. Shannon, for his visit," Morales said. "He visited me in my humble home to express his wishes to strengthen diplomatic relations."

Morales said his leftist Movement Toward Socialism would be independent, avoiding outside influences. He has said his government would welcome warm relations with the U.S. but he vowed Sunday to not "submit" to any outside powers.

Morales has said he wants to reverse U.S.-backed eradication of Bolivian coca plants, the raw material for cocaine, but crack down on the international cartels that traffic the drug. Poor Bolivians traditionally chew coca to combat hunger and

the effects of altitude. Shannon has said increased cultivation could provide an opening for traffickers to expand.

Morales said Sunday he was inviting Washington to join in "an alliance, an agreement on an effective fight against drug trafficking."

But he said would accept no conditions that constitute "an excuse by the government of the United States to dominate or subjugate our people."

The inauguration was attended by 11 national leaders, including Chavez and left-leaning presidents Nestor Kirchner of Argentina, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil and Ricardo Lagos of Chile.

## GEORGIA

# Natural gas pipelines sabotaged

Associated Press

TBILISI — Explosions blamed on sabotage hit pipelines running through southern Russia early Sunday, cutting the supply of natural gas to the Caucasus countries of Georgia and Armenia during a cold snap.

Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili said the blasts were aimed at destabilizing the mountain country. The Russian Foreign Ministry said Saakashvili's com-

ments "cannot be seen as other than hysteria."

Russia's NTV showed footage of twisted and smoking pipelines in a mountain pass in the Russian republic of North Ossetia, which borders the separatist Georgian region of South Ossetia.

Also Sunday, an explosion knocked an electricity transmission tower in Russia, interrupting electricity supplies to Georgia.

The Emergency Situations Ministry said the cause of that blast had not been determined.

Georgia and Armenia tapped into reserves to keep gas flowing during subfreezing weather, and Russia's electricity monopoly said it was rerouting power to Georgia.

There were no immediate reports of deaths or widespread suffering in the two impoverished Caucasus countries.

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

## U.S. Navy seizes pirate ship, crew

26 men detained for questioning off coast of Somalia by USS Churchill

Associated Press

DUBAI — U.S. sailors boarded a suspected pirate ship in the Indian Ocean and detained 26 men for questioning, the Navy said Sunday.

The 16 Indians and 10 Somali men were aboard a traditional dhow that was chased and seized Saturday by the U.S. guided missile destroyer USS Winston S. Churchill, said Lt. Leslie Hull-Ryde of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command in Bahrain.

The dhow stopped 54 miles off the coast of Somalia after the Churchill fired warning shots, the Navy said. U.S. sailors boarded the ship and seized a cache of small arms.

Sailors aboard the dhow told Navy investigators that pirates hijacked their vessel six days ago near Mogadishu and used it to stage attacks on merchant ships.

The crew and passengers were being questioned aboard the Churchill Sunday to determine which were pirates and which were legitimate crew members, Hull-Ryde said.

The Churchill is part of a multinational task force patrolling the western Indian Ocean and Horn of Africa region to thwart terrorist activity and other lawlessness during the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

The Navy said it captured the



U.S. sailors from the missile destroyer USS Winston S. Churchill sent a boarding team to a suspected pirate ship Sunday.

dhow in response to a report from the International Maritime Bureau in Kuala Lumpur on Friday that said pirates had fired on a Bahamian-flagged bulk carrier off the central eastern coast of Somalia.

Piracy is rampant off the coast of Somalia, which is torn by renewed clashes between militias fighting over control of the troubled African country. Many shipping companies resort to paying ransoms, saying they have few alternatives.

Somali militiamen last month relinquished a merchant ship hijacked in October.

In November, Somali pirates freed a Ukrainian ore carrier and its 22 member crew after

holding it for 40 days. It was unclear whether a \$700,000 ransom demanded by the pirates had been paid.

One of the boldest recent attacks was on Nov. 5, when two boats full of pirates approached a cruise ship carrying Western tourists about 100 miles off Somalia and fired rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles.

The crew used a weapon that directs earsplitting noise at attackers, then sped away.

Somalia has had no effective government since 1991, when warlords ousted a dictatorship and then turned on each other, carving the nation of 8.2 million into a patchwork of fiefdoms.

## Schiavo marries again after wife Terri's death

Associated Press

SAFETY HARBOR, Fla. — Michael Schiavo, whose brain-damaged wife was at the center of a contentious end-of-life battle that played out on a worldwide media stage, has remarried, family members said.

Schiavo married his longtime girlfriend Jodi Centonze on Saturday in a private church ceremony, said John Centonze, the brother of the bride.

Schiavo's former wife, Terri, died in March after her feeding tube was removed. She had suffered irreversible brain damage after collapsing at age 26 in 1990.

Terri Schiavo's parents and siblings fought for years to keep her alive, arguing that she had some level of consciousness. Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the U.S. Supreme Court, Congress, the White House and even the Vatican became involved in the case.

An autopsy supported Michael Schiavo's contention that she was in a persistent vegetative state with no consciousness and no hope of recovery.

Schiavo and his new bride have two young children. They met in a dentist's office about 11 years ago and began a relationship after Terri Schiavo was already in a nursing home.

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**AMEX** 1,825.27 -9.66  
**NASDAQ** 2,247.70 +3.89  
**NYSE** 7,902.27 -115.95  
**S&P 500** 1,261.49 -23.55  
**NIKKEI(Tokyo)** 15,696.69 0.00  
**FTSE 100(London)** 5,672.40 -20.80

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NASDAQ 100 TR SER I (QQQQ)	-2.99	-1.27	41.2
INTEL CP (INTC)	-2.86	-0.64	21.7
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-2.26	-0.61	26.4
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-2.68	-0.51	18.5
YAHOO INC (YHOO)	-1.72	-0.59	33.7

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.40	-0.18	45.31
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.41	-0.18	43.61
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.37	-0.16	42.95
3-MONTH BILL	+0.24	+0.10	42.52

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	+1.29	68.48	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz)	-5.00	554.00	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.28	81.28	

Exchange Rates			
YEN		115.200	
EURO		0.824	
POUND		0.564	
CANADIAN \$		1.153	

## IN BRIEF

### Mad cow fears hurt trade with Japan

WASHINGTON — Japan halted all shipments of U.S. beef because of mad cow fears Friday, threatening millions of dollars in American exports and sending officials scrambling to repair delicate trade relations. Japan's sudden order came just six weeks after the country had lifted a two-year ban on American beef. The problem this time: discovery of bone — a mad cow disease risk, Asian countries say — in a shipment of veal from a plant in New York.

### United Airlines gets out of the red

CHICAGO — United Airlines got a judge's final go-ahead Friday to leave bankruptcy after a record three-year stay — a smaller and more efficient carrier than when it began its overhaul, but challenged more than ever by near-record fuel costs. The approval of its reorganization plan by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Eugene Wedoff removed the final obstacle to its targeted exit from Chapter 11 on Feb. 1 after the largest and longest airline bankruptcy ever. Once free of bankruptcy, UAL Corp.'s United intends to be more competitive with its rivals while working its way back toward profitability, which has eluded it since 2000.

### GE and Citigroup cause stocks to fall

NEW YORK — Lackluster earnings reports from Dow Jones industrials General Electric Co. and Citigroup Inc. sent stocks plunging Friday, giving the Dow its biggest single-day percentage decline since April. The major indexes each lost more than 2 percent this week.

Soaring energy prices compounded the market's gloom over earnings, with crude oil returning to a four-month high on concerns about Iran's nuclear arms dispute. Meanwhile, a tempered outlook from Motorola Inc. also disappointed investors and weighed on tech stocks.

While GE and Citigroup's results came in just shy of analysts' estimates, the large-cap firms that released earnings this week would have needed blockbuster reports to satisfy Wall Street's overblown expectations, said Rick Pendergraft, an equity trader at Schaeffer's Investment Research.

# Changing views of immigrants

Day laborers are actually family men who are involved with their communities

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The immigrant day laborers who wait for work on street corners across the United States have families and attend church regularly, and the people who hire them are more likely to be individual homeowners than construction contractors.

The first nationwide study of day laborers also found that one in five has been injured on the job and nearly half have been cheated out of pay.

The study, the most detailed snapshot to date of the mostly Hispanic and often undocumented immigrants who've become a focal point in the immigration debate, was based on interviews of 2,660 workers at 264 hiring sites in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

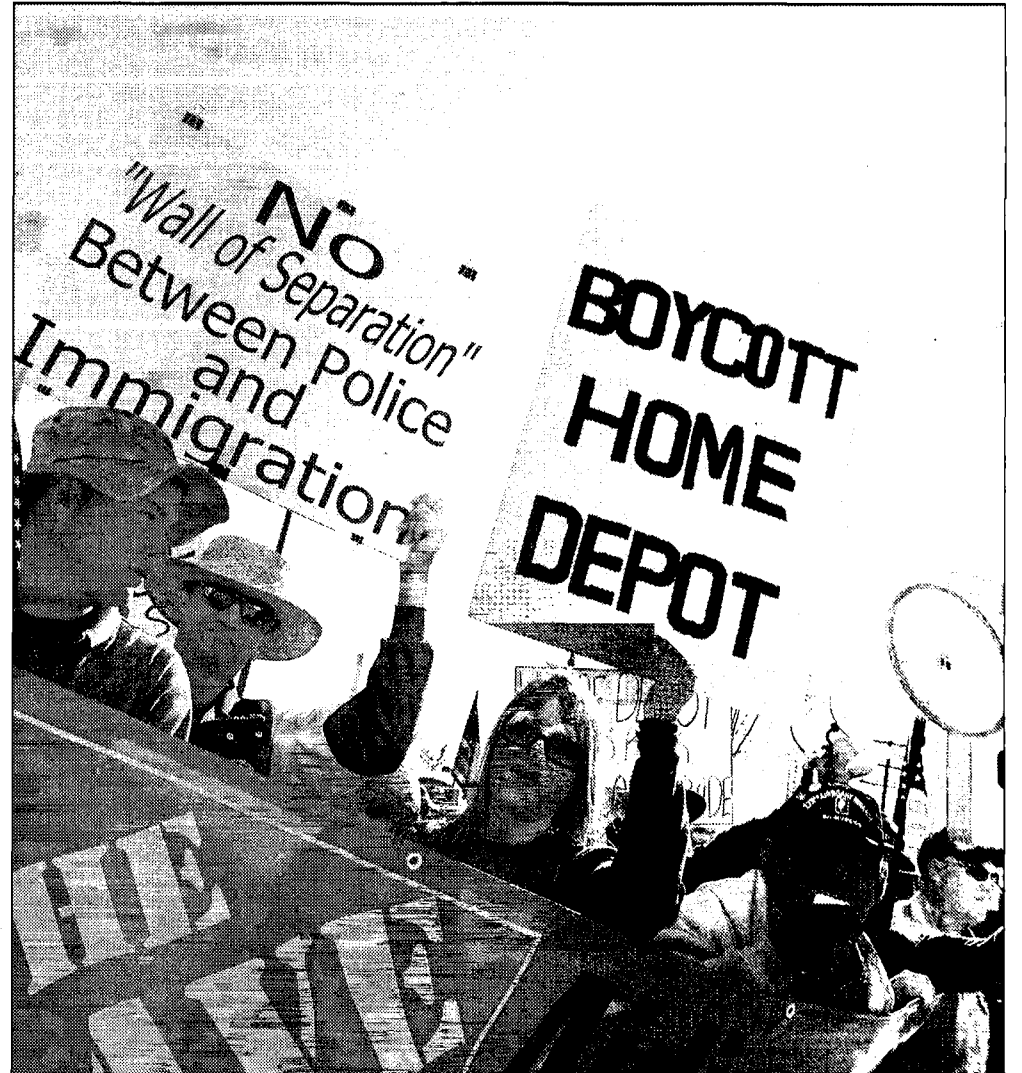
The authors said they were surprised by the level of community involvement among men often thought of as transients.

"The day labor corner is not as disconnected from society as people think. It's seen as a shadow economy, but that's really not the case," said professor Nik Theodore of the University of Illinois at Chicago, one of three study authors. The others were from the University of California, Los Angeles, and New York's New School University.

Standing outside a Home Depot store in suburban Burbank on Sunday, 33-year-old Raul Sanchez said that when he's not working, or waiting for work, he's involved in a church and tried to start a soccer league for fellow day laborers. The native of Mexico has been in the United States seven years and lives with his wife and two children, ages 13 and 14.

Sometimes he worries about small work sites with little safety equipment.

"We know nobody is going to help us out if we get hurt," Sanchez said. "There are risks, but what



AP Photo

Protestors opposed to illegal immigration face off with counter-demonstrators. Protests began after municipalities began building sites where day laborers wait for work.

are we going to do — not work?"

As often as not, a day laborer's employer will be an individual rather than a labor contractor.

Forty-nine percent of respondents said they were regularly hired by homeowners for everything from carpentry to gardening, with 43 percent getting jobs from construction contractors. Two-thirds said they are hired repeatedly by the same employer.

Based on their interviews and counts at each hiring site, the researchers estimate there are about

117,600 day laborers nationwide, but say that number is probably low. They said it would be impossible to count the

number of hiring sites nationwide, since some spring up spontaneously.

Among the other findings based on the interviews conducted in July and August 2004:

◆Three-fourths were illegal immigrants and most were Hispanic: 59 percent were from Mexico and 28 percent from other Central American countries.

◆Just over half said they attended church regularly, 22 percent reported being involved in sports clubs and 26 percent said they participated in community centers.

◆Nearly two-thirds had children, 36 percent were married and seven percent lived with a partner.

◆More than 80 percent

rely on day labor as their sole source of income, earning close to the 2005 federal poverty guideline of \$12,830 for a family of two.

◆Of the 20 percent who reported on-the-job injuries, more than half said they received no medical care because they couldn't afford it or their employer refused to cover them.

Cesar Martinez, 45, another of the people waiting for work at the Home Depot in Burbank, is a Guatemala native who has been in the United States for 15 years without legal documentation. He said he sends \$300 to \$500 home every month to support his six children, ages 2 to 14, but that sometimes an employer rips him off.

# Ford announces cuts and closings

Associated Press

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co., hurt by falling sales of sport utility vehicles, is expected to close plants and cut thousands of jobs in North America as part of a restructuring program to be announced Monday.

Ford has refused to release details of the plan, dubbed the "Way Forward," which also is expected to include product changes and cuts to Ford's salaried ranks. Ford has about 87,000 hourly workers and 35,000 salaried workers in North America.

"It's going to be painful for some people," Ford Chairman and CEO Bill Ford said earlier this month at the North American International Auto

Show in Detroit.

The assembly plants believed to be most at risk for closure are in St. Louis; St. Paul, Minn.; Atlanta; Wixom, Mich.; St. Thomas, Ontario; and Cuatitlan, Mexico. Those plants could be targeted because of their age, the products they make, their lack of flexibility or other factors.

States were scrambling to offer tax credits and other incentives to keep Ford from closing their facilities.

Earlier this month, Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt and other state officials flew to Ford's headquarters in Dearborn for a meeting with Ford executives. Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm said she outlined a package of incentives to Ford last week.

Granholm wouldn't disclose the details of the package and said she wasn't given any assurance that Michigan plants would be spared.

Ford is expected to report a worldwide profit for 2005 when it releases earnings Monday. But it lost more than \$1.4 billion in its North American operations in the first nine months of last year.

The No. 2 U.S. automaker has been hurt by falling sales of its profitable sport utility vehicles, growing health care and materials costs and labor contracts that have limited its ability to close plants and cut jobs. The United Auto Workers union will have to agree to some of the changes Ford wants to make.

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## Reviving an 'impotent' party

As President George W. Bush enters his sixth year in office, the time has come for a full-scale revitalization of the Democratic Party.

Sixth years have, after all, been the historic breaking point for many of the most successful two-term presidents of the last century. Former president Franklin Roosevelt, for instance, suffered a significant decline in public approval for his New Deal policies after attempting to pack the Supreme Court with supporters at a time when the Depression continued to ravage much of middle America. That year, the Democrats lost 71 seats in the House midterm elections. In former president Richard Nixon's sixth year, the Watergate investigation resulted in the first ever presidential resignation and cost the Republican Party 48 seats in the ensuing House elections. Similarly, former president Ronald Reagan's sixth-year involvement in the Iran-contra scandal and former president Bill Clinton's sixth-year Monica Lewinsky impeachment woes carried on the tradition of unlucky number six at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Now, with the fallout from the Jack Abramoff scandal sending shockwaves throughout the GOP in Congress and Bush taking heat for his unwarranted authorization of domestic spying at the National Security Agency, this pattern of sixth-year setbacks shows no signs of slowing.

As a result, the Democrats owe it to their supporters to quit acting spineless and start standing up for the principles which form the backbone of the party. In the past week alone, Maureen Dowd, the infamous op-ed columnist for The New York Times, and syndicated colum-

nist Molly Ivins both called out their own party to man up and fight for the future of this country. In Dowd's incomparable words, "If the Democrats are like the dithering 'Desperate Housewives,' the Republicans have come across like the counterterrorism agent Jack Bauer on '24': fast with a gun, loose with the law, willing to torture in the name of protecting the nation ... The Democrats' chronic impotence led to the Republicans' reign of incompetence."

Sadly, Dowd may have been a little too generous in equating her party with the conniving, calculating, ruthless she-devils of ABC's hit show. In reality, Democrats today are about as ruthless as "Dora the Explorer."

Now, with Bush wallowing in the inevitable mire of his sixth year in office, the Democratic Party must turn to 2008 not in the hopes of finding a centrist presidential candidate who will appease the stubborn voters of the South, but to a nominee who will wake up the echoes of Democratic values and ideals. And that was not a reference to Hillary Clinton.

While the former First Lady did prove that she has the balls to take on the Republican leadership in Congress — even to go so far as to admit that the House of Representatives is "run like a plantation" — she will inevitably go the route of her husband and present herself as a centrist (and most likely the biggest foreign policy hawk on the '08 primary ballot).

Similarly, the last thing that the Democrats need is a right-leaning, moderate candidate like Indiana Senator Evan Bayh (who seems to share the views of the GOP on issues like gay marriage and school prayer) or former Virginia Governor Mark Warner (whose views on gun control are on par with Charlton Heston's). Sure, political analysts agree that a candidate with appeal to southern conservatives will have the most success in the general election, but what's the point of having a two-party

system if both parties cater to the same group of people? If Mark Warner squares off against a moderate like Rudy Giuliani in '08, liberal Democrats might come to the realization that their views would be better represented in the White House under the leadership of the Republican candidate, and that's when all hell will really break loose.

Although most pundits and experts would undoubtedly disagree, the real answer for the Democrats is to pull an Emeril in 2008 — throw a little spice into the simmering pot of Washington politics and kick things up a notch.

They could stand behind a true liberal like Wisconsin senator Russ Feingold (of campaign finance reform fame) who actually did vote against the Iraq War and who would put some effort into dismantling Bush's irresponsible budget deficit. They could also back an African-American who has the desire to clean up the lobbying and campaign finance system, an anathema for the death penalty, and a demagogue's ability to fire up an audience — Illinois Senator Barack Obama. (Not to mention his name is Swahili for "One who is blessed by God," and divine endorsement seemed to do the trick for President Bush in 2004.)

If Dowd is correct in her evaluation that the Democratic Party is suffering from a case of "chronic impotence," then either of these candidates would provide a much-needed dose of Viagra.

That could be just the trick to combat the Republican Party as President Bush tackles the mounting problems of his sixth year in office — a year when many of history's greatest presidencies have gone limp.

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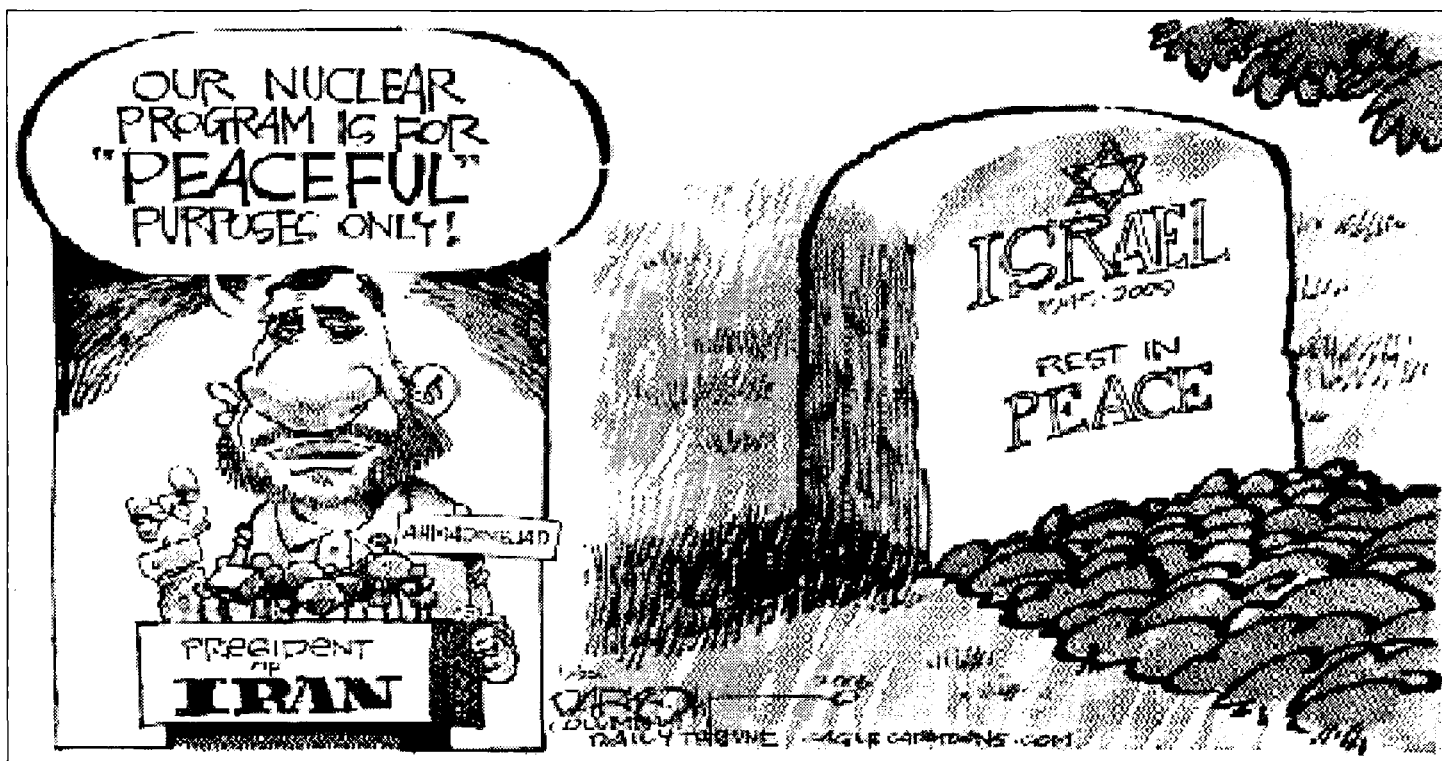
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Joey Falco

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Love truth, and pardon error."

Voltaire  
French philosopher



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Capital punishment ill-justified

Peter Wicks' column ("Lex talionis" Jan. 19) is a compelling reflection on criminal justice and death as an instrument of justice. I am particularly called to comment by his apt phrase: "It is impossible to imagine a just society not based upon the rule of law, but the rule of law by itself does not guarantee justice." By comparing 7th-century B.C.E. Athens and its contemporary civilization in Mesopotamia he determined that there is something more than the law itself which is required to ensure justice. His reference to Solon implies that at least two further elements contribute to justice: reason and a sense of social solidarity.

Today we see two civilizations at odds over the question of whether the State, in the name of its people, should use death as a form of justice. Europe has rejected categorically the use of State killing as both unreasonable — it brings no benefit to the victim and

undeniably causes harm to the executee and, arguably, also to the executor who by extension is the whole of the society — and undermining of social solidarity as it removes the barrier between the unjust (the criminal) and the just by making the whole of society party to killing.

Arguments from political philosophy question Wicks' assertion that "the state no more murders those it executes than it steals from those it taxes," not the least the concept of the social contract by which the members of a society agree to contribute to the general welfare. I highly doubt the argument could be made that this could include the implicit agreement to alienate one's right to life.

Even under U.S. law an individual is not justified in killing another except in the circumstance of self-defense or the real or perceived immediate danger to a third party. State killing of a convict-

ed and incarcerated criminal can in no means be defined as self-defense, but only as punishment or revenge, both of which would be rejected as a criminal defense if an individual were tried with the killing of said convicted criminal.

The European argument is a practical one above all: the death penalty cannot undo the crime which was committed, is not a deterrent to future crimes and does not protect society from the criminal. All the death penalty can do is debase the people who use it, legitimizing a primitive blood thirst which is not recognized under the law. If in doubt about under which argument the value and dignity of human life and human rights are best reflected, it is revelatory to look around the world to see which societies share, with the United States, the use of State killing as a tool of retribution. With friends like these.

I would like to draw Wicks' attention

to the recent statement of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Organization which is the home and guarantor of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and actively promotes pluralist democracy and the rule of law in Europe: "As a friend of the United States of America, I look forward to the day this great country will leave the axis of capital punishment. If moral argument is not compelling enough, the American public should compare the murder rate in states which keep the death penalty and states which have abolished it. Then they would realize that executing people is not only inhuman, it does not work as a way of reducing the number of murders."

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## U-WIRE

# Enough of 'reform'

The name Jack Abramoff has been thrown out of obscurity and into the harsh limelight of Washington politicking, and may come to represent the flaws of lobbying in the same way Enron's crooked 'E' now symbolizes corporate governance shenanigans.

The initial scandal has passed, and the man formerly resigned to the Capitol's corridors has had his face plastered on news magazines and front pages everywhere. Though mainstream discussion of the scandal no longer enumerates every tribe involved and kickback received, instead of moving from description to analysis, legislators have transitioned from stump speeches to humbug.

The prevalence of the hollow descriptor 'reform' manifests how shallow and apathetic many legislators are when it comes to problems associated with lobbying. Both Democrats and Republicans have used this word with such frequency that it has lost all meaning.

Most of the proposed reforms focus on detailing the exact who, what, when and why of every transaction and situation. Patching arcane legislation onto a complicated web of existing rules will only lead to a system as convoluted as the tax code. An entire industry exists to interpret and evade the IRS, a completely undesirable solution to the problems with the lobbying industry.

Dealing with lobbying reform through the legislative process is a bit like having freshmen set a college's alcohol policy. Regardless of his or her party affiliation or commitment to reform, no legislator is able to impartially determine the rules for an activity that is vitally and intricately connected to his or her daily job function.

Questions surrounding the integrity of our democracy have been raised not only in Congress, as we see a gradual shift in the roles and responsibilities of our countries lawmakers and executives. Hundreds of feet from where the lobbying scandal has erupted, we see Supreme Court nominees being interrogated on their

view of the role of presidential power. The triangle of American governance has become so contorted that simple high school geometry no longer applies.

The root of the problem seems to come back to the notion of 'reform.' While Congressmen and Senators have reoriented themselves to join the reform effort, none of them bring any valid solutions.

The fundamental problem with the Abramoff case has been legislators illegally using their influence to receive cash and perks. Whether this comes in the form of sponsored travel, inflated speaking fees or job offers, it makes no difference.

Influence is something that is gained over time, in much the same way respect is earned. One of the most effective of the possible solutions to the lobbying issue has been to introduce term limits on legislative positions.

A career legislator becomes so entwined with politics that he or she often loses touch with his or her constituencies. In addition, our founding fathers did not intend for Washington restaurants to be filled with the same faces, certain to implement the policies they were introduced to over caviar and champagne.

The debate over lobbying is often framed in the context of public interest against private interest. However, as the same legislators consistently receive funds, the public interests the lawmakers represent is often confused with their personal interests.

The farmer Cincinnatus was named dictator of Rome for six months in order to defeat the Aequi. After defeating the neighboring tribe in only 16 days, in one of the most noble steps in the history of republics, he relinquished his title and returned to his farm.

Legislators would do well to heed this lesson of knowing when to step down; otherwise, private greed can turn a farmer into a Caesar.

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# Semantics or substance?

I regret to say that I was deeply troubled by the mental health and nerves of our senators on the Judiciary Committee as they offered comments last week on the confirmation hearings of Judge Samuel Alito.

Watching the hearings of Chief Justice John Roberts late last year and of Alito last week, I was struck by the number of times senators and commentators used the words "troubled," "disturbed" and "frightened" to describe their reactions to the prospect of a Chief Justice John Roberts or a Justice Samuel Alito. Variations of "troubling" were the worst. I became so distracted counting the frequency that senators used these words — often multiple times in a single question — that I had a hard time even listening to what was being said.

That often happens to me in classes, too, when some student will invariably use the word "like" at least 14 times in every sentence. Sometimes an over-used word loses all value and becomes cliché. Imagine if the chairman had urged senators not to lose their "synergy" as the hearings progressed. "Troubling" and its counterparts became the jarring buzzwords of the week. All three of those words connote agitation, excessive worryment and mental unease — not exactly the qualities you want in senators.

Already by Tuesday, when most of the day was spent on introductions and pleasantries, Senator Graham was "troubled" by Democrats' questions about executive privilege. Senator Ted Kennedy, who was perhaps the most troubled senator throughout the hearings, if his exuberant use of the word was any indication, quickly remarked, "I regret to say that the record troubles me deeply" before adding, "I'm gravely concerned." He further complained that Alito supports policies that "most Americans find disturbing or frightening." Senators Feinstein and Schumer found Alito's views to be "troubling" at least twice each while I watched, as they did before with Judge Roberts multiple times.

On Thursday, Senator Leahy declared that Democrats "have been troubled by what we see." The New York Times editorial page, which has opposed Alito since he was nominated, summed up the trouble by concluding: "Judge Alito subscribes to troubling views." Howard Dean, USA Today, an ACLU press release and numerous blogs repeated the adjective. A professor at George Washington University wrote an op-ed article entitled, "Troubling times, a troubling nominee." No irony was intended.

What I find troubling about this phenomenon is that the words say absolutely nothing informative. The word "troubling" is vague and meaningless. Should we really care about senators' personal nervous reactions to what a judge believes? Calling something troubling is cowardly. Users of the word are either lazy and cannot come up with a coherent argument, or they want to make an over-dramatic grandstanding display of grave piety. Imagine if philosophers simply responded to each other by saying, "I find that troubling," and left the argument at that. Try proffering a thesis statement that says the same, and see what kind of grade you receive.

Kennedy complained that the hearings were "turned into a political campaign," and he suspected that "the American people walk away more confused." If that's true, then we're in exactly the same position as Kennedy; "confused" has a meaning that's similar to "troubled."

The great irony came after Feinstein, who is the most vocal pro-choice senator on the Judiciary Committee, remarked that, although she might disagree with Judge Alito, that doesn't mean that he should not be confirmed. Kate Michelman, the former president of Naral Pro-Choice America remarked, "Dianne Feinstein's comment is very disturbing." I'm sure that it was troubling to her.

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## SHOW REVIEW

# Legendary guitar master

*Huge crowd greets Dave Matthews Band collaborator Tim Reynolds for campus show*

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Scene Writer

Hundreds gathered outside Legends, Notre Dame's campus bar and club, to see Tim Reynolds, the master guitarist and frequent collaborator with jam-rock king Dave Matthews. The line stretched nearly to Notre Dame stadium, leaving many fans to wonder if they'd even have a chance to get inside to watch the free show.

For those who saw the performance, it was undeniably one of the most unconventional and rousing performances Legends has seen this year. The venue, which is usually hosts top up-and-coming alternative acts and popular student bands, was, for one night, home to an amazingly talented and somewhat frantic musician in total control of both his audience and his sound.

Reynolds played for over 110 minutes, with a simple stage set-up and without an opening band. He walked onto stage just after 10 p.m. to the roar of close to 800 students packed into every possible part of the venue. Clad entirely in black, the rocker was engulfed by rowdy students screaming "Timmy!" just like they would be if they were at a huge outdoor concert, even through Reynolds was extremely close to everyone in the audience.

Overall, Reynolds was in good spirits and exuded that dark yet witty personality that initially shocks the audience but eventually gets them laughing right along. Reynolds took some time before the show to stroll around campus, see the Golden Dome, and do an interview with ND-TV.

Although he had spent part of his childhood in the Midwest, this was Reynolds' first time to Notre Dame. Some hardcore "Tim" fans were in attendance, but others who came had only heard of him through his work on the multi-platinum 1999 live acoustic album "Live at Luther College" that he had recorded

with his longtime friend, Dave Matthews.

A stellar solo artist in his own right with a career spanning over twenty years, Reynolds dabbled in a diverse array of songs for his Legends set. Originals, covers, and jams were all major parts of his performance.

Although in recent years Reynolds has used the electric guitar during his tours, for his Legends show, one of the first this winter 2006 solo tour, he stuck to the same six-string acoustic guitar for the entire show. Many of the tunes off the set-list came from his recently self-released studio album "Parallel Universe." It was interesting for many in the audience to see how Reynolds broke down some of his more complex studio tracks into live acoustic medleys that meandered up and down the fret board at Reynold's whim.

The performance began with a solo instrumental on the acoustic where Reynolds utilized his pedals for different effects that gave his sound an immediate multi-layered dynamic. Even though the performance was entirely solo, at times the sonic reverberations from the pedals and Reynolds' guitar overlays made it sound like there were perhaps three other guitarists on-stage with him.

Two early highlights were "Hug" and "Che," as well as an acoustic experiment on "Mercury Direct," the first song off the second disc "Invisible Pagan Underdogs" on "Parallel Universe." Some other examples of Reynolds reworking his older tunes came mid-set, when he started to jam into "It's Dead," a track off his 1997 studio album "Sanctuary."

The Legends crowd also loved it when Reynolds played Beatles covers during the middle of his show. From a high-energy rendition of "Come Together" to a phenomenal interpretation of "Here Comes the Sun," it was evident that Reynolds was a fan of the Fab Four.

Reynolds then hit on another classic cover, this time Led Zeppelin's "Whole



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**Tim Reynolds performed at Legends on Saturday. The guitarist, well-known for his musical collaborations with the Dave Matthews Band, drew huge crowds.**

Lotta Love," which he warped into a menacing acoustic groove that pushed and prodded the normal chords while fans tried to keep up and sing-a-long.

Calls from the audience for Reynolds to play "Stream," the popular song he wrote and performed on "Live at Luther College" with Matthews, led Reynolds to remark "It's coming, first the foreplay, then the penetration," much to the delight of the already buzzed crowd.

The most hilarious moment came when Reynolds began to say the most absurd things that were highly comical as well. Before playing James Brown's "Cold Sweat" and the politically-charged "Indoctrinate," based off the lectures of Noam Chomsky, Reynolds told the audience "My name is Barbara Streisand and I like to smoke weed."

The first encore featured a raucous

sing-a-long of The Beatles' famous song "All You Need Is Love," where Reynolds aptly filled the role of George Harrison while the Notre Dame students took on the challenge of imitating Lennon and McCartney for the vocals. That cover segued back and forth with the punctuated riffs "Kundalini Bonfire," an under-appreciated gem off Reynolds' 1996 release "Gossip of the Neurons." Reynolds interspersed his own acoustic noodling with another classic next, this time Led Zeppelin's "When the Levee Breaks."

The evening came to an end when Reynolds, without any notice, promptly put down his instrument, gave a peace-sign, and disappeared behind the black curtain.

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## SHOW REVIEW

# Symphony concert celebrates Mozart's birthday

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Were today's technology made available to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in Salzburg in his time, he might have lived to see his 250th birthday. Instead, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities observed his birthday posthumously and with as much celebration as he would have warranted in his day with a celebratory concert at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center this Sunday.

The South Bend Symphony orchestra, as a part of its June H. Edwards Chamber concert series, performed four works of Mozart Sunday to a nearly full house. The variety of pieces and the skill with which they were performed lent the afternoon to a near perfect few hours of music.

Under the direction of maestro Tsung Yeh, the SBSO has continued its reputation of prestigious and talented musicianship, and Sunday's performance proved no exception. Throughout the

afternoon's four selections the joy, respect and good humor of the musicians and maestro carried over to the audience, leaving this viewer with the same light and cheerful mood that infused the music itself.

The afternoon opened with one of Mozart's most familiar and well loved pieces, "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik [A Little Night Music]." Here, most appropriate at his birthday celebration, the piece demonstrates the classical style for which he was best known.

The strings, featured prominently, were perfect for the light and airy melodies of the "Nachtmusik." The depth of the cello and double bass was also notable, rounding out the delicate violins. Each section of the "Nachtmusik," as well as each of the afternoon's pieces, was remarkable in that Mozart's work is full-bodied without being heavy or leaden.

Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 K466

was the second element of the program. Featuring soloist Jacqueline Schmidt, the concerto was a great sampling of musical talent. Schmidt was a marvel, with her fingers flying across the keys in a blur. Her ability to seamlessly move in and out of the orchestration was wonderful, and her concentration and clear love of performing made her a joy to watch.

The second half of the afternoon's performance opened with a short piece, the "Per pietà, non ricercate K421." This particular piece featured vocalist Paul Appleby. His pure enjoyment in singing was obvious to all in the audience and orchestra, and the whole piece played beautifully.

The fourth and final piece, Mozart's symphony No. 39, was a stirring collection of four movements. The second movement in particular displayed both the skill of the musicians and the beautiful intricacy

of Mozart's work. The tone and pace varied throughout the movement, with a mixture of heavy, minor notes and lighter, happier moments. Here again the composer's work proves to be remarkable in its ability to be full and deep without being overly heavy.

The two latter movements maintained energy, keeping the audience rapt with both the complexity and beauty of the work and the pleasant performance of the orchestra itself. The quick pace, high energy and soaring melody left the symphony with an almost triumphant feel by its closing notes.

The highlight of the afternoon, however, was the appearance of Wolfgang himself. Dressed in the composer's typical garb and complete with white fuzzy wig, Paul Appleby blew out the candles of a ceremonial birthday cake, which was quickly consumed at the reception that followed.

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### South Bend Symphony

**When:** Sunday, Jan. 22  
**Where:** DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts  
**Director:** Tsung Yeh

## SHOW REVIEW

# Russian National Ballet wakes up 'Sleeping Beauty'

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
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The Russian National Ballet Company performed "The Sleeping Beauty" at the Morris Performing Arts Center on Saturday. The Russian National Ballet, founded by Artistic Director Sergei Radchenko, is a world-renowned organization. It has toured throughout Europe, Asia and the United States. Radchenko was the principal dancer of the Bolshoi Ballet before starting the Russian National Ballet.

The performers brought a sweeping grace and beauty to the classic story, set against the timeless music of Tchaikovsky and the choreography of Marius Petipa. It opens with a long, expressive prologue that lays out the plot, which is familiar to anyone who's seen the Disney film. An evil witch casts a spell on a princess that dooms her to death on her sixteenth birthday, but a counter-spell by a good fairy causes her to sleep rather than die until a prince comes to her rescue.

The final act, a wedding scene in which the story is essentially jettisoned, features dances by Puss 'n' Boots, Bluebeard and his wife, Goldilocks and a Bear, and Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf.

Like many musical events, the plot itself is just window dressing for the spectacle of the dancing, which was spectacular and impressive. All of the dancers were quite good, and the ensemble performances were

enthraling, but it was the solo and duet dances that were most effective. Each of the leads — Princess Aurora, Prince Desire and the Fairy of Lilac — had segments that were wonderfully conceived and executed. Prince Desire, in particular, demonstrated an athletic grace as he jumped and twirled for the just-awoken Princess Aurora.

Among the other highlights were the interplay between Bluebeard and his wife and Aurora's solo in the first Act, and most of the dances by the Fairy of Lilac, who brought a lithe grace to her role.

The story was outlined in the program, which is good, because it is nearly incomprehensible as presented. Plot wasn't really the point of the ballet, however, as most of the dancing was spectacle (divertissement). The last act in the particular abandoned pretense in favor of a progression of increasingly lavish and acrobatic dances.

The costumes ranged from plain to surprisingly ornate. The most indelible was the evil witch, whose hunched-over posture and rat-masked entourage was a highlight of the show. However, much of the costuming for the principal actors was more practical than decorative, which neither added nor detracted from the dancing. The set, which appeared hand-painted, was well-done and added to the atmosphere.

The music was canned rather than live, the only real disappointment in an otherwise impressive show. Still, this



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The Russian National Ballet performs 'Sleeping Beauty' to Tchaikovsky's score. The group added twists to the classic ballet with new characters and dances.

compromise was understandable, as the real draw of the ballet was the dancing rather than the music — though Tchaikovsky's score is justifiably famous and was later recycled for the Disney version. While it's not quite as famous as some of his other compositions ("The Nutcracker Suite," "The 1812 Overture," "Romeo and Juliet"), the score for "The Sleeping Beauty" is equally memorable and engaging.

The Russian National Ballet Company is justifiably one of the most famous in the world, and their performance of "The Sleeping Beauty," combined with Tchaikovsky's music and Petipa's choreography, made it an oft-breathtaking show and a prime exhibition of classical ballet.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Underworld: Evolution' suffers from stagnation

By MICHELLE FORDICE  
Scene Critic

Director Len Wiseman's "Underworld: Evolution," the sequel to his 2003 "Underworld," has not, in fact, evolved much over time. Using fight sequences, explosions, and women in leather to sell the film, it fails to remember to build up its plot and characters. While many new things about the franchise's universe are revealed, the characters still seem to remain as shallow as when they began.

"Underworld: Evolution" literally begins where "Underworld" left off — the first few minutes of the movie include a montage of scenes cut out of its predecessor. As the war between vampires and lycans (werewolves) that was introduced in the first movie drags on through the centuries, Selene (Kate Beckinsale) and Michael (Scott Speedman) are on the run after killing a vampire elder in the first film.

As the movie progresses, the lineage of vampires and lycans is slowly revealed. The two races sprang from a human, Corvinus (Derek Jacobi), who was capable of resisting viruses and his sons, Marcus (Tony Curran), who was bitten by a bat, and William (Brian Steele), who was bitten by a wolf.

Awakened and unleashed, Marcus pursues Selene and Michael. He wants to release his brother who had been imprisoned centuries ago for wrecking havoc on the world. Marcus also has a strange

interest in the pendant that Michael took from the lycan Lucian in "Underworld" and in Selene's memories, which he can extract merely by tasting her blood.

Unfortunately, much of this plot, already filled with holes and struggling to remain logically comprehensible, gets lost in the onslaught of the film's action sequences. Fans of the first "Underworld" will be disappointed, because while its plot may have been somewhat limited, it was much more direct and understandable. The sequel has so many flashbacks that they begin to become annoying.

Furthermore, advancing the plot in "Underworld: Evolution" requires almost constant exposition, which often enough consists of the characters looking into the camera and talking, often accompanied by another flashback montage. From the first opening scroll to the last voiceover, the audience needs to have the plot dictated to them in order to have any chance of perceiving what is happening in the film.

"Underworld: Evolution" seems to recognize that its best selling feature is its R-rating, as it loads its

scenes with less-than-tasteful images. Blood and gore drench the screen and characters swear at every moment, in multiple languages, often over their dead lover's bodies.

Admittedly, some of the fight scenes are fun to watch, but they don't do enough to save the movie and aren't innovative enough to give anything to later films in the genre. The sex scene between Michael and Selene is obviously extraneous and seems to be included only to add



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"Underworld: Evolution" follows the long war between the vampires and the lycans. Selene (Kate Beckinsale) is on the run after killing a vampire elder.

another reason for "Underworld: Evolution" to be an R-rated movie.

In an attempt to make "Underworld: Evolution" more serious many scenes are overly dramatic. The movie would be better if the filmmakers would stop slowing it down to play suspenseful music behind such things as Michael throwing paint onto windows. This forced dramatization is reflected again in the script. The dialogue of "Underworld: Evolution" is saturated with clichés and phrases that seem oddly familiar or laughable — Selene at one point asks Corvinus "What

will I become." His answer? "The future."

"Underworld: Evolution" depends on cheap thrills and fight sequences to keep its audience interested. Its sequel, so overtly hinted at in Kate Beckinsale's final voice over, may be better because it can only move in an upwards direction. Still, one must admit that "Underworld: Evolution" is entertaining. I was laughing the entire time.

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## Underworld: Evolutions



**Director:** Len Wiseman

**Writer:** Danny McBride

**Starring:** Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman, Derek Jacobi, Brian Steele



## SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles lose in tough game with rival Adrian

*After trailing by as many as 23 points in the first half, Saint Mary's comes up just short in second-half comeback*

By TIM KAISER  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell to 7-11 overall on Saturday night with a heartbreaking loss to MIAA rival Adrian. The Bulldogs escaped with a 53-52 win when Alison Kessler's half-court shot missed at the buzzer.

Down in the final minutes, the Belles were forced to foul, but after a few missed shots by Adrian, they cut the deficit to one and had a chance to take the lead. They stole the ball from Adrian, but a Belles pass landed out of bounds, setting up a missed one-and-one for the Bulldogs which led to Kessler's desperation heave.

The Belles' narrow defeat was almost an amazing come-

back. They found themselves down 32-9 with just over two minutes left to go in the first half, but went on a 9-0 run before the half to cut the Bulldogs' lead to just 32-18. Saint Mary's fought its way back to 50-49 with just over two minutes left in the second, but were never able to take the lead. With the loss, the Belles dropped to 5-4 in conference play, but remained in fourth place in the MIAA.

The Belles were also playing hampered by injuries, as they were without point guard Bridget Lipke, who sprained her ankle in last Wednesday's win over Albion, and were missing Bridget Boyce for much of the first half after a bizarre collision with a referee, which injured her ankle and left her clearly hobbled

when she returned in the second half.

At the half, Belles coach Steve Bender rallied his team, which triggered its second half comeback.

"Things were not looking very good," Bender said. "I challenged their womanhood. They didn't seem very intense, maybe it was a physical and mental hangover from the effort we expended playing Albion."

"We were down 21, and we tried to get fouled and stop the clock, and it worked. We had a steal with 20 seconds left, and an errant pass went out of bounds."

"It was a great comeback, [the girls gave] great efforts, great to see them [keep trying] for as long as they did."

Despite the disappointing

loss, Bender said his team showed him a lot of good things.

"We fought off adversity," he said. "We were without Lipke, there were a lot of girls having to adjust to new positions. It's great to see we're not giving up, not quitting, finding ways to hang in there. Erin Newsom and Alison Kessler, really gave us some heart in the second half."

"Mental toughness," Bender replied when asked what the Belles need to improve on. "We need to improve on being mentally and physically ready to start games. We can't get behind early."

The Belles have seven regular season games remaining, all rematches against MIAA teams.

"We've got some teams that

spanked us pretty bad and we're excited to play them again, and teams we beat, we have to do it again," Bender said. "Our league is tough. Whoever comes to play wins, and we have to learn that."

First up is Alma, who the Belles beat 74-68 earlier in the season.

"We'll see how we are physically tomorrow," Bender said of his team's injury woes. "The main thing is we have to be at our sharpest, have two good practices. Alma is a great offensive team, a team on the rise, a real veteran team. I think we caught them by surprise [the last time we played]. We have to get tough and find a way to win."

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## TRACK

# Irish rack up twelve victories in home opener

*Ogbuokiri qualifies for NCAA championships in 400 meters while the team gears for next week's ND Invitational*

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The Notre Dame track and field squad opened up the 2006 home season with a stellar performance Friday evening at Loftus. It was good warm-up for the rest of the season, with regional competition from Western Michigan, Butler and Loyola Chicago, among others. The meet was highlighted by 12 victories, including another NCAA qualification, this time by Oketchi Ogbuokiri.

Ogbuokiri turned in best performance of the evening for the Irish. The New Jersey native finished the 400 meters with a time of 54 flat, just under her personal 54.03. The 54.00 is good enough to provisionally qualify Ogbuokiri for the NCAA indoor championships, to be held in March.

Ogbuokiri wasn't the only Irish sprinter to make an impact on the meet. Fellow junior Maryann Erigha took home top honors in the 200 meters, turning in a time of 24.19 seconds. Ogbuokiri was



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**Irish runner Tom Longo surges ahead in the mile race at last year's Notre Dame Invitational. After a strong performance on Friday, the team is looking forward to this year's Invite this week.**

right behind her, finishing in second with a time of 25.09. Freshman standout Alyssa Hasan blew away the competition in the 60 meter hurdles, cruising to a victory with a time of 8.94 seconds.

Erigha also turned in a solid

performance in the 60 meters, posting a time of 7.53 seconds, good enough for a victory and a Big East qualification.

Not to be outdone by the sprinters, the distance runners also had respectable out-

ings. All-American Stephanie Madia, along with freshman Ramsey Kavan, finished one-two in the mile, both qualifying for the Big East championship. Teammate Amy Kohlmeier also placed, coming home in the fourth position. In

the 800 meters, sophomore Jackie Carter took third place, also qualifying for the Big East championship.

For the men, Garrett Koxlien again led the way for the throwers, finishing first in the weight throw. Four of the first seven spots in the weight throw were occupied by the Irish.

"We always have the goal of improving our marks and working towards marks that will help gain our team points for the Big East Conference championship," sophomore thrower Kyle Annen said. That improvement can definitely be seen in the past two weeks, and will only continue to help the squad as the Irish make their way into the tougher portion of the schedule.

This week, the Irish look to continue their improvement as they host the Notre Dame Invitational. The meet will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday in Loftus, and is the second of three consecutive home meets for the Irish.

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## Men's Swimming Top 25

	team	points
1	Auburn	200
2	Stanford	192
3	California	178
4	Michigan	175
5	Arizona	171
6	Florida	159
7	Texas	157
8	Minnesota	141
9	Southern California	139
10	Indiana	124
11	Tennessee	121
12	Georgia	115
13	Florida State	102
14	Virginia	94
15	Purdue	88
16	Northwestern	80
17	Kentucky	75
18	Ohio State	56
18	NOTRE DAME	45
20	Alabama	43
21	Penn State	38
22	Brigham Young	25
23	Arizona State	24
23	Pittsburgh	24
25	Harvard	12

## Women's Swimming Top 25

	team	points
1	Georgia	200
2	Auburn	192
3	Stanford	184
4	Florida	174
5	Arizona	170
6	California	158
7	UCLA	153
8	Southern Methodist	138
9	Wisconsin	137
10	Texas	134
11	Southern California	120
12	Penn State	112
13	Texas A&M	104
14	Purdue	96
15	Michigan	87
16	Tennessee	81
17	Florida State	71
18	Indiana	60
19	Virginia	51
20	NOTRE DAME	45
21	North Carolina	37
22	Hawaii	24
23	Washington	22
23	Harvard	22
25	Rutgers	12

## MIAA Basketball Standings

	team	conf.	overall	avg.	opp.
1	Hope	9-0	16-1	75.6	53.9
2	Calvin	8-1	14-2	63.5	53.2
3	Olivet	7-2	11-7	70.7	63.4
4	Saint Mary's	5-4	7-11	58.2	64.3
5	Albion	4-5	12-6	68.8	56.9
6	Alma	3-5	8-7	71.9	68.5
7	Kalamazoo	2-7	5-11	59.2	74.2
8	Adrian	1-8	5-11	59.4	67.7
9	Tri-State	1-8	2-16	58.8	71.4

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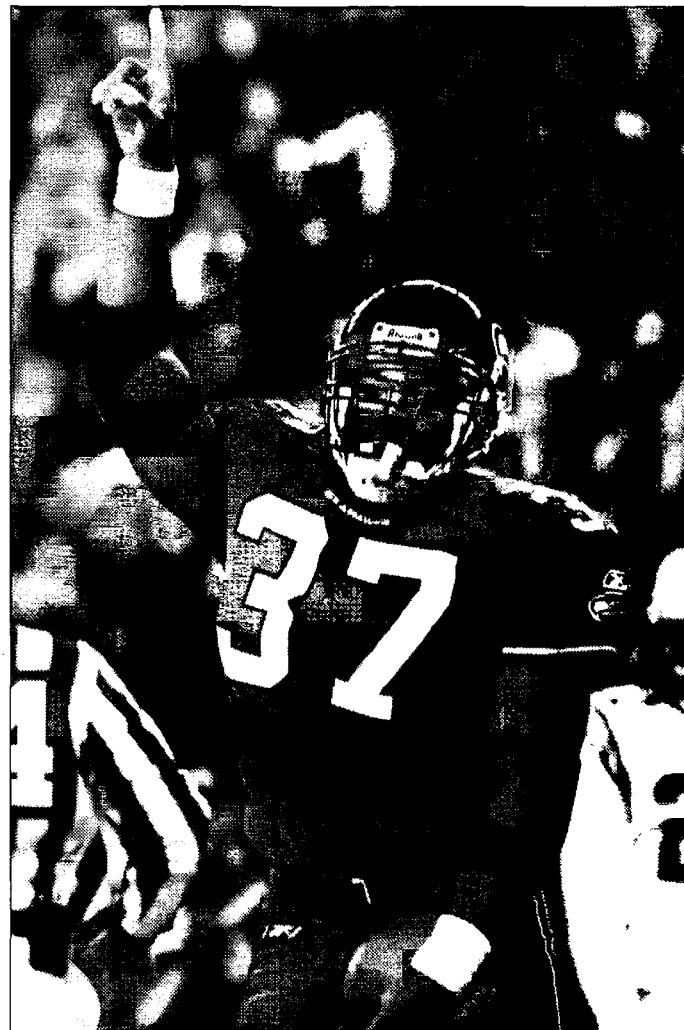
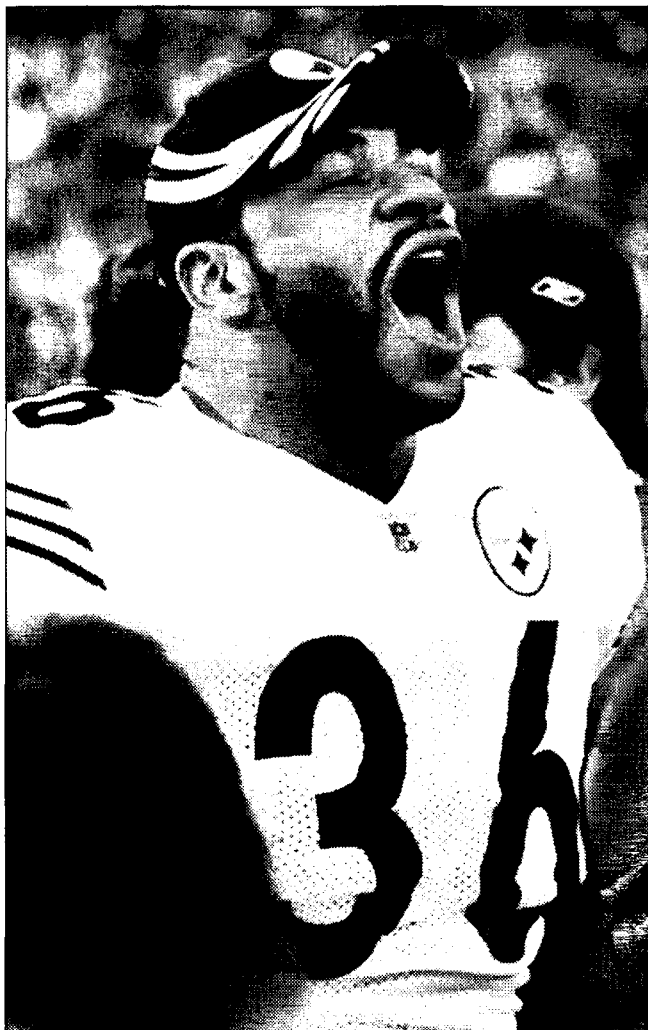
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## NFL



Jerome Bettis, left, celebrates as the Steelers advanced to the Super Bowl with a 34-17 win at Denver on Sunday. Shaun Alexander, right, celebrates his second-quarter touchdown against the Panthers in the NFC Championship game.

## Bus keeps rolling on

Associated Press

DENVER — The most famous road trip since "Animal House" rocks on.

Big Ben, The Bus and all those Terrible Towels will make the next stop on their wildly successful road trip at the Super Bowl in Detroit, thanks to a 34-17 dismantling of the Denver Broncos on Sunday in the AFC title game.

"We were sitting, looking at an outside shot to be in the Super Bowl," Steelers linebacker Clark Haggans said. "This is an unbelievable feeling to be here right now."

Unbelievable and almost unprecedented. Led by 275 yards and two passing touchdowns from Ben Roethlisberger and a touchdown by Jerome Bettis, the Steelers became the first team since the 1985 Patriots to win three road games en route to the Super Bowl. Counting the regular season, they've played five of their final six away from Pittsburgh.

And while there's no John 'Bluto' Blutarsky, this Pittsburgh group has plenty of characters of its own. There's Bettis, The Bus, who stuck around for a 13th year.

## MVP carries 'Hawks

Associated Press

SEATTLE — With their MVP back in business, a fierce defense and all the comforts of playing at home, the Seattle Seahawks had everything they needed to get to their first Super Bowl. And they did, easily.

Shaun Alexander came back from last week's concussion to rush for a team playoff-record 132 yards and two touchdowns Sunday, and Seattle pressured Carolina stars Jake Delhomme and Steve Smith into oblivion in a 34-14 rout for the NFC championship.

The Seahawks picked off three passes in winning

their 12th straight home game and shattering the fifth-seeded Panthers' stunning postseason road run.

The NFC's best team during the season, the Seahawks (15-3) will have to beat yet another wild card, the Pittsburgh Steelers, in the Super Bowl in Detroit on Feb. 5. Pittsburgh beat Denver 34-17 earlier in the day.

"We're not done yet," quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said. "We've got another game we've got to go win."

While Alexander paced the ball-control offense, it was the defense that really carried the Seahawks.

## IN BRIEF

### Kubiak to become Texans' head coach

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans will hire Denver offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak to take over the worst team in the league and help decide what to do with the first pick in the draft.

Texans owner Bob McNair said during a news conference Sunday that the hiring won't be completed until later in the week.

The Texans couldn't negotiate a contract with Kubiak until the Broncos were eliminated from the playoffs.

McNair's announcement came about an hour after Denver lost to Pittsburgh in the AFC championship game.

"Hopefully we'll have him down here by the middle of the week and he will then be assembling a staff," McNair said.

McNair said he planned to speak with Kubiak later Sunday.

### Roddick fails to reach Aussie Open quarterfinal

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick thought he'd get it right at the Australian Open.

Stung by a first-round exit at the U.S. Open last August, Roddick skipped the Masters Cup in November to give himself extra weeks to peak for the season's first major.

What he did not figure on, while running miles and pumping iron, was a guy like Marcos Baghdatis stepping into serves and smacking returns past him with mesmerizing regularity.

Baghdatis, a live-wire former junior world champion from Cyprus, hit 63 winners in a 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 fourth-round win Sunday, advancing to a Grand Slam quarterfinal for the first time, where No. 7 Ivan Ljubicic awaits.

When one return winner zipped by him in the last set, Roddick turned to the crowd and asked: "What can I do?"

### Campbell wins Bob Hope Chrysler Classic

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Chad Campbell shot a scrambling 71 Sunday to outlast Scott Verplank and Jesper Parnevik and win the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Campbell's 1-under closing round put him at 25-under 335, three shots in front of Verplank and 2000 Hope champion Parnevik.

Verplank, one stroke off Campbell's lead to start the day, had a 73 and Parnevik made a charge with a 67 during a round when gusty wind made the new Classic Course at Northstar tricky at times.

John Huston finished fourth with a 68 and 339 total.

Former Hope winners Phil Mickelson and Mike Weir tied for fifth with John Senden.

Mickelson, the tournament champion in 2002 and 2004, shot a 71 to finish at 19 under along with Weir (70) and Senden (73).

## MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish take care of business in season opener

Notre Dame prepares for No. 1-ranked Virginia after defeating Northwestern in convincing fashion this weekend

By KATE GALES  
Associate Sports Editor

After a stellar fall season, the Irish began the dual-match season with a resounding 6-1 win over Northwestern Saturday.

No. 26 Notre Dame improved to 1-0 going into Friday's match against No. 1 Virginia, with strong play in both doubles and singles.

"It's always good to start with a win, and Northwestern was a team that in our last couple of years we've had close matches with," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We were certainly prepared for a close one. The doubles point was pretty hotly contested and we eeked it out by the narrowest of margins at No. 3."

Despite an upset of No. 1 doubles team Ryan Keckley and Eric Langenkamp — which debuted at No. 12 in the national rankings — the Irish started the match up 1-0.

Barry King and Sheeva Parbhu won 8-2 at No. 2 doubles, scoring six unanswered points after a 2-2 deadlock.

"That put a little more pressure on Northwestern," Bayliss said.

However, the Wildcats were back in it with an 8-6 upset win at No. 1 doubles.

"First doubles was disappointing because we hit enough good shots to win but we didn't hit them at the most opportune times," Bayliss said.

However, Stephen Bass and Brett Helgeson clinched the doubles point for the Irish, heading into the singles portion of play with a 1-0 lead.

"It gave us a real sense of confidence going into the singles," Bayliss said. "Once it started our guys closed them out pretty quickly."

At No. 5, Keckley gave the Irish a 2-0 lead, winning the first set of his match 6-2 before his opponent retired due to injury. No. 4 Helgeson won his dual-match debut 6-0, 6-3.

"For a guy making his debut Brett Helgeson was absolutely flawless in his first set," Bayliss said.

Langenkamp, ranked No. 65 in the nation, fell 6-3, 6-0 at No. 6, effectively ending his 10-match winning streak — dating back to last season — in dual-match singles.

But Parbhu clinched the match for Notre Dame at No. 2, winning 6-1, 6-4.

"Sheeva beat a pretty tough competitor who extended him to a tiebreaker in last year's match," Bayliss said. The sophomore, who ascended in the rank-

ings after going 11-2 in the fall, had no problem racking up his third match-clinching win.

Barry King, back from a semester at University College in Dublin, won 6-2, 6-3 in play at No. 3.

With the match outcome already decided, Stephen Bass fought valiantly for a win at No. 1. Ranked No. 8 nationally, the junior outlasted Christian Tempke 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) to end the match with a decisive win.

"Stephen played well and really fought well from behind," Bayliss said, noting that Bass

was forced to adjust his game. "It came down to a matter of discipline and toughness, and Stephen has those qualities in spades," Bayliss said. "I really respected the poise and the presence that he showed, he didn't get rattled and was able to come up with a plan that seemed to work."

The Irish started off the season

with a win over a quality opponent — good before their Friday match against the Cavaliers.

"I think the guys felt good about [the win]," Bayliss said. "When Patrick [Buchanan] and Eric [Langenkamp] were freshmen, Northwestern beat us 4-3, and the last two years we won 5-2 matches that were very close. Now to beat them a little more decisively reaffirms that we're a little better and that some of our guys have made big strides, and hopefully we're ready to take it to another level."

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## Academic Freedom and Catholic Character *Address and Discussion*

By Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

Please plan to join Fr. Jenkins for his address to the Notre Dame community on the issue of academic freedom and our Catholic character. A period of questions and comments will follow.

**Faculty:** Monday, January 23, 2006, at 4:30 p.m.  
in the Leighton Concert Hall,  
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**Students:** Tuesday, January 24, 2006, at 12:30 p.m.  
in Washington Hall.



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## ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

## Irish cruise to win over Spartans

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

With its 156-147 victory over Michigan State this past Saturday, the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team returns home with its sixth consecutive first place finish, leaving the state of Michigan in its wake.

After defeating Michigan two weekends ago, the Irish used this weekend's meet against a less talented Michigan State team to allow their swimmers the opportunity to compete in events the swimmers don't normally swim.

"Swimming in off-events is a mental break for the kids," head coach Carrie Nixon said. "It's a change of pace and a chance to work on different strokes. Most importantly, you learn how to be versatile, which is really important."

Junior swimmer Katie Carroll agreed with her coach's assessment of off-events, but added she

also finds them helpful because "they give you a chance to see what your teammates have to go through in their events."

Carroll, along with freshman Christa Riggins, led Notre Dame against the Spartans as each tallied two individual victories. Carroll won the 200 breast stroke, an off-event for her, as well as the 200 individual medley. Riggins was victorious in the 200 and 500 freestyle. Also collecting first place finishes for the Irish were Claire Hutchinson, Rebecca Grove, Jessica Stephens, Katie Hopkins and Casey Wagner.

By allowing the majority of their swimmers to compete in off-events, the Irish essentially sent their 'B' team to East Lansing this past weekend, but Carroll and her teammates didn't allow that to deter them.

"The fact that we basically sent our 'B' team while Michigan State sent their 'A' team, yet we were still victorious, was a real confidence booster for us,"

Carroll said.

But Notre Dame hardly needs another reason to be confident. In fact, the Irish have not finished worse than first place in any type of meet since losing to Purdue on Oct. 29. To put that in perspective, Oct. 29 was the weekend between the BYU and Tennessee football games.

Nixon cited a couple of reasons for her team's stellar performance in the past six meets.

"We're certainly swimming with a lot of confidence right now," she said. "But I also think the girls are swimming well because they know the end is near and it's crunch time. I think our performance lately has been a combination of those two things."

The Irish face the Louisville Cardinals this weekend in their final meet before the Big East conference championship.

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## MEN'S SWIMMING

## Busy swimmers win one, lose one

After dropping a meet to Northwestern on Friday, Irish bounce back at Cleveland State

By JACK THORNTON  
Sports Writer

The men's swimming team came out of arguably its toughest weekend of the regular season with its pride wounded, but stronger for the experience.

Notre Dame, barely removed from a two-week training trip and three sessions of racing last weekend, traveled to Evanston, Ill. on Friday for a matchup against No. 16 Northwestern. The perennially stellar Wildcats trumped the Irish 172-128, handing the blue and gold their second dual meet loss of the season.

"It wasn't so much disappointing that they beat us, but it was disappointing that we did not swim as well as a team as we could have," co-captain Patrick Heffernan said.

"They're a good team — we knew it'd be tough to go there — but we were tired going into the meet and didn't perform as well as we could."

The meet was Northwestern's sixth consecutive victory over Notre Dame. The two squads faced each other Jan. 14 and 15 in the 28th annual Dallas Morning News Classic. The Irish placed fifth out of six in the prestigious event, while the Wildcats took second.

Assistant coach Matt Tallman went with nine members of the team to the meet in Dallas while head coach Tim Welsh directed the rest of the squad in a 163-73 dual meet win over Evansville.

"We're still pretty beat up; we had a couple good races early and Northwestern is a team, nationally, that for a couple years has been ahead of us," Tallman said.

The team wasn't about to leave the Land of Lincoln without doing some damage. Notre Dame's Jay Vanden Berg continued his long-distance dominance by earning first in the

1,000-yard freestyle, while teammates Patrick Davis and Jace Hopper took second and third. Tim Kegelmann grabbed the top spot in the 100 butterfly and Irish divers Michael Bullfin and Sam Stoner went 1-2 in both the one-meter and three-meter events.

Perhaps more indicative of the team's capabilities was the way the Irish rebounded the next day at home against Cleveland State. The Vikings, now 10-4 in dual meets, beat Valparaiso the day before, but Notre Dame was able to come out much stronger and handle CSU 142-96.

"I think they were just able to see where they were on Friday and they rebounded well," Tallman said. "We had kind of a loosen-up practice Saturday to work out the kinks and they seemed pretty comfortable in our pool."

The Irish touched the wall first in nine of the 11 events. Jamie Lutkus set

the pace for the squad, grabbing first place in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle and, as well as swimming on the winning 400 medley relay with Doug Bauman, Tim Randolph and Tim Kegelmann. Ted Brown (200 fly), Bauman (200 backstroke), Patrick Davis (500 freestyle), and Michael Bullfin (three-meter diving) also took first place.

The busy weekend certainly won't be the last for the Irish, who will race three sessions this upcoming Friday and Saturday in the Shamrock Invitational, not to mention the Big East Championship this February.

"It's good preparation because at the Big East Championship we have seven sessions in three and a half days," Tallman said. "Hopefully racing [Northwestern and Cleveland State] helps us at the end of the year."

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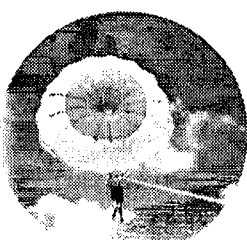
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## SMC SWIMMING

# Belles drop final home meet to Lady Hornets

By DEIRDRE KRASULA and  
BECKI DORNER  
Sports Writers

The Lady Hornets of Kalamazoo beat Saint Mary's 143-59 Friday in a MIAA dual meet at Rolf's Aquatic Center. It was the final home meet for the Belles, who have had an up-and-down season this

year.

Senior captain Kelly Nelis capped off a very successful home swimming season, posting wins for the Belles in both the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:02.95, and the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:34.02. Nelis' two wins would prove to be the only two victories that the Belles would walk away with from

the 12-event meet.

Despite their loss to the Lady Hornets, the Belles are optimistic about the following two weeks. The final regular-season meet this year for the Belles will be a dual meet versus Calvin College and Albion College at Calvin on Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Belles' swimmers continue to train hard, focusing

on the MIAA Championships in two and a half weeks. To train for the weeks ahead, coach Lynn Kachmarik plans on getting her swimmers in their best possible condition for the competition.

"We will begin our taper [rest] period of training, which means the team does less yardage, more fast swimming to get ready for MIAAs,"

she said.

The Saint Mary's swimmers hope to put up a tough fight as they look forward to the season-culminating MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships Feb. 9-11 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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## NYU

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thy performance came from Kubik, who defeated Scott Sugimoto 5-3. Sugimoto registered victories over Jedrkowiak (5-3) and Bontempo (5-4).

"I have been fencing Scott for a while, I was pretty familiar with and made the match a little easier,"

Kubic said. "He fenced well against my teammates, but a match that I was pretty on."

After defeating its next two competitors NYU (17-10) and No. 6 St. John's (17-10), Notre Dame suffered its only loss of the weekend from No. 1 Ohio State. The Buckeyes' All American Christian Rivera swept the ND epeeists including a 5-4 win over freshman Karol Kostka. Two-time NCAA champion Boaz Ellis collected three

5-0 victories over the Irish foilists.

The No. 1 ranked women opened with a 20-7 win over No. 8 Yale.

Freshman foilist Adrienne Nott posted a 5-4 victory over NCAA veteran Alisa Mendelsohn. Sophomore Melanie Bautista followed Nott's win with her own 3-2 overtime victory over Mendelsohn.

However, the women could not continue their momentum against No. 3 Columbia, dropping the

match 8-19.

All-American Morgan Midgley, a third-place finisher for Columbia at the 2005 NAAs, defeated Irish junior Amy Orlando 5-3 and freshman Madeleine Stephen. But Midgley could not finish the sweep, as fifth-year senior Becca Chimahusky topped the All-American 3-2 in overtime.

The women finished out the competition with wins over NYU (24-3), St. John's (16-11) and No. 4

Ohio State (17-10).

Although the Irish failed to come out on top, the team was still satisfied with its efforts over the weekend.

"We struggled at certain points, but in the end we pulled things together," junior sabre Valerie Providenza said.

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## NBA

# Bryant scores 81 points in win

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant scored a staggering 81 points — the second-highest total in NBA history — and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Toronto Raptors 122-104 Sunday night.

With the fans at Staples Center chanting "MVP! MVP!" Bryant made two free throws with 43.4 seconds remaining for his final points, putting him behind only Wilt Chamberlain on the all-time scoring list.

Chamberlain scored 100 points for Philadelphia against the New York Knicks at Hershey, Pa., on March 2, 1962. His second-highest total was 78 against the Lakers in three overtimes on Dec. 8, 1961.

"I couldn't even dream of this when I was a kid," Bryant said. "There was no way possible."

Bryant left to a standing ovation with 4.2 seconds remaining, having shot 28-of-46 from the floor and 18-of-20 from the foul line. He was 7-of-13 from 3-point

range.

Elgin Baylor held the previous franchise record of 71 points at New York on Nov. 15, 1960.

Michael Jordan's career high was 69 points, and only four players had ever scored more than 70 — Chamberlain, Baylor, David Thompson and David Robinson.

The 27-year-old Bryant made it five.

He played nearly 42 minutes, going the entire second half until being lifted by coach Phil Jackson.

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to get his gear ready and replace starter Dave Brown in net.

The freshman, who last played on Dec. 3 against Western Michigan and had not notched a win since Nov. 10 against Bowling Green, stopped all 14 shots faced as Notre Dame fought back to win the game 4-3 with third-period heroics.

"You always gotta in the back of your mind be ready, because you never know what's going to happen," Pearce said regarding the backup role. "It was tough, but when you go in there you just kind of help your team stop the bleeding and see where it goes from there. Just give the team a chance to get back in it, to give them hope."

The Irish team that emerged from the Jackson-induced timeout did not take long to reduce the Wildcat lead. Senior Mike Walsh deflected a shot from Erik Condra into the net at 12:36 into the second to put the game at 3-2. Pearce deflected five Wildcat shots to close out the second period.

The Irish onslaught continued after the start of the third and the fatal blow was delivered at the 8:42 mark of the final period. Condra (goal, two assists) knocked in a rebound off a Noah Babin shot from the point to tie the game at 3-3. Only seconds later the Irish struck again.

The center ice faceoff was won by T.J. Jindra and drawn back to Brock Sheahan along the blue line. Sheahan dished the puck to Tom Sawatske on the left side and Sawatske drove up the ice before releasing a shot from the circle that blew past Wildcat goaltender Bill Zaniboni for the game-winning goal.

"Before the timeout we seemed to be playing as though we were kind of there," Pearce said. "We were trying hard, but just going through the motions. After the timeout we started playing with more passion, with more heart."

Irish forward Michael Bartlett was whistled for a five-minute major with 3:49 left in the game, and Notre Dame found itself fighting off a vicious Wildcat attack to close out the game. Pearce stopped three shots in

the man-down situation to preserve the lead and complete his half-game shutout with 14 saves.

The come-from-behind victory marks the first time this season Notre Dame has won a game after trailing at the start of the third period, a 0-13-0 streak.

"We just believed the shots were going to go in when you get the chances," Pearce said of the team's attitude in the second half. "When you want something you drive for it. It was obvious we wanted to come back and win."

The Irish scored first in the game when Mark Van Guilder scored on the power play at 10:13 of the first period from a sharp pass by Condra. Northern Michigan then went on a three-goal tear to take the 3-1 lead with a goal by Darin Olver in the first and two by Andy Contois in the second.

### Northern Michigan 5, Notre Dame 2

The weekend came to a dramatic close for the Irish on Saturday night, but on Friday all the icers did was to correct mistakes and come back strong in the encore.

Northern Michigan collected two second period goals after the first frame passed without a tally from either side. Patrick Murphy and Matt Siddall beat Irish goaltender Brown twice in the early minutes of the second on separate power play chances.

The Wildcats then collected two unanswered goals by Olver to take a commanding 4-0 lead before the Irish would make a statement.

It was too little, too late, however. Tim Wallace scored first at 12:03 of the third, followed by a Walsh goal at 17:44 in the period, but time ran out for the Irish.

Brown was pulled to put an extra attacker on the ice and Northern Michigan's Olver capitalized to complete his hat trick — and the win — with an empty netter to seal the 5-2 final.

"When you play on the road it kind of magnifies your game," Pearce said. "We were making strides in the right direction but we could still see there was a couple of mistakes. See what those mistakes are and kind of learn from them."

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## Loss

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10 against 6-foot-10," Irish guard Colin Falls said. "Nobody was getting a hand on that shot. It was just a great shot."

Novak led all scorers with 28 points on 11-of-18 shooting. He was 6-of-10 from 3-point range.

Notre Dame took the lead with 2:46 left in the second half when Chris Quinn made a layup and got fouled on the shot. The senior guard made the free throw and pushed the score to 65-63.

But the Irish did not score in the remaining minutes, failing to capitalize on key chances down the stretch.

"You would like to almost walk through the possessions where we had the ball up two, we had some offensive possessions there," Brey said. "You get either one of those and you don't have to absorb [Novak's game-winner] as much."

Marquette guard Dominic James drove to the basket and hit a game-tying lay-up with 45.9 seconds remaining in the game. The freshman guard scored 11 points on 4-of-10 shooting.

The Irish led by three at

the half after getting out to a quick start. Quinn led Irish scorers with eight points at the break.

"I think we were up 10 in the first half and we were pretty comfortable with the way we were playing," Falls said. "Novak made some tough shots and put some pressure on us, but we were spotting it every time they got the lead. I guess they took the last punch."

Falls led Notre Dame scorers with 21 points on 6-of-14 shooting. All of Falls' field goal attempts came from 3-point range.

Quinn added 18 points on 6-of-14 shooting for the Irish.

The loss dropped Notre Dame to 10-6 and 1-4 in Big East play. All four of Notre Dame's league losses are by a combined 17 points.

"It can get a little frustrating but we have no time to hang our heads," Quinn said. "We have another game coming up against a great team in Georgetown and we need to figure out a way to get some of these close ones."

Brey said he is confident the Irish will begin to see improvement in their record if they continue to play these close games.

"When you look around the league, people sometimes aren't even in the darn

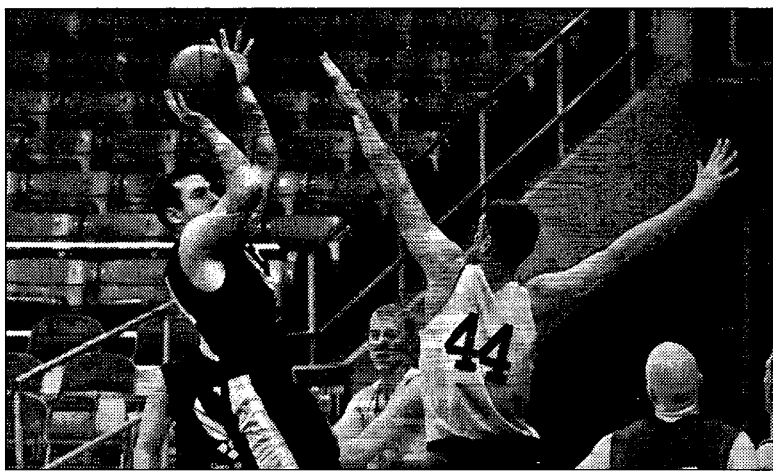
thing," Brey said. "If we can keep battling and give ourselves a chance in game situations, I think it's going to pay off for us over the long haul."

### Notes:

♦ For the second consecutive game, McAlarney logged 30-plus minutes. He played 30 minutes in Notre Dame's win over Providence and 36 minutes against Marquette.

"You put Kyle McAlarney in the game and he breaks the game open," Brey said. "You ride what's going good."

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MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

Players compete during the ROTC Basketball Tournament, held this weekend at Notre Dame.

## ROTC

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A&M Air Force ROTC Aggies soared over West Virginia Air Force ROTC Mountain Hogs in a 58-30 rout. The Aggies stifled West Virginia's co-tournament MVPs Anderson and Montaglia with tight half-court defensive pressure, forcing turnovers and converting them into points.

Though the Flying Irish Basketball Invitational is the largest ROTC gathering for an athletic event in the country — only mandatory ROTC field training draws more cadets and midshipmen for any event — drawing schools from San Diego State to Virginia Tech, this weekend was Texas A&M's first appearance in the tournament.

Michael Wied, who led the Aggies with 15 points, including eight straight that broke the game open with a 34-13 halftime lead, was thrilled by his first visit to Notre Dame.

"It was amazing," Wied said. "We all walked around campus [Saturday] for the first time. And the competition is great. We didn't know what to expect, but it was amazing."

Two-time defending champion Notre Dame Air Force ROTC A team replaced four starters from last year's team and went 2-1 in round robin play. However, they lost their first bracket play match up with the eventual champion Aggies.

The Notre Dame Navy/USMC men's A team, led by MVP runner-up senior Greg Hiltz, also advanced to bracket play and

lost in the second round.

"Air Force men's A team and Navy both played really hard," Air Force ROTC Basketball Tournament Officer John-Paul Adrian said, "but both got stuck in hard playoff brackets."

The Air Force men's B, Air Force women's A and B, Army men's and Navy/USMC women's teams did not make it out of round robin play.

The Flying Irish Invitational also accomplished its further-reaching goals of endorsing positive relationships with the country's future military leaders all over the nation.

"The goal of our tournament is to foster sportsmanship and unity between teams because we're all going to be officers," Notre Dame Air Force ROTC Public Affairs Officer Katy Sidrow said.

In that spirit, every year the tournament presents the Colonel Moe Award for sportsmanship to one men's and women's teams. Col. Moe was a Vietnam prisoner-of-war veteran who returned from war to become Air Force ROTC Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commander of Detachment 225 at Notre Dame. He was present to award the honor to Nebraska Lincoln-Omaha men's Air Force ROTC Huskers and University of Iowa women's Air Force ROTC.

The tournament also featured a three-point contest, won by Josh Stallard of Texas A&M and Stephanie Thomson of Marquette.

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## Win

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utes," McGraw said.

After halftime, the early action resembled what had happened all game, with Notre Dame in control. The Irish continued to increase their lead, and it peaked at 17 points when Duffy — who finished with a team-high 16 points — stole the ball from Kieraah Marlow and took it all the way for a lay-up, giving the Irish a 46-29 lead with 11:55 to go in the contest.

Shortly thereafter, things began to unravel.

After a lay-up by sophomore Charel Allen again gave Notre Dame a 17-point 50-33 lead with just over 10 minutes to play, the Irish offense completely shut down. Over the next 7:30, the Irish failed to score on eight of their next nine possessions, the lone exception being a lay-up by Duffy with 7:15 to go, which proved to be the final Irish field goal.

"Four points in 10 minutes

has to be a record for us," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said of Notre Dame's anemic offense down the stretch.

At the same time, the Irish turned the ball over five times, including twice by center Melissa D'Amico.

"We played scared — we choked," McGraw said.

While the Notre Dame offense was falling apart, the Georgetown offense began to find its stride. The Hoyas, who cut the Irish lead down to 52-48 with 2:44 left to play, were able to be successful in large part because of 7-of-8 shooting from the free throw line during the run, the lone miss coming from Lesueur, who still finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds, both game highs.

"[She] had a great game," McGraw said of Lesueur after the game.

After a pair of Duffy free throws gave the Irish a 54-48 lead with 2:34 to go, the only

offense on the floor for the rest of the game would come from the Hoyas. Georgetown scored on both of its next two possessions, trimming the lead to two with 1:17 remaining and

*"Four points in 10 minutes has to be a record for us."*

**Muffett McGraw**  
Irish coach

looked prepared to take its first lead at the most important time.

But the Notre Dame defense held strong, and guard Breona Gray's steal with 15

seconds left led to a foul that gave the Irish a chance to ice the game.

However, Gray missed the front-end of a 1-and-1, and it wasn't until Kate Carlin missed a 3-pointer with one second to go that the Notre Dame team could finally breathe a sigh of relief and begin moving up in the Big East standings, where the Irish are now 3-3 in conference.

"We were lucky to win," McGraw said.

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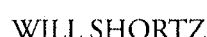
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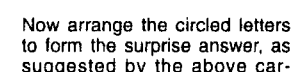
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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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**Happy Birthday:** Don't worry about matters you can't change or you will lose sight of your goals and make few gains. Your success will be your revenge so don't give up on your dreams or give in to foolish promises. This is a year of preservation, so look out for yourself and your rights. Your numbers are 4, 19, 22, 27, 35, 39

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You may have to ask yourself some very straightforward questions to decipher what it is you are really trying to achieve. Make sure that your motives are clear. Don't lend or borrow today. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You may find it difficult to contain your emotions if someone you least expect tries to put one over on you. Don't put up with it but don't show your anger either. Kindness and generosity will always bring better results. \*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Travel will not be in your best interest today. You may prefer a creative job to the one you should be working on but, if you don't take care of pressing responsibilities first, you will not be able to concentrate on what you really want to do. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Sitting around will be a waste of time today. Love is in a high cycle so take full advantage of the possibilities. Entertainment should be scheduled but make sure it is affordable. \*\*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You can expect someone to pose a problem for you. Take time to listen to the complaints but don't take on someone else's burden. You may not be getting all the facts. This is not the day to react quickly or harshly. \*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** This is a great day to take a short trip. The information you obtain or the experience you have will influence your outlook on your future. Love and romance are looking very positive. Spend time with someone you really like. \*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Do things around the house. Sharing one of your creative ideas will excite the people you are with. Younger people will have some fabulous suggestions that will help you expand on your original thoughts. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't be afraid to question someone you want to pursue something with. You can make some very important changes to your surroundings. Avoid anyone who is trying to start an argument. It will be a waste of your time. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't take anything for granted -- especially your bank account or financial situation. You will have some very sudden changes occur if you take a risk. Focus on what you can do for others in terms of service.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stick to what you know and don't try to tell anyone else what to do if you want to keep the peace. Do something to your living quarters that will make you more comfortable or that will help to save you money. You will be rewarded if you observe this lesson. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't push your luck with someone you love. Trouble is brewing and, if you aren't accommodating, you may find yourself on the receiving end of someone's anger. Minor accidents and mishaps are likely, so be careful. \*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take care of money matters. You will get the assistance you need to do something you've wanted to pursue for some time. Being adaptable will be the key to your success. Spend time with someone you really like.

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Holding on

*Team manages to fend off Hoyas for victory*

By ERIC RETTER  
Sports Writer

The last time the Irish played a road game against Georgetown, they squandered a six-point lead with 43 seconds to go and fell 76-73.

On Saturday, McDonough Arena almost struck again.

Notre Dame, who never trailed and dominated play for the first 30 minutes, watched a 12-point lead virtually evaporate inside the last five minutes,

barely hanging on to escape with a 54-52 win.

The Irish jumped out to an early 19-6 lead in the first nine minutes of the contest with points coming from five scorers, including two three-pointers from point guard Megan Duffy. Guard Bethany Lesueur was the sole offensive threat for the Hoyas, scoring all six of their early points.

As the half progressed, the Irish continued to control the action, taking a comfortable 32-18 lead into halftime.

"I thought we played well defensively the first 30 min-

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Megan Duffy, left, chases down a steal in Notre Dame's upset win over DePaul on Jan. 17.

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## ROTC BASKETBALL

### Cadets travel for tourney

*Notre Dame ROTC hosts the corps of 52 schools in competition*

By TIM DOUGHERTY  
Sports Writer

The 20th Annual Flying Irish Basketball Invitational brought together 52 Reserve Officer Training Corps men's and women's teams this weekend from detachments across the country. The tournament, hosted by Notre Dame Air Force ROTC, lasted from Friday night until Sunday afternoon, when the Flying Irish finalists earned the right to play on the same court where the Irish men's team would be practicing later in the day.

In the women's final, South Dakota State Air Force ROTC Jackrabbits upended the Purdue University Navy ROTC and U.S. Marine Corps Boilermakers 34-18. The Jackrabbits were led by the strong guard play of co-tournament Most Valuable Players and sisters Emily and Liz Jarding. The two took over the game after a slow start that only saw six points scored in the first 10 minutes, jetting Purdue out to a 20-7 halftime lead.

In the men's final, Texas

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Last-second jumper lifts Marquette



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Russell Carter drives for a layup in a win over Hofstra on Nov. 11. The Irish have fallen to 1-4 in the Big East.

*Loss puts Irish at 1-4 in Big East conference*

By BOBBY GRIFFIN  
Associate Sports Editor

Marquette forward Steve Novak hit a game-winning fadeaway jump shot with 1.1 seconds remaining to defeat Notre Dame 67-65 Friday and hand the Irish their fourth Big East conference loss in five tries.

"He made a tough shot," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I thought we had a pretty good awareness of him. We

wanted to switch stuff, so we always had people on him. [McAlarney] followed him around after coming off, and he hit a very tough shot."

The senior received the pass and released the ball past the outstretched arm of Notre Dame guard Kyle McAlarney, after being forced towards the sideline.

The 6-foot-1 McAlarney did all he could to block the 6-foot-10 Novak's fadeaway. However, altering the shot was difficult regardless of the height difference.

"It could have been 6-foot-

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## FENCING

### Irish fall short of win in NYU tournament

By DAN TAPETILLO  
Sports Writer

This weekend's matches at the NYU duals proved to be bitter-sweet for Notre Dame.

Despite finding early success against the nation's top teams on Sunday, both Irish teams fell just short of the victory, finishing 4-1.

The No. 2-ranked men defeated their first four opponents. Their first match-up against Yale proved to be less challenging than expected with a 20-7 Irish win. Sophomore foilist Jakub Jedrkowiak and junior Frank

Bontempo both posted wins over 2004 NCAA runner-up Cory Werk. Freshman Mark Kubik fell just short of another Irish victory over Werk, dropping the match 4-5.

"I started off well, but didn't fence well during the bout," Kubik said. "It could have gone either way. But that is how fencing goes. I had some trouble hitting."

No. 5 Columbia was Notre Dame's next challenge.

Notre Dame clinched the impressive win by sophomore epeeist Greg Howard's 5-3 victory over Max Czapskiy. Another notewor-

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## HOCKEY

### Icers win thrilling 4-3 game

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

A month removed from the last time he manned the pipes in a game and two months since his last win, Irish goalie Jordan Pearce came off the bench to spur on the Irish in a comeback Notre Dame victory.

After the Irish fell behind 3-1 at 6:38 of the second period in Saturday's matchup with Northern Michigan, Irish head coach Jeff Jackson called a time out for his team to regain its composure and to make a personnel change. Jackson ordered Pearce



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Center Erik Kondra faces off against Bowling Green on Nov. 11 in a 9-4 Irish win.

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

### SMC SWIMMING

Kalamazoo 143  
Saint Mary's 59

The Belles dropped their final home meet, but look forward to the MIAA Championships.

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### NBA

Bryant scores 81 in Lakers win

Kobe Bryant scored 81 points against Toronto on Sunday night, the second-highest single-game total by a player in NBA history. Only Wilt Chamberlain's 100-point game had more.

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### MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish go 1-1 over weekend

The Irish lost to Northwestern but got back on track against Cleveland State.

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### MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame 6  
Northwestern 1

The No. 26 Irish easily defeated the Wildcats in their season opener.

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### TRACK

Home opener  
sees 12 wins

Oketchi Ogbuokiri qualified for the NCAA Tournament in the 400 meter race.

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