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Baron, Shappell foresee successful transition

President-elect feels experience will speed new administration's upcoming adjustment

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

With the stressful campaigning now behind them, Dave Baron and Lizzi Shappell, Notre Dame's president-elect and vice president-elect, know the hardest work lies ahead — long before they assume office on April 1.

But both Baron and Shappell believe the transition period, traditionally a difficult time for incoming administrations, will be positive and successful.

"It's guaranteed to be a smooth transition," Shappell said. "Because of our involvement this year, it's going to make the transition easier."

The first step during this

transition period is choosing a staff, Baron and Shappell said. Staff selection includes picking a chief executive assistant and committee heads for Senate committees, among other positions.

Baron said determining next year's chief executive assistant will be difficult, a choice even more complicated by the fact he served in the same position this year.

"That's not going to be an easy decision," Baron said. "There are incredibly gifted people [to choose from], and each different personality brings something, as a communicator, advisor, coordinator — it's a lot of different responsi-

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Vice president-elect Lizzi Shappell, left, and president-elect Dave Baron, center, meet with outgoing president Adam Istvan after the announcement of the results of the student body elections.

Couples flock to exchange vows at Basilica



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Strong ties to the University, in tandem with the aesthetic nature of the interior, attract couples to marry at the Basilica.

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Assistant News Editor

While many may not consider South Bend the most ideal wedding destination, couples with connections to Notre Dame are signing up by the dozens to say their 'I dos' on campus at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Constructed in the 1870's, the Basilica has long been a popular choice for current University students and graduates planning their weddings. In fact, in recent years the Basilica has become so sought after that during the height of the wedding season — May through August — four weddings are celebrated

there every Saturday.

Couples, along with their florists and photographers, receive exactly 90 minutes to get into the church, get married and exit in time for the next wedding. The ceremonies are scheduled at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

"It's a very tight schedule," said Rose Wrey, a wedding coordinator for the Basilica. "You have to be very prompt. I think the organ plays the first note as soon as the clock hits the hour, and the bride better be ready to go."

A 5 p.m. vigil Mass follows the final wedding of the day.

"Sometimes brides are of

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Students prep for MCATs at Kaplan

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Notre Dame students have been studying for the April 16 Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) by spending long hours in the library and taking off-campus test preparation courses.

The Stanley Kaplan course, offered at the South Bend Kaplan Center, is a popular preparation choice for many pre-med students. This course gives students the chance to take five full-length practice exams before they sit for the actual exam.

Junior Michael Zintmaster started taking a three-hour class once a week in the fall.

"It seems like just about everybody who takes the MCAT takes the class," he said.

Casey Reising, also a junior, began the Kaplan course in October and will continue attending the class every Sunday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. until the examination.

For students who did not begin last semester, Kaplan offers another course, which started Jan. 13 and will end a week prior to the actual examination. This is an intensive course that meets three days a week for three hours per session.

In addition to taking the Kaplan classes, many pre-

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Queer Film Festival met with praise, protest

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

Notre Dame's second annual Queer Film Festival concluded Saturday after attracting large crowds to the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts and fueling debate over how gay and lesbian issues are addressed on a Catholic campus.

In addition to the festival's films, which touched on various aspects of homosexuality, a panel discussing the future of gay marriage featured Sister Jeannine Gramick, the subject of festival film "In Good Conscience." Gail Bederman, a Notre Dame history professor; and Brendan Fay, the founder of New York's inclusive St. Patrick's Parade.

Fewer than 10 attendees gathered both inside and outside the performing arts center prior to Friday's panel. They handed out a variety of texts, including copies of a section of the Catechism referring to homosexuality, background information about Gramick and statements concerning the Queer Film Festival from Bishop John D'Arcy of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese.

D'Arcy criticized Notre Dame's sponsorship of the festival Thursday, arguing that such an event was "an abuse of academic freedom." He sent a letter to the South Bend Tribune that heavily criticized the event's organizers for not considering the Catholic opinion, especially

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CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

A crowd gathered Friday to hear a panel featuring Sister Jeannine Gramick, the subject of the film "In Good Conscience."

INSIDE COLUMN

Dateable:
Are You?

I'm a second semester senior, which, besides having no Friday classes and a goal to go out at least three times a week, means I'm witnessing the annual ritual of "ring by spring." I, however, will not be receiving a fancy new piece of jewelry by the Grotto this year. This isn't a problem, because the idea of setting up house for two in the next year is kind of intimidating. Still, the idea of relationships has been on my mind a lot lately. Maybe it's been prompted by my recent Christmas gifts of two books — "Dateable: Are You?" and "He's Just Not That Into You," inspired by HBO's Sex and the City.

Carrie Franklin

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So after four years of college, here are my lessons learned about relationships:

1. AIM, Thefacebook and other forms of computer "communication" don't help dating. Any conversation that can be ended with "ttyl" does not qualify as a personal way to "really connect" with someone. And let's face it, Thefacebook is little more than a high-tech — and creepy — way to secretly stalk someone.

Also, it's not dating if you only hang out with someone at a bar or party. So go out on dates. I know you think it's hard at Notre Dame, but it's cold and we have parietals — it's the perfect excuse to go cuddle with someone at the late movie.

2. If you feel yourself asking repeatedly, "What's going on with this relationship?" then it's time to clarify. You may not get the answer you wanted, but wouldn't you rather know that now than three months down the road?

Also, if you are the one being asked the dreaded question, recognize and respect the courage it took them to ask by giving an honest, straightforward answer. Remember that you both deserve more than ambiguity.

3. Once you do find that significant other, don't forget your friends. Sounds obvious, but a lot of couples haven't figured this one out. If you can't do your own thing and trust the other person to do the same, then the relationship isn't healthy. You may get burned on the trust thing, but at least you'll still have your friends to help you through it.

4. Ending a relationship should be like removing a Band-aid. You may think you'll spare the pain by saying nice things, but actually you just prolong it.

Better to rip it off fast by saying, "You're boring, he/she is hot. I don't want to date you anymore." Ouch. But then the recently dumped knows exactly how you feel and can get over you quicker.

Lastly, when embarking on any relationship, remember what the great author A.A. Milne, who wrote Winnie the Pooh, said: "Promise to remember that you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."

It's Valentine's Day — go get 'em!

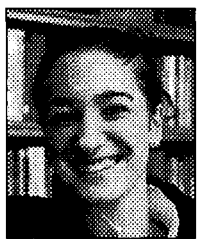
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU EVER GET MARRIED IN THE BASILICA? WHY OR WHY NOT?



Armene Gavoor

sophomore
Holy Cross

"Love to, but I have to get married in an Armenian Church. Plus, I'd probably get lost going down the aisle."



Sean Grady

sophomore
Siegfried

"Nope, I'm going to Vegas."



Caitlin Kelly

sophomore
Le Mans

"I'm going back to my home state — Georgia."



Katie Harthen

senior
Opus

"No, because I'm not going to marry a Domer."



Brittany Pangburn

freshman
McCandless

"No, because I'm going to get married somewhere where Permacloud doesn't exist."



Cassie Quafla

freshman
Le Mans

"If my Prince Charming comes in the form of a Leprechaun, why not?"



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Even in the cold weather, birds find their way to the birdfeeders hung outside a window of Siegfried Hall.

OFFBEAT

Thousands of couples lock lips at kissing festival

MANILA, Philippines — Thousands of couples got Valentine's Day celebrations going early, locking lips at midnight Saturday in what organizers dubbed "Lovapalooza 2."

More than 5,300 couples kissed for at least 10 seconds last Valentine's Day in Manila for an event known as "Lovapalooza," breaking Chile's record of 4,445 in the Guinness World Records book.

This year's event was aimed at "a million kisses, a million heartbeats, and probably a million people

falling in love the second time around," said a statement from toothpaste maker Unilever Philippines, one of the event's organizers.

The kissing festival was held simultaneously in at least four cities nationwide. Despite the large crowds, the figures appeared to be well below the target.

Driver makes 'Survivor' tape on school bus

BUENA VISTA, Pa. — A school bus driver encouraged students to jump around, throw things and misbehave on her moving

bus so she could make an audition videotape for the reality television show "Survivor," police said.

Maureen Monaghan was charged with recklessly endangering children after allegedly urging 10 students to act up on her bus for the video, which she hoped would earn her a spot on the CBS show.

A separate camera on the inside of the bus recorded the Jan. 6 incident, and the bus company gave the footage to police.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Professor Ralph McInerney will be having a **Mystery Writing Workshop** from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the LaFortune's McNeill Room today. The event is cosponsored by the Student Union Board and the Notre Dame Literary Festival.

Notre Dame alumnus **Todd Tucker** will give a talk about his books "Notre Dame vs. The Klan: How the Fighting Irish Defeated the Ku Klux Klan" and "Notre Dame Game Day" today at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall.

Jean Ann Linney, vice president and associate provost, will give a lecture entitled "Discriminatory Harassment" Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in 129 DeBartolo Hall. The event is sponsored by ND Watch.

Ron Koperski from Bradley University will be giving a lecture on "Sports and the Media: An Examination of the Ethical Elements" at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in Giovanini Commons in Mendoza. The lecture is part of the Mendoza College of Business' Ethics Week.

Father Joseph Komonchak from the Catholic University of America will be giving a lecture entitled "Vatican II: Historical Relevance for 21st Century Believers" at 7:30 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall at Saint Mary's College on Thursday. The lecture is sponsored by the Center for Spirituality.

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Winter Walk supports solidarity

Community participates in St. Margaret's House's largest fundraiser

By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

Rain and bitter winds proved no match for the spirit of the South Bend community Sunday when people congregated for the St. Margaret's House sixth annual Winter Walk. Residents of the city joined forces with many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, as well as members of the Saint Mary's softball and tennis teams, to show their support for single mothers and their children by walking a 1.5 mile course along the streets of South Bend.

Walkers collected pledges prior to the event to raise money for St. Margaret's, which provides a day center for women and children in need. According to St. Margaret's Board President Nancy Brennen, the walk has been the major contributor that allows St. Margaret's volunteers to provide care.

"It's our largest fundraiser," she said, prior to this year's walk. "Last year, we raised over \$40,000."

With these funds, St. Margaret's is able to provide lunch for 70 women and children every day, Brennen said.

The walk is also an important way to alert the community about the needs of single mothers and their children, she said.

"The whole point of the walk is to raise awareness about women in poverty and who don't have



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer
Members of the Saint Mary's softball team participate in the St. Margaret's House sixth annual Winter Walk Sunday.

transportation," she said. "It gives us some visibility when you see this mass of people walking down South Bend."

Also present at the walk was a group of young girls from St. Joseph's grade school in South Bend.

Molly Clark, a seven-year-old from Granger, has been to the walk every year except last year. This year, she raised \$107 for the cause.

"I knocked on some doors and called a couple people," she said.

She explained the rain did not bother her, and that she understood what St. Margaret's meant to the community.

"It helps children and women," Clark said.

Eight year-old Mary Kate Hall expressed support for the walk, as well. Hall and her friends were active in promoting the walk at their school.

"We did announcements, like

little conversations over the loud-speaker to talk about what Winter Walk was about," Hall said.

Hall and her friends visit the people St. Margaret's each month and hold food collections for homeless in the area.

"[We're] trying to help them, make them feel better," she said.

Older students showed similar concern for single mothers and their children.

Freshman Zahm Hall resident Mike McKenna emphasized students at Notre Dame are part of a codependent society and are obligated to help the community.

"It's important to remember that Notre Dame is a part of a larger community," he said, "and this is a way to show that we're a part of that."

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Charles sweeps show with eight Grammys

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ray Charles, whose musical legacy erased boundaries between genres and generations, received a fitting musical eulogy Sunday night as his final album, "Genius Loves Company," won a leading eight Grammys.

Charles' album of duets, recorded in the final months of his life, was the clear sentimental favorite. It won album of the year and best pop album; the song "Here We Go Again," with Norah Jones, won record of the year and best pop collaboration with vocals.

"I'm going to cry, actually," Jones said as she accepted the trophy for record of the year. "I think it just shows how wonderful music can be. It's at a hundred percent with Ray Charles."

Other winners included Alicia Keys and Usher, each nominated for eight Grammys. Keys won four while Usher had three. They

shared one award, for best R&B performance by a duo or group with vocals for their No. 1 duet, "My Boo."

U2 won three awards, including best rock performance by a duo or group. Green Day, the most nominated rock act with six for their politically charged punk opera "American Idiot," won best rock album.

"Rock 'n' roll can be dangerous and fun at the same time, so thanks a lot," Green Day lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong said as he accepted the award.

Keys had a chance to win more than any other woman in one evening. In 2002 Keys won five Grammys for her debut album, "Songs in A Minor," becoming only the second woman to win that many in one night. (Lauryn Hill won five in 1999; Jones matched Hill and Keys' feat in 2003.)

John Mayer was one of the artists who prevented a record-tying night by Keys, as his mellow tribute "Daughters" won song of the year.

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the opinion that if they have the last wedding they will have more time, but there is still the Mass," Wrey said.

Even the rehearsals are kept on a strict timetable. The first rehearsal begins at 6 p.m., and each rehearsal lasts exactly 45 minutes.

There are no weddings on weekends that coincide with other major campus events, such as home football games and Alumni Weekend.

Couples are advised to reserve a date at the Basilica roughly a year ahead. Reservations open by telephone the first Monday of March for the following year.

"We'll get about 60 reservations that day," Wrey said. "All together, we have 101 wedding slots open January through December 2006."

In order to be married at the Basilica, the groom or the bride must be a Notre Dame student, graduate, faculty member, current student, administrative staff member or a member of Sacred Heart parish. The fee is \$450.

The bride and groom may invite any priest to preside over the ceremony, but Wrey said the presiding priest is often connected to Notre Dame.

"I'd say the majority of priests are from here on campus, because it is usually someone the students have known for a while here," Wrey said.

Due to the age and sacred space of the Basilica, tight restrictions are placed on floral decorations and photography. Upon making their reservation, couples receive a packet detailing the policies.

According to the guidelines,

florists must use containers that present no danger of leaking. Throwing petals or rice is prohibited. All flowers must be removed from the Basilica immediately following the ceremony. Photographers are prohibited from using flash photography, and they cannot mount any photo or video lighting racks.

"We recommend you don't really need a lot of flowers," Wrey said. "The Basilica is so beautiful that sometimes you don't even see the flowers."

But the long list of technicalities does not make the Basilica a less appealing location for many couples.

Current seniors Justin Gallagher and Melissa McGrady are getting married at the Basilica in June with Stanford Hall rector Father Tom Gaughan presiding. The ceremony will take place just a couple of weeks after graduation and Gallagher's Navy commissioning. Gallagher, formerly of Stanford Hall, called the Basilica a logical choice for his upcoming nuptials.

"We met here, and everything that we have done together has been here," he said. "It is kind of a special place for us."

Since the two seniors are from different parts of the country, Gallagher said the Basilica is also a good mutual location of importance for both himself and his fiancée.

"I'm from New York [and] she is from Colorado, so why don't we split the difference and get married here?" Gallagher said.

Kate McCusker and Brian Oleniczak, 2001 graduates, selected the Basilica for their June 24, 2004 wedding because of strong family ties

to the University and its suitable geographic location. The couple currently lives in Chicago where both are working on graduate degrees. McCusker is from St. Louis and Oleniczak is from Grand Rapids, Mich.

"We decided, since we met at Notre Dame, [that] we wanted to get married there," McCusker said. "It is really meaningful to us."

The time limit on the Basilica had no effect on their decision.

"I wish we could have longer to take pictures and to be more relaxed, but it is still definitely worth it," McCusker said.

Lori Wroblewski, who has been coordinating weddings at the Basilica for 10 years, said the job is even more fun than when she first started.

"I love my brides and my grooms too," Wroblewski said. "It is such a happy time in their lives."

Wroblewski said she has worked several memorable weddings. One of the most remarkable was for a couple that bused their 500 guests in from Texas. Another wedding she did had only nine people in attendance.

Members of the Notre Dame community are drawn to the Basilica largely because of the role Notre Dame has played in their lives, Wroblewski said.

"It's a beautiful place for a wedding, and it's prestigious," she said. "It is just awesome when you see all those lights, and the music is just beautiful."

"[This Basilica is] a beautiful place for a wedding, and it's prestigious."

Lori Wroblewski
wedding coordinator

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MCAT

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med students sacrifice spring break trips for last minute studying. Reising, a Notre Dame cheerleader, will stay on campus to study for the MCAT before leaving on Tuesday to cheer at the men's basketball Big East Tournament in New York City.

"I think it is a growing trend," Reising said. "Many students who took it last year stayed here the entire break to study, and many students I have spoken to this year who are taking it have the same plan."

Junior pre-med student John Piposar said he is one of the students who plans to forgo traveling and stay in Alumni Hall over spring break.

"I know a few other kids who are staying along with me," Piposar said. "But I also know some kids who are still going on spring break or else they are going home to study. Generally, I'd say it's pretty mixed."

The MCAT is divided into four sections. The first section is a 100-minute physical science section that tests physics and general chemistry knowledge. An 80-minute verbal reasoning section follows. The next section contains writing samples and requires the test-taker to complete two essays in 60 minutes. The final section, biological science, lasts 100 minutes and tests biology and organic chemistry skills.

The three science sections of the MCAT have a scoring range of one to 15. The writing sample is rated alphabetically from 'J' to 'T,' with 'J' being the lowest score and 'T' being the highest score.

The highest possible score on the exam is 45, with the national average being 24.

Medical school applicants have a national acceptance rate of 47 percent. But Piposar said an exam brochure given to him by the University accounted Notre Dame students having a 79-percent acceptance rate over the past four years.

During the 2003-04 school year, Notre Dame students applying to medical schools with a 3.5 to 4.0 GPA had a 97 percent acceptance rate. Those with a 3.25 to 3.49 GPA had a 64 percent acceptance rate for the same period.

The average MCAT score for acceptance at a top medical school is 32, Piposar said. Such medical schools include Harvard University, Washington University in St. Louis, Johns Hopkins University, Duke University and University of Pennsylvania.

Piposar said medical schools focus heavily on an applicant's MCAT scores.

"It's one of the only ways med schools can compare prospective students from different schools," he said. "Initially, most med schools look at your GPA and MCAT score to get a general idea of the caliber of student applying."

After comparing MCAT scores, medical school admissions advisors look at personal statements, job experience and volunteering.

Reising said she feels admissions advisors may ignore deficiencies in these areas if a candidate's test score is exceptionally high.

"Although it is taken into consideration with many other aspects, including GPA and extracurricular activities, lack of excellence in these other areas has a tendency to be 'overlooked' in lieu of a high MCAT score," she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sharon cracks down on extremists

JERUSALEM — Responding to death threats against government ministers, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon ordered law enforcement agencies Sunday to crack down on Jewish extremists opposed to the planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

Cabinet ministers said the charged climate is reminiscent of the period before the 1995 assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin who was in peace negotiations with the Palestinians. One minister warned Sharon himself could become a target. Extremists have put up posters across the country that say Rabin and the prime minister's deceased wife, Lily, are "waiting for Sharon."

Despite the concerns, Sharon's Cabinet approved a list of 500 Palestinian prisoners to be released in coming days, and several hundred Palestinian workers were permitted to return to jobs in Israel in line with agreements reached at a Mideast summit last week.

Spanish skyscraper up in flames

MADRID, Spain — Firefighters struggled for nearly 24 hours before finally controlling Madrid's worst blaze in recent memory, which reduced one of the city's tallest office buildings to a blackened hulk of twisted wreckage.

Thick smoke and temperatures that soared as high as 1,472 degrees Fahrenheit prevented firefighters from entering the 32-story Windsor building until late Sunday. The fire, which left seven people slightly injured, broke out Saturday just before midnight.

The office tower was heavily damaged but did not collapse, as had been feared. However, officials said it was unstable and closed the area around the building.

NATIONAL NEWS

Two gunmen open fire at mall

KINGSTON, N.Y. — At least two gunmen opened fire Sunday inside a crowded mall in upstate New York, wounding one person, authorities said.

The gunmen began shooting inside the Hudson Valley Mall in Kingston, nearly 90 miles north of New York City. One gunman was taken into police custody.

At least one person was shot in the leg and evacuated by helicopter to an Albany hospital, police said.

The mall was evacuated after the shooting, but an unknown number of workers remained inside after police surrounded the building.

"Everyone was running and screaming. Then I heard the shots," witness Heather Craig told Fox News. "People were running over people. Other people were just standing there dumbfounded."

Man caught soliciting suicides

PORTLAND, Ore. — A man who used an Internet chat room to try to set up a mass suicide on Valentine's Day had been trying to persuade women for at least five years to engage in sex acts with him and then kill themselves, a sheriff said Sunday.

Gerald Krein faces charges of solicitation to commit murder, but prosecutors are expected to increase the charge to attempted manslaughter Monday, said Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger.

LOCAL NEWS

Conner Prairie faces challenges

INDIANAPOLIS — Slogging the hogs on an 1880s farm won't appeal to everybody, but Conner Prairie and other living history museums are putting their guests to work in an effort to boost attendance.

Conner Prairie, which soon may be separated from longtime trustee Earlham College under an agreement announced a week ago, gets high marks among families as a favorite local destination.

But the Fishers museum, with a historic farm, pioneer village and other attractions, has lost more than \$3.5 million in recent years.

IRAQ

New era for Shiites and Kurds

Elections bring relief to some and force disaffected Sunni Arabs to the margins

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Shiites' time has come in Iraq and it's a new era for the Kurds as well. The question now is what those two long-repressed groups will do with their newly found power, and how their goals might affect the Sunni Arabs, who largely stayed away from Iraq's elections.

There was dancing in the streets in Kurdish cities on Sunday after elections results were announced, and a strong but quiet satisfaction among Shiites — both groups that suffered not just politically but with their peoples' lives under Saddam Hussein's brutal rule.

Yet even as they danced and claimed their rights, the Kurds — and especially the Shiites — are mindful they must move cautiously if they want to reach out to the Sunni Arabs and other Iraqis to form a new and inclusive government and thus work toward the stability that Iraq still so clearly lacks.

"This is a new birth for Iraq," election commission spokesman Farid Ayar said, announcing the results of the first free elections in Iraq in more than 50 years and the first since Saddam fell. Iraqi voters "became a legend in their confrontation with terrorists."

But now they must become a legend in working to tame this country's still-smoldering ethnic and religious tensions — and a virulent insurgency that claims American lives. One U.S. soldier was killed Sunday in Samarra just as the results of the Jan. 30 elections were being announced.

The Shiites' 48 percent of the vote fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to control the 275-member National Assembly, meaning they have no choice but to build alliances — possibly with the Kurds — in



A flock of pigeons flies past the Shiite holy shrine of Imam Ali in Najaf, Iraq. The Shiites, who suffered under Hussein's rule, gained power in the election.

order to govern Iraq's 26 million people.

Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, the secular Shiite chosen by the United States to lead this country for the last eight turbulent months, fared poorly — his ticket finishing a distant third behind the religious Shiites and Kurds.

President Bush, who portrays Iraq as a test of democracy in a region not known for self rule, praised Iraqis and said America and its allies should be proud for making the election possible. "I congratulate the Iraqi people for defying terrorist threats and setting their country on the path of democracy and freedom,"

he said in a statement. "And I congratulate every candidate who stood for election and those who will take office once the results are certified."

The Shiite-dominated United Iraqi Alliance ticket received 4,075,295 votes, or about 48 percent of the total cast, officials said.

The Kurdistan Alliance, a coalition of two main Kurdish parties, finished second with 2,175,551 votes, or 26 percent, and the Iraqi List headed by Allawi stood third with 1,168,943 votes, or nearly 14 percent.

Parties have three days to lodge complaints, after which the results will be certified and seats in the

new Assembly distributed. Seats will generally be allocated according to the percentage of votes that each ticket won. It appeared only 12 coalitions would take seats. The Shiites stand to gain up to 140 seats with the Kurds could end up with about 75.

"This is a great victory for the Iraqi people," said Ahmad Chalabi, a former Pentagon protege and member of the Shiite ticket who is lobbying for the prime minister's post. "We will have an assembly which is elected by the people and the government which is completely legitimate and elected by the people."

Jackson's lawyers seek fair, diverse jury

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Attorneys in Michael Jackson's child-molestation trial are turning to the tough job of finding jurors who can judge the pop star not as a legend but as a defendant.

Finding a jury of peers is a daunting task when the defendant lives in a storybook mansion with its own amusement park.

"If you talk about a jury of your peers, it would have to be Madonna, Liza Minnelli and maybe Elvis," said former San Francisco prosecutor and trial watcher Jim Hammer.

"Michael looks like nobody else in

the courtroom."

Jackson is black, while the community which will supply the jury is mostly white.

Many prospects who appeared in court two weeks ago to fill out eight-page questionnaires told the judge they were barely scraping by.

"This would be a financial devastation for me," said one 67-year-old man, explaining he couldn't afford to miss work for what is expected to be a six-month trial.

On Monday, attorneys on both sides begin thinning the nearly 250 prospects who filled out detailed questionnaires to 12 jurors and eight alternates.

Jury selection was delayed a week because of the death of Jackson attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr.'s sister.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers won't likely bother trying to find jurors who share much with Jackson, who is accused of plying a boy, then 13, with alcohol, molesting him and conspiring to hold his family captive.

Instead, they'll look to dismiss those who are biased.

During questioning of would-be jurors, each side has an unlimited number of challenges for cause — challenges that let them remove someone because of obvious bias.

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bilities."

Baron and Shappell said while they made a point not to discuss candidates for chief executive assistant during the campaign, they each have people in mind and will begin to conduct interviews for all positions.

Besides forming a staff, Baron and Shappell must face another imminent challenge — working out their calendar for next year before April 1.

The two also plan to begin work on delivering their campaign promises, namely the Catholic Think Tank of America speaker series, the concert endowment issue and the second Board of Trustees report.

According to Shappell, the preparation for the Catholic Think Tank series will begin during this transition period, starting with writing letters to prominent Catholic speakers.

"That's something we need to get on now," Shappell said.

Baron said they planned to have the first speaker in the series at Notre Dame before the end of the year.

Discussing what the two termed as their most important issue — concert endowment — Baron said, "There's been a lot of work done on the endowment that just needs to come together."

Shappell said a meeting with vice president of University Relations Lou Nanni was already planned, a first step toward their goal of raising the endowment from the current \$100,000 to "at least \$1 million."

Both Baron and Shappell emphasized the importance of Student Union Board in this process.

"We realize our end of student government is not the programming end," Shappell said.

Baron, who worked on the winter BOT report with Istvan and Bell, said he and Shappell would put a lot of work into

"Part Two: The Solution," which will be presented to the Board this spring.

"That's going to be a major initiative," Baron said.

According to Shappell, current chair of the Gender Relations committee in Senate, her work on the Sexual Assault and upcoming Eating Disorder Awareness Weeks tie into this BOT report.

"These [events] are part of the solution, and we hope to offer some continuity there," Shappell said.

Baron also said he planned to establish a new Community Relations committee on Senate, something he considers to be important and previously overlooked.

"This is an issue Student Government hasn't really taken up before," Baron said. He explained he wants to increase transportation for students,

increase the CSC's budget, place community members on neighborhood coalitions and get students to "embrace South Bend."

Baron contrasted his and Shappell's upcoming transi-

tion with that of current president and vice president Adam Istvan and Karla Bell, who had little student government experience and faced the added difficulty of working with a newly-revised and not fully understood Constitution.

"Transitioning is the one time experience matters most," Baron said.

But Baron said he did not want to criticize Istvan and Bell's lack of experience.

"I have a ton of respect for Adam and Karla because they brought a fresh perspective," Baron said. "Hopefully, we can bring a fresh perspective despite being insiders."

Shappell said the transition would be a time to reflect on past student government actions as well as plan for the future.

"This is our chance to see what worked, what didn't," she said. "This is where we've been and where we want to go."

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Festival

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since Notre Dame is a Catholic university.

Senior Lauren Galgano, co-president of Notre Dame Right to Life and writer for *Advocata Nostra*, expressed reservations about the Queer Film Festival because she felt the Catholic perspective on homosexuality was not a key part of the festival's dialogue.

"I did not feel that all viewpoints were addressed fairly," she said.

Galgano expressed specific concerns about the panel, which addressed the future of gay marriage.

"A man from the audience who works at the Hesburgh Library was pulled down onto the panel by the moderator," she said. "Without him, there would have been no balance as to the Catholic viewpoint and no counter-arguments ... [the other panelists] only focused on why it is important that [gay marriage] is recognized."

Despite the controversy

that arose at the panel, which was largely due to debate about Catholic representation among the speakers, many students responded positively to the event and viewed the festival as an educational opportunity for the Notre Dame community.

"I think that it's good for Notre Dame students to be exposed to different lifestyles," sophomore Casey Stanton said. "And [the Queer Film Festival] is an opportunity to see artists express themselves in cinema and to discuss these issues in an open forum. Members of the gay community that I know on campus all reacted to it positively, and I hope it continues."

Many students believed the festival succeeded in increasing awareness on campus about gay and lesbian issues.

"I think [the panel] went very well," said senior Day Zimlich, a member of AllianceND, an unrecognized student organization. "[D'Arcy] kind of had to make that statement ... it really didn't bother me,

though. I think a lot of people came out in support of the gay and lesbian community here at ND, and we had a really good time."

The three-day festival opened Thursday night with a sold-out showing of the film "Saved!," which used humor to critique animosity between gay culture and conservative Christianity.

A question-and-answer session followed with writer/director Brian Dannelly, who was recently honored by "Out" magazine as one of the top 100 men of 2004.

Other films featured included "In Good Conscience," a documentary about Gramick's refusal to be silenced by the Vatican for ministering to the gay and lesbian community.

"Gay Pioneers" documented the early gay rights movement. The first part of the HBO series "Angels in America" and an adaptation of Terrence McNally's play "Love! Valour! Compassion!" were also shown.

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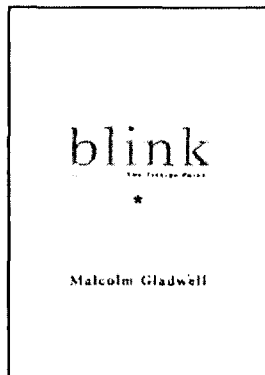
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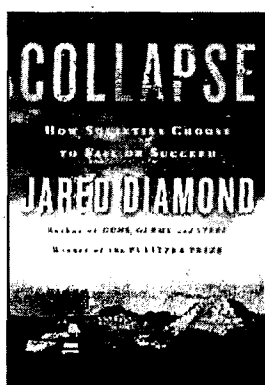
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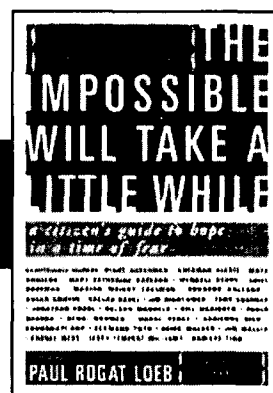


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Analyst pleads guilty in Hardee's case

ST. LOUIS — A stock analyst admitted in federal court Thursday that he threatened to damage the reputation and stock of the parent company of the Hardee's fast-food chain if the company didn't hire him as a consultant for \$300,000.

C. Clive Munro, 54, pleaded guilty to committing interstate threats. As part of a plea deal, prosecutors agreed to drop felony charges of extortion, wire fraud and securities fraud.

Munro, arrested in October at his Cheyenne, Wyo., home, faces up to two years in prison and \$250,000 in fines when sentenced May 12.

Beginning in April 2003, Munro, an independent stock analyst, pressed CKE Restaurants Inc. chief executive Andy Puzder and chief financial officer Ted Abajian to hire him as a consultant for \$25,000 per month for a year. After he was rebuffed, Munro issued a negative report in August 2004 suggesting the company's "slowing growth" could lower the stock price and that investors should sell their shares.

That caused a substantial drop in the company's stock price, wiping out \$160 million in market value. The stock has since recovered.

Madams make mint off prostitution

NEW YORK — The blue blood Mayflower Madam argued that the oldest profession was merely "naughty," not criminal.

More than two decades after her high-priced service was shut down, police are cracking down on a new generation of Manhattan madams who allegedly became wealthy by running prostitution rings for big spenders. And like Mayflower Madam Sydney Biddle Barrows, one of them wonders what all the fuss is about.

"It's the oldest game in town," Julie Moya said before surrendering to a vice squad late last month. "We don't hurt anyone. We just offer pleasure."

Also last month, Jason Itzler, 27, a New Jersey law school graduate, was arrested at a swank Manhattan hotel and charged with making a fortune by selling sex.

GERMANY

DaimlerChrysler earnings tumble

Plan made to cut costs and boost revenues to improve profit margin by 2007

Associated Press

SINDELFINGEN — Once viewed as a liability, DaimlerChrysler AG's U.S. division Chrysler has taken the wheel from the automaker's former star Mercedes — limiting the damage from the luxury division's woes in a difficult fourth quarter and driving full-year earnings for 2004.

The German-American automaker said Thursday that Chrysler more than doubled its fourth-quarter contribution to 386 million euros (\$523 million) from 143 million euros a year ago, while earnings at Mercedes nearly evaporated to just 20 million euros (\$27 million) from 784 million euros.

Overall fourth-quarter net profit at DaimlerChrysler fell 63 percent to 526 million euros (\$712 million) from 1.4 billion euros a year ago as Mercedes struggled with quality problems and a weak dollar that hurt its results in the key U.S. market.

The results fell short of the 686 million euro (\$878 million) profit forecast of analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires.

The automaker's shares were down 1.4 percent by late afternoon in Frankfurt, trading at 35.60 euros (\$45.59). DaimlerChrysler's U.S.-traded shares rose 2 cents to close at \$46.10 in Thursday trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Quarterly sales rose 7 percent to 37.7 billion euros (\$51 billion) from 35.2 billion euros a year ago, boosted by the first-time inclusion of revenue from Japanese truck maker Mitsubishi Fuso.

DaimlerChrysler CEO Juergen Schrempp called the Mercedes result "unacceptable" and announced a plan to cut costs and boost revenues that he said would improve the division's profit margin to 7 percent by 2007. Currently it's 3.5 percent.



DaimlerChrysler CEO Juergen Schrempp's plans are expected to include measures to fix problems at ultra-compact maker Smart, part of Mercedes.

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Smart loses money, though the company hasn't said how much.

Mercedes head Eckhard Cordes said the company was "considering" new partnerships to boost Smart and would not rule out job cuts at Mercedes either.

The dollar, which hit an all-time low against the euro in December, contributed to Mercedes' problems, as did competition from Munich-based Bayerische Motoren Werke AG and Toyota Motor Corp.'s luxury brand,

Lexus. The weak dollar has decreased profit margins in the United States, Mercedes' No. 2 market.

Yet Schrempp acknowledged the exchange rate was not the real problem. "One thing is quite clear: even without the exchange-rate effects, the operating profit of the Mercedes Car Group in the third and fourth quarters would have been unacceptable," he said.

Ferdinand Dudenhofer, an auto analyst at the Gelsenkirchen Technical Institute, said he expected Mercedes to sort out its problems as early as 2006, noting that fixing troubles at Smart remain key. "Smart is still the biggest

problem," Dudenhofer said.

Along with other analysts, Dudenhofer believes new Mercedes models coming in the next year or two will help restore the division's luster.

Still, full-year earnings for 2004 rose sharply, with net income of 2.5 billion euros (\$3.3 billion), up from 448 million euros the previous year.

The improvement was driven by a strong performance by the company's commercial vehicles division and by Chrysler, which has bounced back from losses in 2001 and 2003 with hot-selling new models such as the 300 and 300C.

Funds from operations surge at Simon

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Simon Property Group Inc., the biggest shopping-mall owner in the United States, posted a lower fourth-quarter profit, although a key measurement of real-estate investment trust performance surged.

Net income available to common shareholders fell to \$107.4 million, or 49 cents a share, in the quarter, from \$165.4 million, or 86 cents a share, a year earlier.

Revenue rose 27 percent in the latest period to \$836.1 million from \$657.4 million, helped by increases in minimum and overage rent and tenant reimbursements.

Helped by increased rents, the widely watched funds-from-operations, or FFO, measure rose 19 percent to \$397.6 million, or \$1.36 a share, in the latest quarter, from \$334.8 million, or \$1.26 a share, a year earlier.

Excluding a charge of 6 cents a share related to a regional mall, the Indianapolis-based company said FFO amounted to \$1.42 a share in the latest period.

A survey of analysts by Thomson First Call projected the company would generate FFO of \$1.36 a share in the fourth quarter.

For the year, Simon reported funds from operations rose 12 percent to \$1.2 billion, or \$4.39 a share, from

\$1.07 billion, or \$4.04 a share, in 2003. Excluding the charge, funds from operations in the latest year were \$4.46 a share. Earnings fell to \$300.6 million, or \$1.44 a share, from \$313.6 million, or \$1.65 a share, in 2003. Revenue rose to \$1.58 billion from \$1.37 billion.

Analysts were looking for funds from operations of \$4.38 a share, with earnings of \$1.65 a share, on revenue of \$2.57 billion.

Looking ahead, Simon reaffirmed its 2005 guidance of \$4.70 to \$4.82 a share for funds from operations, but lowered its earnings guidance for the year to \$1.34 to \$1.46 a share from a previous estimate for earnings of \$1.96 to \$2.08 a share.

Film fans are still 'hitched' on Smith

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Will Smith usually brings audiences in at gunpoint. This time, he did it with hugs and kisses.

Starring in his first romantic comedy, the action hero scored a No. 1 debut with "Hitch," which took in \$45.3 million over Valentine's Day weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Clearly, Will Smith is the man," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "He can open any kind of movie. He has multi-genre appeal."

The previous weekend's top movie, the horror tale "Boogeyman," fell to second place with \$10.8 million, lifting its 10-day total to \$33.3 million.

The weekend's other new wide release, the animated family tale "Pooh's Heffalump Movie," opened at No. 5 with \$6 million.

Sony Pictures had the weekend's top three movies with "Hitch," "Boogeyman" and "Are We There Yet?," which was No. 3 at \$8.5 million.

"Hitch" stars Smith as a Manhattan "date doctor" who helps hopeless men win the hearts of their dream women but has romantic troubles when he meets his own soul mate (Eva Mendes).

It was the fifth-straight No. 1 debut for Smith, following "Shark Tale," "I, Robot," "Bad Boys II" and "Men in Black II." Those movies all opened in the \$46 million to \$52 million range.

"Will Smith certainly delivers, doesn't he?" said Rory Bruer, Sony's head of distribution. "He's one of those rare stars that just appeals to everyone, men, women and children. There's no doubt he's somewhat of a king of action, but he is every bit as good in comedy."

The \$6 million debut for "Pooh's Heffalump Movie" was on par with distributor Disney's last Winnie the Pooh cartoon, 2003's "Piglet's Big Movie," which opened with \$6.1 million, though below the debut of the Pooh adventure "The Tigger Movie," which premiered with \$9.4 million in 2000.

Disney spokesman Dennis Rice said the Pooh flicks are made cheaply enough that it will turn a solid profit once television and home-video revenues roll in.

Three key contenders for the Feb. 27 Academy Awards remained in the top 10. The boxing drama "Million Dollar Baby" was No. 4 with \$7.6 million, raising its total domestic gross to \$45.1 million.

The buddy tale "Sideways" took in \$4.75 million to finish in eighth place, lifting its total to \$53.1 million. The Howard Hughes epic was ninth with \$4.6 million, pushing its domestic haul to \$82.3 million.

Two movies opened solidly in limited release. "Bride & Prejudice," a romance that updates Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" to a modern-day Bollywood musical in India, took in \$388,076 in 32 theaters. The film is directed by Gurinder Chadha ("Bend It Like Beckham").

Relationships 101: More students study love

Young adults learn life lessons by enrolling in classes on dating and marriage at college

Associated Press

MUNCIE, Ind. — Scott Hall wants to spark a discussion, so he asks his students something bound to provoke a reaction: Do women want more out of marriage than men?

It's just the sort of conversation starter that's heard more often in college classrooms these days. Affairs of the heart — love, relationships and marriage — have gone from being an obsession outside class to the reason for class.

The students in Hall's course on marriage at Ball State University — many of them women — laugh and nod at his question. Most of them agree with research he cites stating that men are most interested in a partner who's attractive and good in bed.

But not Mike Toscano, a 21-year-old senior: "It's not 'Oh she looks cute and she cooked a pot pie,'" he says. "I want to be held once in a while, too, y'all."

The comment draws more laughter, as Toscano blushes and smiles.

"I'm glad he feels that way," Anitra Montgomery, a 22-year-old junior, responds to the class. "But he is rare!"

Over the last 30 years, academics have been developing the study of "close relationships," as they call it, forming the International Association for Relationship Research to share resources and data.

Such research is "not just about what makes people happy but how relationships can affect other things — for instance, someone's health," says Lisa Baker, an assistant professor of psychology at Purchase College, part of the State University of New York.

In recent years, though, some professors have moved beyond theory, making the discussion more personal to students by teaching relationship skills they can use outside the classroom.

Some call it Relationships 101 — a concept that has proven wildly popular on campuses across the country.

Toscano, the Ball State senior, says he and his girlfriend, Bethany Ringrose, decided to

take the class together this term to see if they want to take their relationship to the next level.

"It helps me understand my actions and his, too," says Ringrose, a 20-year-old junior at the school in central Indiana.

With divorce as common as it is in this country, experts say young couples are wise to do their marriage homework.

"The thinking is, the earlier people learn those skills, the better off they'll be," says Dennis Lowe, psychology professor at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., who team teaches a freshman seminar called "Developing Healthy Relationships" with his wife, Emily Scott-Lowe.

Among other things, students in the Lowes' classes practice listening — namely giving the other person a chance to speak his or her mind without interruption. And if students are considering long-term, committed relationships, they're asked to consider questions such as whose job it would be to buy a car, discipline a child or cook

dinner.

Leslie Parrott, a professor at Seattle Pacific University, says surveys at her university and others regularly show that relationships are a priority for students.

"They're often more focussed on relationship quality than their careers," says Parrott, a marriage and family therapist who teaches relationships courses with her husband, Les Parrott.

Lecture topics include "Falling in Love Without Losing Your Mind" and "How to Break Up Without Falling Apart." The latter class includes discussion on how to end a relationship cleanly and taking time after a breakup to avoid a rebound relationship. Parrott says that session regularly draws students who aren't even enrolled in the class.

"Breaking up is a real rite of passage for people their age — they're just dying and they have no real guidance," says Parrott, who's co-authored a textbook on relationships with her husband.

SAUDI ARABIA

Public marks Valentine's Day amid restraints

Associated Press

RIYADH — In gift and flower shops across Saudi Arabia, the flush of red has started to fade.

Each year shortly before Feb. 14, the country's religious police mobilize, heading out to hunt for — and confiscate — red roses, red teddy bears and any signs of a heart. In a country where Valentine's Day is banned, ordinary Saudis find they must skirt the law to spoil their sweetheart.

The Valentine's Day holiday celebrating love and lovers is banned in Saudi Arabia, where religious authorities call it a Christian celebration true Muslims should shun.

The kingdom's attitude toward

Valentine's Day is in line with the strict school of Islam followed here for a century. All Christian and even most Muslim feasts are banned in the kingdom, the birthplace of Islam, because they are considered unorthodox creations that Islam does not sanction.

Beyond the ban, it is a challenge for unmarried couples to be together on Valentine's Day or any other day because of strict segregation of the sexes. Dating consists of long phone conversations and the rare tryst. Men and women cannot go for a drive together, have a meal or talk on the street unless they are close relatives. Infractions are punished by detentions.

Valentine's items descend

underground, to the black market, where their price triples and quadruples. Salesmen and waiters avoid wearing red. Though taboo, Valentine's Day still gets a fair amount of attention in Saudi society.

"Female voices demand the release of the red rose," read a headline in Sunday's Asharq al-Awsat. Women complained to the paper no one had the right to ban flower sales.

Sheik Abdullah al-Dakhil, head of the religious police, known as the muttawa, in Thumama, a town outside Riyadh, told Al-Eqtisadiah newspaper that "despite awareness campaigns and the confiscation of flowers, chocolate and other items, there were 15

infractions" for Valentine's Day indiscretions last year.

In religious lectures at schools, teachers and administrators warn students against marking the occasion, noting St. Valentine was a Christian priest, according to an educational supervisor speaking on condition of anonymity.

St. Valentine is believed to have been a 3rd-century martyred Roman priest or bishop. Why the holiday became a celebration of lovers is unclear, but some theories say it stemmed from his Feb. 14 feast date falling close to a pagan love festival or that it was because mid-February was seen in Europe as the time of year when birds start mating.

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Marine recruiting dips following war in Iraq

Associated Press

ALGONQUIN, Ill. — On a recruiting visit to a school in this Chicago suburb, Marine Staff Sgt. Jody Van Doorenmaalen asked a sophomore what popped into his parents' heads when they thought about him joining the Marines.

"The only thing they think (is) I'm going to go to war and die," 16-year-old Nick Ambroziak replied.

The exchange illustrates the difficulty these days for recruiters like Van Doorenmaalen as they visit high schools, community colleges and shopping malls trying to sell the Marine Corps to young people while the country is at war in Iraq.

Earlier this month, the Marine Corps announced it had fallen short of its monthly recruiting goal in January for the first time in nearly a decade. While the Marines say they remain on track to meet their recruiting target for the year, they also acknowledge their task is harder because of the war and its mounting death toll from roadside bombings, helicopter crashes and suicide attacks.

"I'd say it has made it more challenging on a number of fronts," said Capt. Timothy O'Rourke, executive officer of the Marine Recruiting Station Chicago.

One of the first students to stop at his information table in the cafeteria at Algonquin's Harry D. Jacobs High School was Jeff Gold, an 18-year-old senior.

With his military-style haircut and dream of becoming a police officer, Gold would seem the ideal candidate. But Gold is pretty sure what would happen if he did join.

"I probably will get deployed," he said after talking to Van Doorenmaalen. "And I'll probably die."

GERMANY

Director revives heroine's story

Associated Press

BERLIN — A German movie about an iconic anti-Nazi resistance heroine premiered Sunday at the Berlin Film Festival, taking viewers through the personal drama of Sophie Scholl's arrest, interrogation and execution.

"Sophie Scholl — The Final Days" draws on preserved transcripts of Gestapo interrogations and Scholl's show trial to paint an intense portrait of the six days from her arrest with her brother Hans to their beheading on Feb. 22, 1943.

"What was important to me was to connect the viewer emotionally to one figure, so that he can identify with her as deeply as possible and ask himself again and again, 'What would I have done?'" said Marc Rothmund, the film's German director.

Scholl and other members of the White Rose resistance group started distributing anti-Nazi leaflets in the summer of 1942. The Scholls were arrested as they dropped a leaflet at Munich's university that called for a "day of reckoning" with the "abhorrent tyranny" of Adolf Hitler after Nazi Germany's military defeat at Stalingrad.

Rothmund said the film — one of three German entries for the festival's top prize — was timely as the nation grapples with an increasingly bold far right.

"We must somehow keep alive the ideas of the Scholls," he told reporters. "I have a feeling of responsibility to keep their legacy going."

The Scholls' role as leading lights of the small anti-Nazi resistance made them icons in post-war Germany, and their name was given to streets and schools across the country.

German actress Julia Jentsch, 26, plays Sophie Scholl, who faces a Gestapo officer played by Alexander Held. Jentsch said the challenge was to get inside the emotions of the 21-year-old woman behind the legend.

"This iconic image was what I wanted to avoid," she said. "I tried not to think about it."

The film shows Scholl moving from denial, through a confession in which she does all she can to protect her fellow conspirators, to her defiant appearance at the show trial.

Rothmund and script writer Fred Breinersdorfer worked with a surviving sister of Scholl, Gestapo interrogator Robert Mohr's son and others to ensure the historical authenticity of the film, which was inspired by the director's discovery that the 60-page Gestapo transcript had been preserved in the archive of communist East Germany's secret police.

"It had an incredible effect on me — it had such drama," Rothmund said.

Rothmund said there were good political reasons to dramatize Scholl's story and bring it to young people now.

Germany is debating how to tackle the far-right National Democratic Party, which gained seats last year in an east German state legislature and provoked outrage last month with a walkout from a tribute to Holocaust victims.

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Politicians, professors duke it out

Battle over academic freedom heats up in post Sept. 11 America

Associated Press

DENVER — Academic freedom has never completely protected professors who make unpopular statements. One was fired in 1960 for suggesting that premarital sex among students could be a good thing. Three decades later, a department chair was demoted for saying a Jewish conspiracy denigrated blacks in the movies.

Now experts say the Sept. 11 attacks have put new fire in the battle over just where academic freedom ends and misconduct — or even treason — begins.

University of Colorado professor Ward Churchill could be fired pending an investigation prompted by his 2001 essay suggesting some World Trade Center victims were toiling away like efficient Nazi bureaucrats.

There are no exact figures on attempts to fire or discipline professors since Sept. 11, but experts say they have probably increased. The fight is especially fierce at state universities, where some question whether taxpayers must pay the salaries of professors they find unpatriotic or outrageous.

"We have never been free of the issue of professors coming under intense scrutiny or attack for having written something somebody finds utterly loathsome," said Jonathan Knight of the American Association of University Professors in Washington.

Knight said firings are relatively rare, with 50 or 60 losing their jobs each year for a variety of reasons out of some 800,000 tenured and untenured professors nationwide. Tenure, a protection normally granted after several years of probation, is designed to allow teaching and research without fear of political reprisals.

Overall, challenges to American professors today are mild compared with the attacks academics suffered during the anti-communist investigations spurred by Sen. Joseph McCarthy in the 1950s, said Robert O'Neil, director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression in Charlottesville, Va.

But, Knight said, the intensity of attacks on academic freedom have increased since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Churchill's case has ignited furious debate with no shortage of students and teachers defending his right to speak, even though few have endorsed his comments.

His essay said some of the trade center victims were "little Eichmanns," a suggestion that white-collar "technocrats" who died that day were no better than Holocaust organizer Adolf Eichmann because they are furthering U.S. policies harmful to Arabs and indigenous people worldwide.

It drew little attention until last month, when Churchill was invited to speak at Hamilton College in upstate New York. Relatives of the Trade Center dead and the governors of New York and Colorado denounced Churchill, and Churchill's speech was canceled because of death threats against him.

Since then, other Churchill speeches around the nation have been canceled and the Hamilton professor who invited him to that campus has stepped down as program director, fed up with the "political and media fight that the current climate requires."

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Will you be my Valentine?

Pink roses, red boxes of chocolate, love letters, heart-shaped balloons, Vagina Monologues — Valentine's Day alone is reason enough why America is not yet ready for a female President. This holiday, which, despite popular belief, was actually started in the early 17th century by the horny wives of Puritans who wanted extra attention from their sex-fearing husbands, has been a thorn in the side of men ever since. Today, this unfortunate instance of the deceitful manipulation of powerless males at the hands of their far more attractive counterparts has resulted in a day in which over one billion Valentine cards are sent each year, and when even cold-hearted misanthropes like me are often guilted into dishing out a few tokens of love and affection.

The situation has gotten so out of hand lately that I actually wanted to send everyone in the world one of my personalized Harry Potter valentines, many of which offer witty and heart-felt messages like "Have a spellbinding Valentine's Day" and "We have a magical friendship." Unfortunately, those are only for girls that I like as friends and/or have secret crushes on, so instead I'm using this space to offer my collective Valentine to the people whom I felt would be looking into their homemade Valentine's boxes after recess this afternoon and would not see the cornucopia of candy message hearts and X-Men cards that probably stuffed many of your own boxes. So without further ado, I would like to wish a joyful and loving Valentine's Day to the following neglected people, places and things.

Spongebob Squarepants: as if living in a pineapple under the sea was not difficult enough, everyone's favorite cartoon is now receiving the Clay

Aiken treatment from a few Southern religious leaders. Yes, aside from being "absorbent," "yellow" and "porous," Mr. Squarepants can also add "flaming homosexual" to his lengthy resume of character adjectives. Now, since I do consider myself a very accepting and tolerant person, I certainly will not judge an innocent sponge simply because he decides to fill his pores with something other than seawater. So have a happy Valentine's Day, Spongebob, because you are and always will be fine by me.

The Male Package: after suffering vituperative bashings in The Observer from a few pretend Keenan Revue haters last week, this oft-forgotten member of the student body (pun so obviously intended) now also has to compete fiercely with its female rival thanks to an entire series of monologues devoted exclusively to it. Couple that with the expectations of spiritual abstinence associated with the Lenten season, and these little guys are really getting the shaft (oh, the puns just keep coming). Be sure to wish them a happy Valentine's Day.

Fat Guy Who Lip-Synchs to the Romanian Techno Song at his Computer: all of America has had the chance to laugh hysterically at the lip-synching of this unbelievably pathetic human being, so I'm pretty sure this guy could use all of the Valentine's love he can possibly get.

Ashlee Simpson: all of America has had the chance to laugh hysterically at the lip-synching of this unbelievably pathetic human being, so I'm pretty sure this girl could use all of the Valentine's love she can possibly get.

Geraldine Ferraro: now, you might be wondering why there would be any reason in the world to wish a happy Valentine's Day to the unsuccessful female running mate of Walter Mondale in 1984. Well, the vote totals

from the recent student body elections on campus have shown, quite resoundingly in fact, that including a hot female vice presidential candidate on your ticket is a surefire way to boost your vote total. (Just ask Dave Baron and James Leito.) Mondale, however, suffered one of the worst defeats in U.S. history, thereby proving my theory that Ferraro is an ugly, ugly human being. Happy Valentine's Day, Ger!

Virginian Butt Cleavage: in case any residents of the Old Dominion State haven't heard, the state House of Delegates recently passed legislation that levies a \$50 fine on people wearing pants that sag so low that their underwear is revealed "in a lewd or indecent manner." Strangely enough, though, the only people benefiting from this absolutely absurd law are the police officers who get to walk around checking out every butt in Virginia in the hopes of finding a rogue thong strap and getting to grab it as evidence. (Yet another one of those strangely coincidental ironies to social conservatism that convinces me that "born-again Christian" is just a code word for "convicted sex offender.") So happy Valentine's Day, Virginian butt cleavage — your presence will be greatly missed.

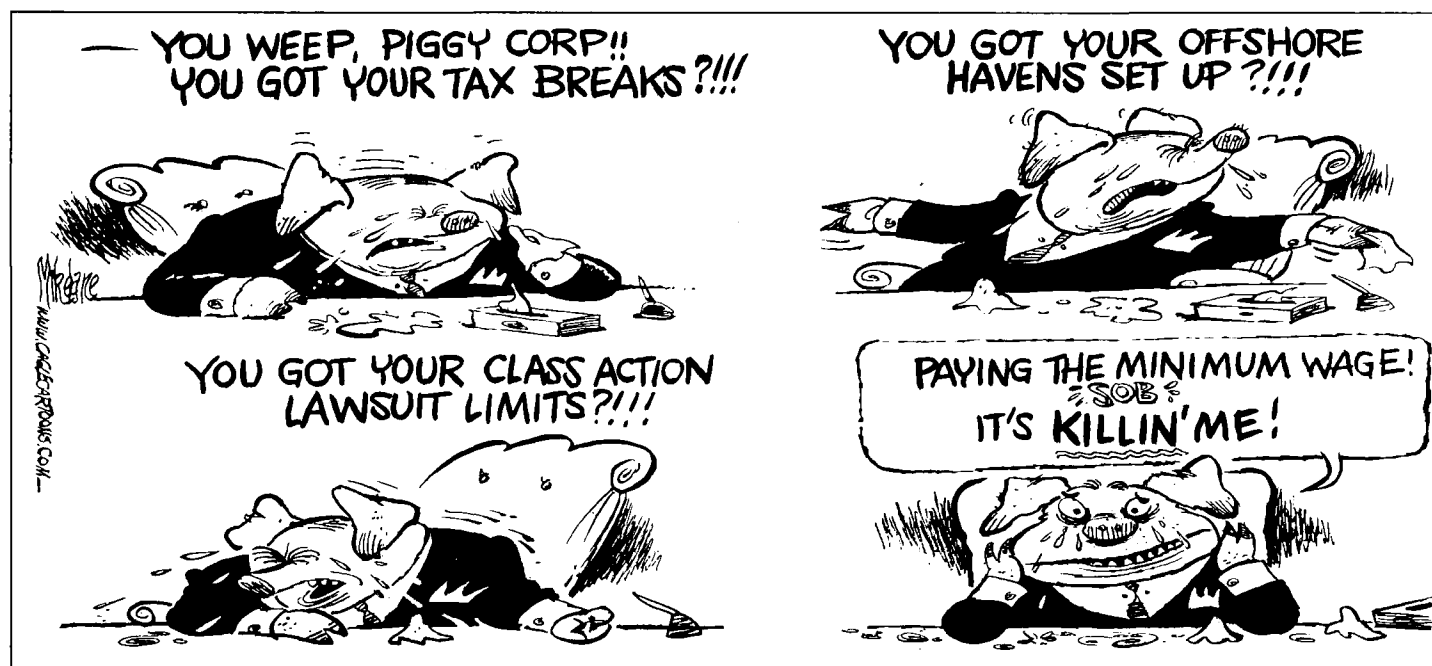
As you can see, no matter how miserable and depressing your day of love might be, you can at least find solace in the fact that there is always someone else out there with an even emptier box of Valentines.

Actually, I heard he got a coaching job at Washington.

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"If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain."

Emily Dickenson
poet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Club used to promote views

Critics of abortion come in many forms. We are straight, gay, Democrats, Republicans, male, female. We are pro-life for one simple reason: we believe in the sanctity of human life at all stages, from conception until natural death. In the end, that is the sole criterion for declaring oneself to be pro-life; being pro-life neither requires nor implies anything else.

We were shocked and appalled Friday morning when a disturbing e-mail was sent through the pro-life listserv to all members of the campus Right to Life club. In it, the president of the club copied Bishop John D'Arcy's letter condemning the Queer Film Festival and mentioned there would be a panel regarding gay marriage Friday afternoon. She went on to encourage all pro-lifers "to attend, so as to have a noticeable presence of opposition" and to give "cold stares in lieu of applause." Now certainly this student has a right to hold her own views on the issue, but it was completely and unequivocally wrong of her to use Right to Life to promote her own personal agenda.

According to the ND Right to Life Web site, the purpose of the organization is "to promote and uphold the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death," and their focus "is on issues [sic] such as abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty." Those are the reasons we are a part of Right to Life. However, being part of this group in no way implies we are opposed to gay marriage. It is wrong to use a very necessary and important organization such as Right to Life to promote one's personal agenda.

It would be wonderful if more opponents of gay marriage would come to panel discussions such as the one Friday. Without dissenting opinions, no real discussion ensues. But the e-mail sent to the Right to

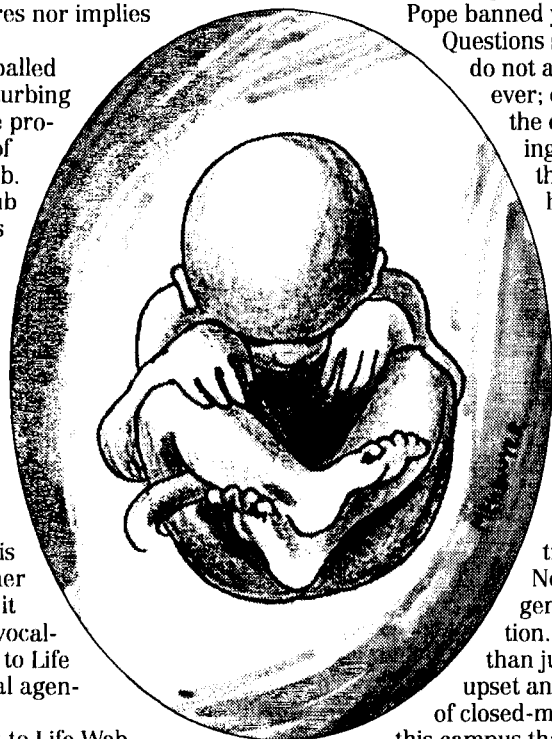
Life club did not even encourage intelligent discussion. Rather, when talking about Sister Jeannine Gramick, a nun who has devoted her life's work to creating a more welcoming atmosphere for gay and lesbian Catholics in the Church, the e-mail suggested we ask such questions as "Did you know the Pope banned you from giving this talk?"

Questions simply attacking the speaker do not accomplish anything whatsoever; conversely, they undermine the credibility of the person asking the question. (Incidentally, that question contains a falsehood; Gramick was barred from pastoral work involving homosexual persons, which, according to Cardinal Ratzinger, refers to holding retreats for gay and lesbian persons. This does not include speaking and writing.)

The recent e-mail sent to the Right to Life listserv is one of many occurrences on this campus that have contributed to the stereotype of Notre Dame as being a homogeneous and intolerant institution. We are angry about more than just this one e-mail. We are upset and saddened an atmosphere of closed-mindedness is so pervasive on this campus that we love.

If the president of Right to Life wishes to oppose gay marriage, that is her right. We just ask that she respects our rights to our own opinions as well and does not subject us to her hateful rhetoric.

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Stay consistent with criticisms

Writing in the Feb. 10 issue of the South Bend Tribune, Bishop John D'Arcy objects to the University of Notre Dame's "Queer Film Festival." Bishop D'Arcy complains that presenters at the symposium "have a history of ... openly opposing church teaching" about the morality of homosexual acts. He further claims because the seminar does not include presentation of Catholic teaching on the issue of homosexuality, the rights of the Catholic Church are violated and the rights of parents of Notre Dame students who find the seminar offensive are violated as well (he does not mention the rights of Notre Dame students themselves — perhaps he doesn't think students have relevant rights?).

As the bishop is surely aware, Notre Dame hosts a wide variety of seminars, workshops and speaker series each year. Many, though not all, of these events are devoted to topics on which the church has a specific position. Some events focus exclusively on Catholic teachings. Others include Catholic teaching in dialogue with other views. And still other events do not include any presentation of church teaching. Events of all of these kinds are well advertised, attended by those interested in the topics and contribute to the diversity of intellectual discussion on campus.

Why does Bishop D'Arcy not speak out about any of the dozens and dozens of other events each year which do not present the teaching of the church? Why does he not speak out against other events featuring speakers who openly oppose various church teachings? My own department sponsors a variety of events concerning matters about which the church has an official position, including a variety of topics in ethics, issues concerning the metaphysics of the human person and various topics in philosophical theology. At many of these events, church teaching is not a part of the event and, furthermore, featured speakers present viewpoints in sharp opposition to church teachings. We certainly do not require that church teaching be presented at every event. Do these events violate the rights of the church and parents of students? Do they constitute an abuse of academic freedom? Where is the outrage of the bishop? One can only wonder why the bishop is silent about these matters except when homosexuality is a topic. Perhaps the bishop thinks the issue of the morality of homosexual conduct is centrally important to his church in a way that, for example, life and death decision making, justice, salvation and the nature of Christ are not?

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Don't justify fanfiction

I'll admit that I have erred in the past regarding which Observer columns I'm supposed to find funny (that Gary Caruso guy is hilarious!), but Lance Gallop's recent "Copyright in a free society" had to be a joke. Come on, Lance. That you even know anything about the phenomenon suggests you have at least limited exposure to the kinds of people who write fanfiction. They are anything but crusaders fighting a losing battle against the copyright juggernaut.

Fanfiction is a symptom of a society violently ill with its own conformity. Afraid to find their own voices as writers, teenagers and young adults latch on to their favorite works in the most superficial manner possible, copying plots, modifying characters and of course, using the work of others to fulfill their particular teenage fantasies. Inserting yourself into your favorite literary work or movie is one of the more perverse forms of wish-fulfillment I've come across. Almost universally, fanfiction is written by teenagers, often socially outcast, who have been denied every outlet for their thoughts and can only express themselves in a parasitic relationship with something that is considered "acceptable" creativity. Lauding these people as heroes is justifying their sorry situation as suffering for a cause.

The people who write fanfiction do so not out of a desire to reinterpret the work of others to their culture, but rather to suit their own personal insecurities. Teen angst is nothing new, but at least our parents didn't steal mediocre band lyrics and post them on their Livejournals. Fanfiction is proof the old adage about there being no new ideas is only correct if you don't consider Dorothy Gale being a lesbian werewolf in school with Harry Potter and Legolas a new idea. And people wonder why Anne Rice isn't big on this stuff.

There is a difference between reference and outright theft. If you want to reinterpret the symbols and ideas of your culture, you have to try a little bit. By the way: "The Wizard of Oz" entered the public domain in 1956. Much of the work created based on it was approved under copyright.

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Clarifying academic freedom

Bishop John D'Arcy has written about Notre Dame's "Queer Film Festival" in the public press as follows:

"This presentation is an abuse of academic freedom. Pope John Paul II makes clear the place of academic freedom, when he says it must always be linked to certain values central to a Catholic university: A Catholic university possesses the autonomy necessary to develop its distinctive identity and pursue its proper mission."

D'Arcy's comments illustrate a common tendency of conservative Catholics, many on campus and in high places, to confuse freedom of religion and academic freedom.

Conservative Catholics often challenge the conditions under which scholarship and artistic expression thrive and flourish by appealing to authority (e.g., JP II). The Constitution protects their right to do this. My sense is no law can require that such challenges be consistent or that they meet any other criterion of rational discourse.

The bishop, however, has chosen to challenge the University, or at least six departments of the University, as violating the rights of the Church and, by extension, of parents who expect their students to be protected from challenges to orthodoxy, on purely sectarian or parochial grounds: papal authority and the Catholic Catechism as he, bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, interprets

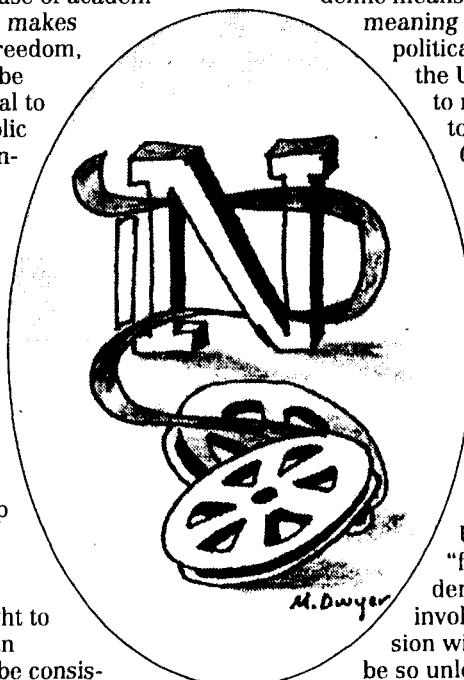
them.

"Academic freedom," however, is a term whose meaning has been settled by appropriately academic means. It is clearly not a term whose meaning is open to manipulation by political or religious authorities. If the University or the bishop were to require six of its departments to present topics challenging Catholic Orthodoxy in a specific format intended to protect or defend religious orthodoxy, the academy would have no difficulty recognizing that as a violation of the academic freedom of the departments and individuals involved.

The bishop muddies the waters of intelligent public discussion of the relationship between the Church and Catholic universities in the United States by confusing "freedom of religion" with "academic freedom." The liberties involved are always in active tension with each other and will always be so unless Churches were to be required to restrain their teaching by the "requirements of reason alone."

The assumption that this tension can or should be overcome by authoritative fiat is at odds with my reading of the Gospel.

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The 2005 Notre Dame Lite

The theme of the 2005 NDLF, formerly known as the Sophomore Literary Festival, is "The Road Less Traveled" in which the featured authors came about their career in

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What do a Notre Dame professor, two former Manhattan nannies and a pro wrestler turned children's book author have in common?

They all took the road less traveled by — and that has made all the difference.

The "Road Less Traveled" theme of the 2005 Notre Dame Literary Festival, formerly the Sophomore Literary Festival, denotes the common thread among the featured authors that have all found literary success, yet through completely different methods. Co-chair of this year's festival Mark Connolly sees the theme as a means of reaching out to potential authors.

"In going along with the theme, I believe that through their talks and workshops, the speakers can convey to students the fact that if they truly have a desire to be in the literary world then such a goal stands as very feasible," Connolly said. "In addition, we have chosen authors that are very recognizable to the Notre Dame community such as Ralph McInerny and Todd Tucker as well as figures that are recognizable on a more national stage such as Mick Foley, Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus."

The festival kicked off Thursday with up-and-coming piano player Rob Gonzales, who has been described as "the next Billy Joel." There was a workshop that gave participants the opportunity to look into the mind of a professional songwriter and provided a crash course in catchy song writing. Gonzales then gave a concert Thursday night, with a café-like atmosphere and gourmet cheesecake for audience members. Both events were extremely successful in terms of student response and turnout, starting the festival on a positive note.

"[The workshop] gave everyone a great glimpse into his life as a musician and the songwriting process," co-chair Steve Tortorello said. "The concert was fantastic. The LaFortune Ballroom was packed, and the audience enjoyed a cozy atmosphere. ... Rob played songs from his new album for roughly an hour and 45 minutes and ended his encore by asking for requests. An audience member shouted out 'Piano Man' and Rob was quick to oblige, getting the entire audience to sing along with the chorus as he serenaded everyone with the classic Billy Joel tune."

The writing workshops begin today with a

Mystery Writing Workshop lead by McInerny from 3-4:30 p.m. in the McNeill Room in LaFortune. McInerny, who has been a professor at Notre Dame since 1955, has not only written dozens of scholarly books on subjects like St. Thomas Aquinas, but also has written over 50 novels. His "Notre Dame Mysteries" series and "Fr. Dowling" mysteries are among his most popular works. He will bring plenty of expertise to the workshop. Those interested in learning how to craft a mystery novel will be able to look into the mechanics of the mysterious. Sign-ups for this event and others throughout the week are located in the student government office on the second floor of LaFortune in room 203.

At 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Oak Room above South Dining Hall, Todd Tucker will give a presentation followed by a reception, which are both open to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students, as well as the general public. The Notre Dame alumnus graduated in 1990 with a degree in history and entered the Navy's nuclear propulsion program and completed six patrols on the USS Alabama. Although his travel writing has been published in several national magazines, his two books, "Notre Dame Game Day" and "Notre Dame vs. the Klan: How the Fighting Irish Defeated the Ku Klux Klan," deal directly with the Notre Dame community.

"Notre Dame vs. the Klan" took the true story of Notre Dame students and turned it into literary achievement. In 1924, Notre Dame students violently collided with members of the KKK right here in South Bend. The presentation's focus on "Notre Dame vs. the Klan" should appeal not only to people interested in literature, but also those who have a mind for history, psychology, sociology or Catholicism, since the book covers the history and evolution of both Notre Dame as well as the KKK. Tucker will also incorporate images of the two institutions into his presentation as he takes the audience through each of the events that preceded the momentous night his book focuses on.

"You get to see inside the workings of Notre Dame, inside the workings of the KKK ... it will be a complete experience for anybody interested in the range of subjects," Tortorello said.

Tuesday's events run from 3-4:30 p.m. in the McNeill Room with an Author's Panel featuring McInerny and James C. Martin. The panel, which is also open to the general public, will highlight the completely differ-



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Nicola Kraus, left, and Emma McLaughlin, authored the bestseller "The Nanny" while attending New York University and working as actual nannies to affluent families.

ent experiences of the two writers, following the theme of the week. As a professor, McInerny traveled on a path to publication that was divergent from Martin's, who began as an English teacher. He wanted to be a screenwriter before writing the novel "Push Not the River," a book he based on the diary he stumbled upon of Polish countess Anna Berezowska.

Martin faced disinterest from the publishing community for several years before self-publishing in 2001 and marketing the project himself. Only a year later, St. Martin's Press bought his book and released a hardcover edition in 2003. Polish and German rights sold almost immediately, and Martin recently completed the sequel, which will be released later this year. The panel will emphasize how McInerny, who has published numerous books, differs from the struggles of a former English teacher. The panel is for anyone who wishes to break into publishing.

"It's going to give students the chance to see the side of the publishing world that you wouldn't get to see from talking to a teacher," Tortorello said.

Tuesday's night event starts at 7:30 p.m.

in Washington Hall with Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus, the former Manhattan nannies who famously wrote the Times No. 1 bestseller "The Nanny." The hysterically funny book took authors' life experiences, gained while they were students at New York University, and turned them into a revealing glimpse into the lifestyles of the affluent who employ nannies. The book was released in 2002 and spawned tireless speculation in gossip columns, which real-life dysfunctional families were satirized. The authors have appeared on CNN, "The Today Show," "Entertainment Tonight," MSNBC and "The View." Their newest collaboration is a book of satirical essays, "Citizen Girl." This most recent work into satire focuses on women in the world.

McLaughlin and Kraus will give a presentation followed by a reception, open to the general public. The event is structured to take a fun look into yet another barrier for writers, who wrote as a team to have a perspective that you might not expect. The authors will discuss "The Nanny Diaries" and their new book.



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Mick Foley began as a hugely popular professional wrestler and in time became a widely read author of children's books. His autobiography was a bestseller in 1999.

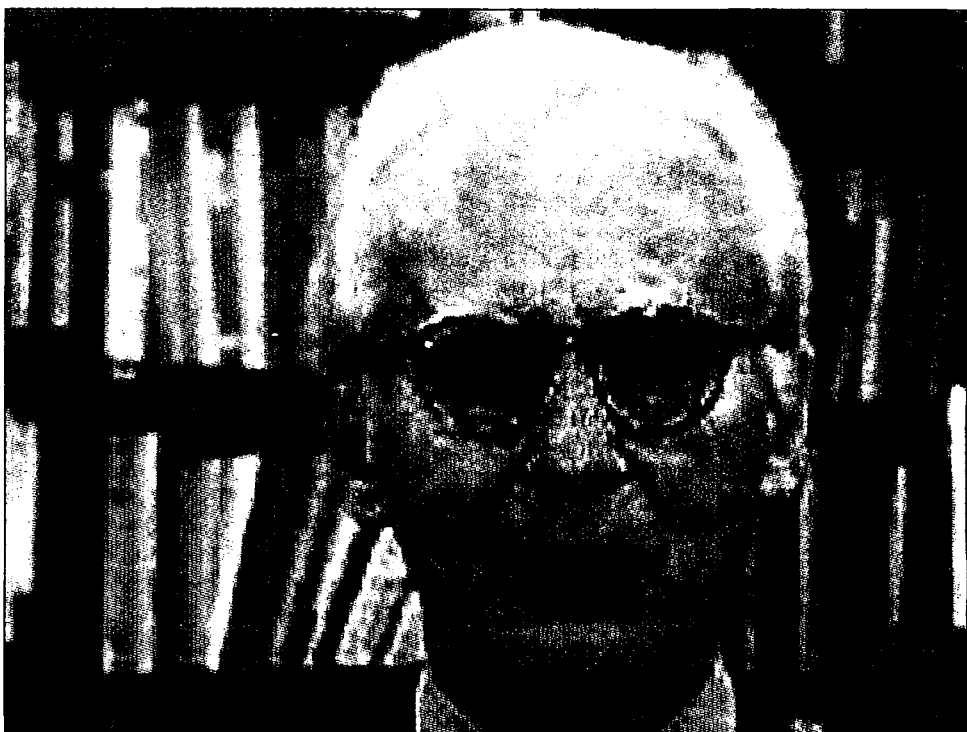


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Professor Ralph McInerny has been a professor at Notre Dame since 1955. He has edited the Catholic lay journal "Crisis" and authored over 50 novels and over 14 scholarly books.

Literary Festival

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Todd Tucker graduated from Notre Dame in 1990 and wrote "Notre Dame vs. The Klan: How the Fighting Irish Defeated the Ku Klux Klan" based on real events in 1924.

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ND Unplugged will be the next event on Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. It will feature performances of original student work, including monologues, comedy, music, poetry and spoken word crafted by students themselves. One person will even read a chapter of a novel. There will be Starbucks and artwork, giving ND Unplugged a café ambiance like Gonzales' concert.

Sophomore Andrew Stapleton will be playing a mix of covers and original songs on his acoustic guitar. He's played at Acousticafe in the LaFortune basement and at Legends before, but is expecting a different type of event with ND Unplugged.

"I'm looking forward to following some funky groove poetry, or anything that might give someone the urge to throw on a beret and grow a goatee," Stapleton said.

Thursday is the last day of the festival and opens in the McNeill Room from 4-5:30 p.m. with a Children's Literature Writing Workshop led by Mick Foley. Foley began with a focused wrestling career that took him around the world in 1985. He achieved national fame in the late 1990s with the World Wrestling Federation when he was a three-time world champion and multiple tag team champion. His autobiography leaped to No. 1 on The New York Times bestseller list, and his sequel debuted at No. 1 as well. All of his children's books and his novel were national bestsellers as well.

"The workshop will be focusing on how to write a children's book, how to create characters people like, and how to write it in a way that children and adults will both like," Tortorello said.

The workshop is open only to Notre Dame students. Foley's presentation at 8 p.m. on Thursday in Washington Hall will be open only to the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross communities. The presentation, followed by a reception, will depict for the audience yet another road in literature — one that led Foley to the top of The New York Times bestsellers list.

"He will talk about how he went from wrestling to writing," Tortorello said. "How one thing led to another, and all his different experiences in his life have led to his writing career. Pretty much what everybody all week will be talking about is how their different 'roads' led them to where they are."

The Student Union Board is the sponsor and organizer of the annual NDLF, which in its 38th year has its roots as a student-run

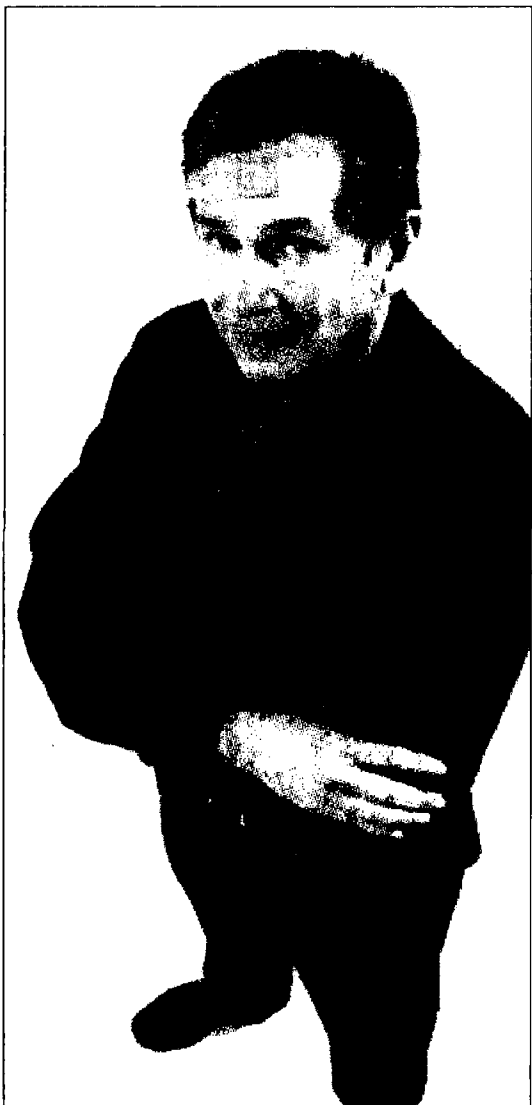


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James C. Martin fought for the publishing of his novel "Push Not a River."

festival. The annual event is organized under the direction of the Student Activities Office and always has encouraged close interaction between students and authors despite other changes over the years.

"I believe the Literary Festival to be important as an enduring event for the Notre Dame community," Connolly said. "In its 38th year the festival has maintained its prestige and ability to attract exceptional talent."

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NDLF 2005 Schedule of Events

Monday, Feb. 14

**Mystery Writing Workshop With
PROFESSOR RALPH MCINERNY***

3-4:30 p.m.

McNeill Room in the LaFortune Student Center

**A Presentation by TODD TUCKER, author
of "Notre Dame vs. The Klan: How the
Fighting Irish Defeated the Ku Klux Klan"**

7:30 p.m.

Oak Room above South Dining Hall

A reception will follow.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

**Authors Panel with RALPH MCINERNY
and JAMES C. MARTIN***

3-4:30 p.m.

McNeill Room in the LaFortune Student Center

**An Evening with EMMA McLAUGHLIN and
NICOLA KRAUS, the authors of
"The Nanny Diaries"**

7:30 p.m.

Washington Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 16

ND UNPLUGGED

A night of original student performances

7-10 p.m.

LaFortune Ballroom

Thursday, Feb. 17

**Children's Literature Writing Workshop
with MICK FOLEY**

4-5:30 p.m.

McNeill Room in the LaFortune Student Center

An Evening with MICK FOLEY
Pro-wrestler turned author**

8 p.m.

Washington Hall

This event is open to ND/SMC/HCC students and faculty/staff only. Must present a valid ND/SMC/HCC student ID upon entrance to the event.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

North Carolina tops UConn, Duke falls to Maryland

Oregon State crushes Washington in a shocking upset Sunday

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Minutes after their latest win, the North Carolina Tar Heels were still talking about their last loss.

Rashad McCants and Raymond Felton had big second halves Sunday to help No. 2 North Carolina beat No. 19 Connecticut 77-70.

That was the Tar Heels' first game since Wednesday night's 71-70 loss at No. 7 Duke, a game that ended with North Carolina failing to get off a shot on its last possession.

"Needless to say we feel a heck of a lot better than we did Wednesday night," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "I talked a great deal about getting that bad taste out of my mouth. We did some nice things today."

Like take over in the second half on both ends of the court.

McCants had 11 of his 15 points in the second half for North Carolina, while Felton had 14 of his 16 points and seven of his 10 assists in the final 20 minutes.

The Tar Heels committed only four turnovers in the second half while forcing the Huskies into 13 of their 22.

"We gave in to great defense. We came apart," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "We weren't mentally tough enough to stay in our offense and the turnovers led to fast-break baskets."

And it was McCants, Felton and classmate Sean May, who had 16 points and 13 rebounds, who made the difference.

The performances by the junior stars enabled the Tar Heels (20-3) to leave the court at the Hartford Civic Center with smiles on their faces instead of the stunned looks they were following the last-play breakdown at Duke.

"It's big, it just shows how much more mature we are as a team and it showed our poise," Felton said. "We just came off a loss. Everybody was still kind of upset about the situation, but we had to come out and play against a big-time team in a big-time place."

Marcus Williams had a career-high 18 points for the Huskies (15-6), who had won three straight and four of five.

"Their wings did a great job denying and they were able to

get right into their offense," said Williams, who didn't practice much during the week because of strep throat. "Playing Felton the whole game and pushing the ball took a lot out of me. I'm tired."

Connecticut led 34-31 after a first half that was played at the pace the Huskies were looking for. The second half was more to the liking of the Tar Heels, who lead the nation in scoring at 91.2 points per game.

Felton hit a 3-pointer with 12:10 left to break the game's final tie and give North Carolina a 51-48 lead. That started a 16-6 run that was capped with McCants' only 3 of the game that made it 64-54 with 7:54 to go.

McCants started the game by missing seven of his first nine shots, but the 3 capped a run where he made four of six shots from the field and scored nine points in as many minutes.

When Connecticut closed within 67-63 on a driving basket by Williams, McCants was the key to the Tar Heels' 8-0 run — although he had only two points during the spurt.

He came up with an offensive rebound on the missed front end of a 1-and-1 by Marvin Williams and fed it back to him for a basket. Then he made a pass to Williams on the wing and the freshman hit a jumper as the shot clock expired that made it 73-63 with 1:48 left.

McCants was also bothered by a bug.

"I've been sick for the last couple of days, so it was just tough for me to get out there and keep my composure and not get down on myself," he said. "But my teammates had confidence in me and kept me in the game and kept giving me good looks and I knocked them down."

Jawad Williams had 17 points for North Carolina, which leads the series 5-1.

Josh Boone had 16 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks for the Huskies, who played without leading scorer Rashad Anderson. The junior swingman is hospitalized as he recovers from an infection in his leg. He is averaging 13.8 points per game and leads the Huskies with 43 3-pointers.

Maryland 99, Duke 92 (OT)

For 40 minutes, Duke withstood a spirited effort by

Maryland in front of a fervent, hostile crowd.

In overtime, however, the seventh-ranked Blue Devils were worn out — and nearly out of players.

Travis Garrison had 17 points and 11 rebounds, and the Terrapins pulled away for a victory Saturday night. Including their win in the finals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament last March, the Terps have won three straight against Duke for the first time since 1982.

"I think it's great. You realize the games were close, so you don't gloat," Maryland coach Gary Williams said. "You just feel good because you beat a great program and a great coach."

John Gilchrist scored 19 points, Chris McCray had 17 and reserve guard Mike Jones added 15 for Maryland (15-7, 6-5 ACC), which completed its first regular-season sweep of the Blue Devils since 1995.

"Good teams play well against each other," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "That's why we play well against them. They're a very good basketball team; they played with high energy and a sense of purpose."

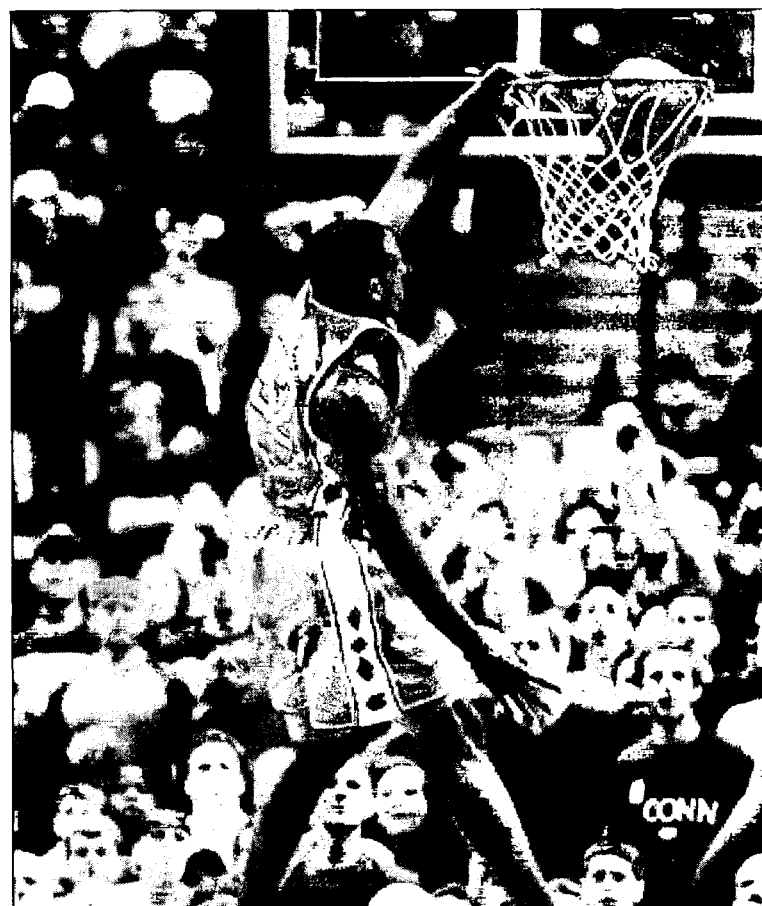
The Blue Devils (18-3, 8-3) staggered to the finish without five players, all of whom fouled out late in regulation or in overtime. Sheldon Williams had 23 points and 16 rebounds, and Daniel Ewing also scored 23. But both were gone long before the finish, as were Shavlik Randolph, Sean Dockery and Lee Melchionni.

"It was frustrating. We were definitely at a disadvantage missing five of our main players," Duke guard J.J. Redick said. "They just had more overall athleticism than we did in overtime because they still had their main guys."

Duke went 0-for-9 from the field in overtime, scoring all four of its points at the line.

With Maryland up 91-90 in the extra session, Garrison scored on a follow and McCray made two foul shots for a five-point cushion. The Blue Devils simply didn't have enough firepower to mount a comeback.

At the final buzzer, the crowd poured onto the court to celebrate another Maryland victory in one of college basketball's fiercest rivalries.



North Carolina's Rashad McCants dunks in the second half of the Tarheel's 77-70 win over Connecticut Sunday.

"It was 12 rounds," Maryland forward Nik Caner-Medley said. "From the break it was up and down and back and forth."

Redick scored 21 for Duke, which fell a game behind first-place Wake Forest in the ACC.

Duke led 86-82 with 1:34 left in regulation, but three-point plays by Gilchrist and Ekene Ibekwe put the Terrapins ahead 88-86 with 39 seconds left. Williams fouled out on the latter play, leaving the Blue Devils lacking in the middle.

DeMarcus Nelson scored on a drive to tie it with 34 seconds left, and Gilchrist and Caner-Medley misfired before the final buzzer.

Oregon St. 90, Washington 73

David Lucas scored 17 of his 23 points in the second half and finished with 10 rebounds to lead Oregon State to a victory over No. 11 Washington on Sunday.

The Huskies (20-4, 10-3 Pac-10) had their four-game winning streak halted, and quietly departed the floor at Gill Coliseum as the Beavers and their fans celebrated at mid-court.

The Beavers (14-9, 6-6) haven't had as many victories since the 1991-92 season. Oregon State has won three

straight overall and raised its record at Gill Coliseum to 10-1.

Brandon Roy scored 25 points for Washington, which shot just 41.2 percent from the floor and shot just 4-for-27 from 3-point range.

Llamar Hurd's fast-break layup gave the Beavers an 89-73 lead with less than 2 minutes left, and the crowd was on its feet. The ovation continued until fans spilled onto the court after the final buzzer.

When the teams met last month in Seattle, Washington routed the Beavers 108-68, and Oregon State coach Jay John was hospitalized after complaining of chest pains and shortness of breath at the half. John was diagnosed with hypertension and missed one other game.

The Beavers played Sunday as if they were determined not to be embarrassed again — especially at home.

Oregon State mounted its challenge late in the first half. Leading 35-34, the Beavers went on a 7-0 run, capped by Chris Stephens' 3-pointer, to make it 42-34. They led 44-37 at the break.

The Beavers picked up their rally in the second half, taking a 52-37 lead on Lucas' layup.

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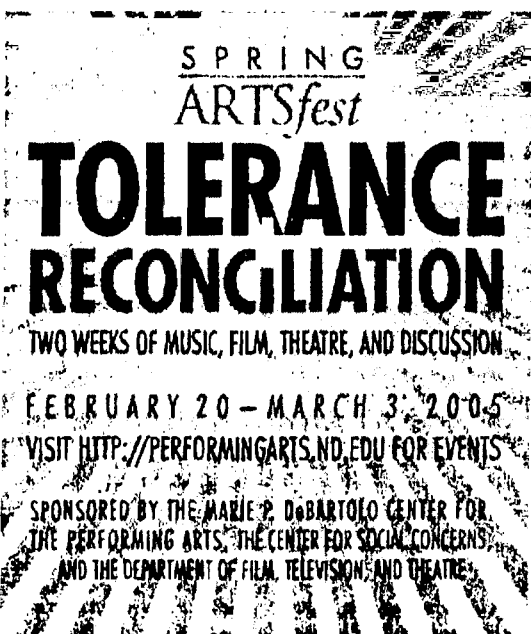
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Saturday, February 19 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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Saturday, February 19 at 3 p.m.



M U S I C

Fleur de Lys

*Disembodied Voices: Music of Women in 17th
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Friday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
Tickets: \$10, \$8 faculty/staff,
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This concert features Danielle Svonavec, soprano;
Mary Anne Ballard, viola da gamba; and Darlene
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MLB

Canseco says his Rangers teammates used steroids

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jose Canseco says he and fellow slugger Mark McGwire were never "buddy buddies" as teammates on the Oakland Athletics, but had at least one thing in common that they talked about regularly: using steroids.

Canseco also admits in an interview with "60 Minutes" that he would never have been a major league-caliber player without using the drugs.

"I don't recommend steroids for everyone and I don't recommend growth hormones for everyone," Canseco tells Mike Wallace. "But for certain individuals, I truly believe, because I've experimented with it for so many years, that it can make an average athlete a super athlete. It can make a super athlete incredible. Just legendary."

The interview was broadcast Sunday on CBS, one day before the release of Canseco's book, "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits & How Baseball Got Big."

Canseco said he and McGwire weren't close, but often injected together and treated the subject of steroids as casual shop-talk.

"Mark and I weren't really

in a sense of buddy buddies," Canseco said. "But there are certain subjects that we could talk about like obviously steroids and so forth."

McGwire, who has repeatedly denied steroid use, said in a statement to the television news magazine: "Once and for all I did not use steroids nor any illegal substance. The relationship that these allegations portray couldn't be further from the truth."

Canseco also told Wallace that steroids give athletes an edge besides increased size and strength. "A lot of it is psychological," he said. "I mean, you really believe you have an edge. You feel the strength, and the stamina."

Canseco also says he introduced steroids to former Texas Rangers teammates Rafael Palmeiro, Juan Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez. All have publicly denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

"I injected them. Absolutely," Canseco said.

Tony La Russa, who managed Oakland when McGwire and Canseco helped the A's win a World Series, has stood behind McGwire's denial, telling "60 Minutes" that the first baseman got his strength and size from weightlifting and a careful diet.

NFL Pro Bowl

AFC outduels NFC 38-27

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Peyton Manning was still at the peak of his game in the Pro Bowl, and Michael Vick showed he's only beginning the climb.

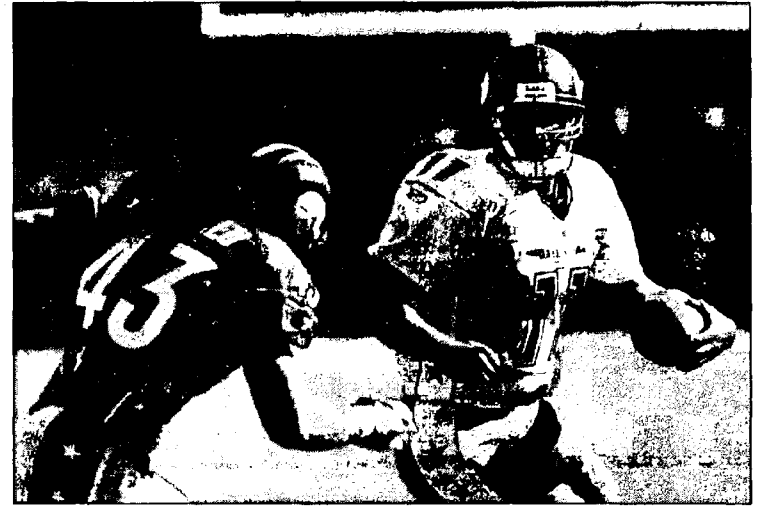
Manning threw three touchdown passes to extend his career record in the NFL's all-star game, while Vick led the NFC to 17 points in a second-half comeback that fell short in the AFC's 38-27 victory Sunday.

Pittsburgh's Hines Ward caught a touchdown pass and returned an onside kick for a score, and three Chargers stars led the clinching TD drive in the fourth quarter of the AFC's seventh victory in nine meetings.

Manning, the regular-season MVP after breaking Dan Marino's NFL record with 49 touchdown passes, completed just six passes for 130 yards. But three were spectacular scoring tosses, and the Colts quarterback was named the MVP in his fifth trip to the Pro Bowl.

The game didn't quite have the offensive fireworks of last season's 107-point marathon, but Manning and Vick thrilled the 26th straight sellout crowd at Aloha Stadium with exhibitions of their strengths: Manning's expert throws and Vick's jaw-dropping elusiveness and creativity.

Manning has thrown 11 TD passes in the Pro Bowl, four more than any quarterback in NFL history. He hit Colts teammate Marvin Harrison, Ward and San Diego's Antonio Gates in the first 25 minutes while



NFC quarterback Daunte Culpepper, right, of the Vikings, runs around AFC's Troy Polamalu of the Steelers during the Pro Bowl.

the AFC built a 28-10 halftime lead.

But Vick was determined to make a splash in his first trip to Hawaii — and with the Atlanta coaching staff calling the plays, he led three straight scoring drives after entering the game in the third quarter. Vick was 14-of-24 for 205 yards and a score, nimbly avoiding several sacks along the way.

The NFC got within 31-27 on David Akers' field goal, but the AFC's San Diego connection took over. Drew Brees hit Gates for a 33-yard gain on a flea-flicker play selected by fans in an online vote, and LaDainian Tomlinson finished the drive with a 4-yard TD run with 5:15 to play.

Harrison scored on a 62-yard pass from his Indianapolis teammate in the first quarter, tying Jimmy

Smith's career record with his fifth Pro Bowl touchdown. Ward followed with a 41-yard TD catch on a pinpoint throw from Manning, and he celebrated with a goofy hula dance with Vili the Warrior, the University of Hawaii's mascot.

Philadelphia's Brian Westbrook scored on a 12-yard run later in the half — but when the NFC tried an onside kick, Ward leaped for the ball and outran several defenders, avoiding tackles and somersaulting through the end zone.

It was the first touchdown on a kickoff return in the 55-year history of the Pro Bowl.

Vick went 4-of-6 and hit Torry Holt for a 27-yard touchdown play in the first series of his first Pro Bowl appearance. Vick, a four-year veteran, had to drop out of the 2003 game with an injury.

PGA

Lefty wins again at Pebble Beach Pro-Am

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Phil Mickelson took all the thrills out of Pebble Beach, and that was just fine by him.

Despite back-to-back bogeys that gave the final round Sunday about five minutes of intrigue, Mickelson won for the second straight week by closing with a 1-over 73 to become the first wire-to-wire winner in the 68-year history of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

The only thing he didn't do on a cold, damp day along the Pacific was set the tournament scoring record. Mickelson finished at 19-under 269, missing by one shot the record set seven years ago by Mark O'Meara.

Still, it was the first time in his career he had won in consecutive weeks. Even more alarming is the margin of victory, especially for a guy who usually keeps it entertaining to the very end.

He won by five shots last week in Phoenix. He wound up winning Pebble by four shots over Mike Weir. Going into this year, Mickelson had won his previous eight PGA Tour events by a combined nine shots, three of those in playoffs.

"It's been fun," Mickelson said. "I've been playing well the last couple of weeks. I'm excited to get the year started with a couple of wins."

The margin might have

been even wider except that Mickelson missed six birdie putts inside 18 feet over the final seven holes.

Weir posted the best round of a difficult day at Pebble with a 5-under 67, including a 3-wood into 6 feet for the only birdie on No. 9 that kept his hopes alive. After another birdie on the 11th, Weir looked exasperated as six straight putts burned the edge of the cup, and his eagle chip on the 18th just turned away.

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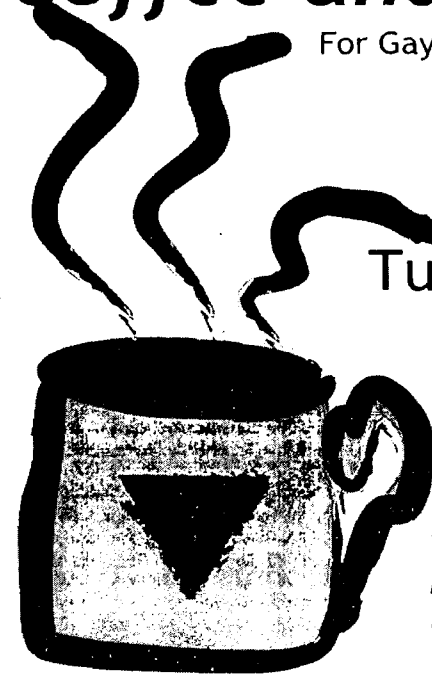
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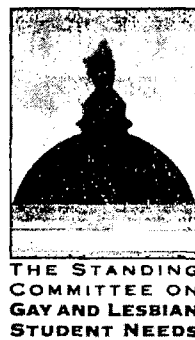
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NOTRE DAME	10-2	22-3
Rutgers	9-2	18-5
Connecticut	9-2	16-6
Boston College	7-4	16-6
Villanova	7-4	14-8
St. John's	6-6	17-6
Seton Hall	6-6	14-9
West Virginia	4-7	13-9
Georgetown	4-7	9-13
Pittsburgh	3-8	11-11
Syracuse	3-9	11-12
Providence	0-11	1-21

Men's College Basketball Big East Standings

team	conf.	overall
Boston College	9-1	20-1
Syracuse	9-2	22-3
Georgetown	8-3	16-6
Pittsburgh	7-3	17-4
Connecticut	7-3	15-6
NOTRE DAME	6-5	14-7
Villanova	5-5	14-6
West Virginia	4-7	14-8
Seton Hall	3-7	11-10
Rutgers	2-9	8-13
St. John's	2-9	8-13
Providence	1-9	11-13

Central College Hockey Association

team	conference	overall
Michigan	19-3-2	22-7-3
Ohio State	19-4-1	22-7-3
Northern Michigan	13-7-4	15-9-6
Nebraska-Omaha	11-10-3	15-12-3
Alaska Fairbanks	10-11-3	11-12-3
Bowling Green	10-9-3	13-11-4
Miami (Ohio)	9-12-3	13-15-4
Lake Superior State	7-10-5	8-16-6
Michigan State	8-11-3	13-14-4
Ferris State	6-14-4	11-17-4
Western Michigan	6-14-2	11-15-2
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NBA



Former Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone announced his retirement on Sunday. His wife Kay, left, accompanied him. Malone was with the Jazz for 18 years, followed by a year with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Jazz's Malone retires after 19 years and no ring

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — As much as Karl Malone wanted to win an NBA title, he just didn't have the desire to play a 20th season.

Malone officially announced his retirement Sunday, ending his career where it started when the Utah Jazz selected him with the 13th pick in the 1985 draft.

"Even though I left for a year, I grew here as a Jazz man," Malone said at a news conference at the Delta Center. "If I'm fortunate enough to go into the Hall of Fame, I will go as a Jazz man."

The 41-year-old finishes second on the NBA's career scoring list with 36,928 points, just 1,459 behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Malone met with the San Antonio Spurs last week and was considering

a return, hoping for one more chance at a championship ring, but he decided that mentally he couldn't play at the level that made him one of the best ever in the league.

Malone had knee surgery last summer and said he was fully recovered from the injury that forced him to miss half of last season. But his mind wasn't up to returning to basketball.

"When I got on that plane, I knew I was done. That it was time," Malone said. "I look at basketball as 100 percent physically and 100 percent mentally. And if I can't bring you 200 percent, from me, I can't bring you anything."

Malone said he wanted to keep from getting too emotional, and he succeeded — even recalling Utah's glory days of the 1990s. Sitting on platform with his wife, Kay, Jazz

owner Larry Miller and coach Jerry Sloan, Malone thanked the Jazz for picking him after 12 teams had passed.

Malone was the league's MVP in 1997 and '99. One of the most durable players ever, Malone is also second only to Abdul-Jabbar's 57,446 minutes played with 54,852. Malone's 14,968 rebounds rank him sixth all-time and he also was a 14-time All-Star selection, winning the game MVP in 1989 and sharing it with longtime teammate John Stockton in 1993.

"I had great players in Karl Malone and John Stockton, so I was very lucky," Sloan said. "I said all along when I had them. You don't find this every day. And you know what? There was a great deal of jealousy that people had of those guys because of that."

IN BRIEF

Safina downs No. 2 seed Mauresmo to win Open

PARIS — Dinara Safina of Russia beat second-seeded Amelie Mauresmo of France 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 to win the Open Gaz de France on Sunday.

Safina, the sister of two-time Grand Slam winner Marat Safin, clinched her third WTA career title following wins at Palermo in 2003 and Sopot in 2002.

Mauresmo, who won here in 2001, finished second for the third time.

"She took her chances and was more solid than me," Mauresmo said. "I had a lot of chances to break in the first set but she finished by coming out on top. I didn't play my best, but that's the way it goes."

Down 2-1 in the final set, Mauresmo saved one break point with a booming serve but then hit a wild forehand long. Safina won the game, then went up 5-1.

Mauresmo rallied, breaking Safina and holding easily to get to 5-3. But

Safina went ahead 40-15 serving for the match, and clinched the championship with an overhead smash Mauresmo was unable to return.

Gaudio beats Puerta in all-Argentine final

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Second-seeded Gaston Gaudio beat wild card Mariano Puerta 6-4, 6-4 in an all-Argentine final at the ATP Buenos Aires on Sunday.

Gaudio, the 2004 French Open winner, waited for his chances and got the only service break of the first set in the fifth game to take a 3-2 lead. He kept that lead to take the first set as a sold-out crowd of 6,500 packed the stands at center court.

The second set featured long, blistering rallies and evenly matched play. Though a tiring Gaudio made more mistakes, his well-placed forehand shots and serve made the difference.

"I was very tired in the second set but perhaps my greater experience and having more confidence enabled

me to win this even match," said Gaudio, who has been playing daily for the last two weeks. "I've been playing with a lot more confidence ever since winning Roland Garros."

White Sox trade Escobar for Owens from the Nationals

WASHINGTON — The Washington Nationals acquired outfielder Alex Escobar from the Chicago White Sox on Sunday in exchange for minor league outfielder Jerry Owens.

A former top prospect for the New York Mets, the 26-year-old Escobar's career has been slowed by injuries. He has a .229 average with nine home runs and 34 RBIs in 92 games with the Mets and Cleveland Indians.

Escobar missed the 2002 season with a torn knee ligament, and played in 46 games for Cleveland last year before his season was cut short by a stress fracture in his right foot. He was claimed off waivers by the White Sox in August and was immediately placed on the 15-day disabled list.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team loses one set and shuts out Boston College



Observer File Photo

Lauren Connelly returns a shot in a match last season against Wisconsin. Connelly and the Irish swept Boston College Sunday.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The No. 21 Irish lost just one set against Boston College en route to a 7-0 shellacking of the No. 60 Golden Eagles.

With the victory, Notre Dame has put itself in excellent position to clinch to No. 1 seed at the Big East tournament in Tampa on April 21-23. Boston College is the only Big East team besides Notre Dame currently ranked in the national rankings.

In doubles, Notre Dame got 8-4 wins from its No. 1 and No. 3 pairings and a 8-2 victory at the No. 2 position to give the Irish the doubles point. Lauren Connelly and Brook Buck

defeated Lindsey Nash and Gia Nafarette at the No. 2 position, improving their team-best doubles record to 16-4.

At No. 3, Sarah Jane Connelly and Kristina Stastny had no trouble with Boston College's Caitlin Arnould and Morgan Landes, and Notre Dame's top doubles team of Catrina and Christian Thompson dispatched Szilvia Szegedi and Nida Waseem.

The Irish were equally impressive in singles competition with Catrina Thompson knocking off Szegedi 6-3, 1-0 at No. 1 in a match that was shortened when Szegedi retired with an injury.

At No. 2, Buck defeated Waseem 6-1, 6-2, and Christian Thompson disposed

of Nash by a score of 6-2, 6-0 at the No. 3 position.

At No. 4, Lauren Connelly and Landes had the most competitive match, with Connelly winning 6-0, 4-6, 1-0 (13-11) to improve her match tiebreaker record to 5-0. Stastny knocked off Amy Molden 6-3, 6-0 at No. 5, and Liz Donohue defeated Nafarette 6-1, 6-2 to close out the victory at the No. 6 position.

With the shutout victory, the Irish improved their all-time record against Boston College to 11-0.

Notre Dame returns home Friday to face No. 6 Duke at 3:30 p.m.

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Irish finish fourth of six teams at Windsor

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Mission accomplished.

Two simple words that describe the results for the Notre Dame women's track team at this weekend's Windsor Team Challenge in Windsor, Ontario.

A partial squad of Irish runners finished fourth out of six teams, but achieved its meet goal by qualifying two runners for next weekend's Big East Championships. Freshmen Becky Antas and Rachel Heneghan both qualified for by running sub 3-minute times in the 1,000 meters.

In addition to qualifying runners for the Big East meet, the Irish also focused on getting their sprinters experience on the short, 200-meter track. The athletes responded with several standout performances. Maryann Erigha won the 60-meter dash in 7.53 seconds, and teammates Brienne Davis and Dominique Manning were close behind in second and fourth respectively.

Erigha also won the 300, while Okechi Ogbuokiri finished second.

Tiffany Gunn notched another victory for the Irish in the 600 meters, with freshman Crysta Swayzer finishing third.

Notre Dame did not send any distance runners who had previously notched Big East qualifying times, nor did they send any relay teams or field athletes to the meet. The coaching staff chose to leave these athletes behind to allow them to rest for next weekend.

In a field that featured four Canadian schools, and the University of Detroit Mercy, the level of competition was much less than the Irish expect at the Big East meet. Coach Tim Connelly did not seem concerned.

"It was a very low-key environment, a very relaxed

atmosphere," Connelly said. "Sometimes that is good to have before entering meets where the competition is going to be heated and everyone is tense."

Competition is expected to be fierce Friday and Saturday in Syracuse, N.Y. for the conference meet.

The Irish are confident going into the Big East finals, despite the fact that they have not won the championship since 2002.

Connelly was pleased with his team's final tune up this weekend and can now turn his attention to the Big East.

"We got done what we set out to do," Connelly said. "Now it's on to the conference meet."

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Tim Connelly
Irish coach



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Irish runner Dominique Manning competes in the 60-meter hurdles at the Mayo Invitational Feb. 5. Manning finished fourth in the 60-meter dash at the Windsor Team Challenge this weekend.

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HOCKEY

Irish drop pair of games against Bulldogs

Late Ferris goal dooms ND Friday; defense gives up four goals Saturday

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

In a season that has been frustrating to say the least, the Irish found new ways to lose this weekend, dropping two games to Ferris State by scores of 4-3 Friday and 4-2 Saturday.

A shorthanded goal with under a minute left in the third period proved to be the difference Friday night, and the Bulldogs' four-goal second period Saturday night moved Notre Dame's winless streak to 13 games.

"To give up the winning goal shorthanded in the last minute, I can't really explain that," Irish coach Dave Poulin said following Friday's game.

Friday night started off as usual for the Irish, as they got down 1-0 early on a Jeff Legue goal. Following a Notre Dame turnover, Legue took control of the puck, cut across the ice from the right circle and scored on Irish goalie Morgan Cey for his 18th goal of the season at 1:11 of the first period.

Ferris State extended its lead to two goals at 13:50, when Jim Jorgensen took a pass from Greg Rallo and beat Cey with a backhanded shot in close.

Notre Dame responded at 16:15 when Mark Van Guilder deflected an Evan Rankin pass into the net to cut the lead to 2-1.

The Bulldogs scored quickly to open the second period on a Derek Nesbitt score at 3:53.

The Irish responded about six

minutes later when Noah Babin took a pass from forward T.J. Jindra and ripped a slap shot from the point, beating goalie Derek MacIntyre at 9:41.

At 12:23, Ferris State defenseman Adam Welch was penalized for hooking.

Notre Dame capitalized on the penalty at 13:02 when Jason Paige collected a rebound off a Wes O'Neill shot, beating MacIntyre from the left circle and tying the game at three a piece.

The remainder of the second period was scoreless, and the Irish looked poised to snap their losing streak that had extended back to Jan. 2.

Notre Dame had a clear chance to take the lead at 11:18 when Mike Walsh ripped a shot right at MacIntyre's chest. The puck fell to the right side of the crease, but the referee whistled the play dead before the Irish tapped the loose puck into the net.

"That's the way it's going right now," Poulin said. "It was a real quick whistle, and that's just the way it's going."

At 17:46, Nesbitt was called for hooking, and the Irish looked poised to take the lead again on the power play. But it was Ferris State that would benefit from the penalty.

With a little over a minute remaining in the game, the Irish were up pressing on offense, trying to score the game-winning goal. Welch took the puck from the right boards and exploited Notre Dame's inability to get back on defense.

Welch led a 3-on-2 up the ice, leading to a Matt Verdone game winning short-handed goal.

"You think that you can't find a new way, we found a new way tonight," Poulin said, alluding to the ways in which his team has been losing games this year.

Sophomore defenseman Noah Babin was on the ice for all four of the Bulldogs' goals.

It appeared early Saturday night the Irish had forgotten about Friday's painful defeat, as they leapt out to a 1-0 lead at 9:26 in the first period.

Positioned near the right circle, Babin scored on a one-timer from Josh Sciba who was positioned behind the net. It was the first time the Irish had scored first in a game since Jan. 14.

The Irish played a very intense first period, but their momentum seemed to change at 17:58 when Walsh got a 5-minute major for checking from behind.

Poulin stressed this was what changed the game in his mind — a penalty that to him was completely inexcusable.

"I thought the five minute major changed the game," Poulin said. "We were much aware of the puck in the first period ... and then the late 5-minute penalty changed the entire flow of the entire game."

"It's a tough call, and yet any time a player is hit from behind at all, I want to see it called. When I played it wasn't a penalty, because it never happened — you never hit anyone from behind."

From here, Ferris State would go



BETH WERNET/The Observer

Irish forward Cory McLean, who scored Saturday against Ferris State, takes the puck up the ice against Nebraska Omaha on Feb. 5.

on to score four goals in the second period — two of which came during the 5-minute game misconduct.

The first goal came just 21 seconds into the second period, when Nesbitt deflected a Legue pass into the net, beating goalie David Brown, to tie the score at one.

At 3:11, Verdone took a backdoor pass from Zac Pearson and tipped it in the net, and at 14:16 Rallo scored off a pass from Nesbitt who was stationed behind the net.

Notre Dame's struggles continued when they were unable to clear the puck during a penalty kill stemming from a Rankin holding

call.

Ferris State kept the puck in the Irish zone, eventually leading to a Legue score at 18:47.

The sole Irish goal in the period came at 10:02 when Chris Trick found Cory McLean, who cut across the ice and flopped one behind MacIntyre.

The Irish failed to get any offense going in the third period, managing just three shots in the period.

"We couldn't generate anything, they pulled back and played defense, and we absolutely couldn't generate anything," Poulin said.

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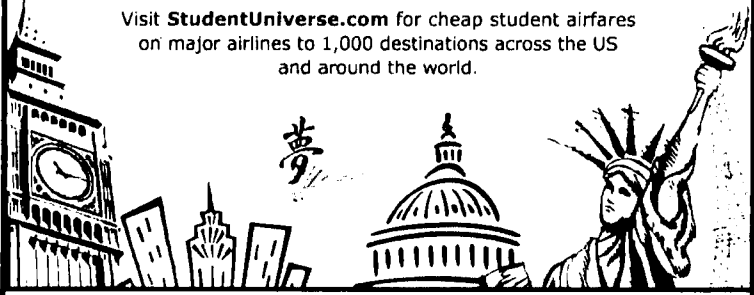
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Can anything else go wrong?

About the only thing missing from this season is a black cat running across the ice during an intermission.

The latest episode in a snake-bitten year took place in Friday night's game against Ferris State, with the Irish and Bulldogs knotted at three goals apiece late. Irish defenseman Luke Lucyk was whistled for hooking with 6 minutes left in the period and Notre Dame trying desperately to hold on to its momentum after coming back from a 3-1 deficit earlier in the game.

If the Irish could kill the penalty, it would give a boost to the team and give them momentum heading down the final minutes of the contest. Not only did Notre Dame kill the penalty, but it didn't even allow Ferris State's offense a look at Irish goalie Morgan Cey.

And 13 seconds after killing Lucyk's minor, Ferris State was slapped with a penalty of its own — a bench minor for too many men on the ice. Sensing a perfect time to rally his troops, Irish coach Dave Poulin called his team's only

timeout.

"I just wanted everyone to get a breather," he said. "Our power plays are all for different lines, and we took the timeout so that each line would be able to catch its breath."

The hockey gods finally seemed to shine on Notre Dame following the timeout, as Ferris State forward Derek Nesbitt was whistled for hooking at 17:43, giving the Irish a 5-on-3 advantage.

But things started to go wrong for the Irish from the very beginning.

Forward Mike Walsh jammed his finger against the boards and had to stay on the bench, then forward Mark Van Guilder had trouble with his skate and had to retreat to the bench to re-lace it.

Even with their lines jumbled, the Irish were still able to get several chances on Bulldog goalie Derek MacIntyre. But none of those chances were as close as when Irish forward Evan Rankin managed to get off a hard shot from point-blank range that MacIntyre was able to swat away.

Focused entirely on getting the go-ahead goal and their first win in 13 games, the Irish weren't able to get back in time after Ferris State's Adam Welch took the puck down the ice on a 3-on-2 rush.

For Irish fans who have watched this team all season,

what happened next shouldn't have been a surprise.

Welch skated down the left side and made a quick pass across the ice to Matt Verdone, who broke the hearts of the Notre Dame faithful with a quick wrist shot that beat Cey with just 53 seconds remaining.

Notre Dame did everything right in this game — they scored two power play goals; they came back from a two-goal deficit; Cey came up with big saves at big moments — but once again, as has happened 21 times already this season, the Irish ended up in the losing column.

Following the game, Poulin was speechless as he tried to explain what had just happened to his team.

"A shorthanded goal with less than a minute left ... I just can't explain that," he said.

This time last year, the Irish were getting excited about the prospects of making the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history. Now, they're trying to avoid finishing the year with the worst record in the program's history.

Now that's something hard to explain.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team picks up two much-needed wins

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

After a brief setback last weekend, the Irish got back on track with a pair of 7-0 victories against Marquette and the University of Indianapolis this weekend.

Marquette, who will join the Big East Conference next year, put up a solid fight in doubles but fell to an Irish squad eager to improve to 7-2.

The No. 29 Irish then topped Division-II University of Indianapolis with ease to improve to 8-2 as the team prepares to face No. 39 Northwestern Friday.

"These were matches that I felt we were the favorite in," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We needed to play up to our capabilities and I think we did that."

The doubleheader allowed Bayliss to manipulate the lineup and the players' positions.

"The second match was one in which we were able to get some of the guys into the lineup who hadn't had much chance to play, and that's always rewarding," he said.

Against Marquette, the Irish swept the doubles point, although the team's No. 2 pair of Eric Langenkamp and Sheeva Parbhu played through a tiebreaker to win 9-8 (7-2). Jimmy and Stephen Bass were first off the courts with an 8-5 victory at the third spot, and the team's top duo of Brent D'Amico and Ryan Keckley posted another 8-5 victory for three Irish wins.

"I felt that Marquette was a very well-coached in doubles," Bayliss said.

In singles, Stephen Bass — currently ranked at No. 78 nationally — won 6-0, 6-2 for the second Notre Dame point of the match. No. 112-

nationally ranked Barry King followed him at the third position with a 6-1, 6-1 win, and Keckley clinched the match with a 6-1, 6-4 win.

Langenkamp also put up a 6-2, 6-2 win at No. 6; Patrick Buchanan battled to 6-3, 6-4 point at No. 4; and D'Amico finished the match with a 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 win at No. 1.

"We feel like we have eight starters in singles," Bayliss said. "I think Eric and Ryan Keckley are quite good and in fact started most of last year, and we need to get them in some matches."

Against Indianapolis, the Irish performed even better, not losing a single set to the Greyhounds. In doubles, D'Amico and Keckley raced off the courts with an 8-1 win, and Brandon Pierpont and Yuichi Uda posted an 8-1 win at No. 3 to clinch the point for the Irish. Captain Nick Chimerakis and Peter Graham, playing at No. 2, recorded an 8-2 victory to seal the deal for the Irish.

In singles, King was first off the courts with a 6-2, 6-0 win at No. 2. He was followed by Keckley at No. 5, who won 6-0, 6-1. The match was clinched by Irackli Akhvlediani, who won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4.

Debuting at No. 3 for the first time in his career, Parbhu won 6-1, 6-1, and Langenkamp won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 6.

Bass returned to the No. 1 spot, winning 6-2, 6-3.

Although the wins are good for the Irish record, Bayliss is careful to keep the victories in perspective.

"When there's no cause to just jump up and down, I don't think we should be doing it," he said. "From here on in, it's tough sledding."

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FENCING

Irish shine at Duke Duals

Both squads finish competition with 4-0 records

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

As the regular season comes to a close, the Irish are in a strong position for both postseason competition and in their own history books.

The Notre Dame men's and women's squads, ranked No. 4 and No. 2 respectively, both concluded their regular seasons with 4-0 records at the Duke Duals over the weekend.

Coach Janusz Bednarski was pleased in the performances of his teams.

"We did pretty well in the competition," he said. "My feeling is that we had a good tournament."

After defeating Johns Hopkins 20-7 and Duke, North Carolina and Air Force all by a score of 21-6, the Irish men are in good shape heading into the postseason, finishing with a regular season record of 21-3.

The men were led by three-time All-American senior epeeist Michal Soberiaj and freshman Greg Howard, who went 10-2 and 11-1, respectively. Soberiaj finished the season with a record of 65-4, the third most wins ever by a men's fencer and the most by an epeeist. His career .936 winning percentage is also tops for an epeeist, and his 176-12 career record is second among epeeists and seventh in all weapons.

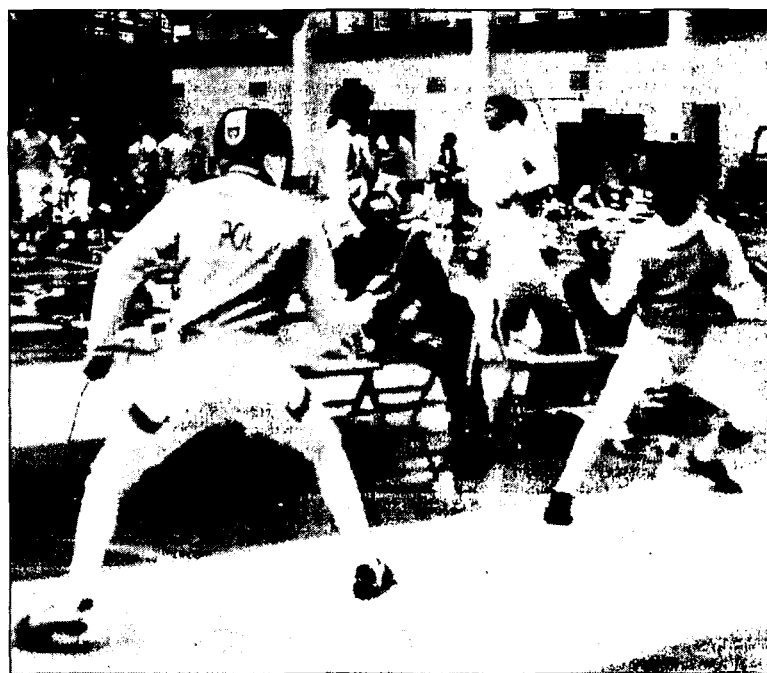
Despite their accomplishments, Bednarski anticipates Soberiaj and other decorated senior fencers are still hungry.

"I hope they will go on to medals [at the NCAA Championships] and did not finish the season already," he said.

While the men's epee unit led all weapons with a 29-7 record, the foils and sabres also competed well, compiling respective records of 28-8 and 26-10.

Freshman Jakub Jedrkowiak led the foilists with a perfect 12-0 record, while sophomore All-American Patrick Ghattas matched his record to head the sabre attack.

Throughout the season, the



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Irish freshman Jakub Jedrkowiak, left, competes at the Notre Dame Duals earlier this season.

Irish dominated opponents in all three weapons. Behind Soberiaj, the epeeists were a perfect 24-0, while the sabres went 20-4 and the foilists ended the season at 17-7.

The Notre Dame women were equally successful in Durham, defeating North Carolina 21-6 and Johns Hopkins 26-1, while triumphing over Duke and Air Force by scores of 16-11 and 22-5 respectively. These scores were especially impressive considering the Irish were without three of their top fencers, as All-American sophomore epeeist Amy Orlando, freshman sabre Mariel Zagunis missed the event to compete in an international qualifying event and senior foilist and three-time champion Alicja Kryczalo also did not compete.

In fact, in an effort to begin preparing for next season, Bednarski allowed many backups to see action this weekend.

"My thinking was a little risky. I didn't want to lose the position of the team, which is strong, but I wanted to give kids a chance to think that they can replace [our seniors]," he said.

Three time All-American senior foilist Andrea Ament and fifth-year epeeist Kerry Walton both went undefeated at Duke, adding 12 wins to their already impressive totals. Sophomore sabre and 2004 NCAA champion Valerie Provenza and freshman foilist Melanie Bautista both followed closely at 11-1. Walton's record of 175-28 is fourth all-time among women's epeeists and 11th in all weapons for most career wins, and Kryczalo's .931 winning percentage is 3rd highest all-time in Notre Dame women's fencing.

On the season, the foilists were an undefeated 24-0, while both the sabres and epeeists amassed 20-4 records.

With all that the Irish have behind them, Bednarski notes that the most important part of the season is still ahead.

"We have strong opponents, some very good, high class fencers coming up [at the NCAAs]," he said. "It will not be easy."

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Booth gave up five hits while ringing up eight strikeouts, including clutch back-to-back strikeouts with a runner in scoring position to end the sixth inning. The win came after an up-and-down tournament in which the Irish struggled early but dominated late.

The team lost on Friday to both Florida and No. 21 South Florida, but came back Saturday to beat Coastal Carolina and South Florida before winning the tournament with an upset victory over Florida on Sunday.

Booth got plenty of support in the title game from her teammates, who took some pressure off her by putting runs on the board.

Three Irish players each finished with three hits, including two RBI singles from National Player of the Year candidate Megan Ciolli. Freshman Katie Laing helped manufacture two runs with a pair of doubles, and junior Sara Schoonaert was able to get her first two hits of the season, including a fifth-inning RBI single that helped chase Florida starting pitcher Stacey Stevens from the game.

Florida, which had won its four games in the tournament and was off to the best start in school history with its 11-0 record, jumped ahead early when an error by Irish third baseman Liz Hartmann with runners on first and second and no outs allowed a runner to score.

The Irish managed to shut down the Gator rally, and quickly responded in the third inning. Laing led off with a double, and moved to third on a sacrifice by sophomore Jessica Hufnagle. An RBI groundout by sophomore Stephanie Brown scored

Laing and tied the game.

Laing continued to be the spark for the Irish offense in the fifth inning. She once again led off with a double, and moved to third with a second sacrifice by Hufnagle. With a single up the middle by Schoonaert, Laing scored and put the Irish ahead for good. Ciolli's RBI single later in the inning to score Schoonaert would prove to be the game winner. Florida would come within a run when Booth allowed an RBI double in the sixth, but her consecutive strikeouts to end the inning and a second RBI by Ciolli sealed the victory for the Irish.

The win against No. 19 Florida was the first time since 2001 that Notre Dame has recorded two consecutive wins against ranked opponents. The Irish got their first victory over a ranked opponent, and their trip to the title game, after beating No. 21 South Florida 5-1 the day before.

After losing to both Florida and South Florida on Friday, the Irish were able to avenge both losses and leave Gainesville with a strong performance and a GRU Classic title.

The key to both victories was strong pitching. Senior Stephanie Stenglein, rebounding from a loss on the first day of the tournament, turned in a dominating performance, recording a complete game three-hitter and striking out 10 while giving up only one run against South Florida.

Stenglein got plenty of support from her offense, which had seven hits, a vast improvement from the previous night, when the team was held to only one. The leader of the Notre Dame attack was junior Kellie Middleton, who jacked a two-run homer over the left field wall to extend the Irish lead to 4-1. Middleton also created the first run for her team when she singled, stole second, and scored

on a throwing error. The Irish showed as much skill playing small ball as they did playing long ball during Saturday's win. Middleton's third inning steal was one of six by Notre Dame, one shy of the school record. Ciolli had three steals, while Laing added another two.

Notre Dame 2, Coastal Carolina 0

The Irish claimed their first victory of the season behind a two-hit complete game shutout by Booth. The game remained scoreless until the fourth inning, when Notre Dame broke it open with back-to-back doubles by Middleton and Ciolli. The Irish got their second run when Laing doubled to the left-center gap for her first career hit, then scored when Stephanie Brown beat out an infield single for the RBI.

South Florida 5, Notre Dame 0

The Irish started the season 0-2 for the first time since 1997 with a loss to close out Friday that featured struggles on both offense and defense. Notre Dame managed just one hit, a single by Ciolli in the seventh, and committed three errors in the field, resulting in four unearned runs. Heather Booth took the loss, going seven innings and giving up six hits while striking out two.

Florida 3, Notre Dame 2

The Irish opened up their season in disappointing fashion, dropping the first game of the tournament despite outpitching Florida, 4-3. Stephanie Stenglein pitched 6.1 innings, giving up three runs and allowing three hits and four walks while striking out seven. An RBI double by Meagan Ruthrauff gave the team an early lead, but the Irish could not hold on. Ruthrauff also singled to start a potential comeback in the seventh, but the rally was not

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles end lackluster season on a sour note

Swimmers come in last place at MIAA Championships

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's swimming team competed in the three-day MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships over the weekend. The Belles finished in last place out of the seven participants, amassing only 141 total points.

On Thursday, the Belles finished in fifth place in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1 minute, 43 seconds. Saint Mary's missed capturing fourth place by 12 hundredths of a second.

Sarah Nowak gave the team a spark in the 200-yard individual medley with a final time of 2:13 and a fourth-place finish.

The team's disappointing start to the championships dropped them into sixth place at the conclusion of a day one as it registered only 49 total points.

On Friday, Nowak once again shined for the Belles as she concluded the 100-yard breaststroke in second place with a time of 1:08. But in the 800-yard freestyle relay, the Belles could not place any higher than fifth.

Saint Mary's totaled 106 points going into the final day of the MIAA tournament, only five points ahead of last-place Alma.

Saturday offered little for

the Belles to celebrate and concluded in much the same way as the previous two days had for the team. Nowak was once again outstanding, as she again placed second in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:28.

In the meet's finale, the 400-yard freestyle relay, arguably Saint Mary's strongest event throughout the season, the team of Kelly Nelis, Nicole Korte, Bridget Green and Nowak finished in fifth place. The team concluded the event with a time of 3:45.

The Belles' struggles on day three were enough for Alma to overtake them for sixth, leaving Saint Mary's in last place.

Nowak was honored as the performer of the meet for Saint Mary's for the second time this year. She was also recognized as the team's most valuable swimmer in the second meet of the season with her outstanding performances against Hope and Olivet.

The Belles concluded league action with a final record of 1-5, placing them in sixth place in the conference.

As for the Belles, they are graduating only two seniors this year in swimmers Ashley Dyer and Michelle Stanforth. Next year, the young team will look to improve upon this season's strengths and weakness and hope to come one step closer to capturing an MIAA title.

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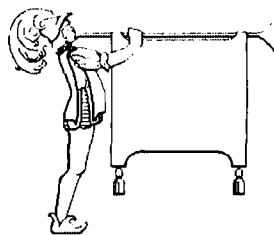
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"That creates so many more opportunities for us."

With 6 minutes showing on the game clock, Kessler combined defense and offense, stripping Scot center Darcie Philp at one end and hitting a 3-pointer at the other end to give Saint Mary's its first lead of the half.

Quickly, though, Alma regained the lead when Ashley Matuzak made her only field goal of the game on the team's ensuing possession.

The teams went back-and-forth until the Belles, down by one, turned the ball over with 1:15 left in the game. After a reach-in foul on Saint Mary's — just the team's fifth of the half, Scot star Katey Peacock scored the final two of her 19 points with 25.5 seconds remaining to give Alma a four-point lead.

With 8.6 seconds left, Kessler drew a foul as she rebounded a missed 3-pointer. After draining the first free throw and cutting the deficit to three, Kessler appeared to have tried to miss the second, but the ball bounced in for the MIAA's leading free-throw shooter.

The Belles then saw 3.2 seconds run off the clock after having to foul twice to force the Scots into the bonus. With 5.4 seconds left, Alma's Ashley Borchering made the front end of a one-and-one to give

the Scots a two-point lead.

When she missed the second, Katie Boyce grabbed the rebound, ran down court and took the shot.

Her off-balance, desperation 3-pointer clanked off the rim, and the Belles are in a tie for seventh place with Adrian in the MIAA. Whichever team finishes eighth must win a play-in game before the MIAA tournament just to earn the daunting task of facing the No. 1 seed.

Saturday's game was "a tough loss," Kessler said, "but ... our expectations are to win our next two games, without a doubt."

Alma 53, SAINT MARY'S 51 at ANGELA ATHLETIC CETER

SAINT MARY'S (9-14, 4-10)

Creachbaum 3-10 3-5 9, Bush 6-16 0-1 12, K. Boyce 2-5 0-0 4, Lipke 1-9 0-0 2, B. Boyce 3-10 3-4 11, Kessler 2-5 3-4 8, Mullen 1-3 0-0 2, Mangan 0-3 3-4 3.

ALMA (5-9, 10-10)

Peacock 9-15 1-1 19, Dettling 0-3 0-0 0, E. Philp 4-5 0-0 8, Lounds 1-4 0-0 2, Borchering 2-5 3-4 8, VanDamme 0-1 0-0 0, Way 1-4 1-2 3, Matuzak 1-4 1-2 3, D. Philp 3-13 5-6 10 16.

	1st	2nd	Total
SAINT MARY'S	22	29	51
Alma	25	28	53

3-point goals: SMC 3-13 (K. Boyce 0-3, Lipke 0-2, B. Boyce 2-7, Kessler 1-1), Alma 2-8 (Peacock 0-2, Lounds 0-1, Borchering 1-2, Way 1-2, Matuzak 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: SMC 41 (Creachbaum, Bush and K. Boyce 9), Alma 38 (Dettling 13). Assists: Saint Mary's 10 (Lipke 3), Alma 8 (Lounds 3). Total fouls: SMC 13, Alma 16.

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Panthers

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the arc.

Quinn almost played the hero for Notre Dame, scoring six straight points in 47 seconds to give the Irish their final lead, 62-61, with 2:01 to play. Quinn also hit a long 3-pointer to tie the game at 65 with 42 seconds to go.

But after Krauser converted the floater, Rick Cornett made 1-of-2 free throws. The Panthers' Ronald Roman made the second of two foul shots to put his team up two, and Pittsburgh stole a full court inbound pass to end the game.

The Irish led by as many as five after a Thomas 3-pointer made the score 49-44 with 12:55 to play, but the Panthers responded with a 14-1 run — with Krauser and center Chris Taft on the bench — in under six minutes. Pittsburgh forward Chevon Troutman (13 points, four rebounds) converted two free throws with 7:05 remaining to give Pittsburgh a 58-50 lead.

Notre Dame made 48.3 percent of its 3-pointers on 14-of-29 shooting.

But less than a week after tying his career high with 23 points against Boston College, Irish guard Colin Falls shot a frustrating 2-of-11 from the field, making just 1-of-10 3-point shots.

The point production of Notre Dame's big men also forced Thomas and Quinn to put the team on their backs.

Torin Francis scored one point and committed four turnovers in 26 minutes. Dennis Latimore had two points and four fouls in 19 minutes, and Cornett managed

only one point and three turnovers in 13 minutes.

Officials called Notre Dame for 18 fouls to Pittsburgh's nine total personals, and Irish forward Jordan Cornette (10 points) fouled out with 4:08 remaining.

Pittsburgh built its largest lead of the game in the first half, jumping out to a 25-12 advantage on an Aaron Gray jumper with 5:55 left in the half. Notre Dame then went on an 18-8 run before Krauser hit a jump shot with 4 seconds left to make the score 35-30 at half.

Notre Dame is now 2-4 in its last six conference games after a 4-1 start in Big East play.

The Irish host Georgetown at the Joyce Center Wednesday at 8 p.m.

PITTSBURGH 68, NOTRE DAME 66 at Petersen Events Center

NOTRE DAME (14-7, 6-5)

Falls 2-11 3-3 8, Francis 0-5 1-2 1, J. Cornette 3-8 1-2 10, Thomas 6-12 0-0 16, Quinn 10-15 0-0 25, R. Cornett 0-1 1-1 2, Latimore 1-4 0-1 2, Carter 1-1 0-0 3.

PITTSBURGH (17-4, 7-3)

Troutman 4-9 5-7 13, Kendall 1-2 2-2 4, Taft 0-3 1-2 1, Krauser 6-14 1-2 16, Graves 4-8 0-0 10, DeGroat 0-0 0-0 0, Ramon 4-11 2-3 13, Benjamin 0-0 0-0 0, McCarroll 1-2 0-1 2, Gray 3-5 3-5 9.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	30	36	66
Pittsburgh	35	33	68

3-point goals: Notre Dame 6-13 (Quinn 5-6, Thomas 4-5, Cornette 3-7, Carter 1-1, Falls 1-10), Pittsburgh 4-9 (Krauser 3-6, Ramon 3-8, Graves 2-5, Troutman 0-1, McCarroll 0-1). Fouled out: J. Cornette. Rebounds: Notre Dame 31 (Francis 7), Pittsburgh (Taft 6). Assists: Notre Dame 12 (Thomas 7), Pittsburgh 13 (Krauser and Ramon 3). Total fouls: Notre Dame 18, Pittsburgh 9.

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we should have put them away."

But Notre Dame didn't, and the Hoyas went on a 12-4 run to end the half, including a half-court 3-pointer by guard Kristen Heidloff that cut the lead to 35-26 as time expired in the first half.

"Once we got the big lead we sort of stopped focusing," senior forward Jacqueline Batteast said. "We were making big mental mistakes and giving them lay ups, and we turned the ball over during that period and let them get back in the game."

Halftime didn't put an end to Georgetown's hot streak. Led by Mary Lisicky, who had seven of her 16 points in a 7:19 stretch at the start of the second half, the Hoyas went on a 15-8 run and cut Notre Dame's lead to 43-41.

"She [Lisicky] shot the lights out on us. She made some great shots," McGraw said.

Nonetheless, a two-point deficit was as close as Georgetown would come, as the Irish regained their earlier form and took control of the game, outscoring the Hoyas 29-17 the rest of the way.

Notre Dame turned rebounding — a season-long weakness — into a strength against Georgetown, taking a 42-21 advantage on the glass.

Borton led the Irish in that category, grabbing a career-high 12 rebounds and putting together her second double-double of the season.

"I just got good positioning down low, and we were more aggressive going for the rebound," Borton said.

Rebounding helped the Irish pull away towards the end, as the team got 12 of its 18 second-chance points in the second half.

Batteast, who finished with 20



Three Notre Dame defenders surround Georgetown center Varda Tamoullianis during the second half of the 72-58 Irish victory.

points and seven rebounds, led the Irish effort in the second half, helping the team rebuild the lead to a comfortable margin by scoring 12 second-half points.

Saturday's game was Batteast's 10th 20-point performance of the season, and the 31st of her career. Batteast also moved into fourth place on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list, passing Alicia Ratay with 3:18 left in the second half.

After the game, Batteast downplayed her individual achievement compared to the team's successes. "It's a great accomplishment but I'm more happy with the 22-3 record that we have this year," she said. "As a team we're doing very well."

The game marks the ninth time this season four players have scored in double digits, as Borton and Batteast were joined by junior guard Megan Duffy and freshman guard Charel Allen, who had 17 and 14 points, respectively.

Ultimately, Batteast noted, the Irish have to play more consistently from beginning to end.

"We can't keep opening the door and letting teams think that they can keep playing with us," she said. "We have to take their

confidence away, and we let Georgetown come back many times during this game. We should have put them away a lot sooner."

The Irish will be back in action Tuesday at No. 19 Boston College.

NOTRE DAME 72, GEORGETOWN 58 at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (22-3, 10-1)

Batteast 8-18 4-4 20, LaVere 0-1 0-0 0, Borton 7-10 0-1 14, Duffy 3-8 9-10 17, Gray 2-2 1-2 5, Gaines 0-2 0-0 0, Allen 5-9 4-4 14, Erwin 0-3 2-4 2.

Georgetown (9-13, 4-7)

Tamoullianis 3-11 0-2 6, Marlow 3-7 0-0 6, Heidloff 2-8 1-2 7, Carlin 3-7 3-3 11, LeSueur 3-6 4-8 10, Lisicky 6-11 2-2 16, Whitt 1-1 0-0 2.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	35	37	72
Georgetown	26	32	58

3-point goals: Georgetown 6-16 (Carlin 2-5, Lisicky 2-5, Heidloff 2-6), Notre Dame 2-10 (Duffy 2-7, Batteast 0-3). Fouled out: LeSueur. Rebounds: Georgetown 21 (Marlow 5), Notre Dame 42 (Borton 12). Assists: Georgetown 14 (Lisicky 5), Notre Dame 19 (Duffy 7). Total fouls: Georgetown 14, Notre Dame 12.

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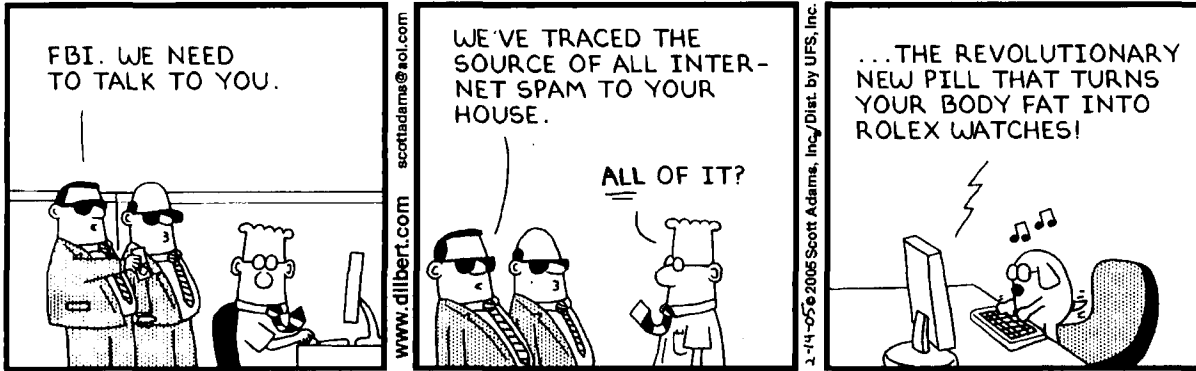
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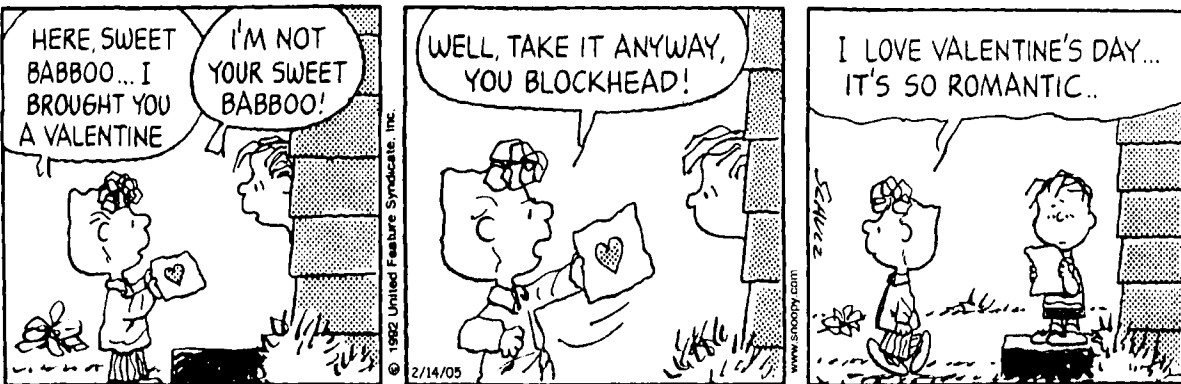
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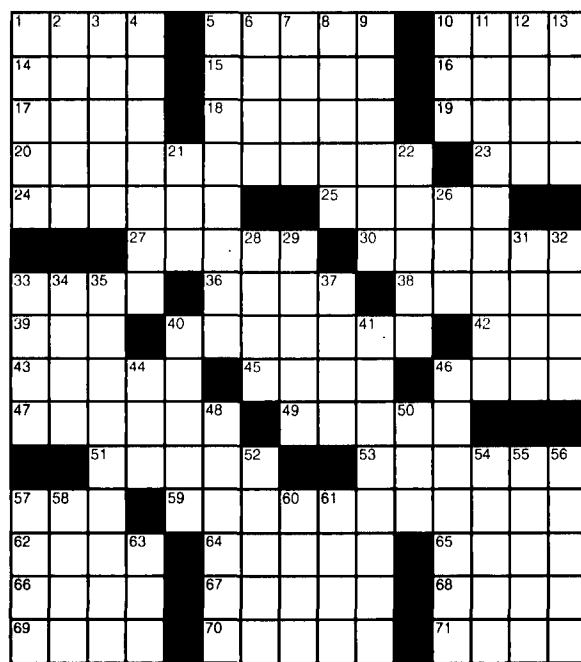
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be raring to go and ready for anything and everything that comes your way. Changes can be expected, and being diverse will be your thing. A good challenge will lift your spirits and bring you the confidence you need. ***

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ND BASKETBALL

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No. 18 Pittsburgh staves off Irish run down the stretch

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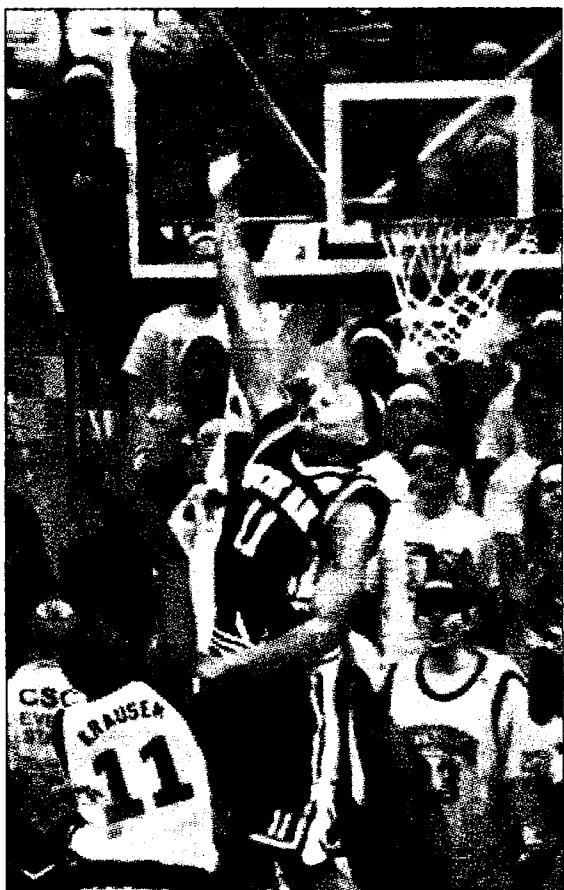
Chris Quinn and Chris Thomas combined for 41 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds Saturday afternoon, but it was Pittsburgh's star point guard who had the final say on his home floor.

Carl Krauser sank a runner in the lane with nine seconds left, and the Panthers (17-4, 7-3 Big East) held onto a two-point lead as Pittsburgh beat Notre Dame (14-7, 6-5) at the Petersen Events Center, 68-66.

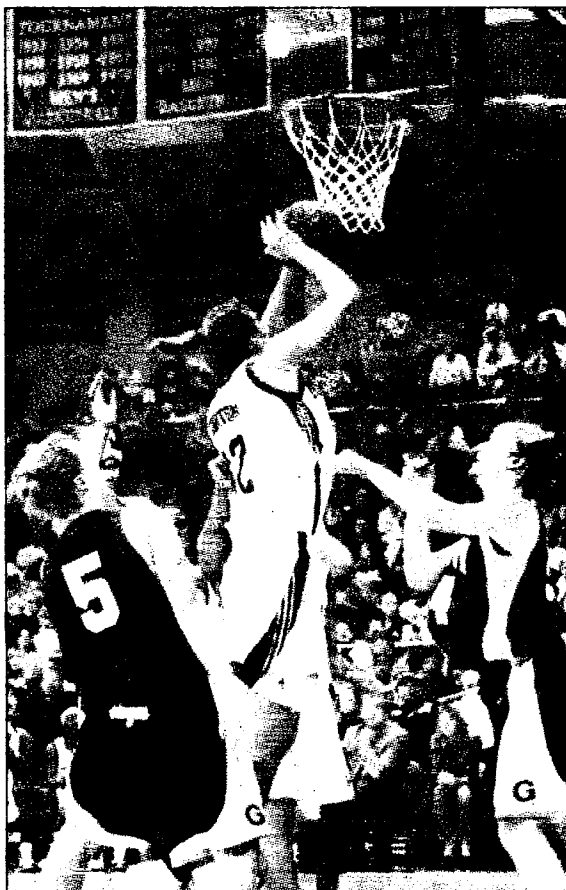
Krauser, who finished with 16 points on 6-of-14 shooting, scored six of his team's last eight points. With the loss, Notre Dame fell for the second time in its final contest of a four-game slate against ranked opponents.

Quinn (10-of-15) and Thomas (6-of-12) carried the Irish all afternoon with solid field goal shooting, also combining to make 9-of-11 shots from behind

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Left, Pittsburgh guard Carl Krauser hits a shot over Notre Dame forward Rick Cornett with eleven seconds left to help Pittsburgh beat the Irish Saturday. Right, Notre Dame forward Teresa Borton scores two of her 14 points en route to a win over Georgetown.



Borton leads ND to 14-point home win over Georgetown

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

The beginning was promising and the final result was as expected, but in between No. 6 Notre Dame left much to be desired.

Despite never trailing in a game they eventually won 72-58, the Irish, who improved their respective Big East and overall records to 10-1 and 22-3, struggled to put away unheralded Georgetown.

Notre Dame started the game in encouraging fashion, shooting 57.1 percent from the field in the first half and dominating the Hoyas at the outset. Behind a strong early inside effort from senior center Teresa Borton, who had 10 of her 14 points in the first half, the Irish built their way up to a 31-17 lead with 5:05 in the first half.

"I was happy [with the way the game started]," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought

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SMC BASKETBALL

Scots beat Belles at SMC in final seconds

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

The last time Saint Mary's met Alma, Bridget Boyce hit a buzzer-beating jumper to send the game into overtime, where the Belles would eventually fall to the Scots.

Saturday, it was déjà vu as her sister Katie Boyce was the one taking the last-second shot to save the Belles.

This time there would be no buzzer-beater as Saint Mary's fell by the score of 53-51.

The Scots led 25-22 at the half and had expanded the lead to 39-33 with just over 12 minutes remaining. Then, the Belles' defense stepped up, and the offense followed suit.

Saint Mary's drew seven fouls and held Alma to just two baskets during the next six minutes.

On the offensive side,

Bridget Boyce, Alison Kessler and Maureen Bush led the comeback, scoring eight, seven and six points, respectively, in the second half.

For the game, Emily Creachbaum, Bush and Katie Boyce each grabbed nine boards, and the team combined to pull down 14 offensive rebounds. The solid work on the offensive glass created many second chances for the offense, which helped diminish the impact of the Belles' 29.5-percent shooting.

Bush led the team in scoring with 12, and Creachbaum added nine points and one block.

According to Kessler, the guards were looking to pass the ball to Bush and Creachbaum in the paint.

"It's always our focus to get the ball down low," she said.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish take GRU Classic tournament

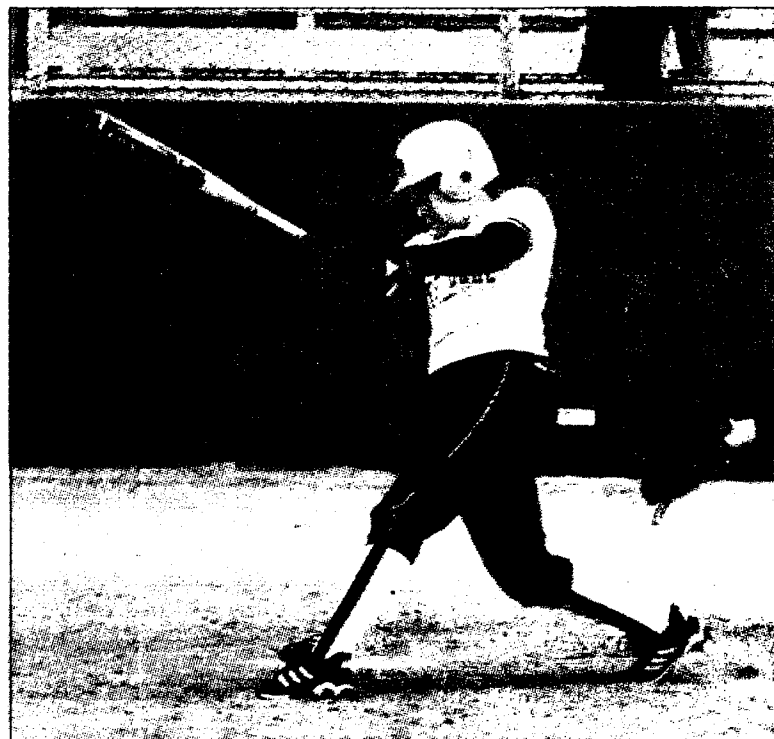
After losing initial two games, ND wins three straight

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It's not how you start, it's how you finish — those are words that have a whole new meaning to Notre Dame after the team rebounded from two opening-round tournament losses this weekend to win three straight games and the Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Classic title.

Behind a strong pitching performance by junior Heather Booth and a season-high nine hits for the offense, the Irish gave No. 19 Florida its first loss of the season in a 4-2 victory that completed an impressive turnaround and put the team back on track for the 2005 season.

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Sara Schoonaert hits a single Apr. 6 last season against Purdue. Schoonaert went 2-for-2 with a stolen base and an RBI in Sunday's GRU Classic championship game.

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SMC SWIMMING MIAA Championships

Belles finish last in season-ending league championships.

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FENCING Duke Duals

Notre Dame men and women finish the season strong, each going 2-0 in Durham, N.C.

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HOCKEY Ferris St. 4, ND 3 Ferris St. 4, ND 2

Irish drop two games at home to Ferris State, extending winless streak to 13.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS Notre Dame 7, Boston College 0

Irish lose only one set in impressive shutout of Eagles.

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WOMEN'S TRACK Irish finish fourth at Windsor

Notre Dame women stay near middle of pack in six-team meet.

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NBA Malone retires with Jazz

The Mailman calls it quits after 19 years without winning a title.

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