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Baron, Shappell win runoff election

Leito-Bongiovanni lose by slim margin

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

Junior Dave Baron and sophomore Lizzi Shappell were officially named next year's student body president and vice president after they won Thursday's runoff election by a slim yet sufficient margin of 235 votes.

With a total of 4,287 votes cast — 52.7 percent of the student body, and 101 more than Monday's primary — the Baron-Shappell ticket secured 2,152 votes and 52.88 percent of the total, while their opponents, juniors James Leito and Jordan Bongiovanni, tallied 1,917 and 47.11 percent. 218 students chose to abstain, but because of a recent constitutional amendment aimed at ensuring a majority win in the runoff and avoiding a threefold election like last year's, these votes were not

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Student Body Presidential Runoff Election Results

*4,287 total votes cast, 5.1% abstaining

Freshman	
51.7%	46.1%
Sophomores	
47.9%	48.4%
Juniors	
52.9%	41.0%
Seniors	
46.7%	42.4%

TOTAL *does not include abstained votes

52.89% 2,152 votes	47.11% 1,917 votes
DAVE BARON	JAMES LEITO



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Student body president-elect Dave Baron and vice-president-elect Lizzi Shappell, above, garnered 235 more votes than James Leito and Jordan Bongiovanni, below.

MIKE HARKINS/Observer Graphic

Tuition increases 7 percent

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

The bill for undergraduate students to attend Notre Dame just got a little steeper — \$2,622 steeper, to be exact — thanks to the 7 percent increase in tuition for the 2005-06 school year, announced by the University on Thursday.

Combined total costs will be \$39,552, broken down into \$31,542 for tuition and fees and \$8,010 for average room and board, according to a University press release. The Graduate School, Law School and Master's of Business Administration program all had 7 percent tuition increases as well, raising costs to \$31,100 and \$31,820, respectively.

Notre Dame president Rev. Edward Malloy, C.S.C. explained to parents in a letter that the decision to increase tuition, made at the winter Board of Trustees meeting, stemmed from the need to balance fiscal constraint with maintaining Notre Dame's distinctive place as a Catholic university.

"This is decided by the Board of Trustees and I'm sure that the reason is related to remaining competitive and what the University is able provide in terms of its offerings," Director of Student Financial Services Joseph Russo said. "We try to stay competitive with other institutions."

A major presentation for next year's cost finances was made at the Board's Feb. 4 meeting. While there

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Silent protest raises awareness of sexual assault



GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer
Notre Dame faculty, staff and students wearing black clothing and tape over their mouths stand in silent protest of violence and sexual assault against women Thursday afternoon outside DeBartolo Hall.

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

More than 50 men and women gathered outside DeBartolo Hall Thursday afternoon in a silent protest to raise awareness of sexual assault at Notre Dame.

The protest, titled "Project Black: Confronting the Silence," is part of V-day, an international movement aimed at ending violence towards women and children. The movement spans the globe, with many colleges both in the United States and abroad taking part, protest organizer

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D'Arcy criticizes ND's support of film festival

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

Controversy about the nature of academic freedom surfaced Thursday after Bishop John D'Arcy criticized Notre Dame's sponsorship of the Queer Film Festival, sparking response from the Notre Dame community.

D'Arcy, who presides over the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, wrote a letter to the South Bend Tribune stating the festival was

"an abuse of academic freedom" and a violation of rights.

According to D'Arcy, the festival's organizers are at fault for not devoting enough focus to the Church's opinions.

"In this seminar, held at a Catholic university, there is no place given to the presentation of Catholic teaching on the matter of homosexuality," he wrote. "The rights of others are violated."

In addition to homosexuals, who D'Arcy said are wronged by not

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Students prepare for apartments

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

By about the time second semester begins, most students already have a good idea their living arrangements for the next school year. But some Saint Mary's students only recently received word of what their situation will be.

According to Director of Residence Life Michelle Russell, only about half of the more than 140 appli-



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer
Saint Mary's students drawn in an apartment lottery for Opus Hall may spend time next year in the building's spacious lounges.

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INSIDE COLUMN

DeBart for De Bowl

Two words for everyone to know — DeBartolo Hall.

Yes, everyone already knows about this building that is our largest classroom building on campus. But, my friends, I have made a discovery that needs to be shared with the rest of the world. That may only be the Notre Dame world, but that's fine by me.

Lukas Mendoza

Photographer

Some of you may already know about this, but I only recently discovered the best part of DeBartolo. What is that you ask?

A TV output on the projectors that are installed in the classrooms equipped with media on-call. It may not sound like much, but I see it as a means to have the best place to watch sporting events on campus. Just think of it: going into DBRT 101 to watch the big game, whichever that is at the time. We can have all the food down on the bottom, where professors usually lecture from. Grab your food, head back up to your seat and enjoy the game on a huge screen with 400 of your best friends.

If no one else takes advantage of it, I certainly will. Just the other day, I caught parts of the Duke/UNC game in one of those larger classrooms. I was in there working on a presentation for one of my classes and happened to hit the TV button. The game instantly came on, and for a moment, I was in heaven. That moment ended promptly when the other members of my group told me to turn it off because it was some sort of distraction. I honestly could not see what their problem was.

For me, an avid sports fan, having the right place to watch the game is very important. Now, I have found that place. Although it may be the most unorthodox of places, you cannot find somewhere that has a picture and sound quality quite like DeBartolo Hall. There is some very nice equipment in those rooms.

So, next January or February, who wants to watch Super Bowl XL with me and my 400 buddies in DBRT 101?

I'll bring the chips!

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The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE NEWSPAPER?



Mark Ross
Junior Keough

"The New York Times."



Katelyn Wood
Sophomore LeMans

"I read The Observer."



Joe Cronin
Sophomore Carroll

"I don't read a whole lot."



Terriss Conterato
Senior Cavanaugh

"The Irish Rover and Free Republic articles so I can form my counter-arguments."



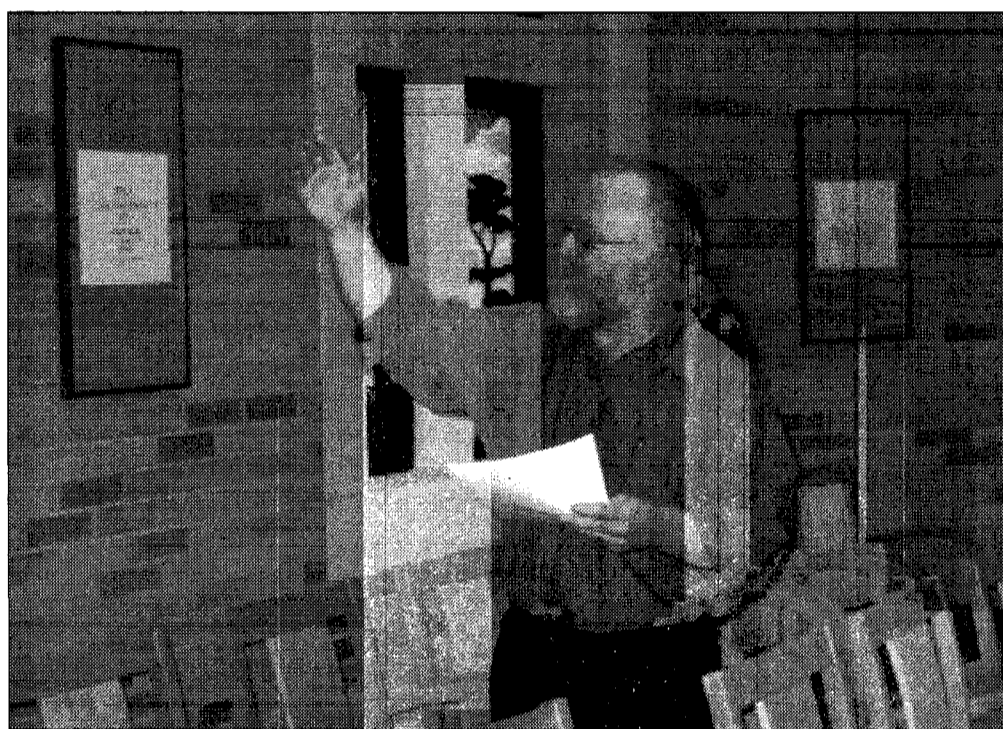
Dan Lavrisha
Junior Alumni

"The Cleveland Plain Dealer."



Amblyn Allen
Senior PW

"Observer and The Onion."



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Graphic arts professor John Sherman presents an exhibit on the Stations of the Cross in the Malloy Hall chapel Thursday. Sherman and his daughter, Theresa Sherman, a senior theology major, designed the exhibit to demonstrate the historical and present significance of the Stations.

IN BRIEF

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

Carole Newlands of the University of Wisconsin, Madison will give a lecture entitled **"Lionising the Emperor: Statius, Silvae 2.5"** today at 4 p.m. in 303 Main Building.

Actors from the London Stage will stage a performance of **"Othello"** tonight and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. in the **DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts**. 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** tonight 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.

Leocadie Mukaneza, a survivor of war-torn Rwanda, will be speaking on **Marian Apparitions and the Conflict in Rwanda** on Sunday at 7 p.m. in **116 DeBartolo Hall**. Mukaneza has spoken with the visionaries, whose apparitions have the support of the local bishop. The talk is sponsored by Children of Mary.

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

OFFBEAT

Droopy-pants bill dropped
RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia lawmakers dropped their droopy-pants bill Thursday after the whole thing became just too embarrassing.

The bill, which would have slapped a \$50 fine on people who wear their pants so low that their underwear is visible in "a lewd or indecent manner," passed the state House on Tuesday but was killed by a Senate committee two days later in a unanimous vote.

Republican Sen. Thomas Norment said news reports implied that lawmakers were preoccupied with

droopy pants. "I find that an indignation, which dampens my humor," Norment said.

Republican Sen. Kenneth Stolle, the committee chairman, called the bill "a distraction."

Cops pull over birthday party

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Police found more than they bargained for when they stopped a U-Haul truck with a burned-out taillight.

Instead of furniture in the back, police on Monday found a rolling keg party with about 20 people drinking whiskey and beer.

Eleven people were charged with underage drinking.

"They all kind of froze and didn't know what to do, I guess," officer Robert Marshall said.

The partygoers told police they rented the truck for someone's 21st birthday party because the bars were closed. The moving party was traveling streets without a particular destination.

The truck's driver first told police he was hauling a couch for a friend, according to police reports.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 34 LOW 20	HIGH 28 LOW 20	HIGH 39 LOW 22	HIGH 42 LOW 28	HIGH 39 LOW 20	HIGH 32 LOW 17

Cuno describes challenges, importance of art museums

Art Institute of Chicago president offers passionate views on the role of art in civic life, necessity of sharing international works

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

In his talk entitled "Why Art Museums are Essential: the Challenges and Opportunities of Directing an Art Museum," James Cuno, president of the Art Institute of Chicago, offered insight into the roles art museums play in society and the importance of sharing art on an international level.

"I am going to talk seriously and passionately about a topic which means a great deal to me: the role of art museums in civic life," Cuno said at the beginning of the speech.

Cuno listed various expectations society has placed on art museums, believing museums should serve in many capacities including "shopping, dining, musical and educational."

"Art museums are different things to different people," he said. "Often sitting unhappily in this mix are the works of art themselves."

For Cuno, art museums are

public, social institutions.

"Like a land trust, they set aside things of public value and seek to preserve them forever," Cuno said.

He also compared art museums to agencies for the protection of endangered species, as they seek to protect something vital to people.

"Works of art are important for the understanding of humankind, for the understanding of its past, present and future," he said. "Like a rich natural environment, art is good for us too."

Cuno said an incredible burden lies on an art museum's staff.

"People who work at an art museum have the responsibility to choose things they think are worthy of spending the museum's current money on as well as spending the money to preserve [these works of art] for all of time," he said. "It's an enormous responsibility."

Cuno then addressed an argument he very much disagrees with.

"Some say museums are 'identity-affirming institutes'

where, if a patron does not 'see himself' in a work of art, he'll be intimidated," he said. "Nothing in my experience suggests this is true."

Recalling his less-than-privileged childhood in a military family, Cuno noted that in art museums, "nothing seemed inaccessible" to him. He remembered looking at and appreciating pictures of Catholic saints (though he wasn't Catholic), portraits of rich people (though he wasn't rich) and Chinese and African artifacts (though he wasn't Chinese or African).

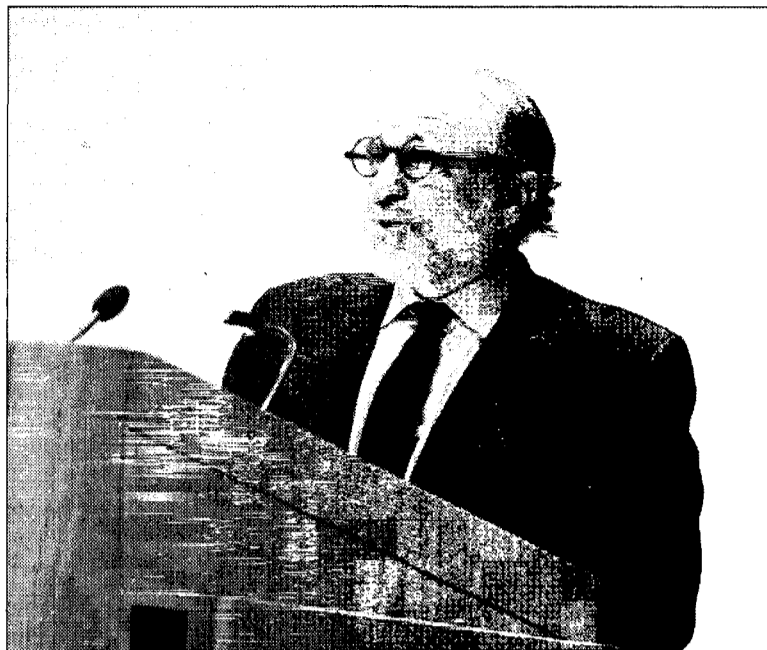
"Nothing was beyond my reach," he said. "Rather, I was inspired by the visual appeal [of the object] to step outside myself and appreciate the object itself."

For Cuno, as a young child, looking at art was a way to connect with earlier humans.

"They, too, cared about creating and protecting beautiful and fragile things," he said. "I was, in no small way, a part of something larger."

Thus, Cuno said, art museums have the power to expand, rather than narrow our view of the world. The visitor can focus on what unites the various cultures of the world rather than what divides them.

Cuno expressed his frustration with the growing trend for nations to ask for an end



James Cuno speaks Thursday evening in the Snite Museum of Art. Cuno gave his views on the importance of sharing works.

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

to the international trade of antiquities, saying these goods should remain in their original countries. For example, both Italy and China have recently requested that archaeological and artistic goods spanning hundreds of years of their history be banned from entering the United States.

Cuno is a major believer in "partage," or the sharing of archaeological findings in order to promote international unity.

"The benefit of a museum's permanent collection is just that: it's permanent, available

for visits throughout a lifetime. Sure, some people could go to China to see such objects, but for what percentage of U.S. citizens would that be likely?" he asked. "Besides, there is a distinct benefit of seeing these goods in the context of other cultures' works."

Cuno emphasized the idea of preserving the world's common artistic findings and rejected an idea offered during the question-and-answer session about a constantly touring international collection of pieces.

"First, there is an inherent risk to the objects themselves — they could get lost, damaged or even destroyed," he said. "Second, over the course of a lifetime, many people could miss it — they might not be in the right place at the right time."

Cuno's idea of frequent access to works of art was a common thread throughout the lecture, and he touched on it again to reject the idea of a touring collection of priceless international works.

"We wouldn't be able to return to the pieces frequently," he said. "Art museums are a means by which to break down simplistic notions of other people's. You can't come to that understanding all at once — you need frequent access."

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

The Center's aim is to enhance interdisciplinary use and teaching of applied mathematics. Established in August of 1987, CAM fosters University-wide interaction and collaboration and provides support for students and faculty researchers applying mathematics in a variety of disciplines spanning engineering, physical and social sciences and business. CAM provides graduate student fellowships, as well as support for workshops, seminar series and faculty visitors in interdisciplinary research areas.

The Center strongly encourages graduate interdisciplinary research in applied mathematics, particularly in areas where mathematics is used to address application needs in engineering, science and business. The goal of these fellowships is to financially support a small number of highly qualified graduate students. Priority will be given to those applicants with demonstrated interdisciplinary interest in applied mathematics.

To apply for these fellowships for the academic year 2005-2006, a student must submit a proposal to the Center by February 25, 2005. The proposal must describe clearly and concisely in no more than 2 pages the student's research topic, its relevance to applied mathematics and its contribution to the present state-of-the-art in a particular discipline. The proposal should also contain the following: (i) A biographical sketch of the applicant and academic transcripts. (ii) A letter of recommendation from the student's faculty advisor. (iii) Any supporting documents such as additional letters of recommendation, graduate record examination, present and previous awards, etc. Current or former fellows may also apply for a fellowship. However, student fellowships for more than two years will not be granted. The proposals will be evaluated by a panel of faculty members associated with the Center. Final selection will be made by the Center's Executive Committee and will be announced in early April. The usual Graduate School rules regarding fellowships do apply.

Please submit proposals by Friday, February 25, 2005 to:

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CAM Graduate Fellowships
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Protest

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Kaitlyn Redfield said. "V-day stands for valentine, vagina and victory over violence, and it's always held around Valentine's Day. Over 40 countries and 700 college campuses participate," she said.

Participants wore black to signify the secrecy of sexual assault at Notre Dame, which keeps the victims and their perpetrators hidden among the masses, Redfield said.

Protesters gathered outside DeBartolo as classes emptied, then proceeded down South Quad to South Dining Hall, where they remained until the lunchtime crowds receded.

The purpose of the protest was twofold — to end the silence and raise awareness.

"The first step to ending the silence is awareness. Change will not come without knowledge," protest participant Clare Desmond said.

Redfield organized the protest out of deep concern for the many sexually assaulted women who tell no one or blame themselves. She said many are not educated enough on the issue to know assault is not their fault.

"There is not enough education on gender equality. It makes it easier to feel that rape is something acceptable," Redfield said. "People understand it's wrong, but the University is not doing its best to make sure it doesn't happen."

Law student Garrett Hohimer is helping with the production of the Vagina Monologues, another V-day event. He agreed something constructive must be done in addition to the efforts of the protests and play.

"The most effective way to prevent sexual assault is to have men talking to other men," he said. "Men can affect change in each other."

The protest, the first of its kind at Notre Dame, was an alternative to last year's demonstration around a giant "V" constructed on South Quad. After being told the "V" would not be allowed this year, organizers had to develop a new way to grab students' attention, Desmond said.

Fliers distributed to students declared that statistically, 250 women of this year's graduating class will have been affected by attempted or completed sexual assault. Redfield said the statistics were aimed at shocking students into awareness, and according to senior John Hughes, they did just that.

"I thought it was weird at first, but it definitely makes a statement," Hughes said. "I am shocked by the numbers, they are just so high."

Despite the movement's emphasis on women and the violence afflicted on them by males, many of Notre Dame's men have joined the V-Day efforts.

Sophomore George Dzuricko participated in Thursday's protest. He said from his perspective, the statistics were only shocking because they seemed too low.

"On this campus, I think the statistics sound too generous toward guys, when so many just go out and drink to hook up with a girl," he said.

According to Redfield and event organizers, there is a culture of silence at the

University in its dealing with sexual assault. The protesters' aim was to expose its widespread prevalence on campus.

"By keeping the silence, we're supporting it. This protest is meant to voice the silence," Desmond said.

Though some students walked by casually, others were moved to tears.

Denise Massa, curator at the Arts Slide Library, applauded the protesters as she walked by them.

"God bless you all," Massa said as she hugged some of the participants.

"This just brings me to tears. Women and minorities need a voice on this campus and this is powerful," Massa said.

In her 14 years at Notre Dame, Massa said she has never been so deeply affected by a protest.

"This is the first year it has moved me as much as it has," she said.

Sophomore Yadira Huerta walked by protesters on her way out of DeBartolo, and found herself deeply moved by the taped mouths and solemn dress of the participants.

"I know there is a problem, and I think this school tried to hide it because of its reputation," she said. "But this protest is effective, it's got shock value."

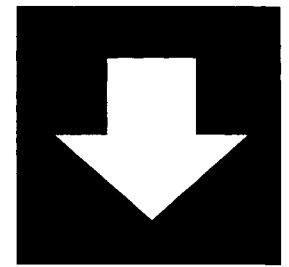
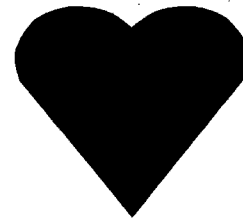
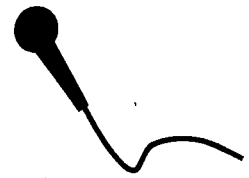
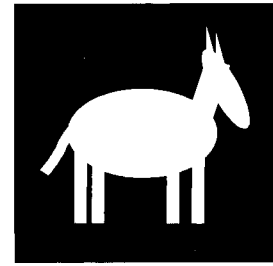
As the protest ended, Redfield said she felt satisfied with the effort.

"I am very happy with how it went," she said. "We made people think."

"The most effective way to prevent sexual assault is to have men talking to other men."

Garrett Hohimer
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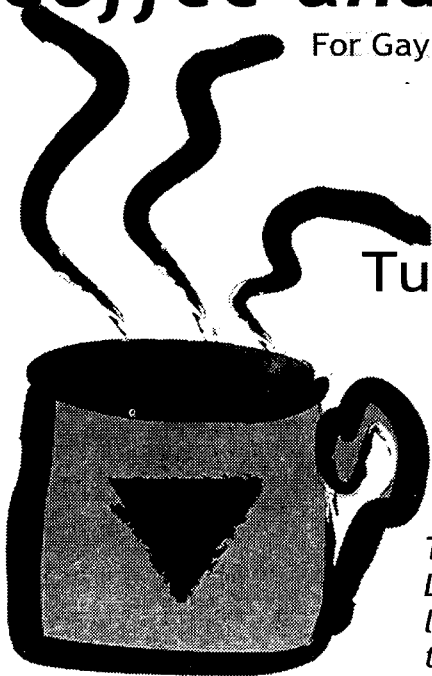
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Insurgent attack kills more than 50

BAGHDAD — A car bomb detonated by remote control exploded Thursday in Baghdad, killing two Iraqis but missing a U.S. military convoy as insurgent violence claimed more than 50 lives. Clashes between Iraqi police and rebels erupted along a major highway southeast of the capital.

With violence on the rise after the Jan. 30 election, Iraqi officials announced they would seal the country's borders for five days this month around a major Shiite religious holiday. Last year during the holiday, about 180 people were killed in suicide attacks at Shiite shrines.

The car bomb detonated on Tahrir Square in the heart of Baghdad, shattering the vehicle and setting several other cars on fire. At least two Iraqis were killed and two others were wounded, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. James Hutton said.

Prince Charles to marry Bowles

LONDON — Thirty years after their first romance, Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles, both now graying divorcees, will finally wed in a civil ceremony and put the official seal on a relationship Princess Diana blamed for the breakdown of her marriage to the man who would be king.

In a nod to those who have not warmed to Parker Bowles, the royal family said Thursday she will never hold the title of queen but eventually will be called HRH Princess Consort instead.

In their first public appearance together since the announcement, Charles, 56, and Parker Bowles, 57, smiled broadly as they walked into a Windsor Castle reception Thursday night, and the guests applauded.

NATIONAL NEWS

Flu vaccine still in short supply

WASHINGTON — It's not too late to get a flu shot if you can find one, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

While some states still have shortages, others have an ample supply and should exercise "common sense" in distributing the vaccine, with priority given to high-risk individuals, including elderly, children, those with chronic health conditions and health care workers, said Dr. Julie Gerberding.

"Don't waste it," she urged local and state health officials during her appearance before the House Government Reform Committee.

Jury convicts New York lawyer

NEW YORK — A veteran civil rights lawyer was convicted Thursday of crossing the line by smuggling messages of violence from one of her jailed clients — a radical Egyptian sheik — to his terrorist disciples on the outside.

The jury deliberated 13 days over the past month before convicting Lynne Stewart, 65, a firebrand, left-wing activist known for representing radicals and revolutionaries in her 30 years on the New York legal scene.

Stewart slumped in her chair as the verdict was read, shaking her head and later wiping tears from her eyes.

She vowed to appeal and blamed the conviction on evidence that included videotape of Osama bin Laden urging support for her client.

LOCAL NEWS

Murder suspects return to Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — A brother and sister agreed in a Missouri court today to return to Indiana and face charges that they killed their mother and grandparents, burying the bodies in an Indianapolis basement.

Kenneth Allen, 29, and his sister Kari Allen, 18, waived extradition when they appeared before Judge William Lohmar in St. Charles, Mo.

The Allens could be returned to Indianapolis as early as Friday, said Jack Banas, prosecuting attorney for St. Charles County.

North Korea: We have nukes

Country refuses to participate in disarmament talks; Bush faces challenge

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea boasted publicly for the first time Thursday that it has nuclear weapons and said it will stay away from disarmament talks, dramatically raising the stakes in the 2-year-old dispute. The Bush administration called on Pyongyang to give up its atomic aspirations so life can be better for its impoverished people.

North Korea's harshly worded pronouncement posed a grave challenge to President Bush, who started his second term with a vow to end North Korea's nuclear program through six-nation disarmament talks.

"We ... have manufactured nukes for self-defense to cope with the Bush administration's ever-more undisguised policy to isolate and stifle the [North]," the North Korean Foreign Ministry said in a statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency. The agency's report used the word "nukes" in its English-language dispatch.

Previously, U.S. negotiators said North Korean officials claimed in private talks that they had nuclear weapons and might test one. The North's U.N. envoy also said last year the country had "weaponized" plutonium from its pool of 8,000 nuclear spent fuel rods.

But Thursday's statement was the first claim directly from North Korea's state media that it has a nuclear weapon, confirming the widely held beliefs of international experts that the country has one or two atomic bombs. North Korea is not known to have performed any nuclear tests, and it kicked out U.N. inspectors in 2002, so there is no way to verify its claims.

The United States and South Korea, the North's main rivals, played down



South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon, left, leaves for Washington to begin talks that will focus on North Korea's new nuclear weapons program.

the revelation and urged the North to return to the six-nation talks that began in 2003 and also include China, Japan and Russia. Analysts suggested the move by North Korea may be a negotiating tactic aimed at getting more compensation in exchange for giving up its nuclear weapons program.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said North Korea should return to negotiations.

"The world has given them a way out and we hope they will take that way out," she said, wrapping up a trip to Europe. "The North Koreans have been told by the president of the United States that the United States has no

intention of attacking or invading North Korea.

"The message is clear: give up these aspirations for nuclear weapons and you know life can be different," Rice said, adding that it was the same message Libya understood in renouncing its nuclear ambitions.

In a clear overture to North Korea to help foster the nuclear talks, Bush refrained from direct criticism of the country in last week's State of the Union address. He mentioned the North only in a single sentence, saying Washington was "working closely with governments in Asia to convince North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions."

Bush previously branded the North part of an "axis of evil" along with Iran and Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

Still, Pyongyang on Thursday seized on comments by Rice last month in which she labeled North Korea as one of the "outposts of tyranny" in the world.

"The U.S. disclosed its attempt to topple the political system in [North Korea] at any cost, threatening it with a nuclear stick," North Korea's Foreign Ministry said. "This compels us to take a measure to bolster its nuclear weapons arsenal in order to protect the ideology, system, freedom and democracy chosen by the people in [North Korea]."

Senate approves class-action bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved a measure Thursday to help shield businesses from major class action lawsuits like the ones that have been brought against tobacco companies, giving President Bush the first legislative victory of his second term.

Under the legislation, long sought by big business, large multistate class action lawsuits could no longer be heard in small state courts. Such courts have handed out multimillion-dollar verdicts.

Instead, the cases would be heard by federal judges, who have not proven as open to those type of lawsuits.

The Senate passed the bill 72-26, and it now goes to the House.

Bush called the bill a strong step forward.

"Our country depends on a fair legal system that protects people who have been harmed without encouraging junk lawsuits that undermine confidence in our courts while hurting our economy," Bush said in a statement released in Pennsylvania where he was promoting his Social Security proposals.

Thomas Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said, "Now it's time for the House to finish the job and take back our civil justice system from plaintiffs' lawyers seeking

jackpot justice."

But Todd A. Smith, president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, said, "Every American's legal rights are diminished by this anti-consumer legislation." The association said insurance, tobacco, drug, chemical and other companies had financed the push to get the legislation through the Senate.

Bush and other bill supporters — who have pushed for the legislation for almost six years — say it is needed because greedy lawyers have taken advantage of the state system by filing frivolous lawsuits in state courts where they know they can get big verdicts.

Unique exhibit shows Stations of the Cross

ND father, daughter collaborated on design

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

A unique father/daughter exhibition by graphic arts professor John Sherman and his daughter Theresa Sherman opened in the Malloy Hall chapel Thursday, rendering their artistic view of the Stations of the Cross.

"This is a rare event that fosters a sense of collaboration on many levels, between the arts and theology, between faculty and student and between a father and daughter," professor of liturgical studies Father Michael Driscoll said.

The two Shermans spoke about their creative rendition of the Stations and the process of capturing the sacred in a devotional rather than gallery setting.

John Sherman described his interpretation of the Stations of the Cross, highlighting the aspects that make it unique and symbolic instances in each Station.

"The exhibition is a creative interpretation of the Way of the Cross set with the text of 23 languages and a minimal use of images," he said. "By using languages from all around the world, I hope to communicate that Christ came into this world to demonstrate a path to redemption by his ultimate sacrifice for all the peoples of the world. My intention in this work is to show the journey Christ took to the cross is not only his journey, but my journey and the journey taken by everyone."

In addition to English, John Sherman presented text in Arabic, Aramaic, Chinese, Filipino, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Igbo (Nigeria), Italian, Japanese, Latin, Lugandan (Uganda), Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovene, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish and Vietnamese.

"In each composition, I tried to arrange the text in such a way to give a starting point for reflection," he said. "Some of the compositions have a simple image, but in each case I tried to convey meaning by way of typographic arrangement."

This design was well received by the audience.

"I love that there are so few

images, because it is the word that is of importance. This draws contemplatively in a way that a visual display could not," said Father Michael Joncas, a professor of liturgical studies.

Theresa Sherman, a senior theology major, spoke about the development and history of the Stations of the Cross, which she explored in her thesis paper. She described the standardization of the popular methods of practicing the Stations and focused on changing interpretations from their inception to the current day.

In discussing the origins of the Stations of the Cross, Theresa Sherman described how in the third century, Constantine constructed churches on important locations associated with Jesus' road to Calvary.

"Pilgrims visited these holy places in Jerusalem and meditated on the Paschal Mystery," she said. "Believers from all corners of the world would come to Jerusalem and walk through the churches, placing themselves where Christ actually stood."

Theresa Sherman explained that even the inclusion of certain scenes of the Stations of the Cross has evolved. The Shermans' exhibit includes stations consistent with those Pope John Paul II used in his 1991 Good Friday celebration. Their set of Stations, which will remain open throughout Lent, is intended to reach out to marginalized Catholics.

"The Stations of the Cross are meant ultimately to send people back out into the world. The devotion of the Stations of the Cross is one way to convey the multifaceted message of the paschal mystery," she said. "When Jesus bears the pains of society, our reaction should not be to inflict pain on ourselves, but to recognize the pain of others living among ourselves."

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Election

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included in the final percentage calculations.

Baron swept the freshman, junior and senior classes, but Leito edged him out in sophomore votes by a mere six votes.

The race in the dorms was just as tight, with a six-vote or fewer margin of victory in five of them. Baron and Shappell took 15 dorms — including their home bases of Morrissey and Badin — and the off-campus vote, leaving 12 halls for Leito-Bongiovanni, with their own show of loyalty from Siegfried and Cavanaugh.

Though rendered speechless for a brief minute after the announcement, Baron rushed to attribute the victory to his tenacious campaigners after he regained his voice.

"We had a ton of great people with us who just gave 180 percent," he said. "It was a grassroots campaign all the way, and that's the only way we came out like this."

Leito, expressing a mix of sadness, disappointment and "happiness, believe it or not," nevertheless said he wouldn't have changed the ticket's campaigning tactics.

"The stuff we could have done differently, we wouldn't have done to win," he said.

Bongiovanni agreed, asserting her confidence in the campaign their ticket ran but declining to guess what swung the 235 votes in the other direction.

"I can't speak for the student body, because whatever the reason, the student body already spoke tonight," she said.

After taking a moment to "let it sink in," as Shappell said, the president-elect and vice president-elect turned their vision to the future.

"I was proud that we got some of these issues out during the campaign and debates," Baron said. "But I'm so much more excited now that we get to implement them."

The pair said they will draw up a calendar of what

issues they plan to take on when and will post it in the office when they take over on April 1 in what they projected will be "a seamless transition."

Baron, currently the chief executive assistant for student body president Adam Istvan and vice president Karla Bell, said he would be a bridge between the two administrations. Baron said he and Shappell will carry on the fight for the diversity issues outlined in the February Board of Trustees report and work to put into practice the solutions that are planned to be proposed in the April BOT report.

"Our entire year will be 'part three' of this series of reports, moving on to the implementation phase,"

Baron said. "Concern over the diversity problem at Notre Dame will be as much a part of our upcoming administration as it is of the current administration," Shappell added.

Baron also said they will start writing letters to prominent speakers in preparation for their promised Catholic Think Tank of America lecture series. Among other things, he said they will begin to work toward securing the concert endowment.

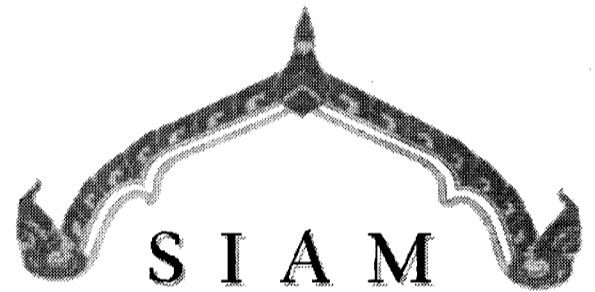
Looking visibly relieved and slightly shocked, Baron and Shappell embraced after the initial tumult of the announcement blew over.

"Well, we've got a lot of work to do," Baron said with a smile.

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Ex-CFO testifies at fraud trial

Sullivan tells jurors that he warned WorldCom CEO about improper accounting

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The former finance chief of WorldCom testified Wednesday he warned CEO Bernard Ebbers at a 2001 dinner meeting that accountants would have to classify expenses as assets to meet Wall Street expectations.

Scott Sullivan told jurors at Ebbers' fraud trial that he made the suggestion at a Washington, D.C., steak house in March 2001 and told Ebbers "that it wasn't right, that it was a shortcut to earnings."

"Did Mr. Ebbers tell you not to make the shortcut adjustment that you had proposed?" federal prosecutor William Johnson asked Sullivan.

"No, he did not," Sullivan answered. He said Ebbers responded by saying WorldCom had to get its revenue going again.

Shortly thereafter, WorldCom accountants covered up more than \$700 million in expenses for the first quarter of 2001 by classifying them as capital expenditures, treating regular operating expenses as long-term investments in the network. Such investments raise the value of a company's assets and the expense is deducted over time as the asset ages.

The procedure was a shift from the previous two quarters, when the accountants had simply been hiding expenses by drawing on reserve accounts, sometimes completely unrelated to the expenses.

Sullivan, who has pleaded guilty in the \$11 billion WorldCom accounting-fraud scandal, was testifying for a third day as the star government witness against Ebbers, who is accused of orchestrating the fraud.

When Sullivan eventually showed Ebbers a revised income statement for the first quarter of 2001, he



Bernards Ebbers former CEO of Worldcom exits Manhattan Federal court. He is on trial for orchestrating an \$11 billion scheme that bankrupted the company.

said Ebbers asked "how we were doing it" and said: "We have to hit our numbers for this quarter."

The remark has become a familiar refrain in the trial. Prosecutors say Ebbers was bent on making sure WorldCom revenue and earnings figures met Wall Street estimates to keep its stock price high.

Sullivan also said Wednesday that Ebbers personally ordered disappointing language removed from a February 2001 press release that announced WorldCom's fraudulent earnings figures for the fourth quarter of 2000.

An original draft of the release said WorldCom

expected 2001 revenue growth of 12 percent to 15 percent, with first-quarter figures "at or below" that range. He said Ebbers ordered the "at or below" removed.

Ebbers, 63, is charged with fraud, conspiracy and making seven false filings to the Securities and Exchange Commission, charges that carry up to 85 years in prison. He has denied wrongdoing.

Sullivan's testimony Wednesday carried jurors through the first half of 2001, a time in which WorldCom revenues were slowing at an alarming rate and expenses were spiraling out of control.

Sullivan also quoted Ebbers, who Sullivan said

did not curse often, as using an expletive when he was presented with data showing 8 percent revenue growth for May 2001 — far below expectations.

Prosecutors played clips of several WorldCom quarterly conference calls, including one from April 2001 in which Ebbers, veering off his script, tells steering analysts: "We do not see any storms on the horizon at this time."

They also played a voice mail that Sullivan left for Ebbers in June 2001, telling the chief executive that revenue figures look worse each month and that the most recent revenue report "already has accounting fluff in it."

IN BRIEF

Jury hears secret recordings

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Jurors in former HealthSouth chief executive Richard Scrushy's corporate fraud trial heard a recording Wednesday in which Scrushy instructed aides to tell investigators the company's financial statements were accurate.

While prosecutors claim the digital recordings prove Scrushy's guilt, the defense contends parts of them exonerate Scrushy.

In a recording that was secretly made for the FBI by former HealthSouth chief financial officer Bill Owens, Scrushy was heard discussing his testimony to the Securities and Exchange Commission three days earlier on March 14, 2003.

Owens said that besides him and Scrushy, assistant controller Ken Livesay was present for the meeting at HealthSouth headquarters. Owens, Livesay and 13 others have since pleaded guilty in what prosecutors describe as a \$2.7 billion fraud.

Drug company changes labeling

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly and Co. has changed the labeling on its antipsychotic Zyprexa to avoid confusion with Pfizer Inc.'s allergy medicine Zyrtec after some patients were given the wrong drug.

Lilly said in a letter to psychiatrists and pharmacists that it has received 79 reports of such mix-ups since Zyprexa, which is used to treat schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, was introduced in 1996. The letter, dated Jan. 26, was posted Tuesday on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Medwatch Web site.

Patients with psychological disorders who take Zyrtec instead of their regular Zyprexa could be at risk of relapse, but Lilly spokeswoman Heather Lusk said Wednesday that the company had not received reports of such cases.

Four patients required hospitalization because of the confusion, she said. Those cases involved cardiac arrhythmia, blood pressure changes or changes in the central nervous system, though she was unable to provide details.

The most frequently reported effect from the switch medication was excessive sleepiness, which is listed as a potential side effect for both drugs, Lusk said.

Government sets oyster restrictions

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — In the days before refrigeration and genetic advancements, raw oysters were off limits in the summer along the steamy shores of the Gulf of Mexico because the shellfish carried diseases and tasted too milky.

Today, the old rule "eat oysters only in the months with Rs" sounds more like folk lore. Thanks to new technologies and scientific breakthroughs, a year-round oyster industry flourishes, and in the middle of July you can find a raw oyster bar open.

But this summertime feast could be in jeopardy because of a government plan to ensure that every Gulf raw oyster is safe to eat. The plan combats one

last threat: A naturally occurring bacterium known as Vibrio vulnificus.

Summer oysters pick up the deadly bacterium, which is blamed for between 30 and 35 deaths a year in the United States. The federal government is pressuring the four biggest Southern oyster-producing states — which account for more than half the nation's oysters — to cut the number of contaminated raw oysters or face restrictions ranging from costly processing treatments to shutting down the summer harvest entirely.

As part of a management plan, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Texas must reduce the number of deaths caused by raw Gulf oysters by 40 percent by the end of 2006 and by 60 per-

cent by the end of 2008.

"It is looking like the 40 percent reduction by the end of 2006 may not be met," said Ken Moore, executive director of the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference, a body set up by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to oversee the national sanitation program.

If the goals are not met, by 2008 the government could require harvest areas to be closed, shucking houses to decontaminate raw oysters meant for consumption and label untreated raw oysters for cooking only. Moreover, other states could stop buying Gulf oysters during the warm months, something California already does to the outrage of Gulf oystermen.

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receiving the Church's actual teachings on homosexuality at the festival, the Church and parents are also wronged, he said.

"What about the rights of the church to have its teachings properly presented?" he wrote. "What about the rights of parents of those students at Notre Dame who find the contents of this seminar offensive?"

University spokesman Matt Storin explained how, in the case of the festival, Notre Dame's interpretation of academic freedom differs from the bishop's.

"The University has great affection and respect for Bishop D'Arcy

as well as a good and forthright relationship of many years' standing. The Queer Film Festival is, as its title suggests, an examination of a certain genre of film, sponsored by our Department of Film, Television and Theatre. It does not constitute an endorsement of the behaviors that might be included in the content of the films," Storin said in an e-mail.

Storin said the festival's topic is not inappropriate for Notre Dame.

"Indeed, an exposition of almost any cross-section of contemporary commercial films would likely include actions or behaviors that are inconsistent with church teaching," he said. "The University carefully weighs such issues and recognizes that there are limits even to academic freedom, but we believe the upcoming festival does

not cross that line."

Furthermore, Storin said the University believed hosting the festival would benefit students.

"Within reason, we expect that our students encounter the secular American culture, with all its faults, in the context of their Catholic education rather than attempting to cloister them till the time they graduate, only then to confront reality," he said.

Notre Dame graduate Liam Dacey, director of operations and co-founder of the festival last year, said he was surprised at the

bishop's reaction, especially what he identified as "inaccuracies" in D'Arcy's letter.

"We extended the invitation [to speak] to many members of the Catholic community, especially for our 'Future of Gay Marriage' panel," Dacey said.

These invitations were not accepted, he said.

The attitude of the organizers was "more than inclusive," Dacey said, as opposed to undermining the Catholic viewpoint as D'Arcy claimed.

Dacey also said D'Arcy did not understand the message of the festival, which Dacey said was one "of tolerance and acceptance,

which is consistent with the Catholic Church."

Dacey agreed with Storin's comment that Notre Dame has a responsibility to offer this opportunity to its students.

"As a top 20 university, we have to do our best to expose our students to different cultures, parts of American life," he said. "We shouldn't shun that."

Dacey did not feel the festival violates anyone's rights.

"If you don't agree with what we're doing, you don't have to attend the festival," he said.

Film, television and theatre department chair Jim Collins was not available for comment Thursday evening.

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Tuition

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were many components to the University's new budget, including the raised tuition, Malloy stressed the largest supplement is still for student financial aid.

The presentation was well received and the Board remained committed to financial aid on a need-blind basis, meaning the ability to pay tuition has nothing to do with University acceptances, Russo said.

A little over \$59 million in undergraduate scholarships based on financial need is given out per year. Russo said the money is given based strictly on need, not including ROTC or athletic scholarships.

Malloy and Russo both said Notre Dame is still below the average in overall cost compared to other top 20 schools. The financial aid program has continued to grow despite increased tuition, yet such a high price sometimes deters students from applying to private universities.

"The family and the student have to be willing to do their fair share as well," Russo said. "But unfortunately, a lot of people just look at the sticker price and never get past that and don't even apply because they think it's over their heads."

The University's strong financial aid program has helped attract a diverse population to the school, especially during the last 20 years. According to Russo, 23 percent of the current student body is made up of diversity students. He also said Notre Dame is listed at No. 13 in the national "best value, best price for what you're getting" rankings.

Russo stressed the long-term benefits of attending a university like Notre Dame.

"This is affordable if you just look at the financial aid opportunities, including the loans. But there is a value," Russo said. "It's an investment and it will pay you back in all kinds of ways."

Russo stressed the financial aid system and commitment to help students complete their education lie within the values of Notre Dame.

"If the mission includes trying to be the very best and offer the opportunity to come to Notre Dame to anyone regardless of their financial circumstances, we believe that that's a value," Russo said. "Here's an opportunity to come to a very special school."

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Opus

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cants for apartments in Opus Hall will be living there during the 2005-06 school year.

The hall, which opened to students last year after months of construction, is able to house 24 students in double apartments and 48 students in quads. Russell said Residence Life received about two times as many applications as spaces available.

"We had about 20 [group applications] for four for 12 apartments, and 30 applications for two [for 12 apartments]," Russell said. "I thought it went as expected. It was a good turnout in terms of the number of applications we had, and it went as we planned and expected it would go."

Interested students attended mandatory information sessions, applied, made a housing deposit by the deadline and qualified by graduating in May 2006 and not being under academic or disciplinary probation. Then each application was numbered and randomly chosen from a

drawing.

Russell said she feels this is the fairest way possible to assign the limited number of apartments.

"We're always going to evaluate this process and make sure it is the most fair process for everyone," she said. "I think right now we feel that this process should remain a random lottery, that no preference should be given [to anyone] so that we are giving every senior an equal opportunity to get an apartment."

The hall has become a popular option for junior students because of its on-campus location and various amenities not available in the College's four regular dormitories.

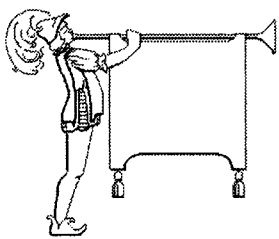
The apartments feature a separate room for each resident, a general living area and a kitchen. Included in each one is cable and Internet access, water, gas and electricity. Each of the floors also has a lounge with a fireplace and big screen television for student use.

"I am really excited to have the opportunity to live on apartments in these beautiful apartments," junior Jill Vlasek said.

Vlasek was informed Jan. 28

"We're always going to evaluate this process and make sure it is the most fair process for everyone."

Michelle Russell
director of
Residence Life



Announcing the Year 2005 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2005 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

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:

- 1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
- 2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
- 3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
- 4) a budget indicating the costs involved
- 5) the names of two references.

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that she and roommate Katie Kelly had been lucky enough to get a double apartment for next year. She said she felt "a little bit pressured" by the scarcity of apartments available.

"I know there were a lot of applicants, but we had other options, so if we didn't get an apartment we would have had other places to live," Vlasek said. "I know that there were quite a few girls that were really upset, but they're looking into other options."

Junior Erin Jones said she was only a little disappointed that she and her chosen roommate did not get an apartment.

"Every single one of my friends besides my roommate and I got in. I think everybody wanted it, and I don't think

anybody wanted to be the people that didn't get in," she said. "Everybody wanted to, and even though we're friends they were still happy about it."

Jones said she was not devastated by the announcement because the lottery was fair, and plans to live in LeMans Hall rather than seek an off-campus apartment.

"I'll still have the roommate that I wanted to live with in the apartment, but we won't be in the same building as the rest of our

friends. But I think my friendship with my roommate will compensate for that," Jones said. She jokingly added, "I hope my friendships with my other friends will be able to sustain the football-field

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Researchers rely on censorship

Modern scientists avoid controversy by steering clear of certain topics

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some scientists are thinking twice about doing or reporting on certain research, reacting to political and social controversy in addition to legal restrictions.

"It appears that controversy shapes what scientists choose to study and how they choose to study it, and we need to look a little bit more closely at the effects it might be having," said Joanne Kempner, a researcher at the University of Michigan.

Kempner and co-authors from Brown University and the University of Pennsylvania conducted in-depth interviews with 41 scientists engaged in a variety of studies. They found that half felt constrained by formal limits, but even more said they were affected by informal or unspoken rules on what and how studies can be done. Their findings are reported in Thursday's issue of the journal *Science*, in a paper entitled "Forbidden Knowledge."

Formal limits include such things as the ban on federal funding for most research on embryonic stem cells and restrictions on research involving humans.

In many cases, too, scientific journals have their own rules, such as refusing to publish material they think might be detrimental to national security.

But there also are fears about the ire of interest groups, such as opponents of animal testing, or about how a project would be perceived by the public.

While formal and informal

restrictions on research are not unusual, Deborah G. Johnson of the University of Virginia said they are not necessarily all bad.

"On the one hand, you want a profession to have norms and to have some standards and some self-regulation. On the other hand, you don't want there to be an environment of fear of repercussions if they do something which they think is legitimate," said Johnson, who has studied similar issues but was not part of Kempner's group.

One researcher, commenting on avoiding controversial work, told Kempner's team: "I would like to lunatic-proof my life as much as possible."

Another reported deciding not to do a study involving offering food vouchers to drug addicts who tested clean.

"That was something that thought they couldn't do," Kempner said in a telephone interview. "One researcher said, 'Can you imagine that as a headline on the front page of the newspaper, that we're paying cocaine addicts to stay clean?'"

Kempner said, "A lot of researchers that we spoke to were risk-averse in terms of avoiding controversy." But, she added, "There were plenty of people who said controversy is a good thing, because it opens up topics to public debate."

Militant animal rights groups were a concern for many, who worried about organizations that have invaded laboratories to set animals loose and destroy research.

Kempner recalled one of her interviews. "All of a sudden he said, 'How do I know you're

not from an animal rights organization collecting information to storm the place?'"

Sometimes commercial interests can get in the way of research, Kempner added, saying there are cases when the pharmaceutical industry will ask a researcher not to publish a particular finding.

Another example was a researcher who wanted to study what kind of environments can lead to sexual harassment. "She couldn't find a company that would let her ask those kinds of questions to employees," Kempner said. They didn't want anything that might give one of their workers the idea to sue.

She also cited the case of an alcohol researcher who felt some studies could not be done in this country, for example, a trial on whether alcoholics could be taught to drink in moderation.

"Those kinds of studies, according to this researcher, couldn't be done in the United States because we live in a culture that believes addicts ... must quit cold turkey," and the work might undermine that position, she said.

And there are cases of self-censorship, Kempner said.

"Sometimes researchers depend on particular groups to give them access to data ... and very often they form attachments and really like what the group is doing. So, if they have a finding that undermines what the group is doing, they wouldn't publish it, some actually haven't published it."

Kempner's research was funded by the Greenwall Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

FRANCE

General asks for more NATO trainers in Iraq

Associated Press

NICE — U.S. allies in Europe have so far mustered fewer than 100 trainers to go to Iraq to assist in the modest NATO mission there, but a top American general said Thursday he was hopeful they would offer several dozen more in the coming weeks.

"We've asked for more than what has been provided so far," said Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, who oversees the effort to train and equip Iraq's security and military forces. Petraeus joined U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in Nice for a meeting of NATO defense ministers.

The NATO mission in Iraq, while small, aims to develop Iraq's military on a strategic level, rather than train individual soldiers. This includes efforts to set up military staff and officer colleges. Bush administration officials have also advocated the NATO mission as a way of pushing NATO to transform into a more deployable, internationally involved alliance.

Other NATO allies have declined Washington's appeal to send trainers to Iraq but have offered equipment, money or to conduct training outside Iraqi borders.

The Spanish defense minister on Wednesday said Spain would train soldiers in landmine removal techniques, and the French minister renewed an offer for French gendarmes to set up a training center for Iraqi paramilitary forces in Qatar. France opposed the Iraq war, and Spanish voters have elected a new government whose members also opposed it. Germany, another opponent, already conducts

training for Iraqi security personnel in the United Arab Emirates.

Petraeus said about between 90 to 100 trainers are in Iraq now. A substantial number are Americans working under the NATO banner, but precise figures were unavailable. He said the goal is to get that to 159 trainers from NATO nations. Previous statements from NATO officials put the number of trainers at 300, but Petraeus said he could not speak to that figure.

Also at Nice, NATO defense ministers were close to agreeing on plans for expanding their peacekeeping operation in Afghanistan.

The ministers are expected Thursday to approve plans to send peacekeepers to western Afghanistan along the Iranian border, with Italy, Spain and Lithuania ending months of delay by offering troops to support U.S. forces under NATO command.

On the longer term, ministers may also discuss a possible NATO role monitoring an eventual peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians. NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer this week said the alliance would respond if asked for help from the two sides in the Middle East conflict and the United Nations.

Germany meanwhile offered to increase its commitment in Afghanistan. Defense Minister Peter Struck told reporters Wednesday night that German troops could take a lead role in northern Afghanistan, relieving British forces who are expected to expand NATO's mission into a southern sector around Kandahar later this year.

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Welcoming the Weis era

Millions of people around the world watched Sunday as Charlie Weis and the New England Patriots captured their third Super Bowl in four years. Now, less than a week later, Weis has arrived to begin working full time at his new job as Notre Dame's head football coach.

With the dust mostly settled from Notre Dame's controversial decision to fire Tyrone Willingham, the University has the opportunity to put that situation in the past and welcome a new coaching staff. It is a chance for Notre Dame football fans to look toward the future, no matter what their opinion might be about the decisions of the past.

Irish fans can surely be excited about the arrival of Weis, who brings his nasty, no-nonsense coaching style to a football team with the talent to perform well next season. He also brings a strong coaching record in the NFL that includes plenty of wins and — maybe most importantly — a few championships. He is known for turning little-known athletes into stars. But the Notre Dame faithful must also be patient through next year while players adjust to the new coaching staff. Though a much-improved

season is certainly possible, it isn't guaranteed solely because of a new coach.

But while Irish fans can't necessarily expect perfection on Saturdays in Weis's first year, they should hope he continues to facilitate the exceptional performance of Notre Dame football players on Sunday through Friday. One of Willingham's biggest strengths was the guidance he provided for his players. This trend must be maintained during Weis' time as coach, on top of improving the team's performance on game days.

With Weis now residing in South Bend, students, alumni and fans have the chance to welcome him as the new football coach, just as they did three years ago for Willingham. It is also a chance for Weis to become more involved with the students around campus. Bringing Weis to the dorms would be a great way for students to get to know him better.

After a tough bowl appearance, a difficult recruiting season and waiting for Weis to finish his position with the Patriots, the Irish and their fans can finally relax and look forward to a new era in Notre Dame football. Coach Weis has arrived.

The Observer Editorial

Myths about Social Security

For months, an expert on the Social Security Trust Fund has told anyone who would listen that Medicare costs are more of a national "crisis" than the president's claim of Social Security. This expert begins with Ronald Reagan, the last president to keep Social Security solvent by raising taxes. Reagan sought enough excessive taxation to create a huge trust fund surplus that in the future (now) would supplement the tremendous drain caused by massive "Baby Boomer" retirements. Reagan had no eye on his personal legacy, but on doing what was best for the nation at the time.

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

The expert recalls that during last year's campaign, before Congress approved the new Medicare package, the president promised a cost-effective program. Yet rumors ran rampant that Republican appointees threatened to fire any career federal employee who failed to publicly support the administration's claim that Medicare prescription costs totaled about \$400 billion over a 10-year span from 2004 to 2013.

Furthermore, the expert indignantly notes that after the embargo on civil servants ended when President George W. Bush signed the provision into law, Congress soon learned that the figure immediately ballooned to a more realistic cost of \$534 billion. On Wednesday, updated long-term projected costs for years 2006 to 2015, adding just two new years to the projection, increased estimates from \$534 billion to \$723 billion for the newly-initiated prescription drug coverage. At last, a sticker-shocked Washington official heard that expert loud and clear.

Medicare costs will begin to increase a minimum of \$100 billion per year, in each year beyond 2013. That is a fiscal crisis worth noting. It is the monetary equivalent of yearly American expenditures for one and a quarter Iraqi war efforts. A fiscal fiasco will lay upon our doorstep a full thirty years before the current Social Security structure even begins to approach shortfalls after 2042.

Why do so many Americans accept the president's rhetoric? First, most Americans wrongly think that Social Security is either an investment pension vehicle (Republican rhetoric) or a pension insurance vehicle (Democratic rhetoric). Social Security was a redistribution from those with jobs to those without or a collective cooperative effort to provide a minimum safety net during the Great Depression. At its inception, for every retiree collecting Social Security, sixteen workers shared the burden. It was not designed to gather great investment returns. Nor was it designed to replace private pensions.

Secondly, many younger Americans believe that Social Security will not survive by the time they retire. They know that today, three and a half workers support each retiree, but that number will drop to two workers for each retiree in a decade. Yet, young workers do not understand that at the current rate, with no changes at all, Social Security would not shortchange them. If nothing was done for nearly fifty years, it only falls one-third short of necessary funding levels around 2050.

Easy, rather simple fixes have already been proposed to keep Social Security solvent. The largest senior citizens' organization (AARP) advocates restoring the total wages taxed for Social Security to 90 percent of nationwide earnings. A gradual, decade-long phased increase would move the cap for each wage earner of \$90,000 in 2005 to a \$140,000 cap.

Others advocate eliminating caps and creating a larger initial exemption (floor) for those less able to afford taxation while taxing 100 percent of income above that floor. They fall back on the initial spirit of Social Security. That is, they maintain that those with higher incomes who can most afford the tax share should bear a larger portion of the cooperative burden. They also guarantee solvency well beyond this century.

Thirdly, Bush's focus-group driven phrases seem to make sense while he blends issues to blur the truth. For example, Bush prefers to call the accounts "personal" to appeal to greed and convey own-

ership rather than "private" which conjures a feeling of exclusion for others. To support his contention that "you" can do better, he may say, "You only get two percent return on current Social Security funds now when you can get more by investing in the stock market."

Nations like Chile, Argentina, Canada and Great Britain have attempted various personal accounts, but all have suffered losses. Chile first converted its equivalent government system entirely to private accounts in 1981. Today, their average payment is \$125 per month per person. Argentina originally linked its similar system to the American dollar but converted back to its native currency during a recession and suffered huge losses.

In an effort to garner a greater return for all retirees, Canada elected to manage and invest its entire fund without converting to individual personal accounts. It lost tens of millions as well. Britain's 25-year quest for greater return on investment collapsed when the costs of administering the personal accounts reduced their fund by almost 30 percent. Today, while the annual average U.S. Social Security payment is \$11,000, the British equivalent is \$8,000.

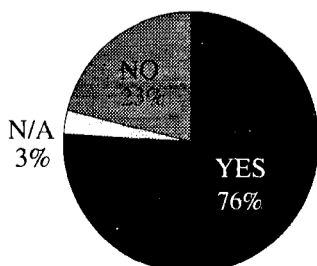
Finally, nobody knows the effect of Bush's proposal if billions of new dollars surge into the U.S. stock market. Remarkably, Wall Street has remained silent on the Bush proposal. Maybe they have no way of calculating how to balance the many Baby Boomers who will withdraw billions from the market as they retire, thus tilting the market in the opposite direction. Maybe they realize that Medicare is the great white elephant looming beyond the horizon. Or maybe they see that unlike Reagan, this president merely keeps his eye on ideology and legacy.

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OBSERVER POLL

Do you feel your professors' political beliefs affect how they conduct themselves in the classroom?



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination."

Nelson Mandela
former president of South Africa

Copyright in a free society

The waxed and lacquered halls of the commercial Internet notwithstanding, a large portion of the Web is an enormous collection of cliques, the majority of which are rarely, if ever, called to the attention of the outside world.

Lance Gallop

The Third Way

Some of these would undoubtedly shock your grandmother, should she find you a member of one, but most are innocent, if unusual. A few even manage to cross the line into remarkable.

The fanfiction community is unique even among these groups, because its primary purpose is creation (it is most defiantly not engaged in piracy) and despite this, it is undeniably illegal. Fanfiction is a narrow class of literature, which borrows significant aspects of a story, normally characters and sometimes plot, from other sources. Popular literary works, movies, television and even the lives of celebrities are all fair game.

Like many cliques, fanfiction writers speak in a kind of code that discourages outsiders (they share this with hackers, cops and investment bankers), but if you know the language, and where to look, a quick search reveals hundreds of thousands of works of fanfiction based, most commonly, on "Harry Potter," "The

Lord of the Rings," "The OC," Japanese anime, video games and hundreds of other nuggets of pop culture. Each writer reinterprets the work with his or her own unique vision.

What you will not find, unless you dig very deeply, is anything based on the works of Disney, Anne Rice and any of the entities that police their copyrights with rigor. Fanfiction exists only with the implicit blessing or ignorance of others — the smallest whiff of a cease-and-desist letter and it will disappear. In this regard, fanfiction is very fragile.

It is not surprising that the Disneys of the world are not pleased with fanfiction. Some of the portrayals of their creations are fringe, violent, erotic, out-of-character or otherwise unacceptable to clean-nosed family-oriented companies, or current conservative sentiments. Not all are like this, but lawyers are not renowned for their patience, and they target the innocent with the guilty.

But despite these unsavory aspects, or perhaps because of them, fanfiction plays an essential, but yet unrecognized role in our culture, because it is perhaps the last battle of a war being fought over the soul of copyright.

We are living in a privileged age—some of the great masterworks of the

early 20th century entered into public domain before the copyright expansion movement took foot. "The Wizard of Oz," for example, has spawned dozens of books, several movies — including one masterpiece — and a very successful Broadway musical. Had the copyright persisted for another hundred years, perhaps a movie would have been created — much like "The Lord of the Rings" today — but the vast majority of that culture would have been lost, because many of the individuals for whom Oz was a central part of life and culture would have been long dead.

Some of the interpretations of "The Wizard of Oz" would doubtlessly have sent Baum into a rage. Some of the stories contain rape and murder for example, and Baum was very much against this. But this does not matter any more, because "The Wizard of Oz" belongs to the public, and the public alone. It is a part of our culture, and it is our duty to make of it what we will, good or evil, puerile or majestic, but above all new, and above all ours.

It is our present culture that fanfiction writers are exploring, an area otherwise closed off by copyright, and its almost everlasting duration. Our ability to re-appropriate our own culture, today and now, and as we see it, is torn away from us. When the time

comes that we may claim it as our own, all those who care will be gone.

Only the fanfiction writers have the guts to stand against the destruction of the intellectual and cultural commons in an act of civil disobedience. Only the fanfiction writers are publishing the stories, and ideas, the myths and mistakes of the culture of the minute.

I'll be absolutely frank — the vast majority of fanfiction is badly written, shortsighted, cliché and boring. But is it any less worthy of the sort of protection enjoyed by parody, which also by its very nature cannot exist with the consent of a copyright holder? Is it any less necessary for us to have a venue where we can express ideas about our present culture, whether or not the copyright holder cares either way? For me the answer is clear, and I will side with the writers of fanfiction.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Right to Life out of line

There was a talk scheduled to take place at Notre Dame about the vital issues of rape and violence against women. This talk, sponsored by various academic departments, was supposed to be by Eve Ensler. It's cancelled now. See, according to our campus Right to Life organization, the event was basically a covert operation to promote pro-choice ideologies. Touting this unsubstantiated conclusion, Notre Dame Right to Life successfully pressured the University into shutting the event down.

One of Right to Life's problems with the talk is that the speaker herself is a pro-choice advocate. I guarantee many of our professors and guest speakers here at Notre Dame also have political or personal viewpoints that go against Catholic doctrine. Some may even express them on-campus. The point is, Eve Ensler is not here to talk about abortion. She is here as part of the V-Day movement, to stop violence against women. Ensler is a figure leading this very important fight for women, and regardless of her other views, there is a lot that we could learn from her.

The larger problem that Right to Life had with the event is that part of its proceeds were intended to go to S.O.S., a counseling center for victims of sexual violence, and the rest to the local YWCA.

The YWCA, also known as the Young Women's Christian Association, helps women in times of crisis. It is also an organization that supports life in thousands of ways, such as helping pregnant women who have chosen life to find shelter and affordable housing, vocational training and the care they need. But despite its efforts to support women who chose life, the National YWCA sees a difference between crisis pregnancies as a social issue, and the political issue of abortion, in which they feel that women must make their own moral decisions. So the YWCA, a "women's membership movement nourished by its roots in the Christian faith and sustained by the richness of many beliefs and values" (from their mission statement) is pro-choice? Especially after volunteering at a pregnancy shelter, which closely cooperated with the YWCA, I would argue that their work is in many, more important ways, pro-life.

If Right to Life nevertheless feels strongly that the YWCA is not an organization that the University should assist, why not encourage those planning this event to find other, equally needy women's organizations? Why try to stifle an event that addresses the urgent and pertinent issues of rape and violence? Why turn the focus solely to abortion at the expense of this important mission?

I am shocked that Right to Life, an organization dedicated to protecting and respecting life in all forms, would let this opportunity to fight violence be taken away.

Catherine Schmidt

senior

Pasquerilla East hall

Feb. 10

Reclaiming the 'queer' title

As a member of the Standing Committee For Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, I am often asked what I think about the Princeton Review's ranking of Notre Dame as the least tolerant school in the country. When asked, I reply that Notre Dame must be judged from two different levels. On one level is the administration, which seems to be somewhat homophobic. Conversely, the other level, the campus and the student body, seems to be a community that is accepting and welcoming of all people. I feel my response may change, and I feel myself slightly more aligned with the Princeton Review's analysis of our University after reading the most recent issue of the Irish Rover.

The Rover's homophobic agenda is explicit in several articles. One is entitled, "Queers Take Over D-PAC." This article is meant to be a direct response to this weekend's Queer Film Festival, and the contrast is apparent from even the title. The word 'queer' has been used as derogatory term for people of alternative sexualities, but the gay movement has reclaimed the term, attempted

to remove the pejorative meaning, and allowed 'queer' to become a word that reminds one of the gay rights movement and the gay intellectual movement, hence its use in the title of the film festival. By claiming that 'queers' are taking over the place, the Rover uses the word in a derogatory way and in doing so attempts to disparage what the Queer Film Festival seeks to celebrate: the positive attributes and fulfilling lives of gay and lesbian people.

The Rover's disgusting remarks should not be tolerated on this campus. Hopefully they will not be. Hopefully this type of ideology is only held by a few who make The Rover. Hopefully gays and lesbians at Notre Dame will find a campus and a student body who will accept them and love them as human beings. Hopefully.

Robby Davidson

senior

Fisher Hall

Feb. 10

Speak up for Catholic values

Strong beliefs, upright principles and religious morals are hilarious. Realizing I'm a huge square by modern standards, I feel compelled to say more people at Notre Dame need to speak up for the traditional, Catholic values they believe in. While reading Paul Kellner and Maureen Ritchey's Feb. 7 letter, "Revue hits wrong buttons," I too told myself they had to be joking. Initially surprised by two students opening themselves to the ridicule sure to follow such a prudish letter of virtuous ideals, it was quickly apparent the two were only mocking the thoughts they presented.

Joseph King very astutely pointed out in his Feb. 9 letter, "people who honestly believe" what Kellner and Ritchey wrote (gasp) do exist. However, decent people have become animated punch-lines for King, Kellner, Ritchey and our hip mainstream culture, even here at the leading Catholic university, Notre Dame.

I did, as a "consenting adult," attend Keenan's Revue last Friday. Admittedly it was humorous and entertaining (even if weak relative to the Dillon Hall Pep Rally every fall). Discussing the Revue later made clear others shared my views. Although funny, certain skits were excessive, graphic and vul-

gar about sex, masturbation and certain body parts and fluids. There is something to be said about subtlety, and in this case less would have been more. Most attending were all too familiar with this sort of humor. Today it's common in our society, but does this necessarily mean it is good or right?

Taking life and comedy too seriously or over-analyzing current norms of society is not my mission. As stated, I can get many good laughs, even while recognizing some unseemly content. However, those individuals willing to mock wholesome standards should get a life. King rightly observes it was a comedy routine and yes, I saw only "consenting adults." But King is unequivocally wrong in his contentions about Notre Dame. As a private, Catholic university, Notre Dame has every right not to condone such productions. As an interesting side note, has everyone heard it's "Notre Dame's 2nd Annual Queer Film Festival" week? Fine By Me, I suppose — happiness at Our Lady's University.

Dave Daley

sophomore

Dillon Hall

Feb. 10

'Score' entertains at the PAC

Actor Tom Nelis portrays Leonard Bernstein with an open and engaging manner at the Leighton Concert Hall

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Writer

As audience members enter the theater for "Score," they see actor Tom Nelis slumped over a podium. The set around him consists of music stands, stage lights, a bottle of scotch, a mirror suspended behind him and an abstract, brasslike object lying on the ground.

A sound cue — a repetitive tone pulsing through the speakers — brings Nelis' body to life. But it doesn't come to life gracefully. Nelis coughs and gasps harshly, his spine contorting as he rises upwards. "Where am I?" he mutters. "Who are you?" he asks upon seeing the audience.

The man asking these questions, however, is no longer Tom Nelis. The actor has become the alluring conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein, one of the most dominant figures of classical music in the twentieth century. This is no longer a play — it's a seminar, with the topic of the creative process and how Bernstein gains inspiration with regards to both conducting and composing.

The house lights are drawn up in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, and Bernstein asks the audience, who intriguingly become his students, "What is music?"

"Art," responds a woman in the front row. "I can't argue with that," replies the teacher. He scans the room for further opinion on the composure of music.

"Sound," answers a man a few rows back. Again, Bernstein agrees. From these modest beginnings, Bernstein takes the audience through the entire spectrum of his life — his relationship with his father, his life-changing debut with the New York Philharmonic — all in the name of discovering where his creativity lies.

Throughout the majority of "Score," Bernstein displays his emotions at their most extreme. In explaining why artists must have a sense of humor, he moons the audience. Only a few moments later, he becomes very calm when explaining the importance of patience, a quality taught to him by composer Aaron Copland. Even when subdued, Bernstein maintains very little restraint, grabbing a smoke whenever it seems convenient, claiming, "I know it's bad for me, but I like it too much!" He even shows signs of giddiness when first reaching for the scotch.

His other onstage compulsion is his constant "conducting." He constantly makes hand gestures coinciding with what he says, and this actually connects with the various tidbits of conducting Bernstein per-



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Tom Nelis stars in "Score" as famous composer Leonard Bernstein. Bernstein is best known for his long run conducting the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

forms when ruminating on past performances — most notably, his conducting of Mahler's Ninth Symphony. He describes the final page of the work with enormous passion, more so than anything else in the hour and a half he appears on stage.

"Score" is also very physically demanding of the actor portraying Bernstein. With sweat visibly rolling down his face after 45 minutes, Nelis danced, sang and crawled his way towards Bernstein's moment of inspiration: the final moments of Mahler's Ninth, in which Nelis conducts the music as closely as possible to what the real "Lenny" would have done.

"[The play] is a juggling act of text, music and the physical action," Nelis said after the show. "This play was created three years ago, and Anne Bogart, the stage director, told me it was going to take two years to figure it out, and it truly has."

Bernstein's flamboyant gesturing has a virtuosic explanation, Nelis said.

"Unconsciously, Bernstein's always conducted," Nelis said. "He riffs on this 'tranced state' and he's not always aware of what he's doing."

Interaction with the audience is also critical to Nelis' performance. A wonderful moment of the show occurred when a few students arrived at the show late, and Nelis called out to them, "Good evening! Leonard Bernstein. We're gonna talk about art." At one point Bernstein even asked the audience if they minded if he smoked. As several audience members replied "yes," Nelis gave them a wry look and asked, "Is my wife out there?"

The script for "Score" is completely adapted from both writings and interviews with Bernstein.

"It's all 100 percent Bernstein," Nelis said. "It was arranged by Jocelyn Clark, an Irish playwright. Bogart gave him 300 pages of manuscript and he whittled it down to 30."

Nelis reserved the comments that many performers have said regarding the Leighton Concert Hall.

"It's a magnificent space," he said. "Bernstein says in the play, 'It's an inspiration to be here with you in this room,' and it really is an inspiration."

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"Score" was an interactive show with Tom Nelis, above, posing multiple questions to the audience and encouraging their participation at different points.



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Revolving around the nature of Bernstein as a composer, Tom Nelis moves his arms throughout the show as if conducting music even while just speaking.

Ebersol brothers present film

"Ithuteng" documents the story of people involved in a school confronting the current issues of South Africa



Photo courtesy of Charlie Ebersol

Charlie Ebersol, pictured above in an artistic photograph of him filming with people from South Africa behind him, produced and edited "Ithuteng" which means "never stop learning."

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

When given a break from school most students choose to sleep or play video games. Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol decided to go to South Africa to edit and produce a film about a political issue of that area. The film, called "Ithuteng," which means "never stop learning," focuses on the lives of three South African students that attend a school founded by a woman called Mama Jackie in 1997.

In what was called "a post-apartheid miracle," with Nelson Mandela's aid, the eccentric Mama Jackie began the Ithuteng Trust in Soweto, South Africa. According to Ebersol, the school was developed in the wake of "an unparalleled rise in crime, drug trafficking, and rape among the country's youth."

Mama Jackie has utilized "shockingly unique educational processes and the opportunity for a better life to motivate 3,500 13- to 27-year-old rape victims, drug addicts and criminals," according to the "Ithuteng" press release. The film is based on three first-person narrated stories told by the three main characters of the film.

Fourteen-year-old Dineo is an

orphaned rape victim that is new to Mama Jackie's school. The second subject is a 22-year-old man named Lebo. He was one of Mama Jackie's original six students and is a rape victim infected with "HIV/AIDS." Victor, a 26-year-old reformed criminal is the third interview. He helps Mama Jackie run the school with his "infectious charisma." Testimonials from these three men begin and set the tone of the emotional and serious film.

After introductions of the three men, "Ithuteng" follows the students on a "tumultuous journey from the school to Johannesburg's maximum-security prison, 'Sun City,' to a wilderness camp in Kwazulu-Natal hinterland," Ebersol said.

First-time director and 16-year-old William Ebersol directed "Ithuteng." Older brother Charlie Ebersol served as producer and editor, and friend Kip Kroger helped with various aspects of the film. Charlie Ebersol explains that beyond the documentary format, the film also features a "unique format for dramatizations, in which the student, whose story is being told, directs a reenactment of the trauma from his or her own life."

Charlie Ebersol, who finished classes at Notre Dame in December, was a

large part of student government during his time at Notre Dame. He ran for student body president twice, losing by narrow margins in 2003 and 2004. As manager of the Student Union Board for the 2003-04 term, Ebersol was an influential voice in the new and current student government structure. The Ebersol family has recently been in the media spotlight after a tragic plane crash in which Ebersol's younger brother Teddy died. Charlie Ebersol is credited with pulling his NBC sports executive father Dick Ebersol from the plane wreckage and thus saving his life.

The screening will take place in the Browning Family Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday 4 p.m. The 75-minute film is open to the Notre Dame community and will be complimented by comments by Charlie Ebersol. With a unique vision into the situation of South Africa, "Ithuteng" is called by Ebersol, "a story of hope, love and redemption through the power of education and one woman's vision," Ebersol said. Tickets are free for the Notre Dame community and can be picked up at the DeBartolo Box Office.

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Photo courtesy of Charlie Ebersol

William Ebersol, left, walks with a South African man, center, and friend and aid in "Ithuteng" Kip Kroger. William was only 16 years old at the time of the shoot.

Heavenly Ham lives up to the name

By MEGAN McFADDEN and
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Scene Writers

On many of our frequent safaris through the outskirts of Notre Dame, we encounter a curious restaurant called Heavenly Ham. Last Wednesday, after Megan forgot to eat lunch once again, we hopped into the buggy to scour for food. Then we came upon Heavenly Ham and Megan cried "Tis a blessing from above! We must partake in this feast of hamilicious delight!"

Well, maybe she really didn't say that, but Megan does have a thing for ham, always has.

Heavenly Ham is a quaint restaurant located on Edison next to a funeral home. It is a great place for a midday lunch delight or secret rendezvous with that special someone.

The atmosphere at Heavenly Ham was slightly confusing. I guess you could call it General Store meets fast-food chain. The décor included plenty of red gingham, homemade jams, pickle relish, handmade wooden displays of preserved items and very few tables. A giant Coke dispenser and several large posters encouraging pork product consumption interrupted this "farmy" jungle. The hammy sound of silence at Heavenly Ham was very pleasing, until a loud, constant, 80's-like ring tone broke the dangling conversation and the superficial sighs. I guess what we're trying to say is the atmosphere at double H was just ok, about 2.5 sporks out of 5.

So now you're this far into our article, I bet you're wondering how they serve it up at Heavenly Ham. Since Heavenly Ham mimics many fast-food chains, there really isn't much service involved in the dining experience. A lone ham artiste crafts your sandwich into an epicurean delight, wraps it in deli paper and gives it to you with glee. There really isn't much to it (but don't tell the cashier that). Service was prompt considering only one artiste was on duty. Besides having to fill your own glass with Coke products, the service was friendly and pretty speedy. We'd say 3.5 sporks give or take a prong.

Now to our, well mostly Jessica's, favorite part — THE EATS! Surprisingly, neither of us got ham. Isn't that silly? Megan ordered a chicken salad sandwich on a croissant and chicken noodle soup. The croissant was very fresh and flaky, sort of like her last boyfriend, and the chicken salad did not disappoint. The soup was tongue-flaming hot, but it was scumtrulescent.

The only thing that was rather disappointing was the high prices. A mere box lunch without a drink could cost up to \$8 — oh my! Finance-savvy Jessica decided on half a turkey bistro sandwich with cup of the same chicken noodle soup. Jessica would like to report on the taste of her sandwich, but, sadly, her taste buds wore down for the count due to the flaming soup. She did, however, remark it had good texture and was very pleasing to the eye. Considering that we really like how home-cooked the food was, we give the food at H2 5 sporks.

Upon leaving Heavenly Ham, the owner locked the door. This could mean one of two things. Either we were such a menace to the ham community for ordering chicken that they never wanted us back again, or they close at 3 p.m. If they close at 3 p.m., that's really sad. They even turned down a sweet old lady with a genuine ham craving as we were leaving. Based on our taste bud tally, Heavenly Ham is worthy of about 3 and one-third sporks out of five. So if burgers and bagels don't fit your fancy, don't fret, because Heavenly Ham is just a hop, skip and a jump away from campus.

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NFL

Chargers' Brees hopeful for contract extension

San Diego considers franchise tagging the Pro Bowl quarterback

Associated Press

Drew Brees came to Hawaii four years ago as a college all-star out of Purdue, looking to impress NFL teams at the Hula Bowl.

Brees is back on the islands, practicing with the league's best and preparing for his first appearance in the Pro Bowl. And he's looking for respect and a long-term contract from the San Diego Chargers.

Less than a year after San Diego all but gave up on him by selecting Philip Rivers on draft day, Brees is still basking in the glow of his superb season and the Chargers' run to the AFC West title.

His performance at the end of his four-year contract earned him a spot alongside Peyton Manning and Tom Brady on the AFC roster for the NFL's all-star game Sunday. It also made him one of the NFL's most attractive free agents, but Brees would rather remain with the club that didn't seem eager to stick with him.

"I want to stay in San Diego, absolutely," he said. "I want a long-term deal, because I feel like I'm the guy. I'm the guy

that needs to be there and lead us to a championship, so that's the way I feel about it.

"The ball is in their court, obviously, and we'll just see what happens."

Brees' life has changed dramatically in the four years since he represented Purdue in the Hula Bowl.

"I got married, had good seasons and bad seasons, battled for my starting job on two occasions, been benched a few times," he said. "I guess it's been a learning experience, but it has molded me into the person and player that I am now."

Brees was voted the NFL's comeback player of the year after throwing for 3,159 yards, 27 touchdowns and just seven interceptions in the regular season. In the playoffs, he passed for 319 yards and two TDs in the Chargers' 20-17 overtime loss to the New York Jets.

"We didn't accomplish our ultimate goal to win a championship, but we kind of paved the way for the future," he said. "We have a lot to be proud of and a lot to be happy about. We just have to keep improving."

Teammate LaDainian Tomlin-

son, making his second Pro Bowl appearance, also wants Brees to stay, but the star running back said he has no control over the situation. Tomlinson and Brees are close friends, and they planned to spend much of their free time in Hawaii together with their families.

"He's a leader. That sums it up in one word," Tomlinson said. "He's a good friend and a good teammate."

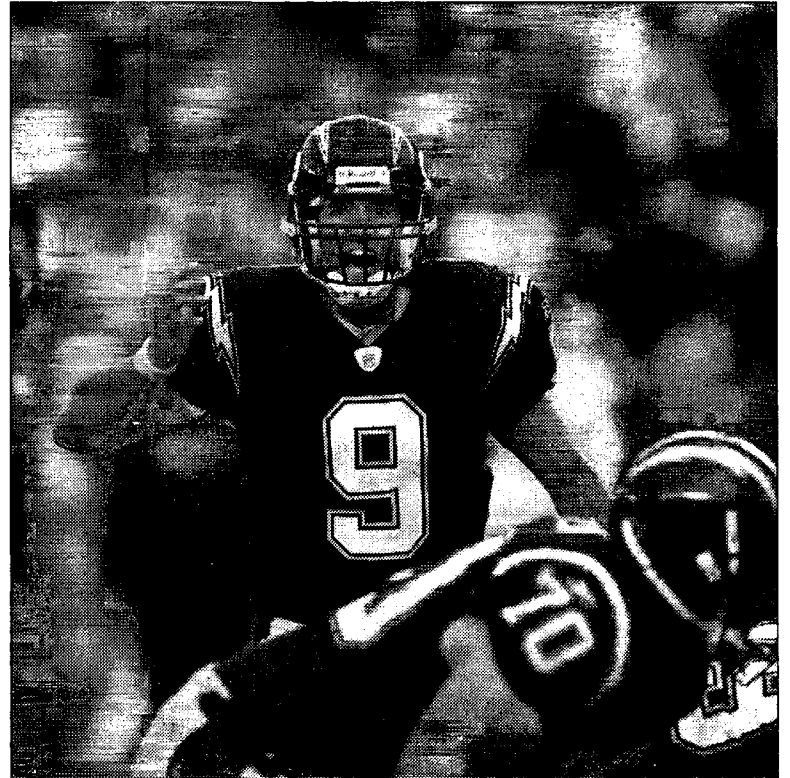
Brees and Tomlinson are San Diego's first quarterback-running back duo to make the Pro Bowl together since Dan Fouts and Chuck Muncie in the early 1980s. Tight end Antonio Gates also made the trip to Hawaii, earning his first Pro Bowl berth in just his second NFL season.

"Obviously, with guys like LT and Gates, I think we built a solid foundation," Brees said. "I think we all see in one another that we can build something special with the Chargers. We want to keep that continuity and keep those familiar faces around."

The Chargers might designate Brees as their franchise player this month, giving him a one-

"I'm the guy that needs to be there and lead us to a championship, so that's the way I feel about it."

Drew Brees
Chargers' quarterback



ZUMA PRESS

Brees audibles at the line of scrimmage in a November game against New Orleans. Brees threw 27 touchdowns this season.

year contract offer worth around \$9 million. If Brees signs it, the club then could trade him or let him compete for the starting job with Rivers, who was obtained in a draft-day trade with the New York Giants.

Rivers held out for half of training camp, allowing Brees

to keep the starting job — and Brees used the challenge to motivate himself to his best professional season. And just as he did four years ago at the Hula Bowl, when many questioned his future as a 6-foot NFL quarterback, Brees is proving he's one of the best.

Vick fired up going into Pro Bowl, out to prove himself

Associated Press

Michael Vick and Donovan McNabb huddled in front of their lockers at Aloha Stadium on Thursday, goofing on any NFC teammate crossing their paths and making plans for a night out on Waikiki Beach.

Sure, the Pro Bowl week isn't exactly the toughest stretch of the NFL season, but Vick is taking it seriously enough that his fellow all-stars and the Atlanta coaching staff have teased him about it.

In between spending time with his family and his closest friends from around the league, Vick also is hoping to make an impression on anybody who still doesn't know what the Falcons

star can do.

"Definitely, I'm focused on this game a whole lot," Vick said. "I've been thinking about it since our season ended in Atlanta. This is the first chance I'm going to have to line up against the best of the best, so if you can't end the season with a championship, this is one of the next-best ways."

Vick has become one of the NFL's most popular, versatile and electrifying players in his four seasons, but he hasn't made a Pro Bowl appearance yet.

He was selected for the NFC squad after his breakout season two years ago, joining Dan Marino, Brett Favre, Kurt Warner, Daunte Culpepper and Tom Brady as the only second-year quarterbacks to earn a spot

in the game in their first full year as starters. But Vick skipped the Pro Bowl to get a bunion removed from his right foot.

He figured he would have plenty of chances to get to Hawaii if he kept playing well — but then he broke his leg in the 2003 preseason, and the resulting disaster in Atlanta eventually led to coach Dan Reeves' firing.

"I wasn't thinking about the Pro Bowl at the end of last year," Vick said. "That was the last thing on my mind."

Everything changed this season when Vick got back on his precocious learning curve. With their quarterback's maturity and leadership skills growing with every passing week, coach Jim Mora and offensive coordinator Greg

Knapp revitalized the Falcons, who won their division and reached the NFC championship game.

"This might be his first time in Hawaii, but he'll probably be setting up camp here every February for a long time," said Mora, who's coaching the NFC squad. "With his abilities, if we can put a team around him that's going to be successful every year, there's no reason he won't be one of the dominant quarterbacks in this league."

Though McNabb and Culpepper have seniority on Vick, they won't be surprised if Vick plays extensively in the second half of the Pro Bowl, where blitzing isn't allowed and no defenders try to deliver career-ending

hits. Knapp has installed a variation of the Falcons' offense for the NFC squad, and Vick knows it as well as anyone.

"He's going to have all eyes on him when he goes in there," McNabb said. "Everybody knows what he can do in a real game. Now we'll get to see what he does when nobody can blitz you. It could be scary."

Vick passed for 2,323 yards and 14 touchdowns this season, and he rushed for 902 yards and three more scores. His passing numbers weren't spectacular in his first season in the West Coast offense, but his uncanny running abilities and his strong arm were more than enough to earn the respect of the players and fans who voted for him.

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PGA TOUR

Lefty fires a 62 at Spyglass

Mickelson considers his driving distance as reason for success

Associated Press

Phil Mickelson keeps hitting it long and going low.

Fresh off a career-low 60 last week in Phoenix that led to his first victory of the year, Mickelson broke the course record at Spyglass Hill — the toughest course in the rotation — with a 10-under 62 that gave him a three-shot lead Thursday in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

"Honestly, I've never driven it this far," Mickelson said.

He took advantage of pristine conditions on the Monterey Peninsula, with brilliant blue skies and only a trace of wind that made Pebble Beach, Spyglass and Poppy Hills so tame that more than half the 180-man field broke par.

And as always, Mickelson was a thrill a minute.

One birdie came out of a bed of ice plant on the fourth hole. Another came on the 527-yard seventh hole, when Mickelson hit a 6-iron off the cart path to the edge of the green and easily got up and down. He hit driver on the 325-yard 17th hole that left him 8 yards from the front of the green, leading to a tap-in birdie.

A 15-foot birdie on the final hole gave Mickelson a three-shot lead over Davis Love III, Charles Howell III, Kevin Sutherland, Daniel Chopra and Hunter Mahan.

It was the largest first-round lead at this tournament since Tom Watson led by three in 1978. Mickelson's 62 was two shots better than the previous course record at Spyglass, last set by David Berganio four years ago.

"A 62 is good at Bermuda Dunes," Sutherland said. "A 62 at Spyglass is a whole different story. That's an amazing round."

Sutherland didn't see it; he shot



After shooting a 60 last week in Phoenix, Mickelson set a course record 10-under, 62 Thursday at Spyglass Hill.

his 65 at Poppy Hills.

But he heard it.

"We were on the 18th tee, and it was amazing to say this, but we heard a roar," Sutherland said. "That's got to be a couple miles away. We heard it pretty easily,

and I thought it can only be one person. I'm not sure it was him, but a 62 at Spyglass? I'm sure it was."

The only question was which shot produced the big cheer. It might have been the 40-foot chip-in from across the second green, or the 4-wood on the 560-yard 14th hole to within 25 feet for an easy birdie.

It's all starting to run together for Mickelson, the Masters champion who already is making a lot of noise. It started with his 59 in the Grand Slam of Golf in Hawaii last November, then the 60 last week in the FBR Open:

He is using the Callaway prototype golf ball called "Hex Tour 56," and maybe that number is around the corner.

"The biggest thing for me is I've

been driving the ball a lot longer than I did last year," Mickelson said. "And all that wedge work that I did last year and continued this year ... I'm starting to have a lot more wedges in. I'm taking advantage of it. I'm able to make a lot more birdies now."

There was no shortage of those Thursday in some of the best conditions at Pebble in recent memory.

"Even in a practice round, I've never seen the weather this good around here," Howell said.

He also took advantage with a bogey-free round at Pebble Beach, highlighted by an 80-foot bunker shot that grazed the edge of the cup on the 18th for a tap-in birdie.

Good thing it didn't hit the cup on the fly, or it might have gone in the ocean. Howell is still haunted by his sand wedge into the 18th green at Torrey Pines last month that bounced out of the cup and into the pond, costing him a chance to win.

This was a tidy round on a tame course, with birdies on all but one of the par 5s and a steady diet of fairways and greens. Mahan and Chopra also played Pebble, while Sutherland and Love had the best score at Poppy Hills.

NHL

Two sides fail to reach agreement

Salvaging the rest of the season does not appear promising

Associated Press

The NHL and the players' association broke off talks Thursday as the clock ticked down to a weekend deadline for saving what little is left of the season.

"It was a pointless meeting," NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said after the four-hour session.

"We're not going to pick up the phone this weekend," union senior director Ted Saskin said. "We're done."

It was the second straight day of meetings in Toronto aimed at ending the lockout, but the first full session since commissioner Gary Bettman told the union Wednesday that a deal would need to be ready by the weekend to save the season.

If the deadline was set to pressure the players' association to give in to the league's salary-cap demand, it hasn't worked so far.

"We were not deadline hunting in any way," Saskin said.

Daly said the union brought nothing new to Thursday's meeting.

"Quite frankly, I don't know why they asked us to stay overnight," Daly said. "I don't know what their agenda was. I just know there was no progress."

During the meeting at the league's office in Canada, the sides spent 2 1/2 hours huddling separately.

No new meetings were scheduled, and Daly and Bettman immediately returned to New York to prepare for a normal work day Friday.

That won't be easy because every indication is that it will be the last business day before the NHL becomes the

first major North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute.

"Since no material progress has been made, and we're within days of having to cancel the season, you're hit with the realization of what you have to do," Daly said.

He gave no encouragement that a deal could come in time.

"I don't know I'd say I'm surprised," he said. "I'm disappointed. I hoped that at the end of the day that reason would prevail, that we'd be able to find common ground, and that we'd reach an agreement. That hasn't happened."

The lockout has wiped out 824 of the 1,230 regular-season games through Thursday, as well as this weekend's scheduled All-Star game. If the season is canceled, there is no telling when there will be NHL hockey again.

"I'll have no idea as I sit here today," Saskin said.

Daly said the league had gone as far as it could, and reiterated that the players' association would not give in to the league's demand of a link between revenues and player costs.

The sides have been assisted by mediators — as recently as last week in Newark, N.J. — but neither felt that was how a deal would be worked out.

"This isn't a negotiation that failed due to a lack of understanding," Daly said. "This is a negotiation that has failed for other reasons. I don't think a mediator would help in this process."

On Wednesday, the NHL presented the idea that a new deal be made using the players' association's proposal from Dec. 9 that included a luxury-tax system and a 24 percent salary rollback on existing contracts.

But if any one of four financial conditions set forth by the league were exceeded, then the NHL's salary-cap offer from last week would go into effect the following season. Teams would then be forced to spend at least \$32 million on player costs but no more than \$42 million, including benefits.

Players' association executive director Bob Goodenow said that at least one of the four limits would immediately be exceeded if this deal was put in place, and others could be easily reached.


Saskin called the proposal a public relations "gimmick" and the idea wasn't revisited during Thursday's meeting. The players' association has steadfastly refused to accept a salary cap as a solution to the stalemate.

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NBA

Francis drops 28 in Magic win over Atlanta

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The pressure has eased somewhat on Orlando Magic coach Johnny Davis, although there were a few tense moments as his team frittered away a 20-point lead.

Steve Francis scored 11 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter, including a game-deciding 17-footer with 17 seconds left, to help the Magic defeat the Atlanta Hawks 101-96.

"A win against any team in this league is a good thing so yes, I'm feeling better," said Davis, who has taken criticism from general manager John Weisbrod for his team's recent slump. "We're still basically a new team and still going through growing pains, but you can't stop. You've got to keep working at it and we are."

Francis, who also had nine assists and seven rebounds, hit his key shot after Atlanta cut its deficit to 97-94 with 38 seconds left on a 3-pointer by Antoine Walker.

It was only the second win in the last six games for Orlando, which has sputtered to a 13-17 record after a surprising 13-6 start to the season.

The Magic got 24 points from reserve Hedo Turkoglu and 15 points and 20 rebounds from rookie Dwight Howard, who

became the first rookie since Tim Duncan in 1997-98 to record two 20-rebound games in a season.

"That's just a scratch of what he could do for us right in and night out," Francis said. "He was a monster down there."

Atlanta was forced to play without injured starters Tyrone Lue, Al Harrington and Josh Smith, but the Hawks got 25 points from backup point guard Tony Delk and 25 from Walker. Atlanta also got 19 points and 10 rebounds from rookie Josh Childress.

"Our guys are playing hard," Atlanta coach Mike Woodson said. "With only 10 wins, we could easily throw in the towel, but we're not doing that. We played well enough to win this game, we just didn't get any breaks."

Turkoglu, the only Magic reserve to score, had 13 of 15 points in a 15-3 run that gave Orlando a 56-38 lead with 2:04 left in the first half. Orlando pushed the advantage to 74-54 on two free throws by Howard with 5:51 left in the third quarter, then tried to coast.

They barely made it as Delk put on a show in the fourth quarter with 12 points.

"It's hard when you're up in a game for a long time like that," Francis said. "It's hard to con-

sistently stay focused for that period of time. I'm definitely happy with the result, but we improved in some areas."

Pistons 103, Lakers 81

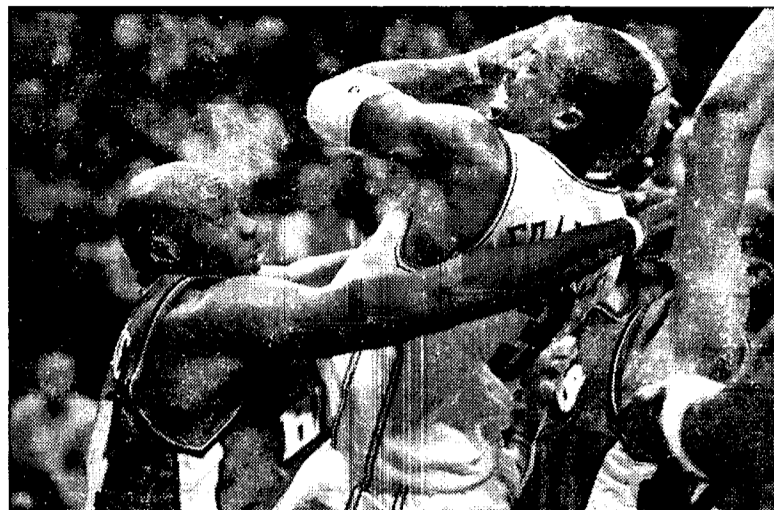
In a rematch of the NBA Finals, the result was the same — a thorough thrashing of the Los Angeles Lakers by the Detroit Pistons.

Rasheed Wallace had 23 rebounds and a season-high 15 points as Detroit got off to a strong start and routed the Lakers in their first meeting since last June.

The Pistons looked a lot like the team that disposed of Los Angeles in five games while winning by an average margin of 13 points, while the Lakers bear almost no resemblance to their predecessors from last season.

The Pistons moved a half-game ahead of Cleveland in the Central Division standings with their sixth win in seven games. They led by 14 points less than 5 minutes into a game that was never in doubt.

Los Angeles is 1-4 under interim coach Frank Hamblen, who replaced Rudy Tomjanovich when he suddenly resigned, and is 6-8 since Kobe Bryant went down with a sprained ankle. Lamar Odom led the Lakers with 17 points



Steve Francis is harassed while attacking the basket Thursday. Francis finished the game with 28 points and nine assists.

and Caron Butler had 12. In his first game against his former team, Lakers guard Chucky Atkins scored just three points — 10 below his average — on 1-of-7 shooting.

Bryant wouldn't guess when he'll return, but said he plans on running during Saturday's practice after resting his ankle for a few days. Bryant was booed each time he was shown on the videoboard above the court.

Detroit's Chauncey Billups had 15 points and a season-high 11 assists, Ben Wallace grabbed 15

rebounds, Richard Hamilton scored 11 and the Pistons had a season-high 30 assists.

Not only are the Pistons clearly a better team than the Lakers, they were also much more rested. Detroit had a game for just the second time in eight days while the Lakers played their fourth in five nights.

Detroit jumped out to an 18-2 lead as the Lakers had more turnovers [two] than field goals [one] and led 30-12 after the first quarter, outrebounding them 22-11.

Pacers' Miller to retire at end of 2004-05 season

Guard's sister tells news Thursday on TNT's NBA telecast

Associated Press

Reggie Miller of the Indiana Pacers will retire at the end of this season, his sister, Cheryl, reported Thursday night on TNT.

"Over the last couple of weeks there has been a lot of speculation on whether or not this will be Reggie Miller's last season," Miller said. "[Wednesday] I spoke to Reggie, and after 18 seasons with the Indiana Pacers, this will definitely be his last season."

Miller, 39, has been one of the league's best outside shooters during a career that has included five All-Star appear-

ances, 131 playoff games and a trip to the NBA Finals.

"Reggie said that it has been a great run, feels very positive with where the organization and the team is headed," Miller said during TNT's broadcast of the Lakers-Pistons game. "He said the one thing that he can look back on in his career, barring the ugly situation in November here at Detroit; he says he has a lot of great memories."

Two weeks ago, Miller angrily shot down another TNT reporter's story that Miller had informed his teammates of his plans to retire. Miller said if he were to make such an announcement, he'd break the news through his

older sister. Miller is averaging 11.9 points as the starting shooting guard for the Pacers, whose next game is Friday night at

home against Houston.

He holds NBA records for most 3-pointers made (2,505) and attempted (6,321) and is the all-time leading scorer in

Pacers history with 24,685 points.

"Reggie said, 'It's has been a great run, a lot of wonderful memories,' and the one thing

he can really be proud of is that he finished his career with one team — something we don't see a lot of in sports today," Cheryl Miller said.



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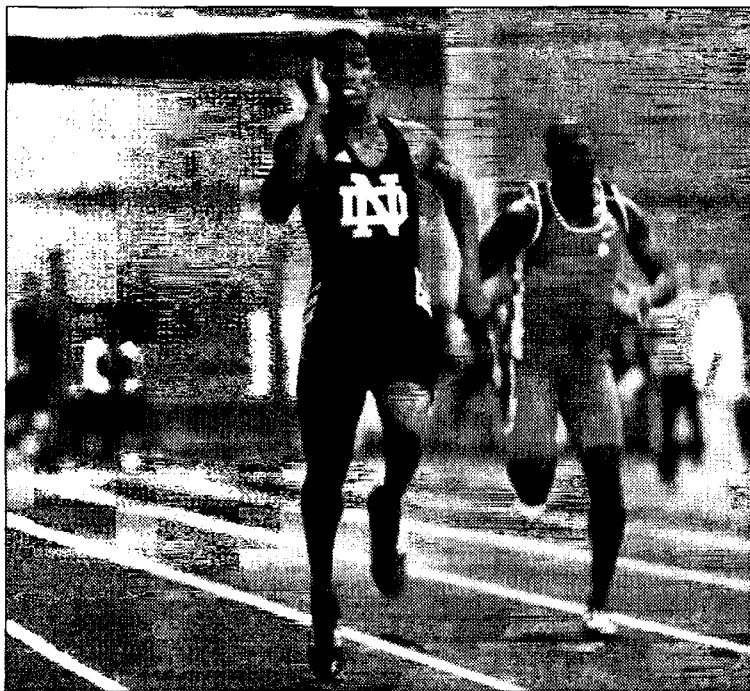
With only one week left before the Big East Indoor Championships, and two before the USATF Indoor Championships, the Irish are looking to peak at just the right time. The team heads to Windsor, Ontario, to compete with the University of Detroit and four Canadian schools in the Windsor Team Challenge Saturday.

Though it is a scoring meet, the Irish will not be sending a full contingent of athletes to Windsor — instead, they will only send a group of sprinters to the competition. Irish coach Joe Piane's skeleton crew will consist of about 20 sprinters who have all qualified for Big East competition.

"They run on a 200-meter track in Windsor," Piane said. "Which is something that our runners have yet to do this year, [having run] most of their races on a larger track." The smaller track will provide the Irish with a change of pace in their final tune-up for the Big East.

Sprinting coach John Millar is looking forward to the meet, as it will give the runners a chance to run in different races from what many are used to.

"They run a 300-meter and a 600-meter as opposed to our usual 200-meter and 400-meter races," Millar said.



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer
Irish senior Selim Nurudeen runs in the Meyo Invitational last weekend. Nurudeen will compete in the Windsor meet Saturday.

Leading the charge for the Irish will again be senior hurdler Selim Nurudeen, who boasts three consecutive 110-meter hurdles Big East Championships and looking to repeat as 60-meter hurdler Big East champion. Nurudeen has separated himself from not only his fellow Irish teammates, but also the majority of hurdlers nationwide.

"Selim's breakthrough year was last year," Millar said, referring to Nurudeen's two

Big East championships and his qualification for the NCAA Championships. "This year he has really risen to the top as one of the premier hurdlers in the country."

After a great overall team effort at last week's Meyo Invitational, the skeleton crew heads north looking to take home top honors in its final preparation for the Big East.

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No. 21 Irish head to Canada for meet

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

It will be their first meet of the year featuring team scoring, but the Irish are not too concerned about their placing during this weekend's meet at the Windsor Team Challenge in Windsor, Ontario.

"We're not trying to place this weekend. In fact, we aren't going to fill many of the events," coach Tim Connelly said.

Indeed, the Irish will not be taking a full squad to Canada this weekend, choosing to leave behind many of the long and mid distance runners whose times from earlier meets have earned them qualification into next weekend's Big East Indoor Championships.

They will focus on training for the conference meet, while teammates who have yet to qualify will make one final attempt this weekend.

"We have a lot of runners who are within a second or even tenths of a second of qualifying," Connelly said. "We want to give our kids that opportunity."

After spending three straight weekends in the comfort of the

Loftus Center, the Irish will take to a different, smaller track at Windsor this weekend.

The meet will be run on a 200-meter oval at Windsor's St. Denis Centre compared to Loftus' 322-meter track.

Connelly hopes to use this meet to gain experience from running on the shorter track.

"The smaller track is most important for our sprinters. We need to get them used to running on the tighter turns. That's why we'll be sending our entire sprint team this weekend," he said.

The Irish, ranked No. 21 in the country by Trackwire.com, will take on a field featuring numerous Canadian schools this weekend.

While the level of competition is expected to vary from event to event, it is generally expected to be less than that of last weekend's Meyo Invitational, which featured four top-25 teams.

Notre Dame will use the experience gained from Windsor in next weekend's meet where they will enter as one of the favorites to become Big East champions.

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"We have a lot of runners within a second ... of qualifying."

Tim Connelly
Irish coach

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Trackwire Top 25 Women's Track & Field

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
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20 USC	13
22 Kansas State	12
22 Mississippi	12
22 East Carolina	12
25 Nebraska	11
25 Virginia Tech	11

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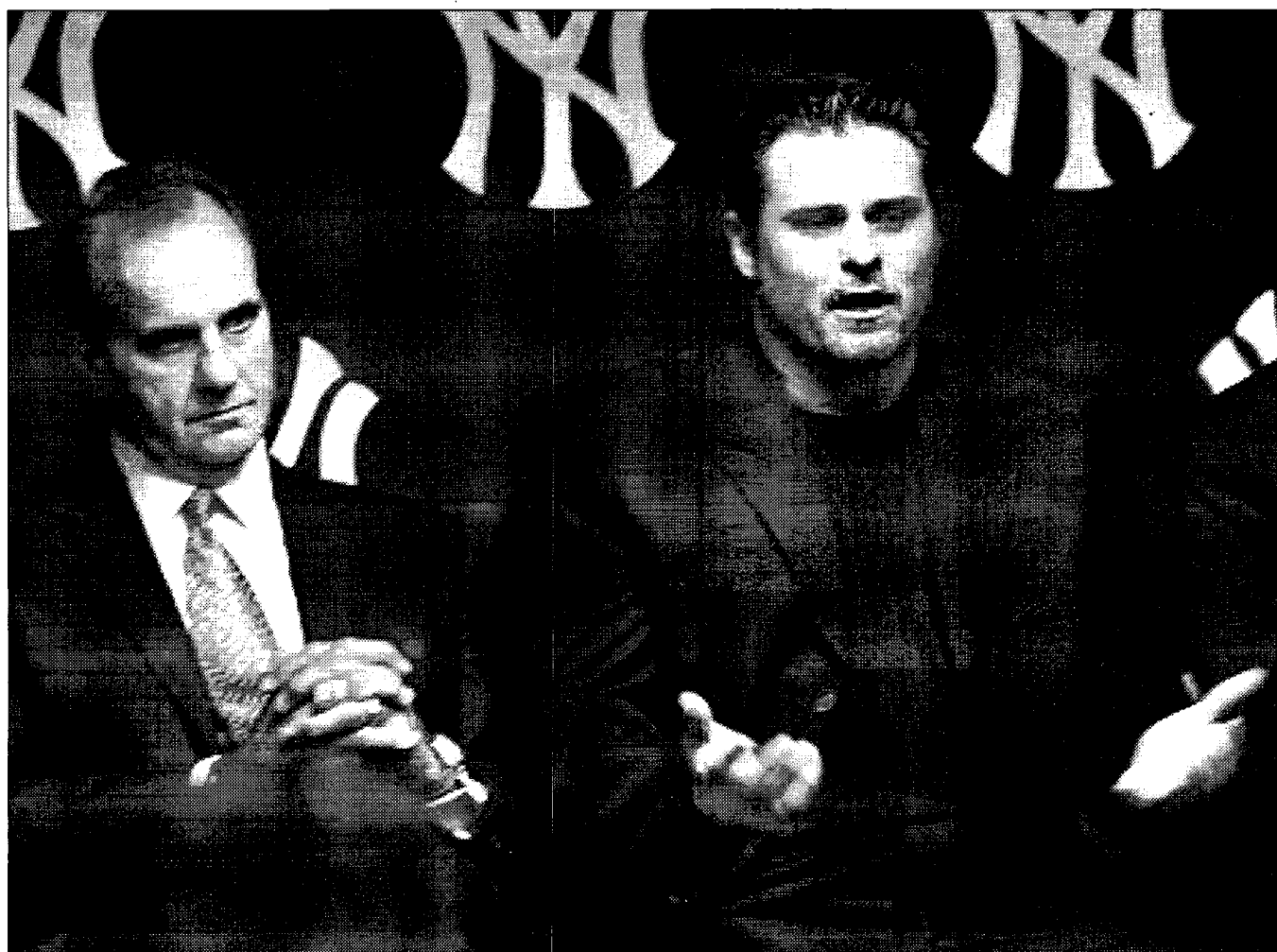
team	conference	overall
Michigan	17-3-2	20-7-3
Ohio State	17-4-1	20-7-3
Nebraska-Omaha	11-8-3	15-10-3
Northern Michigan	11-7-3	13-9-5
Bowling Green	10-7-3	13-9-4
Alaska Fairbanks	8-10-3	9-11-3
Miami (Ohio)	8-11-3	12-14-4
Michigan State	8-9-3	13-12-4
Lake Superior	6-9-5	7-15-6
Western Michigan	6-13-1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

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MLB



New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi, right, gestures as he talks to the media on Thursday. Giambi expressed his sorrow regarding his steroid use but failed to give details.

Giambi apologizes for BALCO incident

Associated Press

Jason Giambi is sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry.

So sorry, that he'd already apologized five times in five minutes to TV reporters before somebody had the good sense to ask him exactly what he was apologizing for.

"I'm sorry," Giambi began, "that I can't get into bigger specifics for you guys and hopefully, someday I will. Because of the legal issues that are going on, you know, it would be a lot easier. But I hope everybody understands this is the position I'm in."

"I'm trying to do the best I can and say I'm sorry. That's the best I can do and," he added, probably sensing that he was close to a personal best,

"I apologize for that."

Rarely has so much contrition yielded so little information — and even less responsibility. But that's the sorry state Major League Baseball finds itself in a week before pitchers and catchers report. Nobody still knows nothin'. Everybody is still sorry. You'd hear the same story eavesdropping at Tony Soprano's "Bada-Bing" club any afternoon.

So go ahead, throw all those spring-training questions back in a drawer. The real suspense this season won't be whether the Red Sox or Yankees added enough pricey new pieces to win the World Series. It will be whether anybody inside baseball can muster the courage to answer the question that is shredding the game's credibility. And the only place people are even working on it is the

federal prosecutor's office in San Francisco.

That office is just down the road from the now-infamous BALCO Lab, where a raid by investigators in September 2003 lifted the lid on the worst-kept secret in baseball. It's even closer to the grand jury room that Giambi strolled into one morning last winter and unburdened himself of most of what he knew about steroids. There were plenty of sordid details, according to testimony leaked to newspapers, but who knows? A few minutes into it, somebody asked whether Giambi, like former Oakland A's teammate Mark McGwire, would claim to have been truthful when discussing his steroid use in the past.

"I can't get into specifics," he said for the umpteenth time.

IN BRIEF

Schilling donates bloody socks to Hall of Fame

Curt Schilling donated the bloody sock he wore during Game 2 of the World Series to the Hall of Fame on Thursday. The sock is part of a Red Sox exhibition celebrating the team's four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Schilling's sock joins other Red Sox memorabilia including Derek Lowe's jersey from Game 4, the bat used by Series MVP Manny Ramirez when he tied a postseason record with a 17-game hitting streak and the spikes Keith Foulke wore when he recorded the final out of the Series.

The exhibit runs through the 2005 baseball season.

Schilling had surgery Nov. 9 to repair a ruptured tendon sheath on his right ankle. The injury appeared to end his season in the middle of Boston's World Series run, but team doctors, in an unprecedented procedure, made a wall of stitches in Schilling's ankle to keep the tendon

Jackson faces resistance to real estate acquisition

Reggie Jackson is frustrated that his offer to buy the Oakland Athletics was not accepted even though his group was willing to pay \$25 million more than Los Angeles real estate developer Lewis Wolff for the franchise.

"He'd like nothing better than to fulfill his dream, which is to be an owner of a baseball team," Jackson's attorney, Ed Blum, said Thursday. "He's always felt close to this team and probably always will."

As co-owner Steve Schott said that the offer from Jackson's group came after he and partner Ken Hofmann already had an agreement to sell the team to Wolff, the team's vice president for venue development.

"Reggie told me he'd buy the team for \$25 million more. But I don't go chasing the last dollar," Schott said. "I have an obligation to the contract."

"There will be no hurdles to the

transfer," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

Pacers donate fine money to local charities

The Indiana Pacers are donating \$2.4 million to 11 local charities, money that mostly comes from fines levied against five players for their roles in the Nov. 19 brawl with Detroit Pistons fans.

The Pacers asked the NBA to give the money to charities in Indianapolis, and Pacers CEO Walsh said the request was granted.

"The incident in Auburn Hills was a low point for the owners, this franchise and the players, and we came out of it determined to make something positive happen for this team and this community," Walsh said Thursday. "We think this does that."

The NBA fined Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson, Jermaine O'Neal, Anthony Johnson and Reggie Miller for their roles in the Nov. 19 brawl. The Pacers also contributed an unspecified amount to charitable donation.

ND TENNIS

Irish set for weekend matches

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

In any tennis match, serves are broken. In the scheme of things, it's how a player bounces back from being broken that matters.

Despite dropping two matches to powerhouses Texas and Duke last weekend, the Irish are taking the setback in stride. After six straight wins to open the season, two losses can show what a team is made of—and if it's set for the long run.

"It's good," coach Bobby Bayliss said of team morale. "The teams we lost to — Texas will be possibly a top-15 team this year ... when it all shakes down, and Duke is a Top 10 team."

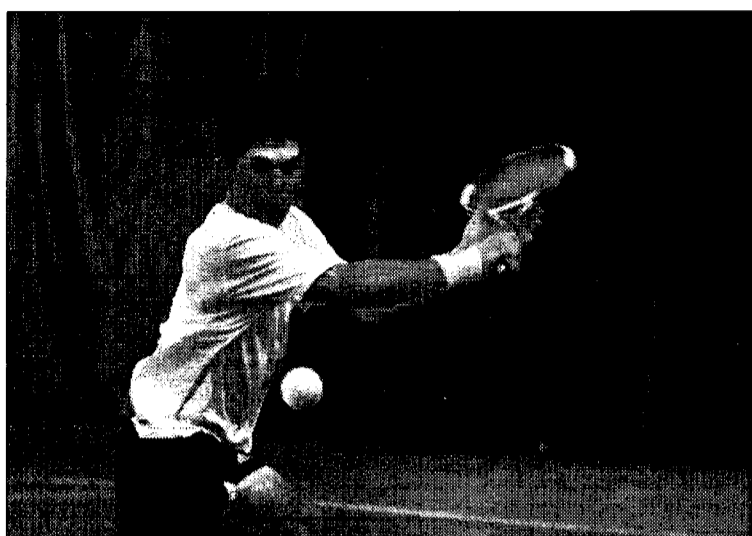
The Irish swept their early schedule with wins over Toledo, Illinois State, Indiana, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Florida State. At the time, UNC was ranked No. 18, and Bayliss expects the Seminoles to finish in the Top 20. This weekend, the Irish will take on Marquette and the University of Indianapolis.

The team worked on conditioning and competitive sets this week in order to bounce back from the losses.

"We've really intensified practice because we have just this one day [of matches] on Sunday and then we don't play again until next Friday," Bayliss said.

A deep lineup has allowed Bayliss some flexibility in both singles and doubles this season. The No. 1 spot has been in some contention, as both sophomore Stephen Bass and senior captain Brent D'Amico have seen time in the top position.

"The biggest thing is at the end



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

The Irish and Pat Buchanan will compete this weekend against Marquette and the University of Indianapolis.

of the fall, Stephen Bass had earned the right to play No. 1," Bayliss said, citing the sophomore standout's national ranking and outstanding fall record. "[But] it's a tough load for somebody to go up and face the guys he's had to face up there. ... I have a lot of confidence in Stephen and I believe he can become a prime-time college tennis player."

D'Amico also played well in the top position, Bayliss said.

"He's held up and hopefully Stephen will get on track this week," he said.

No. 112 Barry King registered the lone Irish point against Duke in the third spot, defeating No. 106 Stephen Amritaj. Sheeva Parbhu rounds out the top four for the men, as trackli Akhvediani, Ryan Keckley, Patrick Buchanan and Eric Langenkamp have rotated through No. 5 and No. 6.

Akhvediani is back from an ankle sprain, and Bayliss expects him to play in this weekend's lineup.

The doubles have seen success this season, with D'Amico and Keckley combining at No. 1 and Bass and King at No. 3. Parbhu and Langenkamp have seen the most success at No. 2, posting a 9-2 season record (6-2 in dual matches).

"Doubles has begun to solidify," Bayliss said. "I think we can continue to improve there, I improve it to be a strength as the year goes on."

Fans can expect two exciting matchups this weekend at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, as play against Marquette is slated for 1 p.m. Sunday and Indianapolis will take the courts against the Irish at 5:30 p.m.

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Louderback calm in facing Harvard

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

There's just something about Boston.

Boston teams have been raking up the hardware this season, from Boston College's come-from-behind 24-23 win over Notre Dame during football season to the Red Sox's World Series title.

But as of late, Notre Dame has been working to reverse that trend, beginning with the basketball team's upset of No. 4 Boston College Tuesday night.

Now, the No. 21 women's tennis team is looking to pull off a Boston upset of its own, taking on No. 17 Harvard on Friday at 12:30 p.m. and Boston College on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Judging by the team's impressive 5-2 victory over Wake Forest, walking away with an upset this weekend seems all the more doable.

Coach Jay Louderback said although Harvard looks to provide plenty of challenges this weekend, he has faith in the team's character.

"My hope is that we compete like we have been," Louderback said. "If we do, we'll be in the match all the way."

This competitive spirit is responsible for the team's success against Wake Forest, Louderback said. The Irish jumped to an early lead, sweeping doubles in the Jan. 30 match. At No. 3, senior captain Sarah Jane Connelly and junior Kiki Stastny jumpstarted the Irish effort, walking off the court with an 8-1 win over Blakeley Offutt and Alisha Talbot.

Freshman Brook Buck and junior Lauren Connelly were next off the courts, clinching the doubles point with a victory over Katie Martzoff and Danielle Schwartz 8-1 at No. 2.

Adding to the team's momentum, sophomore twins Catrina and Christian Thompson defeated No. 33 Karin Coetzee and Ashlee Davis 8-3 at No. 1. The nationally ranked No. 2 Thompsons remain unbeaten this spring and are 12-2 this

year.

In singles, No. 85 Buck capitalized on the team's momentum following, upsetting No. 16 Coetzee 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Stastny clinched the win for the Irish at No. 5, with a victory over Jenna Loeb 6-3, 6-1. At No. 3 singles, Christian Thompson followed up Stastny's win, claiming a victory over Martzoff 6-2, 6-2.

Harvard (3-1) has been just as much of a winning team as the Irish this season. Last Saturday, the Crimson upset No. 16 Texas A&M in a 4-3 decision at the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships. The team swept the three doubles matches and claimed wins at Nos. 1, 5, 6 singles. Louderback said the Crimson look to be most challenging at the top of the lineup.

"We've been excited to play Harvard because we know they're a very athletic team," Louderback said. "It's good for us to be put in a tough situation on the road against a good team."

Although last year the Irish defeated Boston College 6-1, Louderback says he expects tough competition from the Eagles this year.

"It will be a tough match — especially playing on the road," Louderback said. "They're a dangerous team at home."

Boston College (1-2) recently recorded its first victory of the spring Sunday, defeating Columbia 4-3. Although they lost the doubles point, the Eagles bounced back and garnered wins at Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 6 singles. Boston College, like Harvard, looks to present the greatest challenges for Notre Dame at the top of the lineup.

But Louderback is confident in the team's abilities and potential.

"Our kids have very good doubles instincts and do a great job competing in singles when the matches get tough," Louderback said. "We can only get better with more matches."

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish begin spring in Florida

Team looks to be a Big East force after strong 2004 season

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

With snow still on the ground in South Bend, the Irish go south this weekend to kick off the 2005 season in the warm weather of Florida.

Notre Dame begins the year this morning when the GRU Classic begins in Gainesville, Fla. The Irish have two games scheduled for today — a 10

a.m. matchup with No. 19 Florida (7-0) and a 4 p.m. game against No. 21 South Florida.

This year's Notre Dame squad is coming off a successful season in which it finished 49-19, including an 18-2 Big East record and regular season title. The Irish graduated just one player from last season, first team All-Big East outfielder Nicole deFau. This year's team is the preseason Big East conference regular-season champion, receiving all nine possible first-place votes from the conference head coaches.

The Irish are experienced and

talented this spring. Notre Dame is led by third team All-American center fielder Megan Ciolli, who has a career average of .367 and has been named to the USA Softball Player of the Year watch list in her fourth year as a starter.

Ciolli will lead an Irish team that is hungry to build upon last year's disappointing finish in the NCAA Tournament. The Irish won just one game at the NCAA Regionals, going home early.

"This team has seen it all," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf told und.com. "They have experienced success and failure — the good and the

bad. There is a sense around this team that they are prepared for anything and are focused on taking the next step."

This season the Irish will see some position changes with newcomer Katie Laing playing shortstop. Sara Schoonaert will move to second base as a result, and Stephanie Brown will play in the outfield. Brown had an outstanding freshman year for the Irish, hitting .301 with seven home runs and 30 RBI.

"Sara was a great shortstop but she has the potential to be an All-American at second base," Gumpf said.

Meanwhile, the Irish also have some outstanding pitching returning this year. Heather Booth, first team All-Big East, leads the way as last year she had a 25-9 record with a 1.45 ERA. Steffany Stenglein will fill the No. 2 spot, but both are very capable pitchers. They are joined by Carrie Wisen and Kenya Fuemmeller.

"They are a more seasoned and determined group this season," Gumpf said. "They have seen the highest of the highs and fought through some tough situations as well. I think all four of them are mentally and physically stronger this year."

Notre Dame should also benefit from the return of junior left-fielder Kellie Middleton, who missed 61 games last season with an injury.

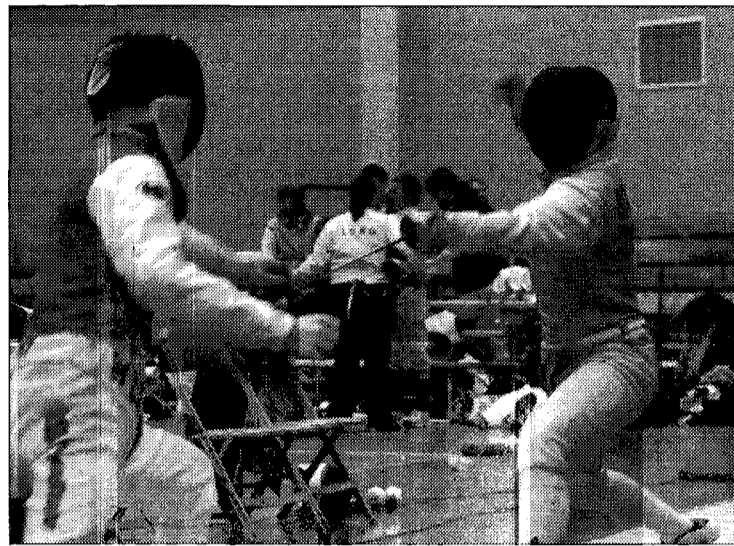
"It's great to have Kellie back in the outfield," Gumpf said. "You automatically think of her pride, determination and the power she has from within to come back from her injury. She has made a remarkable comeback and looks to be back to her previous level of play."

The Irish continue the weekend tournament Saturday, when they finish pool play with Coastal Carolina. They then play the first round of the tournament, which continues through Sunday. The championship game is Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

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FENCING

Soberiaj leads ND into Duke Duals



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

The fencers are in good position going into the postseason. They will have their last regular season duals this weekend.

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

As their season draws closer to the end, the Irish are looking to finish strong in the Duke Duals this weekend in Durham, N.C.

The Irish, who are No. 2 in the women's polls and No. 4 in the men's, will compete in an event that will run all day today and Saturday. This event, which is the last match of the regular season for the team, features no teams from the Midwest conference. Therefore, postseason implications will not be as crucial as they have been in the past.

The team will be led by a host of talented fencers, most notably senior men's epeeist and three-time All-American Michal Soberiaj, who has compiled a 55-2 record this season. As of now, his .965 win percentage for the season should shatter the standing men's epee record of .938. Further, he ranks eighth in all-time wins by a men's fencer and is just two wins shy of matching the men's epee record for wins in a single season.

He has the opportunity to

eclipse that mark, as North Carolina, Air Force, Johns Hopkins and Stanford are all joining the Irish and the Blue Devils in competition.

Unlike last weekend, when many backups saw a majority of the action at the Ohio State Duals, the Irish will use most of their top fencers at Duke, both in an effort to tune them up in the final event of the season as well as compete against quality opponents. Stanford and Air Force are No. 9 and No. 10, respectively, according to the Jan. 20 national men's poll. Further, both Duke and North Carolina received top 10 votes in the men's and women's polls.

However, the Irish will be missing two key members for the duration of the weekend. Senior women's epee captain Kerry Walton and sophomore epee standout Amy Orlando will not be at the event, as they will be competing in international tournaments that could assist them in qualifying for the World Championships.

Nevertheless, the Irish hope to do just fine without them this weekend.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles push for MIAA's

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

With a win this weekend at home against Alma, the Belles can climb to fifth in the MIAA and hold out hope for the fourth seed in the upcoming league tournament.

With a loss, Saint Mary's will fall to next-to-last in the conference and five games under .500 on the season, which would mark the team's worst record this year.

Further illustrating the importance of Saturday's game, the MIAA has added a play-in game this year to deal with the addition of a ninth team, Tri-State, to the league.

If the Belles finish the season next-to-last in the conference, the team will have to play an extra game before getting the opportunity to face the No. 1 seed — either Albion, Hope or Calvin — in the tournament. Since joining the MIAA, the Belles have gone a combined 2-42 against those three teams, with both wins coming against Albion.

But such a scenario can be avoided if Saint Mary's wins at least two of its final three games.

That starts with Alma at 3 p.m. Saturday.

This will be the teams' second meeting of the year, following a thrilling overtime game on Saturday, Jan. 15, which Alma pulled out, 77-71. Bridget Boyce hit a jumper for the Belles as time expired in regulation to force the extra session, but the Scots scored 15 points in overtime for the

win.

Now would be the perfect time for Saint Mary's to get a little payback.

"We definitely want to get revenge ... and having the game on our home court is definitely [something we want]," freshman guard Alison Kessler said.

In the teams' first meeting, Kessler started the game, replacing the injured Katie Boyce. Now that Boyce is back, however, Kessler has returned to her role off the bench.

She scored nine points against Adrian on Wednesday, and says she has taken the transition well.

"I'm just happy that Katie's back," Kessler said.

The Belles as a team, though, have not fared well at all since getting back to .500 with a Jan. 24 win over Tri-State. Saint Mary's has lost four in a row to fall to 9-13

overall, 4-9 MIAA. Alma (9-10, 4-9) comes into the game in a four-way tie with the Belles, Kalamazoo and Adrian for fifth in the league, and the stakes are just as high for the Scots as they are for the Belles.

Alma will look to contain Saint Mary's powerhouse Emily Creachbaum, who is coming off a tough contest against Adrian on Wednesday. Averaging over 13 points per game on the year, Creachbaum shot just three-for-18 against Adrian.

A key for the Belles will be to shut down Alma's Katie Peacock, who scored 27 in Alma's last contest, a 67-58 loss to Hope. The forward scored 25 points in 42 minutes against the Belles in their prior meeting.

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rent Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis also spoke at the event.

One main theme — in between talking about Joe Torre and Don Zimmer, what hat he would wear in the Hall of Fame and steroids — prevalent in Clemens' speech was his respect for coaches.

"What can I say about the coaches up here, Charlie, the dad coaches, the high school coaches, I can only tell you that I remember the things that coaches gave me encouragement that I loved to play," Clemens said. "It means a lot for us as players for the coaches who can pick out a play-

er and know they need to get on that guy a little bit or the one that just needs a pat on the butt. That's very special."

One personal example from his coaches was Joe Torre walking up to Roger Clemens before Game 3 of the 2001 World Series. As Clemens was mentally preparing himself for the game, Torre walked over and told Clemens, "Hey big man, I need you tonight. I need you in a big way."

Clemens responded, "I hear you loud and clear Skip."

It's knowing when and how to push the buttons that Clemens appreciates.

"Those little things that coaches know and when the right time to send a message," he said. "It goes a long way. I thank you guys

as coaches and all the time you put in."

A first-round pick of the Houston Astros in the 1998 draft, Lidge talked about the adversity he has experienced throughout his collegiate and professional careers. At Notre Dame, Lidge went from the bottom of the depth chart after the fall season of his freshman year to Big East Pitcher of the Year as a junior.

At one point during that junior year, a few words from Irish coach Paul Mainieri told Lidge all that hard work he put in through his three years wearing an Irish uniform had paid off.

"It was pretty simple, he said, 'Brad, you've arrived,'" Lidge said. "It really meant a lot to me. I had a lot of people talk to me about the potential I had while

going through the University of Notre Dame, and I never really felt that I got to that potential. When he said that, I actually felt that I had achieved that potential."

While in the majors, Lidge had four surgeries to overcome as he advanced through the minor leagues.

Lidge attributes being able to recover both physically and mentally from those injuries to his people that helped him at Notre Dame.

"It's just been an unbelievable ride for me for the success I had," Lidge said. "I think about my life and don't think any of it could have been possible from the guidance and leadership for the people at Notre Dame."

Weis flew to South Bend on

Thursday, four days after calling the plays for the New England Patriots who won their third championship in four years. While talking about his love for baseball as a New York Yankees fan, Weis snuck in some talk about his upcoming challenges in leading the football program.

"It's been a little bit of a whirlwind for myself," Weis said. "Hopefully in the not too distant future, you'll get to know me a little bit more and understand my passion to win, not at all costs, but my passion to win."

"... I'm here for good now and hopefully in the not too distant future, you'll be very proud I'm your coach."

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speak at the fourth-annual Notre Dame baseball Opening Night Dinner. He was joined by seven-time Cy Young Award-winner and teammate, Roger Clemens and Notre Dame head football coach, Charlie Weis.

"It's a real honor for me to come back here and I just couldn't pass this up," Lidge said. "Coach [Paul] Mainieri and myself have a great relationship and he knows he can always ask me for stuff like this and I'll gladly accept."

Lidge said he learned a great deal from Notre Dame's head baseball coach of the past 10 seasons, and that Mainieri helped him develop mentally.

"I've learned a ton from him,"

Lidge said. "As a freshman I was kind of mentally soft, and he talk me a lot about mental toughness, about grinding it out on the baseball field and that even when you don't have your best stuff to believe in yourself."

The advice worked. Lidge was the 17th overall pick in the 1998 amateur draft and made his major league debut on April 26, 2002. The Sacramento, Calif. native threw in just eight games, yielding six earned runs. Lidge bounced back the next season and posted solid numbers as a set-up man, logging 85 innings in 78 games and tallying a 6-3 record with a 3.60 ERA. He struck out 97 while walking just 42.

But it wasn't always easy for Lidge. During his speech Thursday, the former Irish player recalled having four surgeries in four years and sometimes wondering if he would

ever stay healthy for an extended period of time. But whenever Lidge had doubts, he remembered what he learned during his time at Notre Dame.

"I always thought that I would get stronger from adversity and maybe I'm starting at a point where I can get better and come back stronger from these injuries," Lidge said. "I feel like I did."

Lidge's success in 2003 dwarfed in comparison to his 2004 season. Lidge, whose slider is one of the nastiest in baseball, was the primary set-up reliever for closer Octavio Dotel when the season began. But Dotel struggled and the Astros underachieved for much of the first half of the season. On June 24, Houston traded the inconsistent Dotel and promoted Lidge to the closer's role.

"When I first heard about it, it was actually in the fifth inning of the game we were in," Lidge said. "Octavio normally comes down to the bullpen during the fourth inning, and he hadn't come down yet. They called me down and said

'Brad, we just traded Octavio, you're closing.' So not a whole lot of warning there, but it actually gave me so much adrenaline I couldn't sit down for the next week."

Lidge then went out and made the Astros front office look like geniuses.

He finished the regular season with a 6-5 record, converted 29 saves and had a miniscule 1.90 ERA. His dominance continued after Houston earned a playoff berth. Lidge pitched in seven postseason games and allowed just one run, earning a victory and saving three during his 12 1/3 innings of work.

Lidge will begin another season in the majors in a few days when pitchers and catchers report to spring training. Despite all his success, Lidge said he has no plans of getting a big ego.

"It's an honor for me to play in the major leagues," Lidge said. "I can tell you, I don't take anything for granted anymore."

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Hockey

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play as well in the third period," Poulin said. "If you take Saturday night's game, we played really well and with six minutes left we have a great chance at one end and it doesn't go in, so they come right down and score."

"I think it is a little mental now — we've tried different things and tried to address it in different ways, but the bottom line is we've got to win a game to get some of our confidence back."

Notre Dame took some much-needed steps toward getting back into the win column Saturday, scoring three goals in a game for the first time since Dec. 10. More importantly, the team got goals from forwards Cory McLean and Mike Walsh, who have struggled to find the net all season.

McLean scored his fourth goal of the season, and Walsh scored his second — by comparison, McLean had 10 goals in the 2003-04 season and Walsh had 12 tallies. Also, the team has managed to produce shots on goal of late, something that has been difficult for the team all season. Notre Dame has outshot its opponent just 10 of 30 times on the year, but in their most recent stretch of games the Irish have outshot their opponent in three of four matches.

"Not only have we outshot our opponents, but we've also outchanced them," Poulin said. "We've gotten to the front of the net a lot better. It was clear from watching video that we weren't doing a good job of getting to the net and into that high-rent district."

"We made a conscious decision to go to the net more, and we need to get more goals from in close like that."

Notre Dame faces Ferris State tonight at the Joyce Center at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

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McGraw

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with effort and intensity," McGraw said. "I think we learned anybody can beat you on any given night. You've got to be ready to bring your 'A' game."

The Hoyas (9-12, 4-6) aren't the strongest team in the Big East, with 30-point losses to the likes of Boston College and Rutgers, but Providence was worse, and the Irish struggled with them Wednesday night.

"You cannot look past teams just because of their record," McGraw said. "If we learned that lesson [Wednesday night] it will serve us very well for the rest of the year."

Georgetown is led by senior Varda Tamoulianis, who averages 11.8 points and 8.4 rebounds per game. Her 6-foot-4 frame is the anchor of the Hoyas zone defense. She averages over two blocks per game.

"We need to try to contain [Tamoulianis]," McGraw said. "She's been playing well."

Joining the senior leadership have been two newcomers. Freshman Kieraah Marlow is averaging 13.2 points and a conference-leading 9 rebounds per game in her first season as a Hoya.

The 5-foot-10 forward is joined by fellow rookie Kristin Heidloff, who is averaging 6.3 points per game. Heidloff attended Fenwick High School in a suburb of Chicago, the same high school as Purdue's Erin Lawless, who the Irish faced earlier this season.

The last time these two

teams faced off, the Irish were victorious 66-52 at the Joyce Center, Feb. 4, 2004. This game followed the previous matchup at Georgetown, where the Hoyas knocked off the Irish for the first time in 16 years. Since then, however, the Hoyas have had Rebekkah Brunson, who was selected 10th in last year's WNBA draft. The Hoyas also have a new coach, Terri Williams-Flournoy.

McGraw remembers the past games, and is concerned about the Hoyas, who have won three straight.

"They have some pretty good 3-point shooters," she said. "It's going to be hard for us to play a lot of zone. They beat us out there last year, but we tried everything—man, zone, and nothing really worked well."

Notre Dame will be led by All-American Jacqueline Batteast (17.9 points, 6.5 rebounds per game) and point guard Megan Duffy (11.3 points per game, 13.4 total assists).

Courtney LaVere will see her second straight start after returning from December knee surgery.

"I thought she played really well at [Pittsburgh]," McGraw said.

And despite Georgetown's sub-.500 record, Notre Dame now knows not to take anyone lightly.

"They're on a roll," McGraw said. "They have a lot of energy right now because they've won three in a row. It's a big game for us."

Tipoff is 2 p.m. Saturday at the Joyce Center.

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they knew it was only one win with seven more games — each one so critical to making the NCAA tournament — left on the schedule.

"It's a very veteran ball club," Irish senior Jordan Cornette said. "To be able not to get down on ourselves after the Syracuse loss, now the challenge is to not get to happy with yourself because you have another big challenge with Pittsburgh on Saturday."

Despite not being overly excited about the win over the Eagles, the Irish know what it does for that clichéd NCAA tournament resumé.

Coming into the game, the Irish were in the upper 50s of the RPI and are now in the 30s.

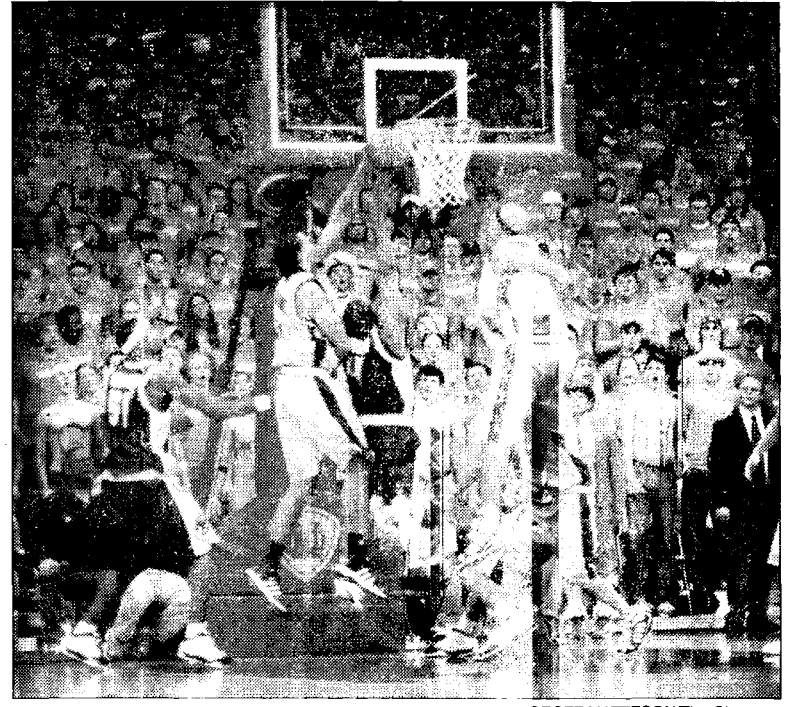
Brey joked after the game he even knew what the win would do for the Irish.

"Even though I'm not good at math, I can do the RPI stuff. It's great for our resumé," Brey said. "We got Pittsburgh coming, but our kids have done a great job win, lose, kind of staying pretty steady and understanding we have to prepare for the next one."

"Being 6-4 in the league and that being one of the six is good. But we have another opportunity coming against Pittsburgh."

The Eagles jumped on the Irish Tuesday night, racing out to a 15-6 lead and shredding Notre Dame's man-to-man defense. Brey switched his team to the 2-3 zone it would use for the majority of the game.

What he didn't do was call a timeout to settle his troops down. He didn't do it because he has confidence in his leadership in



GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer
Irish senior Dennis Latimore blocks a shot during Tuesday's game against Boston College.

big-time games at home.

"I didn't think we were in a mood where, 'oh God, we lose to Syracuse and now we're done nine to the No. 4 team in the country.' They don't get like that. I didn't call a timeout," Brey said. "I think it's [Chris] Thomas and our older guys. We're pretty old. I don't want to panic at home with them either. We've been poised, and I want them to be poised."

"I think they believed they had a great chance of winning."

Despite being 2-2 during the past four games, Brey is pleased with the way his team is improving.

That's what he feels is most important — and the improvement will lead to the wins, which

will lead the Irish to where they want to be come the middle of March.

"I think I'm most excited in that we're getting better. I know we haven't won our last four games, but I think we're getting better," Brey said. "I told them that after Syracuse, we didn't finish it, but I think we're getting better at the right time."

Tip-off is set for 12 p.m. at the Petersen Events Center, where the Irish have lost both of their previous two contests against the Panthers since the building opened for the 2002-03 season. The game will be televised on ESPN.

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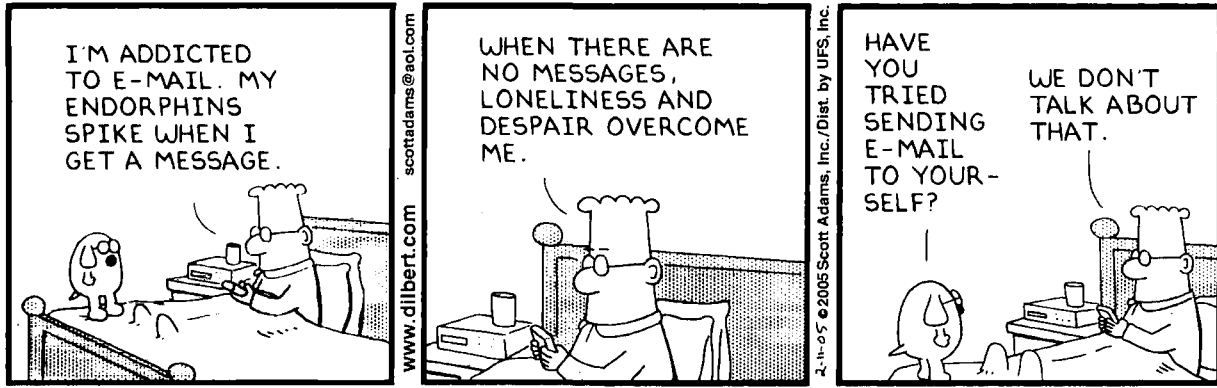
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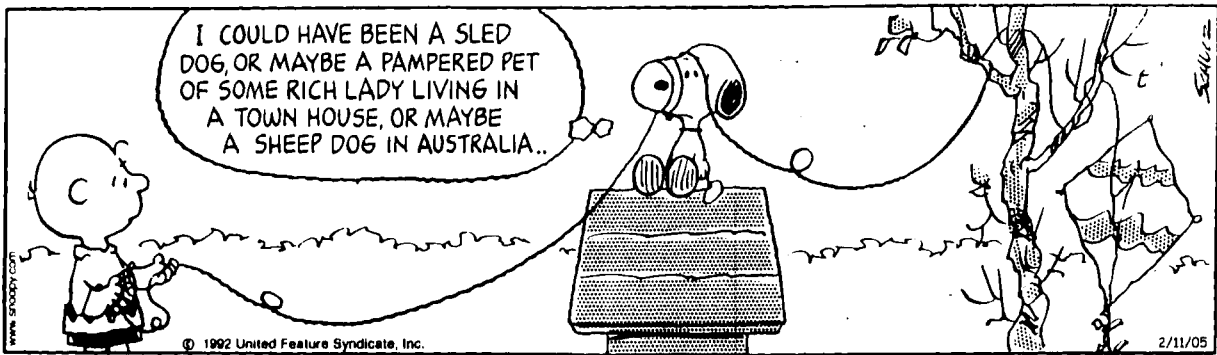
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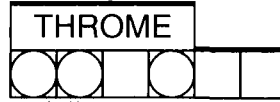
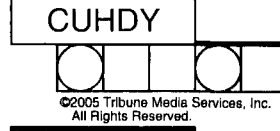
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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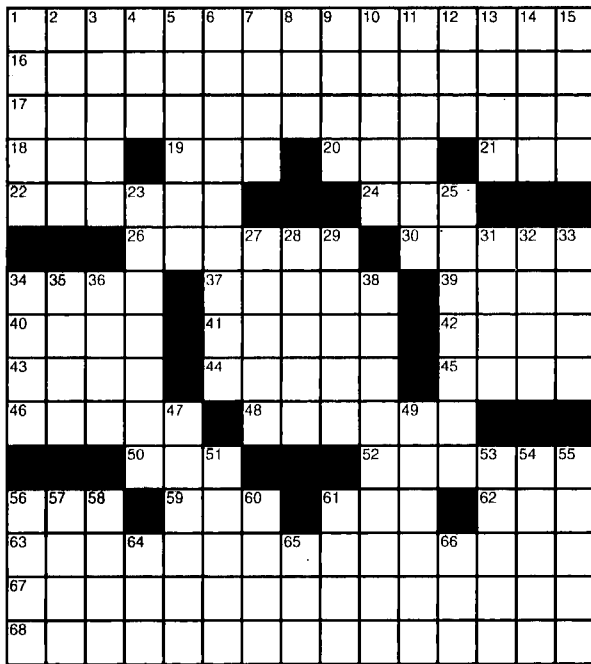
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WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Got back at someone, eventually
 - 16 Leave a dispute unsettled
 - 17 "And I'll skip the boring part"
 - 18 Book before Neh.
 - 19 Notable resignee: Abbr.
 - 20 Where operators stand by?: Abbr.
 - 21 Amer. money
 - 22 Handles
 - 24 Simple problem
 - 26 Inclined
 - 30 Recommendations
 - 34 Bach's "joy of man's desiring"
 - 37 Bornean tree-dweller
 - 39 Popular 1940's radio quiz show
 - 40 "While ___ it..."
 - 41 Thelma's player in "Thelma & Louise"
 - 42 Regard
 - 43 Set, in Somme
 - 44 Late name in Mideast politics
 - 45 Dolly of "Hello, Dolly!"
 - 46 F.B.I. chief after Sessions
 - 48 See 5-Down
 - 50 Manufacturer's need
 - 52 One of an old film duo
 - 56 They've been tagged
 - 59 A multiple of XIX
 - 61 Monthly or quarterly, briefly
- DOWN**
- 1 Mount ___, peak 90 miles SSE of Fairbanks
 - 2 Goggling
 - 3 Eminem's discoverer
 - 4 A Turner
 - 5 With 48-Across, deepest longing
 - 6 One may go after the meaning
 - 7 Advance
 - 8 Also say
 - 9 Team
 - 10 Crowned heads of old
 - 11 Stores
 - 12 Bygone dignitary
 - 13 Asian tongue
 - 14 Some students' goals: Abbr.
 - 15 Ranch unit
 - 23 Prepared porcini, e.g.
 - 25 Piano primer reference point
 - 27 Companion of Artemis
 - 28 Bel ___
 - 29 Home of the Texas Motorplex
 - 31 Language from which "Saskatchewan" is derived
 - 32 Mussorgsky's "The Great Gate of ___"
 - 62 Swell place?
 - 63 Spinner of tales
 - 67 "Guys and Dolls" song
 - 68 68, e.g.



Puzzle by David Quarfoot

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LOANS OHMS NARC
OWNUP LEAD ALEE
LETTERDAYS VEEES
NYPD SERBS
LOBSTER SKELTON
ALOP OSCAR SKA
SELECT HULAS
HOTCHILIPPEPPERS
SOPOR SEAGAL
OTB PINTA NAVE
HERRING BLOODED
STEIN CAAN
URAL EYESPECIAL
RISE GENE AINGE
ESTS OATS MAKES

Note: The word RED was needed to complete LETTER DAYS, LOBSTER, SKELTON, HOT CHILI PEPPERS, HERRING, BLOODED, EYE SPECIAL, ANT, HEAD, ALERTS, SHIRT, BREAST, CENT and INK.

- 33 640 acres: Abbr.
- 34 Sec
- 35 Kaffiyeh-clad commander
- 36 ___Coburg, old German duchy
- 38 Conqueror of Naples, 1860
- 47 Cab Calloway's "kingdom"
- 49 Unkempt
- 51 Popular talk show
- 53 Not even
- 54 Olympus competitor
- 55 Squat's opposite
- 56 Its flag says "God is great" 22 times
- 57 Bass line provider
- 58 It's not clean
- 60 Land in el mar
- 61 Chi follower
- 64 Chi follower
- 65 1960's chess champ
- 66 Geom. solid

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Not everyone will be up front with you about money, investments or legal matters. You will have to make your own assumptions today. Relying on someone else will be futile and result in frustration and costly mistakes. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You need a change of scenery. Join a group that will get your mind racing. You will be at your best when you are contributing to something worthwhile. Someone new will impress you on many different levels. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to your game plan and don't let emotional matters slow you down. If you are to the point and know what you want, you will get your way. Changes may alarm you, but you can make them work to your advantage. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make some very subtle changes today that will result in clearing up financial or legal matters hanging over your head. Confront a situation at home that has been bothering you. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may have to make a decision that will affect your living arrangements or financial situation. Do what's necessary to protect what you have. Honesty coupled with a little Leo finesse will win support. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Work is where it's at. If you have a job, strive to advance; if you don't, set up interviews or apply for positions. A business or personal partnership that can alter your future is apparent. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will have some terrific creative ideas that can lead to a moneymaking deal. Changes regarding your work will be to your benefit. Don't look back; do your own thing and you will succeed. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be tempted to believe someone who is unpredictable. Focus more on love than financial deals or work. This is a day for action, not words. You will do better if you don't discuss serious matters. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will find yourself in a difficult situation if you have not been honest about something. You may have to make a promise in order to keep the peace. Make sure you don't go back on your word. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can move mountains today if you put your mind to it. Your ideas are solid, and your ability to take one of your dreams and turn it into a reality will be most rewarding. Changes will be beneficial. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have much going on right now, but what is most important is that you follow your heart and your dreams. Follow the path that you know will bring you the greatest satisfaction. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be emotionally unpredictable. Don't let your own uncertainty lead to an irreversible mistake. Finish one thing before you start another. You have to be honest about what you want in order to get ahead. ***

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Staying strong

No. 18 Pittsburgh presents another challenge for the Irish

By **MATT LOZAR**
Sports Writer

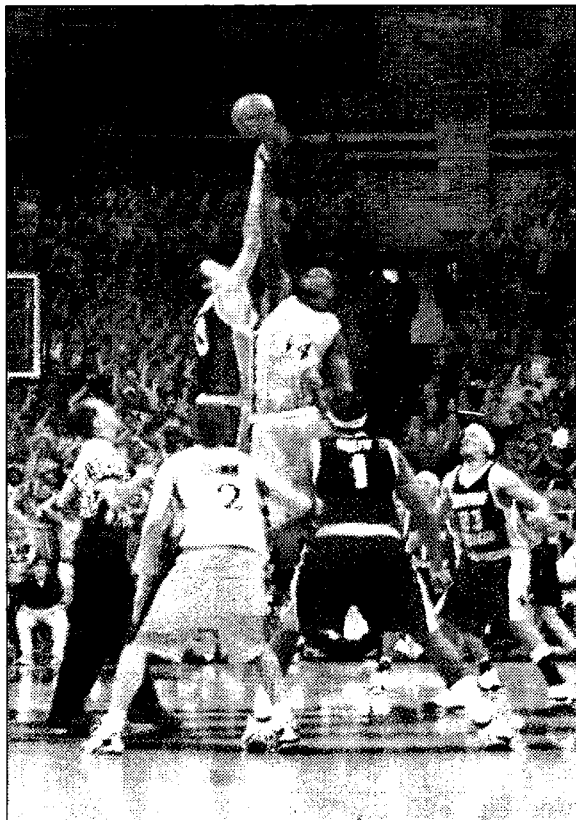
At the beginning of this stretch of four consecutive games against ranked teams, the Irish (14-6, 6-4 Big East) talked about not getting too low or too high after a tough loss or statement win.

So far, they've lived up to their word.

Saturday's game at No. 18 Pittsburgh (16-4, 6-3) provides them another chance. After the win over previously undefeated Boston College Tuesday night at the Joyce Center, Irish coach Mike Brey hit the nail on the head with his post-game assessment of the Notre Dame locker room. Brey told reporters the team probably wasn't giddy.

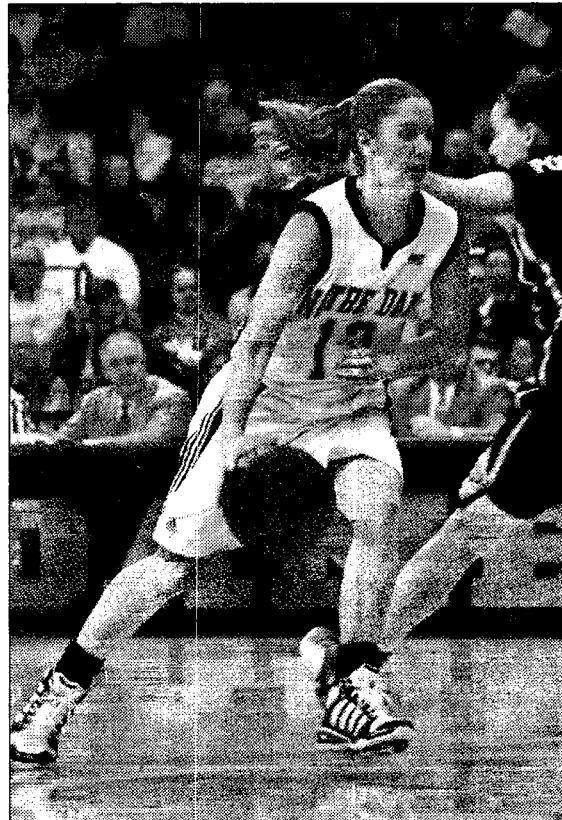
The players weren't giddy. Yes, they were enjoying the win, but

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Irish forward Torin Francis jumps for the tip over Boston College center Nate Doomekamp Tuesday.

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Irish guard Megan Duffy dribbles past a Purdue defender Jan. 16.

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

McGraw hopes Friars scare refocuses ND down the stretch

By **HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN**
Sports Editor

After trailing one-win Providence by as many as 11 points Wednesday night, No. 6 Notre Dame hopes it has learned something.

"I hope we've learned a lesson," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think the team knows how I felt about [Wednesday's] game."

The Irish take a season-high eight game win streak into Saturday's game against Georgetown. This contest will prove to be another tough Big East game for the Irish (21-3, 9-2 Big East) in their quest for the conference title.

"Saturday we'll learn what they thought about in terms of how they come out

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HOCKEY

Irish looking to make late surge

Six conference games remain for ND to move up in standings

By **JUSTIN SCHUVER**
Associate Sports Editor

The motto of the Irish right now might as well be "better late than never."

With just six CCHA games remaining in the regular season, the Irish (5-19-6, 3-14-5) still have a chance to move up a few spots in the conference standings going into the playoffs. Notre Dame will begin that task this weekend as it takes on Ferris State (9-17-4, 4-14-4) in a two-game homestand at the Joyce Center.

The Irish currently sit in 12th place in the CCHA standings with 11 points. But they are only one point behind Ferris State and two points behind Western Michigan. And with every conference win worth two points, Notre Dame still has enough time left to make a move to close out the season.

"We need a win for our confidence, we need a win for our psyche and we need a win to move up in the standings," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "We can make our own noise and our movement here — we don't need help from anyone else, we've got to do it ourselves from where we're sitting right now."

In their games last weekend against fourth-place Nebraska-Omaha, the Irish played neck-and-neck with the talented Mavericks for five of the first six periods. Notre Dame tied Nebraska-Omaha 1-1 on Friday and had a 2-2 tie going into the third period of Saturday's game before falling apart in the final frame and losing by a final score of 6-3.

The Irish allowed the Mavericks to score four goals, the first time this season Notre Dame has allowed more than three goals in a period. The breakdown was indicative of a season-long trend, in which the Irish have been outshot 39-13 in the third period.

"I wish I knew [why we don't

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BASEBALL

Clemens headlines annual banquet

Traditional Opening Night Dinner starts off team's season

By **MATT LOZAR**
Sports Writer

That's not a bad way to launch the 2005 Irish baseball season.

Seven-time Cy Young award winner Roger Clemens was the highlight speaker Thursday night at the Opening Night Dinner at the Joyce Center. Along with one of the game's all-time greatest pitchers, former Notre Dame pitcher and current Houston Astros closer Brad Lidge and cur-

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Cy Young award winner Roger Clemens, middle, spoke at the Opening Night Dinner held at the Joyce Center Thursday night.

DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Closer Brad Lidge returns to Notre Dame after seven-year absence

By **JOE HETTLER**
Sports Writer

When he left school after the 1998 fall semester, Brad Lidge expected to return to Notre Dame much sooner than Thursday. But between then and now, his life changed in a couple ways.

"I've wanted to get back to

Notre Dame quite a bit," Lidge said Thursday before flying into South Bend. "But for one reason or another I've kind of been bogged down by baseball, and my wife and I just had a baby this winter too. So there have been a few things that have prevented me from coming back."

Things like pitching in Major League Baseball. Things like becoming one of the dominant

closers in the National League last season. Things like leading the Houston Astros into the National League Championship Series.

All these "things" have kept Lidge busy during the past six-plus years. But Thursday, the 1998 Big East Pitcher of the Year returned to South Bend to

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

HOCKEY
Bulldogs at Irish
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Notre Dame looks to move up in the CCHA standings with six games remaining.
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GRU Classic
Today, 10 a.m.
Today, 4 p.m.
Irish face Florida and South Florida in Gainesville, Fla.
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SMC BASKETBALL
Scots at Belles
Saturday, 3 p.m.
A win over Alma College will put Saint Mary's in fifth place in the MIAA.
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MEN'S TENNIS
Golden Eagles at Irish
Sunday, 1 p.m.
Head coach Bobby Bayliss looks past the team's last two losses heading into weekend matches.
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WOMEN'S TENNIS
Irish at Crimson
Today, 12:30 p.m.
No. 21 Notre Dame looks to upset No. 17 Harvard.
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MEN'S TRACK
Windsor Challenge
Saturday, 11 a.m.
Sprinters compete as they look for qualifying times for the upcoming Big East Tournament.
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