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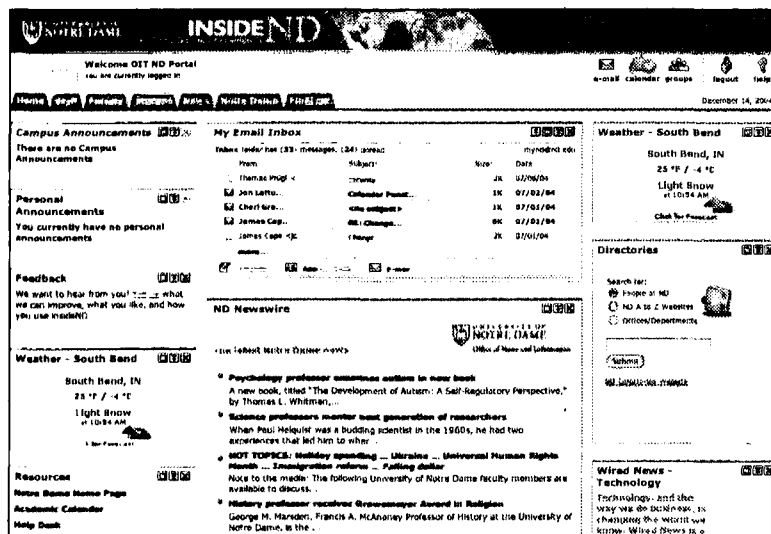
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Specialized Web site offers new opportunities



Internet gateway for students, faculty is first step in University's Renovare Project

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

Starting today, students will be able to log into a new specialized Web site of University information called "Inside ND," offering students a multitude of new opportunities.

With just a single AFS sign-on, students will be able to access e-mail, grades, Web File, national newspapers like The New York Times, campus news headlines, financial services and housing contracts. The new Web-based gateway

will also allow students to register, customize content channels, hold discussion boards and join groups.

Inside ND is just one part of the Renovare Project, the new University mainframe system being installed and set for completion in two years.

Larry LaTarte, the portal manager for OIT, is optimistic about the outcome of the new gateway.

"The goal of [Inside ND] is to be a Web site that students, faculty and staff can log onto

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ND alum donates \$40 million

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame will soon add some nine trillion pennies — or \$40 million — to its piggy bank, thanks to a generous donation from John "Jay" Jordan II.

Jordan is a 1969 alumnus and member of the University's Board of Trustees. He made his surprise announcement Friday at the Trustees' annual winter meeting.



Jordan

The Chicago-area businessman's gift is the second-largest ever received by the University, with the largest (\$50 million) coming from Joan Kroc in 2003. It also establishes Jordan as the most generous benefactor in Notre Dame's history, surpassing Kroc's lifetime donation total of \$69.1 million.

While the purpose of this gift is as yet undesignated, Jordan's past contributions to the University have made their presence known on campus. For example, he is the principal benefactor for the \$70 million Jordan Hall of Science, currently under construction on Juniper Road just north of the Joyce Center. He was also a principal benefactor for the Mendoza College of Business — the auditorium in that building is named in his honor.

Father John Jenkins, who will become University president in July, called Jordan's devotion to Notre Dame "unselfish" and "remarkable."

"The commitment and insight that he brings to our board of trustees is a source of inspiration to all of us at the University," Jenkins said in a press release. "He can take great comfort in

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Professors strive to balance views

Inclusion of personal beliefs provokes debate, creates tension in Notre Dame classrooms

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Editor's Note: This is the first in a three-part series exploring the role of partisan politics in classes at Notre Dame.

On the first day of his American Foreign Policy class, professor Daniel Lindley began his lecture by telling his students he was going to spell out the truth to them, then outlined a number of hard-line, Machiavellian policies as unquestionably correct. Afterward, he asked for their responses, but the students, afraid of contradicting their professor on the first day of a large lecture class, remained quiet.

Lindley then brought up the first slide on the DeBartolo projector — a huge sign with the phrase "TRUST ME" circled in red and crossed out.

"I've started in a variety of ways," Lindley said. "I some-

times start by looking at the American Communist Party Web site, any old extreme place I can find, then say before we start class that I'm going to lay down the truth for you. I do that, then I say, 'Do people have any thoughts?' Often people don't for a while. Then I say, 'Do you know what you've just heard, you bunch of sheep? Think for yourselves here.' People aren't here to receive truth. Political scientists have very little truth to offer."

Lindley's first-lecture strategy is a unique approach to the situation that confronts all professors who teach politically-sensitive classes — the tension between their own convictions and the subject matter of their courses.

"It's such a big issue," said Thomas Guglielmo, concurrent professor of history and American studies. "I think my views of the world, and obviously part of those views have to do with politics,

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Observer file photo

In many classes, professors are often torn between retaining and disclosing their political stances, a choice which affects students.

London students say uneven gender ratio not important

Fewer males apply in fall due to football, according to program director

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

While females often outnumber males in study abroad programs, directors say they do not take gender into consideration when reviewing an applicant.

But an imbalance is especially apparent in the London Program, where this past fall, 90 females enrolled versus 49 males and last spring females outnumbered males 83 to 65,

said Joe Stanfiel, associate director of the London Program.

Terry Bays, another associate director of the Notre Dame London Program, said there are generally more women than men going to London, but said "the difference is pretty slight," citing fall 2003's ratio of 77 females to 69 males and spring 2005's ratio of 69 females to 60 males as examples. She also hypothesized that the reason more women applied for the fall

was because more men wanted to stay on campus for football season.

Bays did say the London office has addressed this gender imbalance in the past.

"If it was felt that there was an imbalance, it was always addressed at the level of recruitment," she said. "There was a concerted effort to, say, hold more informational meetings in the guys' dorms."

Several students said the gender inequity did not affect their



INSIDE COLUMN

Relax, Charlie

Okay, Charlie. Breathe. For two months, you have had two full-time, pressure-packed jobs, and now you have just one.

Enjoy it. Signing day is past and all the recruits have decided where they will be playing next year. Your job now is to prepare the Irish for the 2005-2006 season.

Ken Fowler

Sports Writer

And you know what that hyphen implies. Already, some dedicated — though misguided — posters on Rock's House at NDnation.com are wondering whether or not you have yet consulted with the reorganized athletic-department staff about using the Gug on Thursday nights before away games and how that will affect your practice schedule for the special-teams unit. But the smart ones have another idea for you: Chill out.

Kick back and enjoy a few days at home with the family before you return to this family. You will have plenty of time to get the football team and the entire campus pumped, ready and nasty after you take a little vacation.

In fact, it has begun. Just thinking about using your manipulative offensive schemes against Michigan makes walking (and daydreaming) across Touchdown Jesus Quad incredibly enjoyable.

But right now, you need a break. Five hundred phone calls and 80-hour workweeks can only last so long. You've got to slow down to be ready for next season. The stress here will be unlike anything you've ever dealt with.

You have to come in with a clear mind to deal with the press, especially for mid-week news conferences.

Punt from the 30, and we'll make you think you just bombed Jordan when you meant to target Syria. Use all the team's timeouts in the third quarter, and certain Washington Post sportswriters will liken you to Chris Weber. Miss a kickoff because you were in the bathroom, and you'll hear it for the rest of your life — not just season or even career.

Actually, that last part is not totally correct. People still complain about Dan Devine's playcalling in the 1979 season. The man died two years ago.

So get your mind out of football for a little while before you start dealing with that stuff.

Clear your mind and spend some of those \$2 million per year to take a load off after coaching 23 games since Aug. 13.

Sure, Notre Dame needs you badly, but we need you as a coach who can come in here and kick butt for 25 straight weeks. We don't need you coming in here with half the weight of the world lifted off your shoulders only to be replaced by the other half.

Your goal is to do something with the Irish that would make this campus go crazy. But you can't do that if you are going crazy in the process.

So sit back, grab a beverage and watch some relaxing TV.

Just one last suggestion: Stay away from Irish men's basketball games. They're known to cause ulcers.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH CELEBRITY WOULD YOU ELECT STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND WHY?



Emily Rhatican
freshman McGlinn

"Brett Favre, because he should be playing in the Super Bowl."



Eric Sales
freshman Dillon

"Howard Stern, because this place is way too conservative."



Lauren Gulley
freshman Howard

"The Fab Five from 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy,' because they would shake things up around campus."



Meagan Fitzpatrick
junior McGlinn

"Bob Barker, because my section needs a new VCR."



Rachel Heneghan
freshman Howard

"Napolean Dynamite, because he's flippin' sweet!"



Simon Joseph
freshman Dillon

"Sir Alec Guinness — he was Obi Wan Kenobi!"



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Track and field athlete Petra Dankova, a junior who is originally from the Czech Republic, participates in the triple jump finals in Sunday's Meyo Invitational. Dankova placed fifth in the event.

OFFBEAT

Legal challenges aren't squeezing this nudie bar

SALEM, S.D. — The mix of nude dancers, orange juice and black-and-white independent films wasn't in Bob Rieger's original business plan. But it has helped his Racehorses Gentlemen's Club survive amid the cornfields of McCook County and fend off a two-year barrage of challenges from politicians and outraged members of Citizens Against Nude Juicebars and Pornography.

"I've been to court with them four times, and I beat them every time,"

Rieger says.

When the county denied Rieger a liquor license for a bar, he opened a strip club with a juice bar in 2003. When it served a stop order saying a commercial business could not operate in area zoned for agriculture, Rieger went to court and won.

Bored boy uses Balaclava

OSLO, Norway — A bored 12-year-old boy passing time by trying out his new balaclava triggered a terrorism alert at a southern Norway airport.

Glen Tommy Hvorup

was waiting in a car for a delayed passenger at the Sandefjord Airport, about 60 miles south of Oslo, when he got fidgety, the local newspaper reported Monday.

"We had been waiting for an hour and a half, and I was really bored," the boy told the Sandefjords Blad newspaper. "I sat in the car and pulled the knitted cap down over my face a few times. I didn't notice anyone reacting."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Etienne De Jonghe, the International Secretary of the Pax Christi International, will lead a Fireside Chat called "The role of religious NGOs in Peacebuilding" tonight at 7 p.m. in the Coleman Morse lounge.

Four: 7 is sponsoring a showing of "The Passion of the Christ" in honor of Ash Wednesday, this Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Coleman Morse lounge.

Notre Dame will present its second annual Queer Film Festival beginning Wednesday and continuing through Saturday. The event takes place all day in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

The class of 2008 is holding "Speed Dating" Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. at Legends.

Actors from the London Stage will stage a performance of "Othello" Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

Chicago Samba, a Midwest-based music ensemble that performs authentic Brazilian music, will perform at the Palais Royale Friday from 8 p.m. until midnight. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Kellogg Institute, International Student Services and Activities, International Study Programs, La Alaianza, and WVPE 88.1 FM.

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

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Saint Mary's schedules second blood drive

Due to success of first initiative, student organization plans another donation opportunity

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

With its first blood drive an overwhelming success, the Saint Mary's Affiliation of the American Chemical Society (SMAACS) is holding a second blood drive today from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Regina Hall North Lounge.

SMAACS member Donna Lubbers organized both drives and said she is thrilled with the selflessness from the College community.

"There are usually blood drives held on campus — one during the first semester and one during the second," Lubbers said. "However, no club or organization had sponsored any of them so far, and because of the shortage, we decided we should hold one."

After the sign-up sheet for the first drive, held Feb. 2, filled up in less than a day, Lubbers decided to bring the South Bend Medical Foundation (SBMF) back to campus.

Lubbers said while the first drive brought in around 30 donors, the second one is slated to have more than 40 people.

"Our [original] goal was really to get as many people who were willing and eligible

to donate," Lubbers said. "Every little bit helps, and we've more than exceeded any goal we had hoped for."

As with the first drive, the mobile blood bank will be transported to campus and set up in the lounge. Staff members from the SBMF then test each donor to make sure they are able to donate. These qualifications include making sure the person is not ill, has high enough iron levels and has not donated within the last three months.

Lubbers hopes to bring the SBMF to campus more often, especially since others wanted to donate, but were unable to fit it into their schedules.

She is also encouraging anyone who has not donated to stop by today, or to contact the SBMF by calling or taking a walk in appointment.

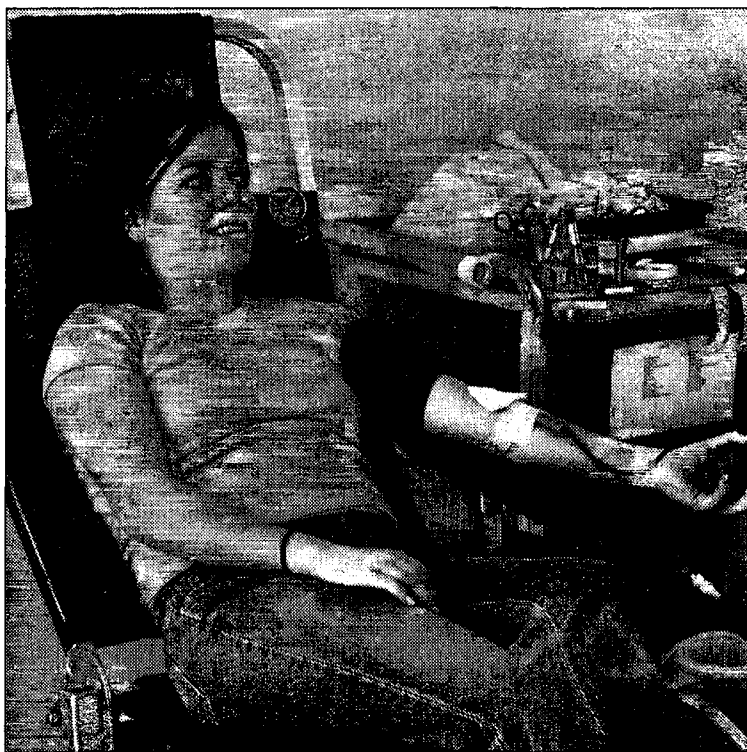
"You fill out a form and they check blood pressure, temperature, hemoatocrit and a few other things, and you can donate right on the spot," Lubbers said. "Saving a life has never been easier."

Junior Jocelyn Demeter said she is planning on donating tomorrow for the first time.

"It's important to me to try to help others by giving something I already have,"

"Saving a life has never been easier."

Donna Lubbers
blood drive organizer



Donor Stephanie Snyder watches as blood is drawn from her arm Feb. 2. The drive was so popular its organizers planned another.

Demeter said. "I have attempted to donate before but couldn't because of my lower iron. But now, I have taken care of the problem and am ready and willing to give something to the community that I myself may need one day."

For anyone nervous about donating, Lubbers offers a few encouraging words to calm

nerves.

"There are so many people in need, and it only takes about 30 minutes out of your day," Lubbers said. "And even though it does involve a needle, it's not painful and you get a cookie and juice at the end."

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Museum director will speak

Special to The Observer

James Cuno, president and the Eloise W. Martin Director of the Art Institute of Chicago, will present a lecture titled "Why Art Museums are Essential: The Challenges and Opportunities of Directing an Art Museum" at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art at the University of Notre Dame. The talk is free and open to the public.

Formerly the director of the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, Cuno assumed directorship of the Chicago institute in September. He previously served as director of the art museums at Harvard University and Dartmouth College, as well as the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts at UCLA, and taught art history courses at all three institutions.

Cuno has written and lectured extensively throughout the United States, Europe and Japan on topics ranging from French caricature of the 18th and 19th centuries to the role of art museums in contemporary American cultural policy. His most recent work on the latter topic is a book titled "Whose Muse? Art Museums and the Public's Trust," for which he served as co-author and editor.

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shape everything. I think it's a challenge to every professor to understand that, be aware of that, and to be particularly vigilant about presenting multiple perspectives."

Guglielmo said he believes the best method to take with students is to present and explain his beliefs in a way that is neither one-sided nor dogmatic.

"I try to say, 'These are my perspectives, clearly it's coloring the way I view this recent history, and the way we understand this history should be an open conversation,'" he said.

At schools across the country, the academic right to free classroom dialogue is occasionally disrupted by professors and administrators unwilling to listen to views that are not their own.

In 1994, an Army ROTC student at Bowling Green took a class on the Vietnam War, and as it happened, one of the times he was required by ROTC to wear his fatigues overlapped with one of his Vietnam War classes. His

professor, antagonistic to the U.S. military in all its forms, would point out the student as a tool of the "imperialist enemy," i.e., the United States, according to David Horowitz's "The Heterodoxy Handbook: How to Survive a PC Campus." Uncomfortable with being the butt of his professor's spite, the student asked the professor to allow him to drop the class, but the professor refused and at the end of the semester, failed him.

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Tom Guglielmo
American studies professor

More recently, the University of North Carolina-Wilmington's administration last year retracted its official recognition of the university's College Republicans on the grounds the group limited its membership to Republicans. Only after serious protest did UNC Wilmington reinstate the group.

Notre Dame philosophy professor David Solomon knows of a former student who faced a similar conflict at Bryn Mawr. The student, who was the head of Bryn Mawr's two-person pro-life group, was allowed to attend a pro-choice talk and discussion only after signing a legal document in which she guaranteed she would not ask a question, Solomon said.

Although these cases of

professorial and administrative bias are the exception and not the rule, they have nonetheless generated a great deal of media attention and have been cited by conservatives as evidence of the disproportionate liberal majority in American academia.

At Notre Dame, professors are well aware of this issue and consider it of the utmost importance to maintain complete impartiality with respect to their students at all times. However, the extent to which they tell students their views differs greatly from professor to professor.

Political science professor Alvin Tillery, like Guglielmo, said he presents students with his political beliefs, but only as his personal conclusions, not as undeniable truth.

"I tell students what I would do in a certain situation, but I always say it's just my own struggle," Tillery said. "Is that right? It's right for me, but they have to figure out what's right for them."

Solomon, who teaches a number of medical ethics classes whose subjects are often controversial, stressed it was important both for both he and his students to present and refine their own views.

"I tell students they will know what I believe on the

moral issues, and I want them to tell me what they believe," Solomon said. "I think moral debate can't go on unless people put their own views out on the table."

"Especially at this time of deep political division, impartiality is crucial."

Robert Schmuhl
American studies professor

But political science professor Peri Arnold took a different perspective, believing professors should keep their own political views outside the classroom as much as possible.

"I rarely broach my own partisan political preferences in a classroom setting," Arnold said. "This is not political theology. Our first responsibility as students of politics is to put aside our ideologies and develop intellectual and analytical rigor."

American studies professor Robert Schmuhl agreed. Keeping in mind the current contentious political climate, professors have a particularly deep obligation to keep their own views to themselves, he said.

"Especially at this time of deep political division, impartiality is critical," Schmuhl said. "If there was a perception that a teacher thought one way or the other, that could create a barrier to understanding or to fostering an open mind about political issues."

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considering the generations of Notre Dame students who will reap the benefits of his contributions in so many ways."

Current University President Father Edward Malloy also noted the impact that Jordan would have on the University's future.

"This is an extraordinary gift," Malloy said, "from a man whose generosity will forever be a legendary part of Notre Dame's heritage."

Jordan has held a number of leadership roles on campus, including chair of the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee and chair of the Advisory Council for the College of Business. He is currently serving as chair of the Board of Trustees' Investment Committee.

The city of Chicago is also feeling Jordan's impact. He is the founder of The Jordan Company, a private investment firm that acquires, manages and builds companies for the TJC partnership account, and is chairman and chief executive officer of the Chicago-based holding company Jordan Industries Inc. Besides that, Jordan serves on the boards of the YMCA, Lyric Opera and Latin School of Chicago.

Jordan earned a Bachelor's degree in finance from Notre Dame in 1969. In 2001, he received an honorary degree.

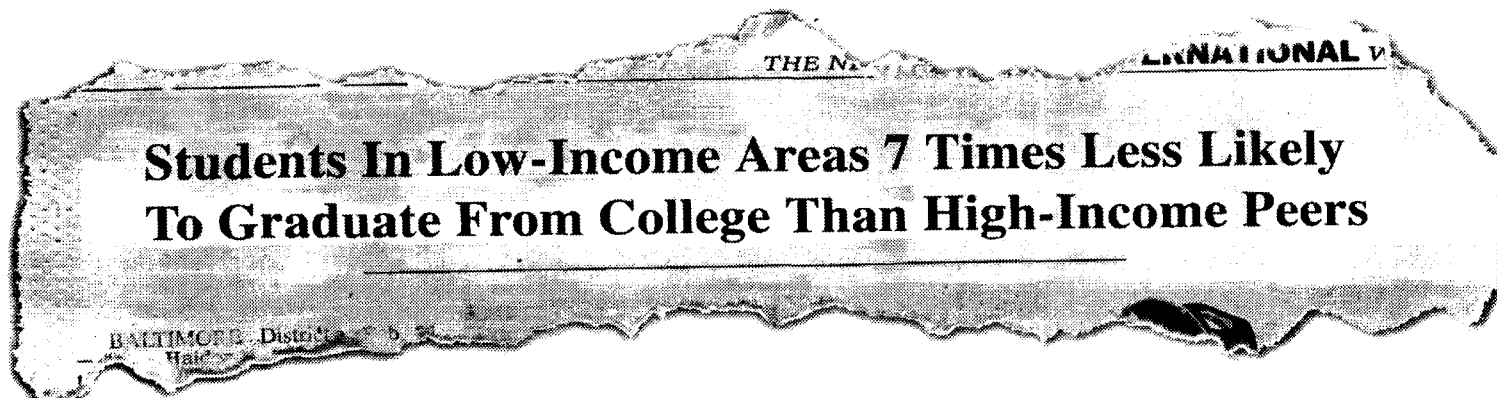
Jordan and his wife currently reside in Chicago. They have two children; John "J.W." Jordan III, class of 2001, and Jennifer Jordan, class of 2003.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Four Egyptians kidnapped

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen waylaid a minibus yesterday carrying foreign technicians to their jobs at a mobile telephone company in western Baghdad, seizing four Egyptians in the second kidnapping of foreigners in the Iraqi capital within a week.

The daylight ambush occurred only two days after gunmen grabbed an Italian woman journalist near Baghdad University, raising fears of a new wave of kidnappings after a decline in abductions since last year's capture of a rebel stronghold west of Baghdad.

Elsewhere, insurgents killed two Iraqi National Guard soldiers Sunday and wounded three others in an ambush south of Baghdad.

Two rockets exploded near Baghdad International Airport and a third slammed into an Iraqi National Guard building in a western suburb. There were no reports of casualties.

Kickbacks paid to secure oil trade

GENEVA — As investigators continued their probe into the scandal-tainted U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq, the Associated Press learned yesterday that at least two Swiss trading companies paid kickbacks to secure contracts to buy oil from Saddam Hussein.

According to documents obtained by AP, a Geneva-based firm paid a \$60,000 illegal surcharge to the Iraqi oil ministry in 2001.

The firm, Lakia Sarl, paid the money to an Iraqi-controlled bank account in Jordan in order to obtain a contract for the Iraqi oil. The company is run by Gazi Luguev, a Russian.

When Iraq failed to fulfill the contract, Luguev complained to the Iraqi Oil Marketing Organization, or SOMO, and demanded the kickback be returned, copying the correspondence to the United Nations.

NATIONAL NEWS

CIA to release Nazi war documents

WASHINGTON — The CIA has agreed to release more information about Nazi war criminals it hired during the Cold War, ending a standoff between the intelligence agency and the group seeking the documents, Sen. Mike DeWine said Sunday.

DeWine, R-Ohio, was lead Senator author of a 1998 law that required all U.S. government documents related to Nazi war crimes to be declassified, but the Central Intelligence Agency had resisted giving up details about the work performed by agents with Nazi ties.

The law has led to the release of more than 8 million pages of documents, including 1.25 million from the CIA, which showed that the agency or its predecessor, the Office of Strategic Services, had a relationship with some individuals later found to be war criminals.

Nurse injects lethal doses in patients

NOCONA, Texas — Many in town who saw and chatted with Vickie Dawn Jackson thought the nurse was sweet, patient and kindhearted. Her family saw it differently.

Jackson goes on trial this week, charged with injecting elderly patients with lethal drug doses, killing 10 and injuring another. Jury selection begins Tuesday.

The case, according to Jackson's family, offers a glimpse of a woman who had one face for the world and a very different one for those close to her.

LOCAL NEWS

IPS plans national leadership search

INDIANAPOLIS — One consultant has proposed a quick fix to Indianapolis Public Schools' search for a new superintendent: Look no further than Washington Township's Eugene R. White.

The suggestion from the Illinois-based Bickert Group underscores the attention the 56-year-old White is drawing as IPS looks for a successor to retiring schools chief Duncan Pat Pritchett.

ISRAEL

Push continues to free more prisoners

Palestinians agree to form joint committee that will decide on prisoner release

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel signaled Sunday it will consider freeing some Palestinian prisoners involved in attacks on Israelis, defusing a crisis with the Palestinian Authority days ahead of a historic Mideast summit.

Last week, Israel's Cabinet approved the release of 900 prisoners, none involved in violence. Palestinian officials complained that the planned gesture, ahead of Tuesday's summit in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik, did not go far enough, and the dispute overshadowed summit preparations.

Late Saturday, top aides of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas agreed to form a committee to study additional releases, including those of prisoners involved in attacks. Negotiators also finalized an arrangement of conditional amnesty for Palestinian fugitives, they said.

Sunday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived for separate talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, in part to review the summit agenda. Her first stop was the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, where she laid a wreath and lit a flame at a site where ashes from Nazi death camps are interred.

In the Gaza Strip, an Egyptian delegation led by the deputy of intelligence chief Omar Suleiman was to meet with Abbas, leaders of militant groups and security commanders to shore up an emerging cease-fire deal and review the deployment of Palestinian police in the volatile territory.

The prisoner issue is one of the most emotionally charged on the Israeli-Palestinian agenda, and a large-scale release would



U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice lays a wreath in front of the Eternal Fire, inside the Hall of Remembrance, at Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Sunday

boost Abbas' efforts to negotiate an end to the armed Palestinian uprising.

Israel holds more than 7,000 Palestinians prisoners, many of them arrested in the current round of fighting.

Palestinian officials have complained that Israel's decision to release 900 prisoners is insufficient. They are pushing for the immediate release of some 400 prisoners convicted before 1993, when Israel and the PLO signed a mutual recognition agreement.

Hisham Abdel Razek, Palestinian Cabinet minister in charge of prisoner issues, said that if Israel

does not ease its criteria, it could hurt Abbas.

"It will not allow him to succeed in the Palestinian street," Abdel Razek told Israel Army Radio.

Israel's deputy defense minister, Zeev Boim, said additional prisoner releases were inevitable, but Israel would not rush into them.

"The issue of releasing prisoners is very sensitive for them (the Palestinians), so we will have to release prisoners," Boim told Army Radio. "The committee will discuss how it can be done."

A senior Israeli official said on condition of anonymity that additional releases would be consid-

ered by the joint committee. In return, the Palestinian agreed not to make the prisoners "an issue at the summit," the Israeli official said.

Israeli security officials said Qassam Barghouti, son of imprisoned uprising leader Marwan Barghouti, would be freed. The younger Barghouti, a student in Egypt, was arrested on entering the West Bank in 2003 because Israelis suspected him of involvement in terrorist activities.

Israel is refusing to free the elder Barghouti, who is serving five life terms after convictions on involvement in fatal attacks against Israelis.

Bush proposes \$2.5 trillion budget

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's \$2.5 trillion budget is shaping up as his most austere, trying to restrain spending across a wide swath of government from popular farm subsidies to poor people's health programs.

Vice President Dick Cheney on Sunday defended the plan against Democratic criticism that Bush had to seek steep cuts in scores of federal programs because he is unwilling to roll back first-term tax cuts that opponents contend primarily benefited the wealthy.

The budget's submission to

Congress on Monday will set off months of intense debate.

Lawmakers from both parties can be expected to vigorously fight to protect their favorite programs.

"This is the tightest budget that has been submitted since we got here," Cheney told "Fox News Sunday."

"It is a fair, reasonable, responsible, serious piece of effort."

"It's not something we have done with a meat ax, nor are we suddenly turning our backs on the most needy people in our society."

The president, who campaigned for re-election on a pledge to cut the deficit in half by 2009, is targeting

150 government programs for either outright elimination or sharp cutbacks.

Bush will propose spending \$2.5 trillion in the budget year that begins Oct. 1.

For the current year, he is estimating the budget deficit will reach a record \$427 billion.

That compares with last year's \$412 billion deficit and is the third straight year the Bush administration will have set, in dollar terms, a deficit high.

The five-year projections in the budget will show the deficit declining to about \$230 billion in 2009, when a new president takes office.

Renovare

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and get a broad amount of information that's all in one place," LaTarte said.

Inside ND ran a pilot program with O'Neill students and the College of Business during winter 2004, offering students different levels of exposure to the new system. According to LaTarte, users were pleased with the system.

"The feedback has been positive," he said. "Students seem excited."

Included on the Web site are students groups, providing a new arena for student correspondence. For example, Inside ND's RecSports group could help make communication among team captains and team members easier and more effective.

"It's pushing out information to a group of people that's more manageable," LaTarte said.

Doug McKenna, the degree audit specialist, said the registration for summer school classes and fall classes of next year will take place via Inside ND. McKenna also said Inside ND will make class registration and class searches easier.

"It will have a powerful functionality with class searches," he said.

The current system of class registration on Irishlink allows students to search for classes only by title and subject. With Inside ND, however, students can perform a class search by course number, title, professor, time and/or day of the week.

Another change involving registration is there will no longer be a 15-minute window for registering. Instead, students will still receive a registration appointment time, but they will now be free to make changes to their schedules through the seventh day of classes. Students will receive more information about the new registration process in March, McKenna said, but he believes it will be a positive change.

"Students will never miss their appointment time," McKenna said. "It's user friendly ... and there are increased functionalities built in that we think students will like."

LaTarte and McKenna both hope students will start using Inside ND right away.

"It'll be nice if they get used to it," said McKenna. "Any information that a student could want will be available on Inside ND."

After Hewlett-Packard announced the discontinuation of support for the University's mainframe in fall 2001, the University had five years to completely renovate

the system. Craig Brummell, the project manager for Renovare, said the new primary vendors include support systems from SCT, and IBM is the platform the systems sit on. OIT will run those systems from here on site.

The Renovare Project has "required careful staging over a number of years," Brummell said. The University's financial services have been using the new mainframe system since last July and admitting offices already converted to the new system last fall. Brummell said the transition from the old mainframe system to Renovare has been going smoothly, thanks to the Renovare team of 80 to 100 people that has been working cross-campus.

"They have been really dedicated ... making the transition as seamless as possible," Brummell said. "In projects like these there are always issues. Change can be challenging ... but we have not had any major bumps along the way."

Students will be receiving advertisements and communications over the next five months with information about new updates and encouragements to log in and check out the new system.

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Hopeful candidates prepare for 2008 election

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — In the course of three short months, the political system has come full circle: a presidential campaign, an inauguration, a State of the Union address and now this — another presidential race.

A dozen or so ambitious Republicans and Democrats already are warming up for 2008.

Former Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards is taking on poverty and showing off a new stump speech. Republican Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts has donated more than \$250,000 to GOP causes, collecting political IOUs while planning visits to early voting states. Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana is hiring veteran operatives and talking up donors.

No list could be made without mentioning Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. — two political Goliaths who cannot make a move without being accused of presidential posturing.

"Many, many people on both sides will spend the next couple of years putting themselves in a position so they can decide whether or not to run," Bayh adviser Anita Dunn said.

"If two years from now, you're just getting started on building a political team, two things will happen: All the top talent will be gone and, more importantly, you'll start out with a team that's not cohesive," she said.

Wasting no time, Bayh has begun to put together a presidential-style political team. It includes Paul Maslin, pollster for Howard Dean's failed presidential bid, and Steve Bouchard, a leading organizer in New Hampshire, traditionally the site of the first presidential primary.

Edwards was in the Granite State on Saturday to speak about his fledgling Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity. The North Carolina-based program will give Edwards a public platform and a cause, two things he will need to remain politically viable after leaving the Senate last month.

While saying he has not decided whether to seek the presidency, Edwards sounded like a man who is putting a lot of thought into what makes voters tick.

"People are looking for strength and conviction, a core set of beliefs that we stand behind," he said in an interview previewing his speech to Democratic activists.

"I just believe that what the American people need in their leaders is to know where they stand. They may not know the nuance of the policy, but they know where that person wants to take the country," Edwards said.

Asked if President Bush passed that gut-check test with voters, Edwards paused before answering. "I don't think that's true, but there are a lot of people who do," he said.

Edwards did not want to say why his former running mate, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, is faulted for lacking conviction and vision. "I think that's a complicated question," Edwards said. "Others can respond to that. I actually think John Kerry was a very good man and would have made a very good president."

Kerry may still want to be president, a prospect that could complicate Edwards' aspirations.

After falling 19 electoral votes short of the White House, Kerry quickly regrouped to make a trip to Iraq, ship two mass e-mails to 2004 supporters and deliver a health care speech that countered Bush on the issue.

Advisers say Kerry does not need to campaign as early as other potential candidates because of his high profile and big bank account. They reject criticism from fellow Democrats who accuse Kerry of running a poor campaign that froze out some of the party's top talent.

Many Democrats predict that Clinton will be the early front-runner for the nomination should she decide to run. The former first lady has begun to talk more frequently in public about her faith and, like Edwards, casts the fight against poverty as a moral cause.

Her recent speech on abortion broke no new ground, but nonetheless was dissected for signs that Clinton is moderating her views.

Behind the scenes, her advisers are gearing up for her 2006 re-election campaign, which they hope is a trial run for a presidential race.

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Anita Dunn
political adviser

Abroad

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Several students said the gender inequity did not affect their time in London whatsoever.

"I don't think it impacted my experience all that much," said junior Sean Friedman, who went to London this fall. "I didn't think about how my gender would affect my acceptance, either. I just tried to write the best essay I could."

Junior Christopher Mahoney, who also went to London this fall, said he didn't notice the difference either — but that he was used to the gender imbalance.

"I am an English major. The ratio [in those classes] is pretty similar," he said.

Emma Nolan, who studied

in Rome last spring, pointed to academic majors as a reason for the imbalance.

"I think that girls are more likely to study humanities or foreign languages, and thus want to study abroad," she said.

Bays noted that an academic major imbalance is also a concern for the office.

Should the London Program see more students from one college applying than another, it makes similar efforts in the recruitment process the next year, concentrating on the underrepresented majors.

Cavanaugh junior Meghan Desmond said the extra females expanded

her horizons. "I was able to get to know some girls from other dorms," she said.

The only time that gender is considered in the study

abroad application review is after the students have been accepted, said Bays. At that point, the program starts calculating the numbers in order to place the students into their flats.

Mahoney said the living situation was the only time he thought about gender in London.

"With girls living just across the hall," he said, "I began to see the opposite sex less like objects and more like people."

He recalled their first experience without parietals.

"We were sitting around and suddenly 2 a.m. rolled around," he said. "We all asked ourselves, 'What happened now?' When we realized nothing was going to happen to us, we carried on talking as usual."

More females or not, Mahoney found studying abroad to be a great experience for gender relations.

"We got along famously," he said, "traveling all around Europe together."

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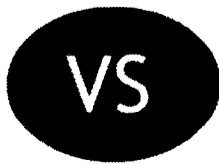
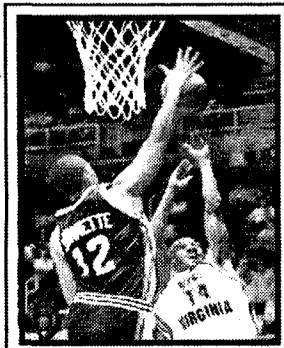
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G-7 countries to take on debt

Seven wealthiest nations make firm commitment to alleviate Third World poverty

Associated Press

LONDON — The world's seven wealthiest nations said Saturday they were willing to take on up to 100 percent of the debt owed by some of the poorest countries. But they failed to agree on a British plan to boost international aid by \$50 billion a year.

But G-7 finance ministers said they would consider debt relief on a country-by-country basis and underlined that governments must show themselves accountable for how they would use money freed up by the relief for poverty reduction.

"It is the richest countries hearing the voices of the poor," said Britain's Treasury chief Gordon Brown, hailing the London gathering as a breakthrough.

The ministers did not make any firm promises or say when such a relief program would begin or how much money the nations would be willing to provide.

But it was the firmest commitment the G-7 industrialized nations have made to alleviate the debt burden that cripples the Third World.

Britain has made tackling poverty in Africa and the developing world a priority for its presidency of the G-8 — the Group of Seven industrialized nations, plus Russia — and says the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals of tackling the poverty, hunger and disease affecting billions of people will not be met by 2015 without urgent action.

But U.S. opposition scuttled Brown's attempts to secure backing for his plans to double international aid by raising some \$50 billion on the world capital markets.

France, Germany and Italy backed his International Finance Facility, but the United



Britain's Treasury chief Gordon Brown's, left, proposed G-7 nations boost international aid by \$50 billion a year.

States said the plan did not meet U.S. budgetary rules.

"The IFF is something that the U.S. cannot support because of our legislative process," U.S. Treasury Undersecretary John Taylor said.

Campaigners say the poorest countries find it impossible to improve their status because of unfair trade tariffs and the massive burden of interest repayments.

The G-7 ministers said that if a nation is approved for relief, their governments would be willing to take on up to 100 percent of the country's debt owed to international bodies such as the World Bank

and African Development Bank, meeting interest repayments and paying off the principle.

"We are agreed on a case-by-case basis analysis of HIPC (heavily indebted poor countries) based on our willingness to provide as much as 100 percent multilateral debt relief," the ministers said in a statement. To qualify, developing countries must have "sound, accountable and transparent institutions."

Discussions on how to move forward with the relief will continue during Britain's presidency of the European Union, with further details expected at the G-8 summit in July.

Nations in sub-Saharan Africa alone owe some \$68 billion to international bodies such as the World Bank, the African Development Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Oxfam senior policy adviser Max Lawson welcomed the ministers' statement of their willingness to move on debt. "They've passed the first hurdle of 2005, but they need to move quickly to turn their proposals into real change," he said.

"If rich countries are going to keep their promises to tackle obscene poverty they need deliver — and deliver quickly," he said.

IN BRIEF

Indiana RV plant lays off 125 workers

DECATUR — Recreational vehicle manufacturer Fleetwood Enterprises Inc., has laid off nearly 10 percent of its production work force, about 125 people, due to lower than expected demand, company officials said.

Fleetwood spokeswoman Kathy Munson said the work force cuts, which the company hopes are temporary, were needed to reduce bloated inventories.

"Demand has been volatile of late," she said. "It was particularly slow in the September-October timeframe in part because of weather-related issues in the southeast United States and uncertainty about the election."

Munson said Fleetwood had continued to build inventories until January thinking that demand would come back more strongly than it did.

She did not rule out further layoffs at the 125-acre operation, which turns out about 4,000 diesel RVs annually in Decatur, about 35 miles south of Fort Wayne.

Fleetwood also has a fiberglass operation in Decatur that employs about 480 people and a roughly 180-employee facility in Garrett about 20 miles north of Fort Wayne that makes manufactured homes.

Tribe opposes sale of Detroit casino

DETROIT — An American Indian tribe fighting the city over the way franchises were awarded for the city's three casinos said Friday it would oppose the sale of the MGM Grand Detroit Casino.

The Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, based in the western Upper Peninsula, said it had filed a notice of intent to oppose the sale with the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

The court already is considering the tribe's lawsuit challenging the franchise bidding process. In 2002, it ordered the city and developers not to build permanent casinos while the tribe pressed its case to reopen the bidding.

The MGM Grand is owned by Las Vegas gambling giant MGM Mirage Inc., which last year agreed to purchase Mandalay Resort Group, owner of a majority stake in Detroit's MotorCity Casino.

Experts predict record high in gas prices

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gasoline prices rose more than 7 percent in January, which typically is one of the slowest driving months of the year.

That's leading experts to predict pump prices may surge past last year's record highs when highway travel picks up late in the spring.

Government figures show that the average price of regular unleaded has risen in each of the last four weeks, jumping from \$1.78 at the start of the year to \$1.91 a gallon in the week ended Jan. 31.

That's more than 30 cents a gallon higher than a year earlier.

Prices are highest on the West Coast, averaging \$1.99 a gallon and lowest in the Rocky Mountain region, averaging \$1.83 a gallon.

Last year, the average price peaked above \$2 a gallon in May, just before Memorial Day, which is the unofficial start of the summer driving season.

To be just a dime short of that level in early February is not good news for motorists, analysts said.

Carl Larry, head of energy futures at Barclays Capital in New York, said he expects retail gasoline prices to rise above last year's peak due to rising demand for fuel and the higher price of crude oil, from which gasoline is refined.

"We're starting to see the economy come back, so demand can only go higher from where it's at," Larry said.

Over the past four weeks, nationwide demand for gasoline is up more than 1 percent at 8.8 million barrels, according to the latest U.S. government data.

Larry said gasoline prices would be propelled higher this spring by fears about the nation's growing dependence on imports and the possibility of supply-chain snags as refiners temporarily shut down, or turn around operations in order to shift production from winter-grade fuel to cleaner-burning summer blends.

IRAQ

Complaints emerge after historic election

Irregularities between polling stations, ballots plague Iraq's electoral commission

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Some polling stations were shuttered. Others ran out of ballots. A provincial governor's name was left off the list of candidates. And some minorities complain it is all a plot to silence them.

One week after Iraq's historic election, allegations of confusion, mismanagement or worse are surfacing, complicating the vote count and perhaps providing ammunition for politicians to question the entire process if they do not fare well in the final tally.

It is too early to tell if the criticism can undermine the legitimacy of the incoming National Assembly. But in some local races, fears are already strong that flawed elections will give rise to provincial councils with skewed demographic representation.

The most serious allegations are concentrated in violence-plagued areas or those with mixed religious and ethnic groups. Failure to reconcile discord over the Jan. 30 vote could worsen local tensions.

Iraq's electoral commission says it has received more than 100 complaints of irregularities. It has formed an independent team of three lawyers to investigate, though election officials have sought to downplay the scope and seriousness of the problems.

"There are political parties that have contested the legitimacy of the election process even before the voting started," election official Adel al-Lami said. "It's because they know they won't get many votes."

On Sunday, hundreds of Iraqis — mostly Assyrian Christians and Turkomans — shouted slogans and waved Iraqi flags outside Baghdad's heavily guarded Green Zone to protest alleged irregularities in Mosul that they say prevented tens of thousands from voting.

Because of the security situation, many international monitors watched the election from nearby Jordan. Much of the voting and ballot counting was done in the presence of party representatives with their own agendas. And critics say Iraqi monitors, however impartial, had little experience.

One of the first public complaints came from Iraq's president, Ghazi al-Yawer, who told reporters that tens of thousands of people in Mosul were unable to vote because of insufficient ballots. Al-Yawer's base is in that northern city, which has a largely Sunni Arab population and significant Kurdish and Christian minorities.

His ticket is faring poorly in the early vote count nationally.

The ballot shortage in Mosul meant many Sunni Arabs and others who wanted to vote could not. Other Sunnis stayed at home either out of fear of insurgent reprisals or opposition to balloting with foreign troops in the country.

However, such complaints are not limited to the Sunni Arabs. Kurds, Christians and Turkomans have lodged similar grievances.

Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, and its surrounding areas are at the epicenter of complaints. Mosul presented special challenges even apart from the ethnic and cultural mix.

There was a rebel uprising in the city in November and the entire 5,000-member police force deserted. U.S. and Iraqi forces quickly restored order but the situation remained tense.

With the insurgents threatening to disrupt the balloting, many — if not most — of Mosul's election workers quit their jobs. Officials had to recruit replacements from as far away as Baghdad.

Few expected a big turnout in Mosul. But election day was calmer than predicted and many voters did show — only to discover that some polling centers never opened and others ran out of ballots.

The scope of the problem remains unclear, but several politicians claim

hundreds of thousands were disenfranchised in the city and surrounding province. An investigation is under way.

"There are centers that opened and yet did not get enough ballots, which proves there were bad intentions," said Meshaan al-Jubouri, a Sunni Arab politician.

He claimed election officials were among those who "didn't want the Sunnis to vote so that the Shiites could score a fake victory."

Al-Jubouri is demanding that an international commission investigate the Mosul complaints and another election be held. The commission denies any move to disenfranchise voters but has ruled out a new election.

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Sunni Arab politician

THE VATICAN

Pope determined to lead church

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II blessed the faithful from his hospital window Sunday, looking frail and speaking with difficulty but determined to show he can still lead the Roman Catholic Church.

The 10-minute appearance at an open window gave the public its first glimpse of the 84-year-old pontiff since his hospitalization, which rekindled questions about his ability to carry on.

He looked rested and alert, and a message read for him by an Argentine archbishop standing beside him seemed designed to quell doubts about the pope's readiness and ability to lead the Church.

"... In this hospital, in the middle of other sick people to whom my affectionate thoughts go out, I can continue to serve the church and the entire humanity," the message said.

As well-wishers, many with tears in their eyes, gazed up at his 10th-floor window, John

Paul gave his usual brief blessing. But his words, in a gravelly voice, were barely understandable.

"I think it's very touching because the Holy Father is not doing well and seeing his will to appear is moving," said Daniela Sgro, a 25-year-old Italian.

"John Paul is a different pope," said Pilar Vizcaya, visiting Rome from Mexico. "He's very humane and has a big heart. Let's hope we can see him again in good health soon."

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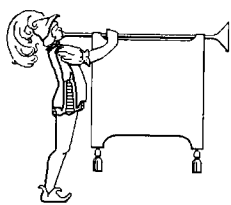
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Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

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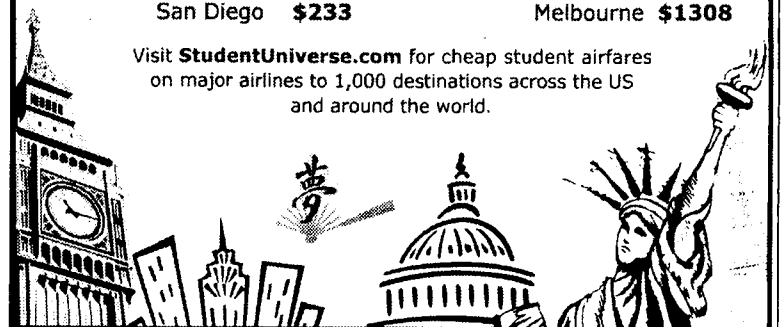
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New CIA director chooses team

Four months after his arrival, Goss determines agency's leadership

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Monday is Day One of a new era at the Central Intelligence Agency as director Porter Goss, on the job for four months, finally gets his leadership team in place.

The time since Goss' swearing-in has prove rocky for an agency still reeling from its failure to warn of the Sept. 11 attacks and its flawed prewar intelligence on Iraq's weapons.

More than a dozen senior officials have left since Goss arrived. The messy details of some internal battles have seeped into the news.

Critics have complained that Goss, a former Republican congressman who served as chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, politicized the agency by hiring GOP aides.

Goss' allies say wholesale changes were essential after the intelligence failures of Sept. 11 and Iraq.

"You couldn't expect anybody to have the same leadership in place and improve the operation of the agency," said Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., a Goss friend and member of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"While it's been very controversial, Porter had to make some change of people, who were good people and individually they were nice people, but the job wasn't getting done," Chambliss said.

Among the new hires, Goss is

making 30-year CIA veteran John Kringen the head of the Directorate of Intelligence, the agency's analysis division. That move on Monday means Goss will have in place all the division chiefs he has chosen.

Goss kept one holdover from the seven-year tenure of former CIA Director George Tenet — science and technology director Donald Kerr.

Goss, a CIA operative in the 1960s, got a mandate from President Bush and the Congress to tackle tough intelligence changes. Eyes are on where Goss takes the agency.

The CIA director has said he intends to improve the risky work of using people to steal secrets — human-intelligence gathering — and bolster language capabilities. He wants to improve the quality of intelligence analysis reports and hopes to change a culture that he considers averse to risk.

A counterterrorism official said Goss is collapsing layers of bureaucracy, so that the operatives in the field are closer to the decision-makers at CIA's headquarters.

"Changing a risk-averse culture doesn't take a lot of money. It takes a change in senior management," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Others say the changes Goss is proposing are not new at all. The former head of the clandestine service, Jim Pavitt, said his division had pushed for more people and money for human intelligence for the past five years.

"Stop the nonsense about risk aversion," Pavitt said. "The new director and his staff did not come with this group of people and create this strategic vision for doing espionage better. It is something we were doing for a long time. We were fighting for dollars. We were fighting for people. You don't do it overnight."

"If risk aversion means fear of taking a physical risk, on my watch, I buried too many of my officers" to say that was a problem, said Pavitt, who always counted Goss as a friend and wants to see the agency succeed.

Goss, 66, is tackling intelligence issues at a difficult time.

Military operations around the globe require close collaboration of the intelligence community, including the nine intelligence agencies that answer to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

While conflict is inherent in any relationship between the Pentagon and the spy agency, intelligence officials say suggestions of feuding are greatly exaggerated.

There's also significant uncertainty about the shape of the intelligence community, given the December passage of the most sweeping intelligence legislation in over 50 years.

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**Saxby Chambliss
senator, R-Ga.**

"Stop the nonsense about risk aversion."

**Jim Pavitt
former CIA
director of
operations**

Rescuers of Jewish refugees recognized

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — As the Nazis took power in Germany and the world turned its back on Jewish refugees, four brothers who ran a cigar factory in the Philippines worked quietly to help 1,200 Jews flee to Manila.

The Frieder brothers never talked about their part in the little-known rescue. But some 65 years later, the remaining refugees want the world to know what Philip, Alex, Morris and Herbert Frieder achieved.

"The Frieder brothers were just ordinary Jewish businessmen, but they went out of their way to save lives," said Frank Ephraim, who was eight years old when his family fled to Manila from Germany in 1939.

"No one made them do it. They just did what they thought was right."

The brothers from Cincinnati had taken turns going to Manila for two-year periods during the 1920s and '30s to run the Helena Cigar Factory, started by their father in 1918.

While they were there, they established a Jewish Refugee Committee and worked with highly placed friends — U.S. High Commissioner of the Philippines Paul V. McNutt,

who also was governor of Indiana in 1933-37, and Manuel L. Quezon, the first Philippine president — to help the mostly German and Austrian refugees get passports and visas, then find employment and homes in Manila.

"We were welcomed in the Philippines at a time when the gates to Jews were closed all over the world," said refugee Lotte Hershfield, 74, of West Hartford, Conn.

The rescue was little known until a recent book by Ephraim, "Escape to Manila: From Nazi Tyranny to Japanese Terror," led to efforts in the United States and the Philippines to honor the humanitarian effort before the aging refugees die off.

"Our numbers are dwindling, and I didn't want this story to be lost forever," said Ephraim, 73, of Washington, D.C.

Next Sunday, Cincinnati's Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education will honor the Frieder brothers, Quezon, McNutt and the Filipino people. At least 25 refugees and their descendants and nearly 100 members of the Frieder family will join relatives of McNutt and Quezon and the Philippine Ambassador Alberto Del Rosario.

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**Frank Ephraim
Jewish refugee**

Female demoted for indecent exposure

Member of Guard unit punished after participating in mud-wrestling party in Iraq

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — A female member of a National Guard military police unit was demoted for indecent exposure after a mud-wrestling party at the Army-run Camp Bucca detention center in Iraq, a military spokesman said Sunday.

The party occurred Oct. 30, as the 160th Military Police Battalion, an Army Reserve Unit from Tallahassee, Fla., prepared to turn over its duties to the Asheville-based 105th Military Police Battalion, said Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, spokesman for detainee operations at Camp Bucca.

In the course of the transfer of duties, "some individuals in their exuberance decided to put together a mud-wrestling thing," Johnson said Sunday by telephone. "There were females involved, and some members of the 105th also became involved, one female soldier in particular."

Following an inquiry, that soldier was demoted and placed on restriction for participating in the event, specifically for indecent exposure, he said.

Four or five other members of the 105th who were spectators received counseling, Johnson said.

Johnson did not release the name of the demoted soldier.

However, she was identified by the Daily News as Deanna Allen, 19, and the New York newspaper's identification was confirmed by her mother, Ladyna Waldrop of Black Mountain.

Allen was demoted from specialist to private first class. She is still a guard at the camp, the newspaper said.

The Daily News said it was given 30 of the party photos, and it printed several in Sunday's editions.

Waldrop said her daughter is devastated by the events.

"It was just a thing where she was coerced by a bunch of people, and with all the excitement, she lost her sanity for a moment and that's all it took," she said.

"It seems like they're just singling her out," Waldrop said. "She's the one getting all the publicity and punishment, and that's not right."

The 105th took over Camp Bucca on Nov. 1, and photos of the party were found after the 160th had left Iraq, Johnson said, adding that he understood a soldier had turned over the photos to commanders.

Results of the inquiry were sent to the commander of the 160th, he said. "It appears from the commander's inquiry that this was primarily put on by troops of the 160th, who are no longer under our command," Johnson said.

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ETHIOPIA

Citizens celebrate Marley's birthday

Rastafarians join bash for late reggae star

Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA — Thousands of Ethiopians and Rastafarians were jamming on a hot Sunday in the capital's main square as Ethiopia threw a birthday bash for the late reggae star Bob Marley, in what is billed as the country's largest concert.

The bash, part of month-long celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Marley's birth, marks the first time the event is being held outside the singer's native Jamaica and is organized by the Bob Marley Foundation, the U.N. children's agency, the African Union and others. Marley, who died in 1981, looked to Ethiopia throughout his life as the spiritual home of his Rastafarian faith.

A priest from the Ethiopian Orthodox Church blessed the event and then first on stage was Burundi's Royal Drummers.

Many of those in Meskel Square for Sunday's concert wore T-shirts emblazoned with portraits of Bob Marley, including Minister of State for Information Netsanet Asfaw. Others wore jewelry and T-shirts decorated with the Ethiopian flag and Rastafarian colors of green, yellow and red.

Organizers said they expected as many as 300,000 people to attend the free event, which was dubbed "Africa Unite" after one of Marley's many famous songs. There are only 2,000 seats for guests who will be paying \$100 each.

"I think it is incredible that so many years after brother Bob's death, he still inspires such an amazing show," said Yohannes, a Rastafarian, who only goes by a single name. Originally from Crystal Palace, London, he now lives in Addis Ababa and is married to an Ethiopian.

The audience had swelled to about 20,000 people early Sunday when the first set was played. About 2,000 policemen patrolled the venue, a policeman said.

Benin music star Angelique Kidjo sang later Sunday as did well-known Ethiopian artists. Marley's five sons, his widow and former backup singers are expected to perform, along with Senegal's Youssou N'dour and Baaba Maal.

Ethiopia's evangelical churches on Saturday objected to the celebrations, saying that Rastafarians are wrong to consider Ethiopia's last emperor as a living god and that Ethiopian young people would be exposed to marijuana.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church, the country's main church, has supported the celebrations.

Some Rastafarians smoke marijuana as a sacrament, but others object to its use. Most Rastafarians preach a oneness with nature and grow their hair into long matted strands called dreadlocks.

ISRAEL

Rice says 'hard decisions' necessary for peace

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The United States will ask Israel to make "hard decisions" as it moves toward peace with the Palestinians, and both sides must live up to their promises, Condoleezza Rice said Sunday during her first trip to the Middle East as secretary of state.

Rice's two-day visit to Israel and the West Bank headquarters of the newly elected Palestinian government is meant to nudge both sides to take hold of what Rice called "a time of opportunity" and end four years of war.

Rice met privately Sunday with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, the former warrior turned potential peacemaker. On Monday, she planned to visit with the Palestinians' new president, Mahmoud Abbas.

"We will ask of our partners and our friends here in Israel that Israel continue to make the hard decisions that must be taken in

order to promote peace and help the emergence of a democratic Palestinian state," Rice said Sunday.

Rice did not go into specifics. But among the major challenges are what to do about Israeli outposts on land that Palestinians eventually would control; the fate of the contentious separation barrier Israel is building between itself and the West Bank; and new security arrangements with the Palestinians. In addition, the Palestinians hope to make east Jerusalem the capital of an independent state, while Israel claims the entire city as its capital.

Sharon greeted Rice warmly, telling her in English, "you are among friends."

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Ariel Sharon
Israeli prime minister

tribute to the peace process that we so much want to advance," Sharon said in Hebrew.

In a boost to peace prospects, the mainstream Palestinian movement Fatah said Sunday it would agree to a mutual cease-fire with Israel in the West Bank and Gaza. Fatah also ruled out attacks against civilians inside Israel.

Palestinians hope for such a mutual declaration when Abbas meets Sharon at a summit in Egypt. Rice is not attending that gathering.

A lasting peace deal for Israel and creation of a Palestinian democracy are chief foreign policy goals for the United States in President Bush's second term. For now, though, the United States is taking a low-key approach.

As Rice visited European capitals last week, she repeatedly said that Israel and the Palestinians should control their own path to peace, with help from the United States, Europeans and others.

In Turkey earlier Sunday, Rice said the United States has no immediate plans to name a special envoy for Middle East peace, although the administration is working on ways to monitor or enforce a cease-fire.

Rice is making an eight-day trip through Europe and the Middle East, her first overseas diplomacy since taking over from Colin Powell at the State Department.

Rice's schedule is carefully laid out to balance Israeli and Palestinian sensitivities. She will be the most senior U.S. official to see Abbas since his election last month. It is also the first time in years that a senior American official has gone to Ramallah, site of former Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's crumbling compound.

MEXICO

Fears of violence increase during elections

Attacks, police strike provoke worries in three vacation states

Associated Press

ACAPULCO — Guerrilla-style attacks in Acapulco and a police strike in Cancun have added to worries over Sunday's gubernatorial elections in three vacation-oriented Mexican states where parties do not usually refer to politics.

Voters wearing bathing suits and plastic sandals filed through open-air polling places along Acapulco's posh Costera boulevard Sunday and in the hillside slums where many tourism industry workers live.

The voting — and likely post-election feuding — in the states of Guerrero, Quintana

Roo and Baja California Sur could affect the 2006 national presidential campaign.

The Democratic Revolution Party, which finished third in the last two presidential races, is counting on a strong showing to prove it is a strong national challenger.

The Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, hopes the three states will pull it still further out of the crisis caused by its loss of the 2000 presidential election, ending 71 years in power.

The most bitter battleground is Guerrero, a state that lures millions of tourists a year to beaches in Acapulco and Zihuatanejo — but whose mountains also hold some of the most impoverished, violent and isolated villages in Mexico.

The Democratic Revolution candidate, former Acapulco Mayor Zeferino Torreblanca, is

in a statistical dead heat in the polls with the PRI's Hector Astudillo.

Each party has accused the other of trying to intimidate or buy voters, and Democratic Revolution has accused state electoral authorities of authorizing pro-PRI companies to conduct exit polls and quick counts.

The tension sharpened Saturday when unidentified gunmen with automatic weapons killed three policemen and a 15-year-old bystander in the Acapulco area in three separate attacks — one of them just blocks from the city's famed waterfront.

Democratic Revolution's campaign chief, Julio Ortega, virtually accused the PRI of murder, saying the attack was part of the PRI's campaign to intimidate voters.



Victor Manuel Silva, the

national PRI's delegate to the state, blamed the city's Democratic Revolution administration for failing to halt the violence.

The PRI has won seven of the last 10 gubernatorial races in Mexico but often by tight margins in states considered its strongholds.

A PRI victory here would be especially notable because the party struggled in Guerrero even before losing the presidency. The PRI won the 1999 gubernatorial election by a slim margin, and Democratic Revolution narrowly defeated it in the 2002 municipal elections.


In Quintana Roo on Mexico's southeastern coast, election security was complicated by a strike by some 200 police officers in Cancun, which has about half the state's population.


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McCartney plays it safe at halftime show



Paul McCartney performs during his halftime show at Super Bowl XXXIX between the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nobody, but nobody was worried when Paul McCartney stripped off his jacket midway through his halftime performance at the Super Bowl.

All he revealed was a long-sleeved red shirt. Nothing malfunctioned. And if he wore any nipple jewelry, he mercifully kept it to himself.

NFL officials wanted a safe halftime show after last year's Janet Jackson fiasco, and McCartney delivered. It was sweet nostalgia for the people stunned by Jackson's MTV-produced spectacle, if a bit off-putting for the kids: Each of his four songs was more than 30 years old.

Surely you recall last year's climax to a body-shaking, crotch-grabbing festival: Justin Timberlake yanking part of McCartney's top off to reveal her bare breast to some 90 million viewers.

McCartney's stage set — a giant cross of video boards on the stadium floor with the

singer at the center — was visually arresting, although it made his opening song, "Drive My Car," look like one of the broadcast's dozens of auto commercials.

McCartney's theatrical James Bond theme "Live and Let Die" was a perfect backdrop for a stadium fireworks show. The lights, placards and video images also made "Hey Jude" a sight to see, although it was odd to see the red, white and blue placards co-opt one of the original British musical invaders for an all-American event.

There wasn't any danger of a lip-synch controversy, either. You could tell it was the lived-in voice of a 62-year-old singer.

It was strange seeing the former Beatle, a bold and shocking performer for another generation, now presented as the sedate option. NFL censors were probably hoping the "California grass" reference in "Get Back" slipped by unnoticed, or figured people would think he was simply referring to a football field.

Playground will memorialize girl

Associated Press

CROTHERSVILLE, Ind. — Hundreds of people paid their final respects to a slain 10-year-old girl Sunday and learned of her family's plans to memorialize her with a playground on the site of a methamphetamine operation linked to her death.

The family held the funeral for Katlyn "Katie" Collman at Crothersville Community School, where she was a fourth-grader. Her body was found Jan. 30 in a creek about 15 miles north of this town of about 1,600 people after she had been abducted, authorities

said, to intimidate her from revealing a methamphetamine operation in an apartment near her home.

The Rev. Jon Pearce told more than 600 mourners at the funeral that Collman's death should serve as "a wake-up call."

"If Katie hadn't been walking by a meth lab, she would be alive today," he said. "We can't forget her. We need to remember that she was a sweet little girl."

Collman's family plans to use money that remains in a memorial fund for the girl to acquire and level the apartment build-

ing where she had witnessed people making or using methamphetamine, said Terry Gray, a spokesman for the girl's family and chief of the Crothersville-Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Department.

"The goal we are shooting for is around \$400,000 to tear those places down and to change a meth lab into a playground," Gray said. "It will be a playground honoring Katie."

The fund already had \$100,000 pledged to the project, Gray said. The family hopes to have a ribbon cutting ceremony on Aug. 13, which would have been Collman's 11th birthday.

Black couple sues Fannie Mae

Pair suggests that the company accepted lower bid from white man

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — A black couple who allege that their mortgage-backed offer for a house was rejected for a lower cash bid by a white man is suing Fannie Mae, accusing the mortgage giant of racial discrimination.

Ray and Dorothy Scaife's complaint filed with the South Bend Human Rights Commission recently became a federal lawsuit claiming Fair Housing Act violations.

It alleges that Fannie Mae refused to sell the house to the Scaifes because of their race and that its preference for cash sales over conventional forms of financing is a discriminatory practice.

The Scaifes and South Bend Human Rights Commission are now pitted against the govern-

ment-sponsored Federal National Mortgage Association — also known as Fannie Mae — a Realtor and the Mishawaka agency she works for.

The parties agree that the issue is Fannie Mae's purported practice of preferring a cash offer over one contingent on financing when house offers are comparable.

Aladean DeRose, a deputy Fort Wayne city attorney who represents the plaintiffs, said it runs contrary to the stated purpose of increasing home ownership among low-income people, especially minorities.

"If that's truly a policy of Fannie Mae, then it needs to be changed," she said.

The defendants have filed motions to dismiss the case on procedural matters. Fannie Mae's lawyer further argued the

lawsuit fails to state a valid claim because there was no "intentional discrimination" against the Scaifes.

Jennifer Bickley Hull, an Indiana lawyer who represents Fannie Mae, pointed out in a court brief that the plaintiffs do not claim Fannie Mae was even aware of the race of either bid applicant.

The case stems from a two-day period in December 2003 when the Scaifes tried to buy a house in South Bend. Fannie Mae apparently acquired the house through a foreclosure.

According to the lawsuit, Dorothy Scaife met with a real estate broker to discuss the couple's interest. The broker advised her to make an offer above the house's list price of \$19,500 and to put down more than \$500 in earnest money.

Lafayette Square continues to be popular choice for off-campus housing



In a time of changing climate in the off-campus housing market, one constant has remained. Lafayette Square Townhomes continues to deliver the finest in student housing at the most reasonable price. While most landlords are charging \$300 to \$400 per student, Lafayette Square is offering its 4 and 5 bedroom apartments at just \$210 per person through the end of February. Although the amenities are too numerous to list, the most popular features include the central air, washer and dryer, dishwasher, 2 bathrooms, private patio and spacious storage and living areas.

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

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Challenging the media bias

The retirement of commentator William Safire — one of two rather lonely conservative voices coming from the Op-Ed pages of The New York Times — has instigated a fresh slew of attacks by conservative pundits about the liberal media bias at the newspaper.

Michael Poffenberger

Say Why Not

Safire was, after all, just about the only buffer between the Times and forced admittance of its strongly left-leaning tendencies. But questions of media responsibility, especially at this moment of crisis, extend well beyond the typical objections to liberal bias. Recent scandals are forcing people of goodwill to think seriously about the need for change in the way the media is run in the United States.

In the last month, it has been discovered Bush Administration officials are supporting some of the administration's various policy proposals. The scandal began with commentator Michael McManus, who personally received \$10,000 and whose right-wing Marriage Savers Foundation received a generous \$49,000 for McManus' printed praise for Bush's marriage initiative. Conservative columnist Maggie Gallagher received \$41,500 for her support of the initiative. And most recently, leading black conservative Armstrong Williams was found to have taken a whopping \$241,000 — straight from the pockets of American taxpayers and with the approval of the U.S. Secretary of Education — for his role in drumming up support among the Black community for the No Child Left Behind education legislation. None of these three individuals found their bribes to be relevant enough to merit informing their host publications.

While payola and bribery certainly represent the worst of media practice in our country, limiting the discussion of responsible media to the actions of a few unethical individuals would be missing the much bigger point. Columnists and commentators have

been bought off, but the real issue at hand is the buying off of the entire institution of the media by undemocratic and for-profit corporations.

Media outlets do not exist to make the world a better place, or even to be fair in their reporting. Their institutional mandate is to increase the profit of their shareholders. The tenuous justification for this structuring is that Americans in theory desire unbiased news, and as such the most profitable media corporations would be those that are most fair in their reporting. But, as the catapulting of Fox News and The New York Times to the top of their respective viewership charts demonstrates, what Americans tend to want most from what they watch and read is to reinforce their preexisting beliefs. This reality serves to deepen existing cultural divides in our country and to weaken honest dialogue. An alternative approach would at least minimize the agenda-pushing of major media outlets.

Furthermore, media organizations do not practice democratic principles in their reporting. Certain people and groups have much greater access to the media than others. These biases — the representation of the experiences and perspectives of one person or group of people more than others — can be related to categories of race, class, religion and gender just as much as partisan affiliation. While regulation forcing the representation of a diversity of views could be seen as an infringement upon free speech, requiring a more transparent accounting of who presents the news might alleviate some of these problems. Making public the backgrounds, beliefs and viewpoints of individuals reporting the news would at least make more Americans aware of the power of spin.

While these changes may help to rectify some of the most ostensible consequences of biased news, structural changes which are limited only to the media, cannot actually establish impartiality. Power structures inherent in our

systems of government and economics will always give voice and authority to some more than others.

For example, if the next U.S. president were to decide invading Mexico were necessary in order to protect the freedom of Americans, an unpartisan media would be one that gave half of its coverage to this patently ridiculous proposal to the perspectives that support it, merely because of the power of the president. And, unfortunately, the result might be half of Americans honestly believing that to be patriotic requires one to support the invasion of Mexico. This despairing reality begs several questions. Is responsible or unbiased media even possible, and why is one person — or one ideology that happens to be practiced by people with power — able to set the agenda for what the media will cover and what all Americans will be thinking about?

Every media outlet — from The New York Times to Fox to our own Observer and Scholastic — must recognize their publications are not just reflecting the news and thoughts of their constituents but also generating the framework through which our campus and nation will discuss issues deemed relevant. Unlike their explicitly-biased counterparts, such as The Irish Rover and Common Sense, organizations which purport to produce balanced news and commentary are ethically bound to take steps to limit their bias. As such, transforming media establishments into more transparent, publicly-owned and not-for-profit organizations would drastically improve the quality of news and commentary, ensuring the voices and experiences of more Americans are represented in wider social dialogue.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit."

Helen Keller
educator

Debate candidates, not their race

As I relaxed in Starbucks on Friday, sipping my free trade coffee and scanning the latest opinion journalism, hell finally froze over — I agreed with a New York Times editorial. Well, at least part of it.

Bill Rinner

A Voice of Reason

The Feb. 4 editorial "The Senate and Mr. Gonzales" offers a predictable criticism of the nominee for attorney general, his role in "in paving the way for the abuse and torture of prisoners by American soldiers and intelligence agents," and the Republican advocates of his confirmation. A third of the way through the editorial, the Times quotes Republican Senator Orrin Hatch, who seizes the opportunity of Democrats rejecting Gonzales to mention that he "loves the Hispanic people," cautioning that Hispanic Americans were "sensing there's something unfair going on."

Hatch deftly, though unsubtly, plays the race card to allude to the Democratic tendency to muster alarming strength to oppose the president's minority judicial nominations, as the refusal to allow Miguel Estrada an up or down vote demonstrated in 2003. At the height of the commotion, an internal memo sent between high-ranking Democratic senators suggested that Estrada, considered well-qualified by the ABA, was "especially dangerous" because "he is Latino." Why would Estrada's ethnicity even be an issue, particularly for a party that champions the progress of minorities?

The entire flap reveals the racial politics embodied in the rhetoric of both parties makes an utter mockery of sensible debate. Race-baiting is a staple of Democratic campaigning whose excesses are now so routine that a new commercial portraying a fat corporate-looking Republican throwing an innocent black man into shackles would scarcely elicit a whimper of opposition from the left side of the aisle. Party leadership naturally thinks strategically, and the black vote is such an essential asset for Democrats that applauding the accomplishments of Clarence Thomas or Thomas Sowell, two prominent conservative blacks, would be a sign of the apocalypse.

Instead of taking the high road and allowing Democrats to implode under their own weight, the new Republican tactic is to cry hypocrisy every time a conservative minority encounters less than fawning adoration from the left. To be blunt, they should can it. For every thoughtful treatise on the importance of creating a society in which judgments of individual merit should be color-blind, the Republicans do more damage to themselves when they lower their rhetoric to the level of futile race-baiting. A principled conservative should have the guts to acknowledge

the color of one's skin should never serve as a buffer from criticism, no matter how tempting it is to win short-term political points.

Ultimately, I'd prefer the demise of race-based politics, race-baiting and other forms of racial division made in the name of empowering one party that claims to advance the aggregate "interests" of an entire ethnicity. During the current round of cabinet appointments, Democrats have retained the higher ground by sticking to their original criticisms of the policies advanced by Condoleezza Rice and Alberto Gonzales, and as much as it makes me grind my teeth to admit, the Times is correct to call the race issue "irrelevant here."

Republicans need to take steps towards creating a world that actually adheres to the ideals they promote. On the issue of affirmative action, whose relevance is past its prime, conservatives hope Bush's judicial nominations will sway the tide in their favor and hopefully overturn a number of linchpin social policies the Democratic left has successfully imposed. The judicial strategy is no secret, the vast right wing conspiracy is much more upfront than many assume.

However, overturning such an entrenched policy and embracing color blind admissions and hiring standards, while a worthy goal, has the potential to backfire if we do not first address our irrational obsession with racial politics. Republican leadership is just as strategically minded as its opponents, and recent attempts to paint Democrats as anti-Hispanic (or anti-conservative Hispanic) reveals many consider the ethnic group a potential ally for upcoming elections. If maintaining their political power remains their paramount goal, then highlighting the detrimental effects of affirmative action stands as an obstacle that could shift the largest growing ethnic group into the Democratic camp.

Instead, Republicans will sit back, cross their fingers and hope the courts let affirmative action expire without their party's reputation suffering collateral damage. This scenario may well play out in reality, and one can only hope by the time conservatives start winning these key battles in the culture wars, our culture will consider issues such as diversity at the expense of meritocracy a quaint anachronism.

A post-racial society is more likely to unfold if its chief proponents stop pouring gas on the fire by emulating the rhetoric of the party that capitalizes on racial fear-mongering with impunity.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Revue hits all the wrong buttons

Never until this day have we been ashamed to be members of the Notre Dame community, a community that would endorse and even celebrate a theatrical monstrosity that has ridiculed the conservative nature of this University and perverted its Catholic mission. The name of this production has been whispered across campus for weeks, inciting nervous giggles over dining hall tables and titillating the virtuous minds of our fellow students. With deep sorrow and piety, we acknowledge the Keenan Revue has again been viewed by thousands of consenting adults.

While neither of us actually attended the Revue this year, we heard it was quite offensive, as we had heard in previous years. The young men of Keenan Hall, in efforts to disguise their true intentions of demeaning men and glorifying premarital sex, claim their production is "satire" or "entertainment."

Clearly, this cannot be true. The Revue is unequivocally demeaning to men. The writers for the Revue have reduced men's worth to nothing but the size of their genitalia, a depiction we find puzzling since the skits are often based on real men's actual stories. We heard that this year's Revue featured a superhero named "Large Package Guy." By focusing on only one portion of a man's anatomy, we trivialize the unity of his mind, body and transcendent spirit. We suggest an alternative to speaking freely and openly about human nature — by ignoring the very presence of genitalia and male sexuality, we may gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man.

The Revue goes one step further in promoting unchaste sexual behavior, treading on bestiality and masturbation. Filth that has been relegated to the recesses of the Internet and cable television should not be paraded around on the sacred stage. Let us issue a gentle reminder that Notre Dame, as a private university, is not legally obliged to condone fringe rhetoric and vulgarity.

We cannot stand idly by while this piece of performance art is being displayed to all of our friends who consented to view it and may even agree with the Revue's underlying ideology. We must unite and purge Saint Mary's campus of this plague and threat to the Catholic nature of Our Lady's University.

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Voting taken for granted in U.S.

I voted in the last election. I know, whoopee for me. Preceding the election, much was made of the fact that the youth of America would be the crucial turning point for the eventual outcome.

Leah Kind

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Different organizations mobilized specifically in an attempt to urge, cajole, bribe and guilt that demographic into acknowledging its share of the responsibility. Overall numbers exceeded the expectations of many Americans, with 59.6 percent of eligible voters hitting the polls, the highest turnout since 1968. And yet, numbers for the crucial 18 to 25 demographic were not as high as anticipated. Hmm, those kids must have been pooped after casting more than 65 million votes for Fox's "American Idol." Ahh, democracy in action.

Why is this an issue now, with months between us and the 2004 election, and only the lingering scent of a few thousand stale inaugural tacos left hovering in the air? Many of us who live in the United States take our comforts and freedoms for granted. And I know I'm guilty of this as well. It is difficult to live in a society of relative peace and free will and be constantly aware of how good we have it.

Yet, I can't escape the inherent

irony of the situation. The Iraqi people were ecstatic for the opportunity to vote in a democratic election because it had been denied to them for 50 years. The Iraqi elections signaled a potential end to the dictatorship they had been living under. It served as an opportunity to return to a previous era where they were able to engage in open political discourses. Here, Iraqi-Americans traveled from far and wide to polling places to cast their votes. These people were excited and joyful about the opportunity. I can't recall the last time spontaneous singing and dancing broke out by a polling place. Sure, I'm ecstatic that so many eligible voters participated in our election, but will it last?

Bruce Springsteen was not called upon to sing "Born in the U.S.A." in a free concert in Baghdad. Michael Moore did not march his "Slacker Uprising Tour" through the city of Karbala. And yet the Iraqi people, flawed elections aside, still braved life and limb to venture out and vote. Kind of makes you think.

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Mr. and Mrs. ND and SMC alums John and Pamela Walker

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
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Editor's Note: Due to a production error, this spread ran incorrectly on Wednesday.

If "The Incredibles" felt like a down-to-earth, family film of epic proportions, it should come as no surprise that two of the key contributors to the Pixar film share many similarities that are echoed in the film's tight-knit family.

John Walker, a graduate of Notre Dame, and Pamela Walker, a graduate of Saint Mary's, met while working on summer theatre productions here at Notre Dame. After working in various theater productions in Chicago and New York and moving to Los Angeles, they found a home at Pixar, one of the most prestigious animation studios in the world. John is the producer of "The Incredibles," while Pamela, a native of South Bend, teaches at Pixar University, the studio's educational arm.

If we could start off with a few Notre Dame and Saint Mary's questions, what dorms did you both live in?

J: I lived in Grace [Hall].
P: I was at Saint Mary's in Le Mans Hall.

What were your fondest memories at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, respectively?

J: One of the best times for me, and maybe for Pam too, was that we used to do summer theatre. We'd stay at Notre Dame during the summer and do four or five plays. The company was a summer stock company so we hung out together, ate together and worked together. It was a great experience.

P: Ditto

How have your educations at the two institutions prepared you for the industry and your respective professions?

J: We both were pretty active in the theatre department. Although I was an English major, so I didn't actually major in that. But I had something to do with all of the plays. I didn't always get cast in them but I would work somehow on them as much as I could. It got me, at least, thinking about doing it professionally and it got me over the hump of realizing that people could make their livings working in the arts. That didn't seem possible when I got to Notre Dame.

P: It was great in summer theatre because we got to work cooperatively with other people who were students,

[such as] specializing in costumes. Or if we took stage management or scene — there were certain requirements for me as a theatre major that I had to take — that really helped me fully understand not only cast member and crew and their functions. And all that helps the scene flow well and he's more of a producer now than an actor, but we both produced at one point or another. It's nice to have an appreciation and a knowledge about what everybody does and

our bikes from one campus to the other. We did a lot of bicycling back and forth between the two campuses and since that's where our love and creativity started, that's where we [decided to] trade vows. We've enjoyed going back over the years when we were working in Chicago because the head of the department, Dr. Bane, invited us back to listen in and critique the URTA auditions every year. So we got to go back and see the new facilities, [such as]

together. We worked as actors together for a while. I had always wanted to be a producer, like an actor/manager from the 19th century. I wanted to sort of single-handedly revive that genre. So what I tried to do was produce and act and I did that for a while in the theatre. But after a while, I got more interested in producing and managing than I did in acting. So gradually, the acting sort of fell away. I ran theatres in Chicago and Pam and I produced together, did some work in Chicago and little bit in New York. I've been running a theatre called Victory Gardens up in Chicago and Pam was appearing in a play there. She came home one night and said that an agent from Los Angeles had seen her work and if she came out to Los Angeles, he'd take her as a client. So she said, "Guess what, honey, I'm going to L.A." [Laughs] I said, "Wait a minute! You go to L.A., we've got these two kids and we have a job here." But she said, "We need to go to L.A." So she went to Los Angeles and signed with this agent and I thought, "Well, she'll go out there for a few months and then come home" and I'd call her and ask when she'd be coming home. But she wasn't coming home so we had to move out there. I started looking for work in Los Angeles and spent about a year going back and forth and I would go out and interview at different places. It turned out that a lot of ex-Chicago theatre managers and producers ended up at Walt Disney, which was a surprise to me, seeing all these people that I knew. They knew my work and I passed my resume around and I ended up getting a job at Warner Bros., working on an animated film as an associate producer for "The Iron Giant." Then I did another film called "Osmosis Jones" as an associate producer and then the director of "The Iron Giant" [Brad Bird] got a gig at Pixar, directing "The Incredibles" and he brought me with him. I moved from Warner Bros. to Pixar and produced "The Incredibles." That took about four years. I've been working on that since 2000. That's the Cliff Notes version.

John, your work with director Brad Bird has produced two classic animated children's films, "The Iron Giant" and "The Incredibles." How did you meet him and begin working with him?

J: It was a job I got at Warner Bros. I just interviewed for a job on "The Iron Giant" and the producer, Anton Abbato, and the director, Brad, had me to be the associate producer, which is sort of like the line producer. It was a job interview.

"The Iron Giant" isn't as well known as "The Incredibles" but it was a critical success and has become an underground favorite for animation fans. What do you remember most about the film, working as the associate producer?

We didn't have any time to make it animated. We made in about two years, which is really quick for an animated film. It was a lot of pressure and it was a big disappointment because we had worked so hard and

thought it was a film. It was really badly but just audiences. Some may have eschewed as being a great was quite disappointed.

Pam, how did you get with Pixar and what experience been like?

P: My main challenge, and for raise these two while we were ranks in the the moving beyond opportunity to which I did. An was try to see if lel movements a running Victory was able to teach dren came th because parentin could easily take time and commi got to Pixar, we high school in s and I was working tion for my wor rolling in my fav this opportun California, so for and half years he Incredibles," he four days a week work so that we the girls out of keep working. E year of this job w for him and I ha turning some jo was a single par girls, which was So when I got u that, okay, now away from the go evision and theat of Los Angeles. was going to do. a two person p O'Keefe and Al had done it 13 ye atre in the Midw the Los Angeles wonderful review and it got some awards. I at Pixar, and the do this play screening room course dinner of theatre and and we had an sion after it. I time. The perso that together teach some a University. And be the master to go in the direc ing myself. I kn little bit and I sh well as acting. So short 20-minute classroom as c extras and get I can do the welcoming to m home and a way parts of world d feels like we're direction because heads with tryin



Photo courtesy of Pamela Walker
Pamela Walker attended Saint Mary's College and majored in theatre. She has worked as an actress most of her life and now teaches at the Pixar University.

we got to do that in the theatre department, which I thought was invaluable.

I read that you were married at Notre Dame, which is almost a true Domer's dream. What was that experience like?

P: Yes, we did. We got married at the church on campus. When we first started our professional roles, my first role was an equity debut in sign language in "Children of a Lesser God." [John] proposed in this beautiful theatre in the northern woods of Wisconsin on a lake in front of 500 customers on stage — in sign language. So we had a wonderful engagement and we decided to go back down to the campus where we enjoyed so many wonderful times in the theatre together, you know, riding

Washington Hall and the black box theatre upstairs, and then have dinner with him at Morris Inn. That was special.

Now, I'd like to move on to your lives since leaving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. For John, what led you to become a producer in Hollywood? And for Pam, your job at Pixar University?

J: I had worked in the theatre once we had gotten out of Notre Dame. Pam went to acting school in New York and I went to an acting school in San Francisco — the ACT, the American Conservatory Theater. And after we had finished a couple of years in those plays, I had a job working in a summer stock theatre as an actor and Pam and I went there

John Walker: Incredible

Walker make it all the way to Pixar Studios

really a wonderful well-received critical connect with of the marketing d it. I remember it labor of love, which nting when it came

become involved arking there?

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they're not meant to be. There's a flow to things that feels like this is the right movement, not to sound too L.A. or anything.

John, what experiences did you gain from working on "The Incredibles" that you'll cherish while producing the film?

J: It was the first time I had the producer job on a big movie. It took a long time and there were hundreds and hundreds of people working on it. I think that one of the most fulfilling, interesting and most fun parts was when we went to Los Angeles to score the film. We had a 105-piece orchestra around the MGM sound stage, where they did all those fabulous musicals in the 1940s. And there was our movie pretty much done and there was an unbelievably gifted orchestra and conductor and composer doing the score for our movie. And I thought that was really exciting and wonderful. I loved the score from "The Incredibles" and for [composer] Michael Giacchino, it was his first feature score. I think that that was a really great experience — just seeing the movie come together because it's a very slow process in animation and you don't see much of what the movie's going to be until right near the end. And these shots would finish up and they would just look spectacular, much, much better than what we had ever hoped and thought we could do. To see them look so good was a really fun experience.

On a more off-beat note, who were your favorite characters in "The Incredibles," picking from the large cast of colorful individuals?

P: I think Dash is my favorite and I think I have some of his energy. [Laughs]

J: I liked Violet. I have two daughters and I liked how she came into her own as a young woman in the movie. And I've seen that happen with my two daughters as well, so she's my favorite.

P: And just for your information, the DVD [of "The Incredibles"] is going to have a little short on it about the baby, Jack-Jack. And it's just hysterical.

On the subject of the "Incredibles" DVD, scheduled to be released on March 15, John, you were a contributor to the director/producer commentary track, along with Brad Bird. How was that experience?

J: Well, it was bizarre. You sit there after working for four and a half years and you're completely exhausted. And you're watching the movie and looking at each other, going "what do you remember about this?" And all you remember is that it was hard, hard, hard and we had to talk about that. It was a really surreal experience watching the movie and talking about it with Brad. We had a couple of beers before we started — it might've helped! [Laughs] But there's a lot of great stuff on [the DVD].

Pam, Pixar has been associated with a very high value for their

films, as both critically acclaimed and very profitable films. How did working at Pixar influence you and where your career goes from here?

P: Well, I'm thrilled that they've been so hospitable. I just kind of feel like I'm putting in the universe my own goals as an actor that you don't always get to say when you do other people's scripts. Even when I do other people's scripts, I'm working for like minds. Every character I play kind of gets under my skin and becomes a

to be as a foundation. John, could you shed some light on what your future projects might be?

J: I'm not sure what it's going to be. Brad and I are talking about doing another film together. He's got a lot of ideas so we're sort of waiting for him to land on one and then check with Pixar if they'd like to do it.

I'm sure a lot of people have already asked about a possible sequel for "The Incredibles," which would make a terrific film if done

quit. [Laughs] So I think perseverance is probably the best thing you can do.

P: Perseverance, that's a good one. There's a fair amount of rejection, of course, so you just have to build your own philosophy. And I know I find balance through working out and meditation and I've written in journals and I've got volumes and volumes of journals. I feel like actors are really misunderstood. So you just have to kind of brace yourself against the slings and arrows of a difficult

business. But if you feel like there's something you have to communicate, in the stage or whatever creative outlet you find, you have to just do it. Theatre has been my creative outlet. Sometimes I think if I were a painter, it would be easier. [Laughs] Some other way that I could communicate, but it's what I do.

Finally, what do you both feel have been the most satisfying accomplishments over the course of your careers?

P: Well, one of the highlights for me was certainly my professional debut with [John] in "Sign Language" and the proposal and all the stuff I told you about. But we also produced a two-person play called Seemarks that did really well and got some awards and it was a real highlight.

J: We produced a show off-Broadway together and that was a big accomplishment, something that I've always been really proud of. Sitting in the audience when "The Incredibles" premiered and when we had a big party at Pixar for about 1,800 people — that was a really great night. And Pam and I went around the world with the director and his wife, promoting the film. That was amazing to see our characters and our movie everywhere we went, from London to Tokyo to Sydney.

P: That's quite an accomplishment because these last three or four months have been non-stop. First, going around the world. As a student, I went to Rome through the Saint Mary's program and I talked about taking [John] there in 25 years. So if we never get to go again, last November we made it to Venice and Rome in quite style because we were driven around and getting private tours, hanging out with Peter Jackson in New Zealand. It was an amazing trip for five weeks and then we've got all these award shows. So today is actually the first day of normalcy since last October so it feels like quite an accomplishment to survive it all. But we're kind of tired. [Laughs]

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Photo courtesy of John Walker

John Walker, a producer of "The Incredibles," graduated from Notre Dame as an English major. He currently works at Pixar Studios.

part of who I am. This Georgia O'Keeffe vehicle that I've had in my back pocket for all these years seems like something I've been wanting to say. And so I think the definitive about O'Keeffe has not been done and I've got that goal set in my mind, to try to make that happen. Things are unfolding as they should, whether it's with Pixar or with somebody else. We're getting introduced to people that we haven't been able to meet before, which is very exciting. And I feel that for [John] and I, with the foundation of our relationship at Notre Dame was through our work and that feels right to me, that direction. I don't want to split my focus so much that the relationship falls apart, as easily happens in this business. So you have to balance everything properly and Pixar has been a great place

well.

J: That's the trick — doing it well and coming up with a good idea. We haven't done that yet. A couple things have to happen first. One would be to have a great idea and the second would be to reassemble the creative team.

What skills have allowed you both to succeed in your professions and in such a difficult industry?

J: I feel like I'm about as skilled as the next person. I think that you just have to keep persevering. There's lots and lots of competition in the movie business and the theatre movie and arts in general. It's not something that usually comes easily or quickly. If you hang in there long enough, most of the other people

BOOK REVIEW

A guide to finding the one that is 'into you'

By BECCA SAUNDERS
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Cross-stitched pillows and our mothers have always tried to communicate that, "Actions speak louder than words." Well now there is a new voice screaming that message into the head of every woman — the voice of Greg Behrendt, co-author of "He's Just Not That Into You." Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo have composed "The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys" in an attempt to improve the life of every woman in the world who is stuck in a relationship where she is underappreciated, abused and simply unwilling to recognize that if he is treating her in those ways, her significant other is just simply "not that into" her.

The entire precept of the book began in the writing room for the HBO series, "Sex and the City." Tuccillo is a writer for the show, and Behrendt is a consultant who would come in from time to time to offer a new perspective on the direction that some of the shows storylines were taking. While discussing the new and un-attentive boyfriend of one of the female writers, the other female writers were offering a plethora of excuses for the seemingly flaky behavior of this would-be boyfriend.

The woman asked Behrendt what he thought and Behrendt told her, "He's just not that into you."

Thus it began.

The concept was quickly written into a "Sex and the City" episode where the concept is introduced by one of Carrie's boyfriends to Miranda while she is analyzing the behavior of the man she is

dating. The idea took off and has now become a highly publicized how-to guide to dating.

The basic principle is simple. Guys are not as dumb as women would often like to believe they are. They do know how to use a telephone, and the reason he is not calling you is not because he, "just dropped my cell phone in the ocean and I lost your number," but it is because he's, "just not that into you."

Behrendt explains that, "When a guy is into you, he lets you know it. He calls, he shows up, he wants to meet your friends, he can't keep his eyes or hands off you." The simple truth is, according to Behrendt and Tuccillo, if a guy is into a woman, she will know it. She won't need to spend time obsessing about his every action or inaction because the control will be hers when she simply walks away from a guy that is, "just not that into her."

Tuccillo and Behrendt set up the book in a very interesting and entertaining fashion. Sixteen chapters cover any variety of dating issue from, "He's Just Not That Into You If He's Not Dating You" to "He's Just Not That Into You If He's a Selfish Jerk, a Bully, or a Really Big Freak." Each chapter begins with an introduction to the subject at hand by Behrendt and is followed by fabricated letters from women about the different "excuses" that women tend to make in the situations created

in the letters. Behrendt answers each letter with a letter addressed to the nicknames for the excuse girl he creates such as, "Dear Pillow Talk," "Dear Not Listening" and "Dear Let's Get Physical."

Behrendt's responses are often hilariously obvious and reflect the choices that many women have been faced with in the dating world. The letters are followed by a paragraph called "It's So Simple" wherein the points in Behrendt's argument on the particular subject are summed up.

This is followed by a section called, "Here's Why This One is Hard" by Tuccillo where she empathizes with the female readers of the book and the excuses that they have made; however, in the end she always agrees Behrendt is ultimately correct in his assertion no matter how hard that is to swallow.

Then a story about a real life example called "This is What it Should Look Like" by Behrendt or Tuccillo is shared, followed by a "Greg, I get it!" section where "women" share their tales of success in implementing Behrendt's plan on the subject. "If You Don't Believe Greg," a grouping of admittedly unscientific polls from friends of the authors about the subjects reveals things like, "100% of men polled said that when they broke up with someone, it always meant that they didn't want to go out with them anymore."

Every chapter ends with a list of "What You Should Have Learned in

This Chapter" that covers the main points of the letters and reflections followed by, "Our Super-Good Really Helpful Workbook" because "Hey, what's a self-help tome without a workbook?" The workbooks are much more humorous than helpful. For instance, in the chapter about men cheating on women the workbook begins, "Here are our five suggestions on what your man could have done if he was unsatisfied in your relationship. (You'll notice, none of them include sleeping with someone else.)" Each chapter offers new questions as to why women allow themselves to be hurt and obsessive when all they have to decide is that "He's Just Not That Into You."

Funny throughout, and at times hilarious, "He's Just Not That Into You" is a must read for any woman who is active in the dating world. Initially, the concept seems harsh, but, as is explained by Behrendt and Tuccillo throughout the book, a woman realizing this is actually her taking back the power in the relationship.

No more waiting by the phone, or waiting for "Mr. Right" to appear in the guy women are currently dating; this book is the voice of a liberated movement that leaves the woman with the power to make a choice not to waste her time on the men the don't appreciate her, thus giving her more time to find the one that will forever.

Hilariously honest and reflective of the excuses women do make, "He's Just Not That Into You" is a book any dating girl cannot afford to go without.

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"He's Just Not That Into You"



Writers: Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo

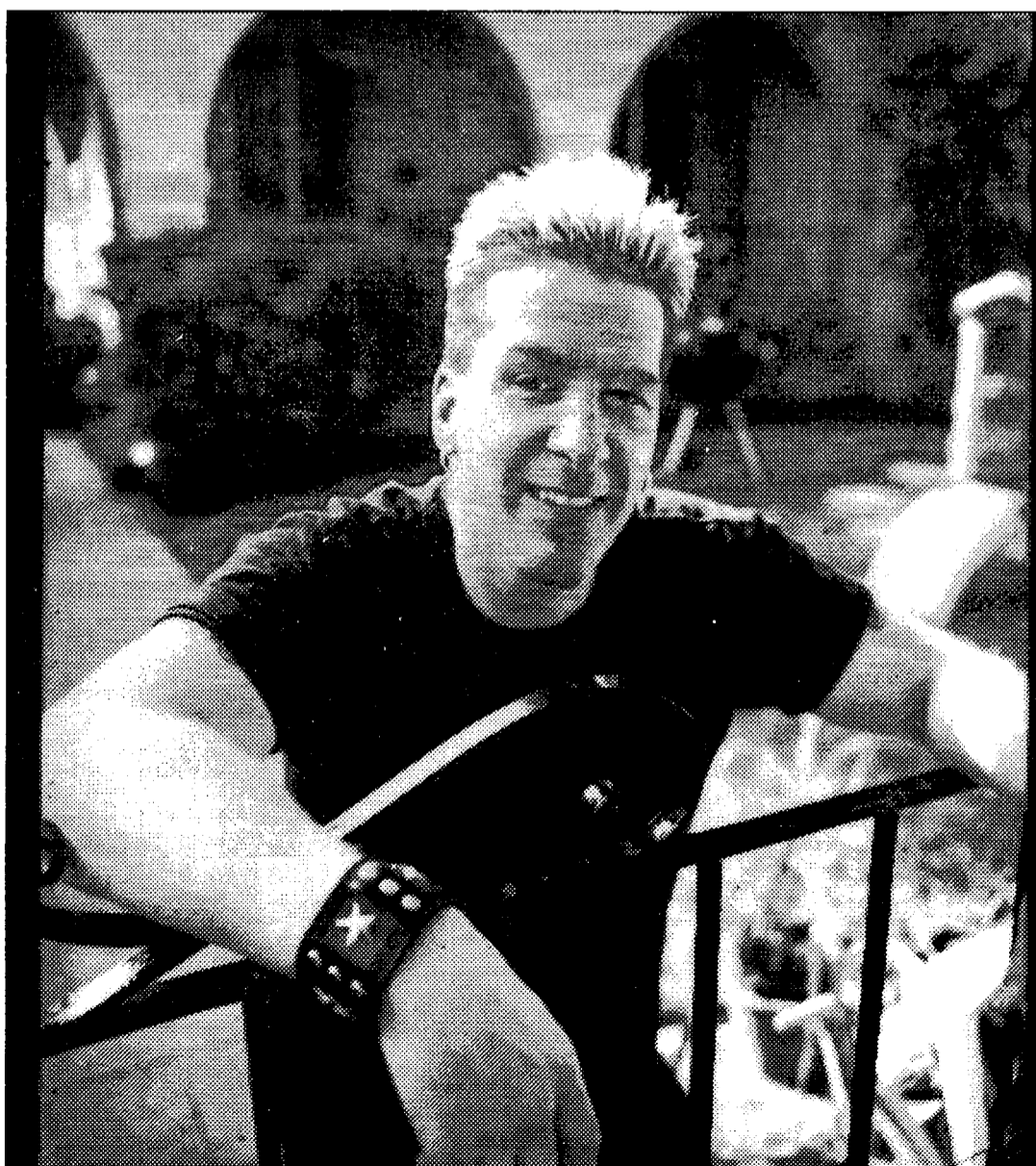
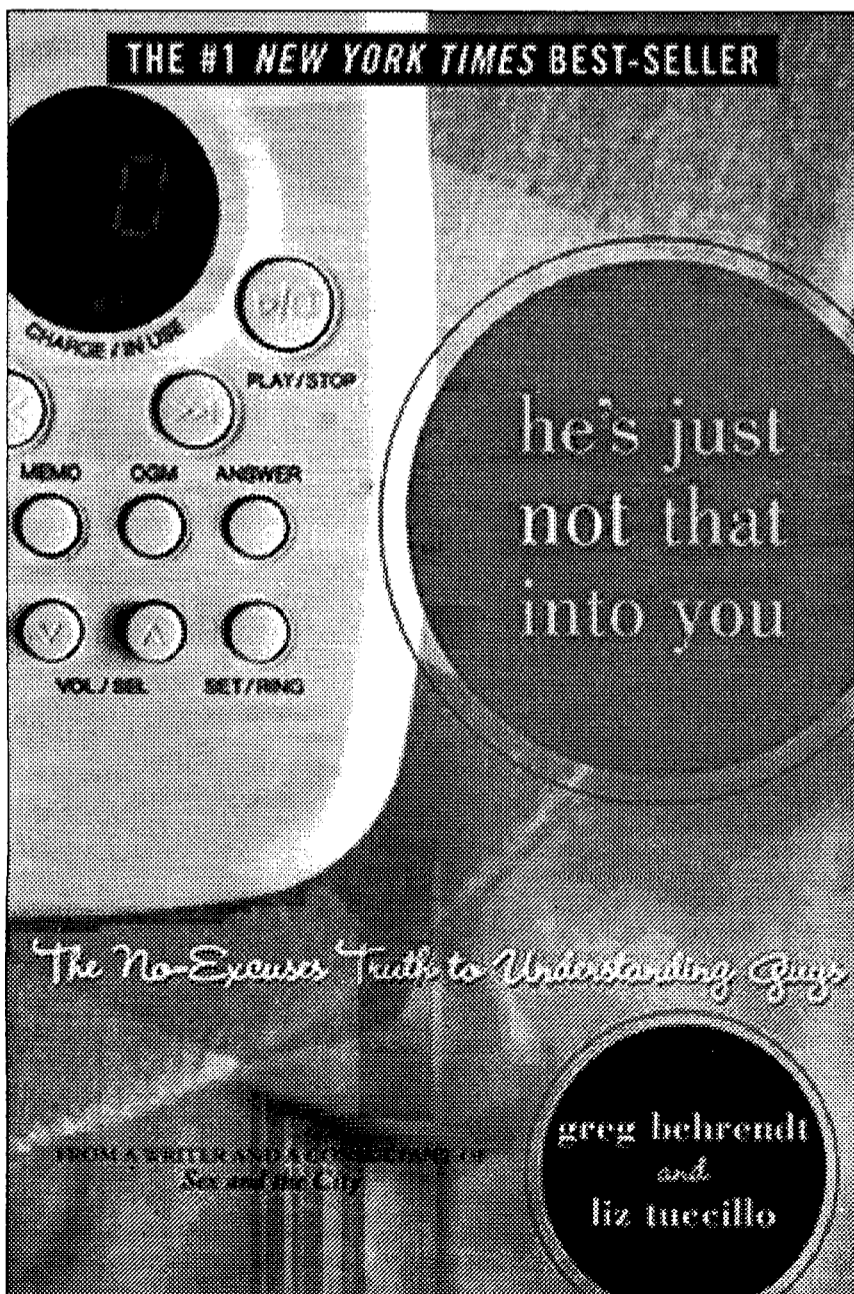


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Greg Behrendt got the idea for his bestseller, "He's Just Not That Into You," when he was in the writing room for the HBO series "Sex and the City" as a consultant.

SUPER BOWL XXXIX

Pats could run, Eagles couldn't

New England's multi-dimensional offense helps champs in victory

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — New England's third Super Bowl victory in four years came down to the most basic of football rules: The Patriots could run the ball and made sure the Eagles couldn't.

So New England won 24-21, established itself as the team of the century (short as it is) and put Bill Belichick ahead of even the great Vince Lombardi with a 10-1 record.

Lombardi would have loved it, especially the 66-yard drive late in the third quarter and early in the fourth that broke a 14-all tie. Thirty-four of those yards were on the ground including the final 2, by Corey Dillon.

What made that drive even more important was that it answered a Philadelphia touchdown that had tied the game

and seemed to give the Eagles the momentum.

The game also demonstrated the other characteristic that has made the Patriots into what passes for a dynasty in this day of salary cap-enforced parity: big plays from all kinds of players.

As usual, one was Tedy Bruschi, setting the tone for the game with a sack on Philadelphia's first possession, then coming up with an interception that ended a fourth-quarter drive one play after a 36-yard pass completion to Terrell Owens, who performed better than expected in his first game back after a severe ankle injury.

But there also was backup running back Kevin Faulk, who had two rushes for 20 yards in that big drive and also went 14 yards to the Philadelphia 2 with a screen pass that set up Corey Dillon's 2-yard touchdown run.

Plus Deion Branch, who the Eagles couldn't cover, especially when the Patriots needed big yardage.

Branch wins Super Bowl MVP

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Take that, T.O. Deion Branch managed to outshine Terrell Owens on football's biggest stage.

And that was no small feat in this Super Bowl.

The leader of New England's unheralded receiving corps, Branch tied a Super Bowl record with 11 catches, accounting for 133 yards Sunday night in a 24-21 victory over Philadelphia that gave the Patriots their third championship in four years.

While Branch didn't make it to the end zone, he played a role in all four scoring drives. The biggest catch might have been the last one — a leaping 19-yarder over the middle that set up Adam Vinatieri's 22-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

Branch leaped off the turf and defiantly signaled a first down, the sort of brazen move that Owens is known for. New England pushed its lead to 10 points, enough to hold off the Eagles.

And when it was done, Branch was named the MVP.

Philadelphia's All-Pro receiver had a remarkable game, too, defying his doctor by playing just 6 1/2 weeks after surgery. With a metal plate and two screws in his right ankle, Owens somehow



Patriots wide receiver Deion Branch pulls in a fourth quarter pass over Eagles cornerback Sheldon Brown.

had nine catches for 122 yards.

But Branch was even better, tying the great Jerry Rice (and Cincinnati's Dan Ross) for catches in a Super Bowl.

While most of the attention was on Owens in the days leading up to the big game, Branch had a nice, quiet week in Jacksonville — not drawing

nearly as much attention from the media horde.

Everyone knows him now. Branch came up huge on a tone-setting drive to start the second half, making four catches for 71 yards. Linebacker Mike Vrabel finished it off with a 2-yard touchdown catch, but Branch did all the heavy lifting.



Patriots cornerback Randall Gay brings down Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens.

Owens proves to be a factor

Eagles' All-Pro receiver catches nine passes for 122 yards in team's loss

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Terrell Owens was a go. The rest of the Philadelphia Eagles didn't quite match his stellar performance.

The Eagles' All-Pro receiver caught nine passes for 122 yards, but Philadelphia lost 24-21 to the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl on Sunday night.

Owens defied his doctor's advice and was in the starting lineup just 6 1/2 weeks after ankle surgery.

Right from the start, he was no decoy.

Owens caught a 7-yard pass

on Philadelphia's second play — his first action since he severely sprained his ankle and broke his leg in a game against Dallas on Dec. 19.

He had a 30-yard catch-and-run later in the first quarter, setting up a first down at the Patriots 8, which the Eagles failed to turn into points. After that catch, the flamboyant Owens flapped his arms along the sideline.

Owens also had a 36-yard reception in the fourth quarter, but didn't catch any of Donovan McNabb's three touchdown passes.

Owens was the target on McNabb's incomplete pass that started the game, and he hauled in a 9-yard reception on the second possession.

Owens appeared to have no trouble running his patterns,

gaining several yards after his catches. He seemed out of breath early on when he went to the sideline, but didn't have to sit out plays.

He didn't have any receptions in the second quarter as McNabb spread the ball around and had better success moving the offense, but had two catches during Philadelphia's game-tying scoring drive in the third quarter and six total in the second half.

Two days after the Eagles won the NFC championship game, Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on Owens' right ankle in December, said he wouldn't clear him to play against the Patriots.

But Owens insisted he would be in the lineup — not just standing on the sideline leading cheers as he did in the NFC title game.

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team	projected meet points
1 Tennessee	49
2 LSU	46
3 Stanford	36
4 Florida	35
5 Texas	31
5 BYU	31
7 Michigan	30
7 South Carolina	30
9 UCLA	23
9 Miami	23
11 Kansas State	20
12 NOTRE DAME	18
13 Arizona State	17
13 North Carolina	17
15 Villanova	16
16 Nebraska	15
17 Cal Poly	14
18 Georgia Tech	13
19 Florida State	11
20 Georgia	9
20 Colorado State	9
20 Pittsburgh	9
20 Baylor	9
20 Clemson	9
25 Washington	8
25 Arizona	8
25 Cal	8
25 Northern Arizona	8
25 Penn State	8
25 Mississippi	8
25 Southern Illinois	8

Trackwire Top 25

Men's Track & Field

team	projected meet points
1 Arkansas	73
2 Michigan	40
3 Indiana	32
4 Texas	28
4 Wisconsin	28
6 Florida	27
7 LSU	26
8 Florida State	23
9 Arizona	20
9 Texas Tech	20
11 UCLA	18
11 Colorado State	18
13 Tennessee	17
14 BYU	16
14 Oregon	16
16 Stanford	15
16 Arizona State	15
16 Auburn	15
19 Oklahoma	14
20 Baylor	13
20 USC	13
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22 Mississippi	12
22 East Carolina	12
25 Nebraska	11
25 Virginia Tech	11

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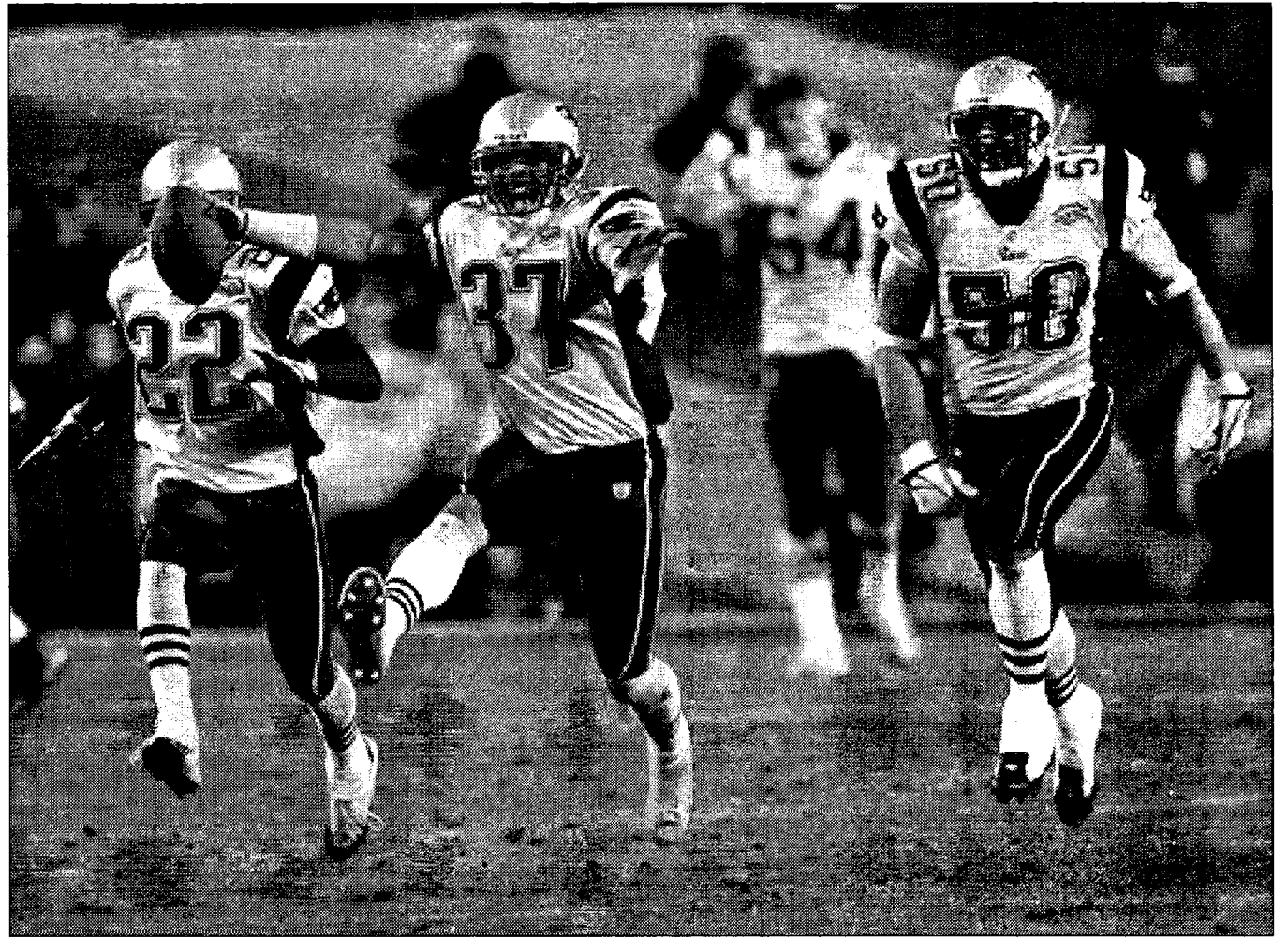
team	conference	overall
Michigan	17-3-2	20-7-3
Ohio State	17-4-1	20-7-3
Nebraska-Omaha	11-8-3	15-10-3
Northern Michigan	11-7-3	13-9-5
Bowling Green	10-7-3	13-9-4
Alaska Fairbanks	8-10-3	9-11-3
Miami (Ohio)	8-11-3	12-14-4
Michigan State	8-9-3	13-12-4
Lake Superior	6-9-5	7-15-6
Western Michigan	6-13-1	11-14-1
Ferris State	4-14-4	9-17-4
NOTRE DAME	3-14-5	5-19-6

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Connecticut at Syracuse, 7 p.m., ESPN
Oklahoma at Oklahoma State, 9 p.m., ESPN

SUPER BOWL XXXIX



New England Patriots strong safety Rodney Harrison, middle, celebrates his interception with teammates Asante Samuel, left, and Mike Vrabel late in the game to seal their victory in Super Bowl XXXIX on Sunday.

Patriots prevail, Branch named MVP

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.— Dynasties don't have to be perfect or pretty. They just have to win — like the New England Patriots.

The Patriots won their third Super Bowl in four years with a dominant second half Sunday night, wearing down the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21.

It wasn't overpowering, and at times it was downright ugly. But it was more than enough to match the Dallas Cowboys' run of the 1990s and certify the Patriots of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady as the NFL's latest dynasty.

"To me this trophy belongs to these players," Belichick said. "They met all comers this year, a very challenging year. We're thrilled to win. These

players played great all year, their best in the big games and they deserve it, they really deserve it."

With MVP Deion Branch tying a Super Bowl record for receptions with 11, Brady efficiently running the offense and Rodney Harrison sparking a smothering defense, the Patriots (17-2) won their ninth successive postseason game. That ties the record of Vince Lombardi's Packers of the 1960s, and there's hardly any better company a team can keep.

The difference once again was an Adam Vinatieri field goal, this one a 22-yarder with 8:40 to go. New England won its other two Super Bowls by the margin of Vinatieri's last-second kicks.

Philadelphia (15-4) got the ball back at its 4 with 46 seconds remaining. It

was hardly enough time and far too much territory to cover against such a formidable foe.

Harrison got his second interception with 9 seconds remaining to end it.

Playing before a sea of mostly green jerseys in the crowd of 78,125, the Patriots made sure Philadelphia would not get its first pro sports title since 1983. Indeed, it's been 45 years since the Eagles won the NFL crown. And even though they made it to the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 seasons — after three straight conference championship flops — their season still ended in disappointment.

"We came up just short — too many turnovers — and against such a tough football team you can't do that," coach Andy Reid said.

IN BRIEF

Parry wins playoff; Els falls short of fourth in a row

MELBOURNE, Australia — Australia's Craig Parry ended Ernie Els' three-year hold on the Heineken Classic title Sunday, holing a 12-foot birdie putt on the fourth hole of a playoff with countryman Nick O'Hern.

After Parry made his birdie putt on the fourth extra hole, O'Hern missed a 10-foot birdie attempt to end the tournament at historic Royal Melbourne.

Parry made par-saving putts on the first three playoff holes — the 18th twice and then the 17th, while O'Hern helped keep the playoff going by missing birdie putts inside 10 feet on the two opening holes.

Parry closed with a 1-under 70 to match O'Hern (71) at 14-under 270.

Parry's most memorable playoff performance came last March in the Ford Championship at Doral in Florida when he holed a 6-iron shot from 176 yards for an eagle to win.

Tigers land Ordonez one year after Rodriguez

DETROIT — For the second straight year, the Detroit Tigers added a marquee player about two weeks before the start of spring training.

First, Ivan Rodriguez. Now, Magglio Ordonez.

"Most of us go into spring training excited, but when you sign a big-time guy like Ordonez, it makes you even more excited," Tigers pitcher Jason Johnson said Sunday in a telephone interview from Tampa, Fla.

"It's really going to boost our morale. I can't wait to get started."

After signing in 2004, Rodriguez helped the Tigers win 72 games. That was a 29-win improvement from the previous season, the second-best turnaround in the AL since it expanded in 1961.

With Ordonez's bat in the middle of the lineup, Detroit figures to improve its chances of competing in the AL Central, expected to be among the

weaker divisions in the major leagues this year.

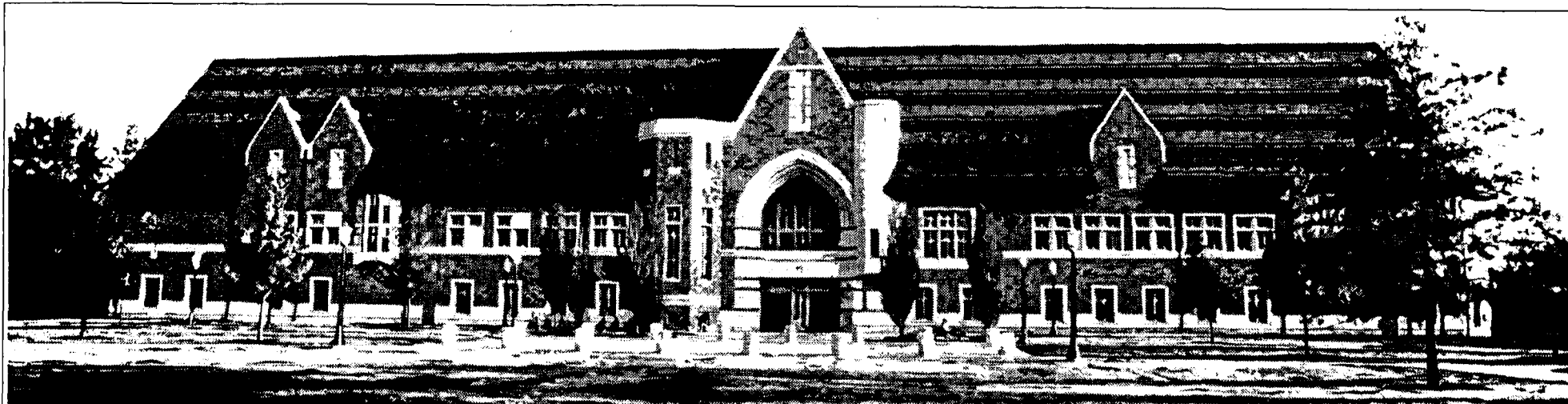
Davenport loses at Pan Pacific Open to Sharapova

TOKYO — Reigning Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova beat No. 1 Lindsay Davenport 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (5) in the Pan Pacific Open final Sunday and will move up to a career-high third in the WTA Tour rankings.

Sharapova prevented Davenport from winning a record fifth title at the indoor tournament. Davenport, who lost to Serena Williams in the Australian Open final last weekend, hit 13 aces against Sharapova but needed a medical timeout after the first set because of a sore left thigh.

"I'm very happy to have won," said Sharapova, who had nine aces. "Lindsay played an amazing match and it all came down to the tiebreaker, so obviously it was a very tough match."

She will move past Amelie Mauresmo in Monday's new rankings and jump from No. 4 to No. 3.



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T H E A T R E

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PGA

Mickelson wows the home crowd with win

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Phil Mickelson finished a triumphant week in his second home, winning the FBR Open by five strokes for his largest margin of victory in a PGA Tour event.

Mickelson struggled with his driver some in a final round 3-under 68, but no one mounted a serious challenge Sunday. He never led by fewer than three strokes over the final 18 holes.

Mickelson survived shots deep into the desert and into the water, then capped his round with a 26-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the 18th to the wild cheers of the friendly throng.

"We had a lot of fun," he said. "We miss the people here so much."

Afterward, his daughters, 5-year-old Amanda and 3-year-old Sophia, rushed to hug their dad on the 18th green.

"Daddy, there's treats after," the youngest one said.

With chants of "A-S-U" and "Go Lefty!" from the crowd everywhere he went, Mickelson finished at 17-under 267 on the 7,216-yard Tournament Players Club course. Scott McCarron and Kevin Na, at 21 the youngest

player on the PGA tour, tied for second at 272.

McCarron shot his second consecutive 65 on Saturday. Na played in the final group with Mickelson and faltered before rallying with birdies on the 14th and 17th for his best finish in his two years on the tour.

Steve Flesch, Tim Herron and David Toms finished at 273. Toms would have finished in second place but double-bogeyed the 18th.

A three-time NCAA champion at Arizona State who lived in Scottsdale until December 2001, Mickelson won the FBR — formerly the Phoenix Open — for the second time. He was just 25 when he won in a playoff with another tour youngster, Justin Leonard, in 1996.

Mickelson became the first golfer in five PGA tournaments this year to protect a 54-hole lead, the longest such streak since 1976, when third-round leaders did not win the first five PGA Tour events of the year.

After a 2-over 73 in the first round, Mickelson was minus-19 in the last 54, including an 11-under 60 in the second round on Friday, tying the course record with his lowest score in an official PGA event.

ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Connelly impressed by effort

Coach says personal bests characterize the Mayo Invite

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

They won only one event — nine fewer than a week ago.

In many ways, however, this weekend's Mayo Invitational may have been a more successful meet for the Irish.

In an event stacked with four top-25 teams, Notre Dame was very competitive, achieving several personal bests and gaining valuable experience.

The lone winner for the Irish was Maryanne Erigha who took the 200 meters in a time of 23.85 seconds.

Her time places her in the top 10 among all collegians in this event. Erigha also took third in the 60-meter dash.

The Irish achieved several qualifying times for the Big East and NCAA Championships. In the 400-meter dash, Notre Dame finished 2-3 as sophomores Okechi Ogbuokiri and Tiffany Gunn both hit the NCAA provisional qualifying time.

A quartet of Irish runners attained Big East qualifications in the 3,000 meters. Sunni Olding (eighth), Stephanie Madia (15th), Amy

Kohlmeier (23rd) and Elizabeth Webster (26th) all finished the race in less than 10 minutes.

Irish coach Tim Connelly was especially impressed with Olding's effort.

"Sunni was very composed," he said.

"It was her first race at that distance, and it was not an easy race to run fast in, as it was very crowded. She showed a lot of maturity."

Connelly also was impressed by the youngest of the Irish athletes. In the 1,000 meters, sophomore Brianne Schmidt and freshmen Jacqueline Carter and Mary Debevec all ran personal best times.

"Those three ran well. They were able to double, running the 1,000 Friday night and the 800 Saturday afternoon," Connelly said.

"This is excellent preparation for the Big East meet when they will have to run prelims and finals in the same weekend."

The field events were highlighted by Stacey Cowan's second-place finish in the high jump. Georgia Tech's Chaunte

Howard, considered the best high jumper in the country, was the only athlete to clear a height higher than Cowan's 1.70 meters.

Petra Dankova finished fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 12.20 meters and qualifying for the Big East meet. Meghan Horn took fifth place in the shot put competition, throwing a season-best distance of 13.97 meters.

With the Big East Championships only two weeks away, many runners will be taking next weekend off to rest, while those who are just short of the qualifying times look to hit the time at next weekend's Windsor Team Challenge. Connelly kept his team's goals in perspective in the early stages of the season.

"We need to learn how to run races," Connelly said.

"We need to learn to deal with different tracks, large crowded races and other scenarios that may arise. We'll be able to do that as the season continues."

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Tim Connelly
Irish coach

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ROTC BASKETBALL

Air Force rebounds from rocky first half

Irish use free throws to their advantage in 31-23 victory over Virginia Tech

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

In a defensive contest, free throws are always important.

However, when they make up more than half of a team's points, every trip to the line is downright critical.

The Irish Air Force men's A-team took full advantage of its opportunities at the charity stripe in the championship of the 19th Annual Notre Dame Flying Irish Invitational on Sunday.

The Air Force team went 16-of-27 from the free throw line en route to a hard-fought 31-23 victory over the Virginia Tech Orange.

Freshman Anthony Crosser played like a veteran, leading the Irish at the line.

Crosser went 5-of-6 and finished the game with seven points.

The Irish struggled offensively for most of the first half, making only four field goals and shooting 4-for-9 from the free throw line, despite managing to enter half-time with a 14-12 lead.

However, in a matchup including a scoring drought lasting longer than seven minutes, defense was the name of the game.

Neither team was able to mount much offense during the middle of the first half, when a 6-3 Virginia Tech lead stood for 7:05 before Irish senior Matt Crosser, who finished with seven points, converted on two free throws to cut the lead to one.

The second half proved to be a defensive battle as well, as the two teams combined to make only four field goals.

Virginia Tech's defense shut the Irish down from the field, holding senior captain Tim Kogge, the 3-point champ, to no field goals all game.

"Their goal was to shut me down outside, and so we had to try to pound it down low," Kogge said.

Because of the lackluster shooting, fouls proved costly for Virginia Tech, as

the Irish won the game at the line, making 12-of-17 free throws in the second half and slowly building their way up to an 11-point lead with 1:47 to go.

"We did a great job getting boards and getting to the line," Kogge said.

As the game wound down, Virginia Tech awoke from its game long shooting slump.

However, it was too little, too late, and the Irish held on for an eight-point victory.

Defenses also dominated in the women's final, as the Marquette Army women's team fell to the South Dakota State Air Force Lady Jackrabbits by a score of 28-23.

The Jackrabbits took an early lead 6-2 with back to back 3-pointers from Elizabeth Harding.

Marquette was unable to erase that initial deficit until 59 seconds remained in the half, when tournament MVP Tiffany Bilderback tied the game on a breakaway layup.

In the second half, Marquette looked poised to capture the title, as Stephanie Thompson scored seven of her 10 points during a 10-4 Lady Eagles run that gave them a 21-15 advantage with under 10 minutes to play.

However, as Thompson cooled off and Bilderback couldn't create much offense, going 1-for-2 from the field in the second half, the game momentum slowly began to turn.

Nita Harstead took over the game for the Jackrabbits, scoring seven points of her own to lead an 11-2 South Dakota State run to close out the last 7:20 of the game, including scores on two consecutive trips up the floor to give them the lead with under a minute to play.

After the game, the team's coach, Major Chris Trotter, was enthused about the victory.

Trotter said that this year's win was especially heartening in light of the last two year's outcomes.

"The last two years, we didn't even make it out of the brackets," he said.

"I feel great, especially for the girls."

Harding was positive about her team's experience in the tournament.

"It was a fun event, and everyone played hard," she said.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Swimmers excel on the road

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

Once again the Irish made themselves right at home in an opponent's pool.

Posting a win on the road for the fourth straight time, the men's swimming and diving team had no problems sweeping past Oakland University (2-4).

Notre Dame (10-2) won 10 of the first 12 events on Saturday and cruised to a 177-107 victory at the OU Aquatics Center.

"We've had some good success on the road these last few weeks," head coach Tim Welsh said.

"We think that it's important to win on the road because our championship meet is on the road. So everything this year has been both its own meet and also preparation for the bigger meet at the end."

The Irish took an early lead and never looked back, building a 60-14 advantage after four events, extending it to an insurmountable 177-50 lead through 12 events. After building their 127-point lead, the Irish swam as exhibition competitors for the rest of the meet.

"I must say, to be fair, that this is not a typical Oakland team," Welsh said.

"They are down this year, and they'll be back next year. But the results for us were wonderful starting at the very beginning."

Notre Dame placed first and second in eight races and also had eight different swimmers achieve individual victories.

Despite the relatively wide-open meet, several Irish swimmers brought their best to their

events. Freshman Eric Swenson posted a lifetime best in the 100-yard breaststroke.

His time of 56.39 seconds was the eighth-fastest time in that event for an Irish swimmer and ranks him second among Big East swimmers.

"That was also [Swenson's] lifetime best, and when we start the seasonal swims, we hope these are wonderful indicators of what might be possible for us in New York [at the Big East Championships]," Welsh said.

Also swimming well for the Irish were juniors Patrick O'Berry and Bryan Guarnier.

O'Berry led a balanced Irish attack in the 200-yard freestyle, posting a time of 1:40.58.

O'Berry's finish leaves him as the fifth-fastest Irish racer all time in that race.

Guarnier posted a win in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:51.10, a time good enough for sixth among all-time Irish performances in that event.

"Eric, Patrick and Bryan Guarnier, in particular, all had lifetime-best swims [Saturday]," Welsh said.

"And they are kind of exactly what everyone wants, and [we] hope that it's a good indicator of what comes ahead in New

York." Notre Dame's win at Oakland snapped a trend in the swim series between the two schools.

Since the series renewal during the 1999-2000 season, the home team has collected a victory every meet.

"We were hoping that would be possible," Welsh said.

"We're grateful that we were able to do it but we're also mindful that the typical Oakland team will be back and we'll see them right here in our pool next season."

With 10 days until the start of the Big East Championships, the Irish can sense their season-long quest drawing to a close.

But that won't stop them from fine-tuning their techniques in the upcoming week.

"We're polishing the apple, so to speak," Welsh said. "The bulk of the week, as far as the hard training, is done. We are now in the process of polishing and fine-tuning the wheel."

We're going to do some resting and some focusing on technique details. The major emphasis will be getting the details right.

"We're done out here in the Midwest. We're taking our show to New York."

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During the meal he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. "Take this," he said. "This is my body."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame falls to No. 34 Texas and No. 9 Duke

Weekend's matches blemish the team's perfect 6-0 record

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

After flying to a 6-0 start, the Notre Dame men's tennis team was grounded this weekend.

The No. 25 Irish (6-2) dropped two matches against ranked foes — a 4-3 decision to No. 34 Texas (2-0) Friday and a 6-1 decision to No. 9 Duke (3-1) Sunday.

Playing their third straight match against a ranked foe, the Irish lost the doubles point but jumped out to an early 3-1 lead against the Longhorns. Despite closing out their singles victories in just two sets, Notre Dame couldn't pick up that vital fourth point.

"We played very well against Texas," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "They're a great team, and they're going to be a top-25 team this year. I think we played as well against Texas as we've played all year. I didn't have any reservations about that match at all."

Sophomore Barry King, who won two matches against ranked foes in as many matches, upset the No. 53 player in the nation, Texas's Roger

Gubser. King won a 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 decision in the No. 3 slot. King is now 4-1 against ranked opponents this season.

"He had a great weekend for us," Bayliss said. "Roger Gubser is a senior and been around a lot, played a lot of good tennis. It was a big win for Barry. Barry's serving well. Earlier in the year, he had some troubles with his serve, but he's picked that up. Gubser stayed back and really moved Barry around the court. Barry had to hit big to keep from being pushed around and he did that and he really took it to Gubser."

The match came down to getting a single victory from senior Brent D'Amico. D'Amico, who played at the No. 1 slot for the first time this season, dropped a close 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 loss to Texas junior Callum Beale.

"[The match was between] two pretty evenly matched teams, and it could have gone either way," Bayliss said. "I thought we played hard and played some smart tennis. It was a toss of a coin right there at the end."

After losing only one of their doubles points in their first six

wins, the Irish found themselves in unfamiliar territory against both Texas and Duke.

"The doubles point is a big momentum point, and with Texas it was very close," Bayliss said. "We had our chances and obviously it affected the outcome because we lost 4-3. Had we won the doubles point, I'm pretty confident we would have won the match."

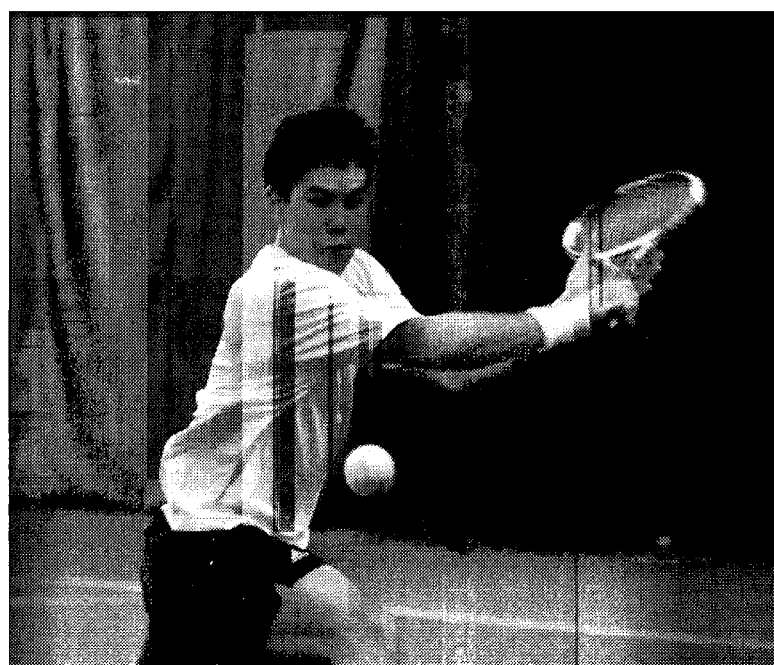
While the Texas match came down to the wire, the Duke contest proved to be hardly that. The Notre Dame doubles team of sophomore Stephen Bass and King dropped a close 9-7 doubles match.

King provided the sole Irish point, again providing an upset at the No. 3 slot against Duke's Stephen Amritraj, ranked No. 106 in the nation. King won the decision 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

"I felt Barry King played a great match at No. 3, beating Stephen Amritraj," Bayliss said. "I thought Patrick Buchanan played well at No. 6 ... Patrick lost the tie-breaker for that particular match but he had the momentum and probably would have had an advantage in the third set. Beyond that, they beat us up

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Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Junior Patrick Buchanan lunges to volley the ball in Sunday's match against No. 9 Duke. The No. 25 Irish fell 6-1 in the contest.

pretty badly in a couple spots and a couple of the matches were over quickly."

With a grueling stretch of four games against four nationally-ranked opponents behind them, the Irish can regroup before their next match against Marquette at home Sunday.

"We've played four pretty good teams in a row," Bayliss said. "We could probably use a little rest right now, and we'll

benefit from being able to regroup. When you play as many good teams in a row as we have, little cracks appear in your game and you need some team to regroup and shore up a couple things that have shown up.

"We're going to take advantage of that for the next ten days or so."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Hope defense holds off Belles for 61-48 win

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's played even with MIAA leader Hope for 34 minutes Saturday. But Hope ended the first half on a six-minute, 18-4 run and defeated the Belles 61-48.

The contest began as a defensive battle and after eight minutes of play, the two teams had combined for a mere 13 points.

"We were just doing the things we needed to do," Saint Mary's coach Suzanne Bellina said of her team's early play.

With 6:18 remaining in the half, Belles center Maureen Bush hit a turnaround jumper in the lane to give Saint Mary's a 16-15 lead. The Flying Dutch offense then woke up and Hope took a 33-20 lead into the locker room.

"We relaxed and they took total advantage of it," Bellina said of the last six minutes of the first half. "You can't do that against a

team like that."

Saint Mary's couldn't close the gap in the second half. The Belles cut Hope's advantage to seven points on several occasions, but failed to get any closer.

Hope, the top defensive team in the conference, prevented the Belles from developing any consistent offensive play. Saint Mary's shot 34.5 percent from the floor for the game and only 27.3 percent in the first half.

"They are very big so it's hard to shoot over them," Bellina said. "You can't get much going without second chance opportunities."

Saint Mary's offense also suffered with the absence of leading scorer Emily Creachbaum for much of the game. In foul trouble all day, Creachbaum played only 17 minutes, scoring six points.

While disappointed with the loss, the Belles will take some positives from the performance. In Creachbaum's absence, the Saint Mary's bench played well

with Deirdre Mangan and Abbey Baum each making significant contributions of six and four points, respectively.

Guard Katie Boyce returned to the lineup Saturday after missing three weeks with a torn tendon in her foot. The Belles rely on Boyce, last season's MIAA defensive player of the year, for her ball handling and stellar defense. The senior played 17 minutes and scored six points in the game.

"I was so impressed with her," Bellina said. "She was able to step into the flow of the offense without missing a beat."

Bellina said that Boyce's presence on the court is crucial as the regular season winds down. With four games remaining, Saint Mary's hopes to finish fourth in the MIAA and host a first round playoff game. The Belles are currently in a three-way tie for fifth place, but trail fourth-place Tri-State by just one half game. Bellina believes that Saturday's



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Junior guard Bridget Boyce dribbles around a Tri-State player earlier this season. The Belles lost 61-48 to Hope on Saturday.

performance will help the Belles during the crucial final four games.

"I think we definitely take confidence from this game, recognizing that we can play with the top team in the league," Bellina said.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

No. 25 Irish gain momentum for Big East, defeat Grizzlies

Oakland loses bragging rights, flawless record

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

The No. 25 Irish are holding their heads high after beating undefeated Oakland University Saturday, giving the Grizzlies

their first loss since the last time the two teams met.

Notre Dame won 11 of the 16 events en route to a 163.5-134.5 victory, all without the help of senior All-American Meghan Perry-Eaton. Perry-Eaton had stayed behind to catch up on work missed while she was on a job interview, said head coach Bailey Weathers.

"We had some good swims," Weathers said. "It wasn't as exciting or intense a meet as say a Michigan, but it was good for the kids to have the challenge [of Perry-Eaton not being there]."

The Grizzlies jumped out to an early lead after taking the first event, but by the end of the third race, the Irish would reclaim the lead and never

look back.

Oakland tied the meet at 74.5 after eight events, but the Irish responded by winning seven of the final eight to close out the victory.

Leading the way for the Irish was junior Christel Bouvron, who won three separate events for the Irish.

Bouvron, a two-time Olympian for her native Singapore, took first in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle races, as well as in the 100-yard butterfly.

The junior set season-best times for the Irish in both

freestyle events, with times of 1 minute, 54.04 seconds in the 200 and 5:05.42 in the 500-yard event.

Freshman Caroline Johnson won two events for Notre Dame, claiming victory in the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard freestyle.

Johnson won both events by roughly one second and now owns all of Notre Dame's top nine times in the 100-yard backstroke.

Sophomore Katie Carroll also won two events, taking the title in both individual medleys. Carroll won the 400-yard race by more than four seconds and won the 200 by 3.5 seconds, giving her all top three times by the Irish this season in the event.

Also claiming victories on Saturday were sophomore Jessica Stephens in the 200 breaststroke, sophomore Ellen Johnson in the 200 backstroke, and freshman Katie Guida, who won the 50 freestyle by a slim .14 seconds.

The team is off now until the Big East Championships, scheduled for Feb. 16-19 in East Meadow, N.Y. The Irish will be looking to win their ninth straight conference championship, dating back to 1995-96, their inaugural season in the Big East.

Weathers is confident his team will be up to the challenge.

"I think we're at a stage we need to be at," he said.

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HOCKEY

Irish tie Mavericks 1-1 Friday, fall 6-3 Saturday

By BOBBY GRIFFIN and JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writers

Notre Dame's losing streak came to an end, but another one started the very next night.

The Irish snapped their eight-game losing streak Friday with a 1-1 tie over the Mavericks, but then fell Saturday by a 6-3 score.

Nebraska-Omaha struck first on Friday during Notre Dame's first power play of the game.

Maverick goalie Chris Holt made an impressive pass to spring Bill Thomas, who skated down the right side unimpeded.

Thomas took the puck in close on Irish goalie Morgan Cey, then switched direction with a quick pass across the crease to Scott Parse, who deposited the puck in the open net for a Maverick shorthanded goal.

Notre Dame got its equalizer from an unlikely source, freshman defenseman Luke Lucyk, who found the back of the net for the first time this season.

Irish forward Cory McLean took the puck down the right side of the ice at 7:20 of the third period and made a quick pass to Lucyk just outside the right face-off circle. The defenseman flipped a weak wrist shot toward the net that somehow managed to elude Nebraska-Omaha goalie Chris Holt.

"After you get as many shots and chances as we had in that game, you figure if you just put one on net it might go in," Lucyk said.

Irish coach Dave Poulin agreed that Lucyk's goal was something that the team really needed after offense has been hard to come by this season.

"That's really the kind of goal that you need to snap out of a slump," he said. "Very often it's the weird bounce, the crazy hop or a shot off someone's head that will get you out of that funk."

Cey made 26 saves for the Irish and was named Perani Cup first star for the game. The senior goalie made several acrobatic saves in the first period to keep his team in the game, including a rolling high-leg kick save that brought the loudest ovation of the night from Irish fans.

"On a save like that it all happens so fast that I don't really think about what my body does, it's just instinct," he said.

After Friday's win, the Irish seemed poised to begin another type of streak going into the third period tied at 2-2 on Saturday.

But Parse changed that at the 14:03 mark with an outstanding shot.

Cutting across the ice from the weak side, Parse outmaneuvered the Irish defense and ripped the puck past Cey in what was the turning point of the game.

"Parse made a major league play," Irish coach Dave Poulin. "That's a major league goal by a very good player."

The scoring got going early for Nebraska-Omaha, as

Mavericks' right wing Mick Lawrence scored on the power play off a rebound at 2:30 in the first. Lawrence had two goals and two assists in the game.

The Irish had their chances in the first period, as Matt Amado had two open looks at the net but could not seem to find the back of the net.

"Frustration is at an all-time high right now," Irish captain Cory McLean said. "We hit three or four posts tonight, and it just doesn't seem to be going our way."

The Irish responded at 4:02 in the second, when Evan Rankin's shot deflected to Mike Walsh in front of the net. Walsh beat Holt for his second goal of the season.

The Mavericks came right back at 11:51, when right wing Bill Thomas scored on the power play. It was Thomas' 14th goal of the season.

Once again, the Irish were able to respond to the Mavericks, when Chris Trick found McLean on the doorstep for his fourth goal of the season.

"At 2-2 I'm fully confident we're going to win that game, we've just got to find a way," Poulin said.

Nebraska-Omaha would tack on another goal at 14:25, before Irish center Tony Gill scored on one of the stranger goals of the season to cut the lead to 4-3.

At 15:30, Gill fired the puck off the right boards in the Nebraska-Omaha zone. The puck deflected off the boards, directly into the net.

With a glimmer of hope remaining, Mavericks' center Dan Hacker crushed any real possibility of the comeback when he scored off a rebound in front of Cey.

An empty net goal by Lawrence with 19.6 seconds remaining solidified the Mavericks' victory.

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Irish defenseman Noah Babin makes a pass as Nebraska-Omaha's Dan Hacker defends during Notre Dame's 6-3 loss to the Mavericks Saturday.

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Duals

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Jesse Laeuchli also went undefeated for the men's epeeists, compiling a record of 6-0 during the weekend, and the men's epeeists put up a 33-3 record overall.

The men's sabre team also compiled a strong record, going 32-4 behind 6-0 days from senior John Espinosa and juniors Nicholas Diacou and Alex Schumacher. The men's foil team also had a strong day but relatively struggled, compiling a record of 24-12.

Bednarski saw promise in the performance of his fencers who haven't been seeing much action this season.

"These kids are progressing," he said. "We're giving them a chance to improve, and they're using this chance."

One of the biggest surprises for the women's team was the freshman foil team of Melanie Bautista and Rachel Cota, who went 8-0 and 9-0, respectively, helping the squad to a 34-2 day.

The most impressive performance of the day came from the women's sabre team, as it went undefeated in all four of its matches, winning all 36 bouts. Senior co-captain Danielle Davis led the way with a 12-0 showing. She was joined in victory by senior Natalie Tenner and sophomores Angela Vincent and Erin Housing.

Though the Irish stars saw little time, if any, this weekend certainly left Bednarski feeling optimistic.

"We have progress in our backups, which is good news for the future of the program," he said. "They are young and trying to be the starters for the next few years."



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Irish follist Diego Qulnenez, left, faces off against his opponent in the Notre Dame Duals earlier this year.

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Irish runner Selim Nurudeen competes in the 60-meter hurdles at the Meyo Invitational Sunday.

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in front of his identical twin brother John, also of Indiana, won the race.

This is the first time in NCAA history two brothers have both cracked the four-minute plateau in the same race. Notre Dame graduate Luke Watson returned to his alma mater to finish third in 3:58.59, with current Notre Dame sophomore Kurt Benninger fourth in 3:58.75. It was the first time Benninger had cracked four minutes.

Benninger was pleased with his performance and with those of his teammates.

"I'm pretty happy about it [breaking four minutes]," he said. "Any time you break four minutes, it's exciting, and it's something I've always wanted to do. Overall, the meet went pretty well for us also."

The Irish qualified seven for the Big East Championships and three for the NCAAs. Freshman Terrell Lambert became the third Irish runner to qualify for the Big East in the

60-meter dash, joining Selim Nurudeen and Dwight Ellick, both of whom sat out the race this weekend.

Nurudeen went up against Antwon Hicks of Mississippi in the 60-meter hurdles. Nurudeen posted a time of 7.80 seconds, finishing second to Hicks, the best collegian in this event, who ran a 7.65. Nurudeen also finished third in the 200-meters, with a personal best of 21.33 seconds, one of the best times in the conference this season.

Several Irish athletes posted great marks, but due to the high caliber of the competition finished further down in the standings.

These marks won't go unnoticed since a lot of them are among the very best posted in the Big East this year.

Chris Staron and Christopher Jacques finished ninth in the high jump and long jump respectively. Staron's jump of 2.01 meters was the third-best in conference, while Jacques' 6.98-meter leap was second best.

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Panthers

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freshman played in front of a hometown crowd for the first time ever.

Borton said Allen's fans overshadowed those of Pittsburgh.

"We had a lot of Irish fans because of Charel," Borton said. "Not at all [did the Pittsburgh fans affect Notre Dame]."

Notre Dame (20-3, 8-2 Big East) got off to a quick start against the Panthers (11-10, 3-7 Big East), despite

All-American Jacqueline Batteast playing just six first-half minutes due to foul trouble.

With 5:30 to play in the first half, Notre Dame used a 14-0 run to put the game away after being up 24-18. The game was never in doubt for the Irish, as they dominated in the paint behind Borton and LaVere.

"The quick start [kept their fans out of the game]," Borton said. "We never let them get close to us."

LaVere and Borton combined for 21 first-half points, 10 for Borton on 5-for-5 shooting, and 11 for LaVere on 4-for-7 shooting. They were the main contributors to Notre Dame outscoring Pittsburgh 24-6 in the paint in the first half.

Meanwhile, Pittsburgh's star freshman Mercedes Walker was limited to just four points and three fouls in the first half, as the Irish led 40-23 at the half.

"I think [Walker] was kind of slow," Borton said. "So, we ran down the court ahead of her and got some easy layups."

Walker finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds, many coming after the game's outcome was already decided.

Borton and LaVere got it done on the defensive end against Walker as well, as Pittsburgh's freshman struggled most of the game.

"She's a very strong girl," Borton said. "It was just getting a body on her on the

boards and just using your forearm to keep her out of the paint so she couldn't get any easy shots."

Notre Dame finished with a season-high 50 rebounds, six more than Pittsburgh.

Megan Duffy had nine assists, all in the first half, for Notre Dame, and Batteast added 12 points, nine in the second half. The starters sat out the majority of the second half for the Irish, with Duffy playing just 25 minutes, and Batteast playing 15 minutes.

The Irish are back in action Wednesday night when they travel to Providence.

Notes:

♦ The 20 wins for Notre Dame marks the 16th season of Muffet McGraw's 18 years at Notre Dame that the Irish have won 20 games. It is also the 12th consecutive 20-win season for Notre Dame.

♦ Notre Dame is now 15-0 against Pittsburgh all-time in women's basketball.

♦ Charel Allen is averaging 10.6 points over her past eight games, coming off the bench for the Irish. The freshman is fourth on the team in scoring.

"We never let them get close to us."

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PITTSBURGH (11-10, 3-7)
Brown 0-6 2-2 2, Sholokhova 3-16 0-2 7, Walker 5-10 3-7 13, Kunich 3-8 0-0 8, J.Allen 1-3 0-0 3, Hughes 0-0 0-0 0, Histed 3-15 1-2 8, D.Taylor 0-1 0-0 0, C.Taylor 0-2 2-4 2, Morris 2-7 0-1 4.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	40	35	75
Pittsburgh	23	24	47

3-point goals: Notre Dame 2-6 (Batteast 2-2, Duffy 0-4), Pittsburgh 5-26 (Junich 2-6, Allen 1-3, Histed 1-5, Sholokhova 1-9, D.Taylor 0-1, Morris 0-2). Fouled out: Walker, Brown. Rebounds: Notre Dame 50 (LaVere 8), Pittsburgh 44 (Walker 11). Assists: Notre Dame 19 (Duffy 9), Pittsburgh 7 (Brown, Kunich 3). Total fouls: Notre Dame 16, Pittsburgh 18.

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Orange

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the last 14 games against Notre Dame.

The Irish scored six points the rest of the way. It wasn't just that the offense stopped making shots, but the team didn't get into any flow. Syracuse adjusted its traditional 2-3 zone into more of a 3-2 look to take away the perimeter. Chris Thomas couldn't overcome that change in the defensive look and Syracuse's full-court press to get his team consistently into good offensive sets.

Warrick and McNamara scored Syracuse's next 16 points. That stretch ended when Thomas fouled McNamara on a 3-point attempt. McNamara made all three free throws to put the Orange up 55-52 and give Syracuse its first advantage since leading 2-0.

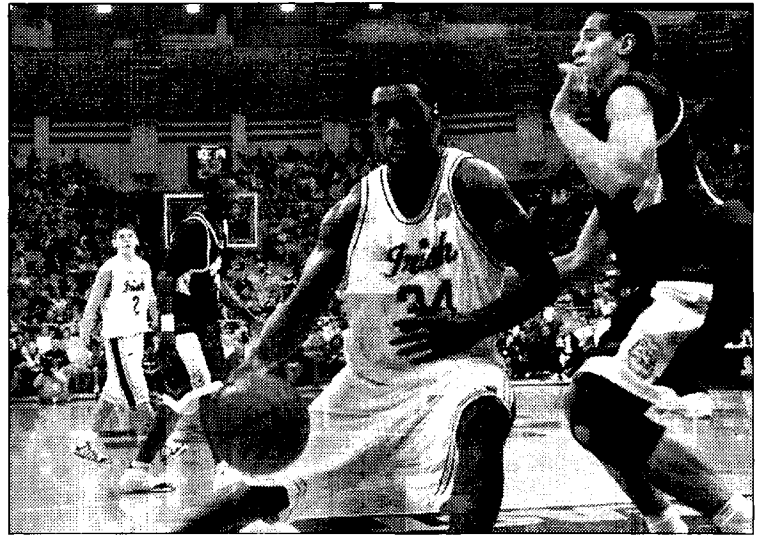
During the last two minutes, McNamara made all seven of his free throws to provide Syracuse enough of an edge so they could maintain their lead even after four missed free throws by Terrence Roberts during the last 14 seconds.

Brey's technical foul came with 3:24 left. He was arguing with the official on a five-second call made against Chris Quinn.

McNamara made both free throws after the media timeout, just as he did after a technical on Jordan Cornette in the first half.

Those were Notre Dame's first technical fouls of the season, and the first time the Irish had a technical foul since Torrian Jones earned one against Saint Louis in last season's NIT.

Thomas continued to struggle for the Irish, finishing with



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Irish forward Torin Francis works against Connecticut's Josh Boone in Notre Dame's win over the Huskies Jan. 30.

five points on 2-of-12 shooting, five assists and four turnovers. The senior still hasn't consistently found that balance of setting up his teammates and taking the game into his hands.

The most surprising thing on the night was Notre Dame's inability to make its free throws.

The Irish, who came into the game leading the Big East in free throw shooting, finished 6-of-17 from the charity stripe and dropped to second in the conference.

Both teams played an ugly first half, but the Irish used a scoring spurt to build a 26-20 halftime lead. Up 13-12, a layup by Rick Cornette, and 3-pointers from Thomas and Quinn put the Irish ahead 21-12.

The most painful statistic from the first half was the Irish shooting 0-for-7 on their free throws.

The Irish return to the Joyce Center Tuesday night to face Boston College. The Golden Eagles are the first team in Big East history to start a season

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NOTRE DAME (13-6,5-4)
Cornette 0-1 0-0 0, Falls 3-9 0-0 9, Francis 5-9 5-8 15, Thomas 2-12 0-3 5, Cornett 3-4 0-2 6, Latimore 5-8 0-0 10, Carter 0-2 0-2 0, Quinn 4-8 1-2 12.

SYRACUSE (21-2, 8-1)
Warrick 7-12 6-11 20, Pace 5-8 0-0 10, Forth 0-0 0-0 0, McNamara 4-9 11-11 22, McCroskey 1-6 2-4 4, Nichols 0-0 0-0 0, Watkins 0-0 0-0 0, Edelin 1-3 0-0 2, Roberts 0-2 2-6 2.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	26	31	57
Syracuse	20	40	60

3-point goals: Notre Dame 7-23 (Quinn 3-7, Falls 3-8, Thomas 1-6, Carter 0-1, Cornette 0-1), Syracuse 3-12: (McNamara 3-8, Warrick 0-1, McCroskey 0-3). Fouled out: McNamara. Rebounds: Notre Dame 37 (Francis 11), Syracuse 29 (Forth, Pace, Warrick 6). Assists: Notre Dame 11 (Thomas 5), Syracuse 6 (McNamara, Pace 3). Total fouls: Notre Dame 21, Syracuse 17. Technicals: Cornette, ND Team.

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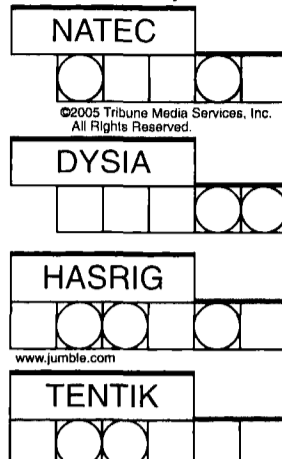
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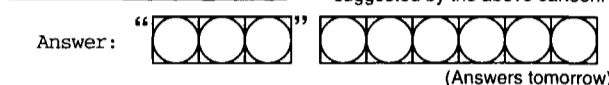
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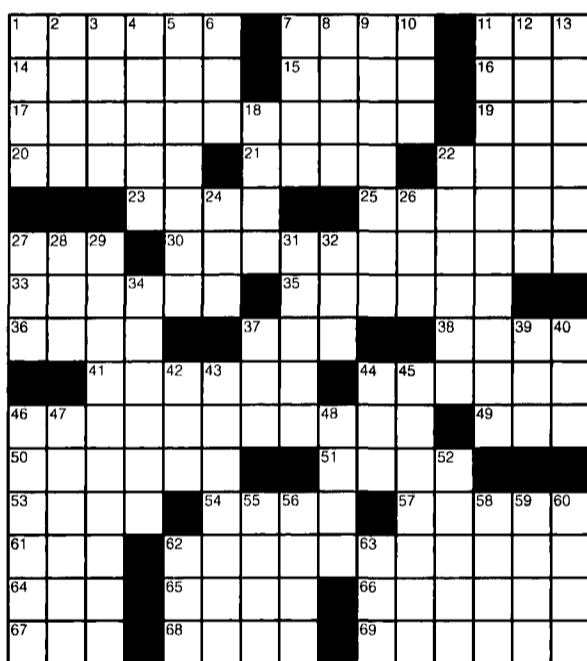
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- ACROSS: 1 Hatch plots, 7 Busy activity, 11 Little devil, 14 Broadway musical based on Dickens, 15 In the thick of, 16 Lao-tzu principle, 17 Gets noticed, as an actor?, 19 Mustache site, 20 Paradises, 21 Kong, China, 22 Hawkeye player on "M*A*S*H", 23 "The Nutcracker" attire, 25 Resentful, 27 Cable film channel, 30 Gets noticed, as an acrobat?, 33 Newspaperman William Randolph, 35 Book before Job, 36 "It was ___ mistake!", 37 Tiny hill builder, 38 Tizzy, 41 Noisy insect, 44 Harmonize, 46 Gets noticed, as a chef?, 49 "Harper Valley ___", 50 Napping, 51 Count ___, villain in Lemony Snicket books, 53 Neighbor of Niger, 54 Get ___ a good thing, 57 Telegraph pioneer, 61 Do-it-yourselfer's purchase, 62 Gets noticed, as an artist?, 64 Sign after Cancer, 65 Period after dark, in ads, 66 Shabby, 67 Go wrong, 68 Ever and ___, 69 Causing goosebumps, DOWN: 1 Not all, 2 Dressed, 3 Nature walk, 4 Super Bowl or the Oscars, e.g., 5 Boo-boos, 6 Mesozoic, for one, 7 Mexican serving, 8 Mysterious sign, 9 Nutcake, 10 Poetic tribute, 11 "We'll find it", 12 Whom a dragon threatens in a fairy tale, 13 Certain 1960's paintings, 18 Synagogue, 22 Swear (to), 24 When repeated, "For shame!", 26 Suffix with devil, 27 "Now I see!", 28 Gibson who directed "The Passion of the Christ", 29 Texas Instruments product, 31 Horne and Olin, for short, 32 Grounded jet, for short, 34 Reared, 37 Org. for tooth doctors, 39 Bankbook abbr., 40 Drink with one lump or two, 42 Middle grade, 43 Headache queller, 44 Have headaches, say, 45 Trolley, 46 Witch's laugh, 47 More grayish, 48 Truck scale units, 52 Blacksmith's workplace, 55 Defense grp. since 1949, 56 Actor Wilson of "Shanghai Noon", 58 Monotonous learning, 59 Give this for that, 60 Nervously irritable, 62 Paternity identifier, 63 Bowl-like line.



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Khleo Thomas, 16; Christian Bale, 31; Brett Butler, 47; Phil Collins, 54

Happy Birthday: A little ingenuity mixed with hard work is what's required this year. You will be tempted to take on too much, pay too much and in general overextend yourself on all counts if you aren't careful. Make a deal with yourself that this year everything must be understated. If you can stick to basics and not get off track, victory can be yours. It's better to receive a little success than none at all. Your numbers are 4, 17, 22, 26, 35, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take the plunge. Things are opening up for you, and much can be achieved. Resurrect your ideas, only this time do it yourself instead of letting others get involved and take over. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You should get your papers in order and prepare to counteract anyone who is trying to push you in the wrong direction. You can't let criticism and comments made bother you. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are on a roll, and nothing is likely to stop you today. Get down to business and see how much you can accomplish. Everyone will want to help and spend time with you. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may want to be a little reluctant to let anyone coerce you into spending or doing something you know you shouldn't be doing. Take a stand and prepare to say no if you must. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've got plenty going on. Get involved in events or activities that will bring you closer to individuals who interest you. Love and romance are in a high cycle. Stay active. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your mind may be on money, but you should be concerned about your health and your future. Reconsider where you are headed and what direction you feel you should be going. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You've got more options than you think. List all the possibilities and make plans to follow through with something that really interests you. A social gathering will enhance romance. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't be too quick to offer your services. You may be taken advantage of if you aren't persistent about what you want or what you do. Don't sell yourself short; you're worth more. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Something worthwhile will unfold if you present your idea or plan. Communication will lead to some interesting suggestions and possibly a partnership with someone influential. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may have to keep a lid on what you are up to. Taking on too much or allowing someone to lean on you too much will set you back. Consider your options when it comes to making money. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's your turn to expand your ideas and to voice your opinions. The more you do for yourself and others, the more confidence you will have to follow through and do your own thing. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money matters must be taken care of. Make some changes at home that will make your place more comfortable. Luck is with you, and money or gifts will come your way. Change will be good. ***

Birthday Baby: You have the power, knowledge and wisdom to do whatever you want. You are capable of great things but also subject to taking on too much. Gauging what you do will be the secret to your life success.

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ND BASKETBALL

Two trips, two different results

LaVere scores 17 points as the visiting Irish knock off Pittsburgh

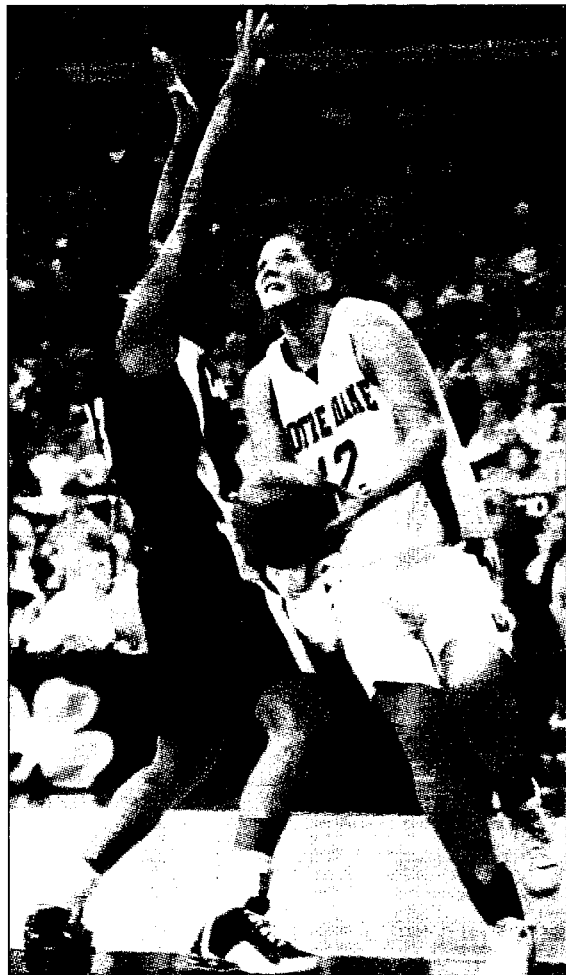
By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Pittsburgh's "Pack the Petersen" promotion worked, drawing a season-high 5,652 fans. But Charel Allen's 11 busloads of hometown fans were the only ones heard Saturday afternoon as the No. 6 Irish defeated Pittsburgh 75-47 at the Petersen Events Center. The 28 points was Notre Dame's largest margin of victory this season.

"It feels great, because we haven't done that all year," Irish center Teresa Borton said. "We finally had the opportunity to get the lead and keep that lead to a large margin."

Courtney LaVere had 17 points and eight rebounds and Allen chipped in 16 points to lead the Irish. Allen, one of Pennsylvania's all-time high school scoring leaders, hails from Monessen, about an hour from Pittsburgh. The

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

At left, Irish center Teresa Borton goes up for a layup against Connecticut. Borton had 10 points in Notre Dame's win on the road at Pittsburgh.



AP

Men blow a late lead for second time this year against No. 6 Syracuse

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Not much changed the second time around against Syracuse — except the size of the crowd.

For the second time in as many games against the Orange (21-2, 8-1 Big East), the Irish (13-6, 5-4) couldn't maintain their second half lead en route to losing 60-57 at the Carrier Dome Saturday night in front of a NCAA record on-campus crowd of 33,199.

On Jan. 10 at the Joyce Center, the Irish held a 57-51 lead with 8:17 remaining but were outscored 19-4 during the remainder of the game.

This time, the Irish held their largest lead of the game with 6:05 remaining as they were up 50-39 after Torin Francis completed a three-point play.

Then the offense stopped scoring, the defense let Hakim Warrick and Gerry McNamara take over the game and Mike Brey got a costly technical en route to Syracuse's 12th win in

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FENCING

Irish finish with 8-0 record at Ohio Duals

Both men and women end the weekend with four wins on the road

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

After this weekend, the Irish can start feeling more comfortable about next year.

Both the No. 2 women's and the No. 4 men's squads went undefeated at the Ohio State Duals, using mostly backups and younger fencers in competition against a much weaker field than the Irish had grown accustomed to facing in the last few events.

Each of Notre Dame's teams easily rolled to 4-0 records at the event. The men defeated

both Purdue and Case Western Reserve by scores of 20-7, while beating Bowling Green 23-4 and Oberlin 26-1. The Irish women were even more dominant, shutting out Oberlin and triumphing over Purdue, Case Western and Bowling Green by respective scores of 24-3, 25-2 and 26-1.

Coach Janusz Bednarski was pleased with his team's overall performance.

"It went very well, though it was not a hard tournament," he said.

All-American senior men's epeeist Michal Soberiaj was one of the few Irish starters seeing regular action this weekend, and he went 12-0 to extend his season record to 55-2, already ninth most wins for an Irish fencer in a season. Sophomore

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Benninger runs 4-minute mile

By JOHN EVERETT
Sports Writer

Competing against some of the best athletes from all regions of the country, the Irish answered with excellent individual performances to establish their stance at the forefront of the Big East conference.

The field running the mile highlighted the 18th annual Meyo Invitational, held Friday and Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center.

Four runners in the event broke the four-minute mark, the time first broken by Roger Bannister in 1954 that has come to be the standard against which all runners are judged.

Indiana's Sean Jefferson, who crossed the finish line at 3 minutes, 56.44 seconds, one second

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BETH WERNET/The Observer

Irish runner Kurt Benninger, left, and former Irish runner Luke Watson finished in fourth and third place in the Meyo Mile Sunday.

SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

HOCKEY

ND 1, UNO 1
UNO 6, ND 3

The Irish tied Nebraska-Omaha Friday, but couldn't withstand the Mavericks' offense Saturday.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Hope 61,
Saint Mary's 48

The Belles dropped their third conference game in a row.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame 163.5,
Oakland 134.5

Oakland's first loss of the season came at the hands of the Irish women's squad.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Texas 4, ND 3
Duke 8, ND 1

The men's team's 6-0 start came to an end with two losses to ranked foes.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame 177,
Oakland 107

The men won 10 out of their first 12 events on their way to the victory.

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SUPER BOWL

New England 24,
Philadelphia 21

Look inside for complete coverage of the big game.

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