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'Qlassics' stirs quiet controversy

Former Queer Film Festival undergoes second name change in two years to avoid conflict

By MARCELA BERRIOS
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While Saturday's "Qlassics: Reimagining Sexuality and the Self in Recent American Cinema" marked the fourth year and second name change for the former Queer Film Festival, this year's event came and went relatively quietly — and that, said organizers and FTT professors, is what the University wanted.

Film, Television and Theatre professor Jill Godmilow said this year several faculty members in the College of Arts and Letters questioned the use of the words "gay" and "lesbian" in last year's title, "Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives and Spectatorship."

"There's an attempt to disguise [the former Queer Film Festival] as another academic event and not one specifically gay and lesbian because the University is embarrassed by it," said Godmilow, who has served as a faculty advisor to students organizing the annual gay and lesbian film screenings since they began in 2003. "The ultimate goal is to make it go away and if every year they keep imposing restrictions on it, eventually they will strip off its identity and it will be lost."

College of Arts and Letters Dean Mark Roche did not return Observer phone calls Sunday. University spokesman Don Wycliff said he was unaware of any discussion surrounding "Qlassics." When asked about any connection between the event's name change and the closing statement on academic freedom University

President Father John Jenkins issued last April, Wycliff again said he hadn't heard of "Qlassics."

Last year's "Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives and Spectatorship" marked the first name change to the Queer Film Festival. In winter of 2005, talks between the FTT department and a University committee on academic freedom created by Jenkins focused on the words "queer" and "festival" and sought to portray the event in a more academic context.

When "Qlassics" coordinator senior Patrick Wall contacted the Office of Arts and Letters and the FTT department this January seeking sponsorship for the film screenings, he said

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Student robbed on Bulla Rd.

Police continue their search for suspects

By KATE ANTONACCI
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Police are searching for two white college-age males who allegedly robbed a male student early Saturday morning, officials said in an e-mail.

The man was walking back to campus alone when he was approached by two men in a teal Chevrolet Suburban at the corner of Bulla Road and Twyckenham Drive on the east side of campus.

"The suspect used his vehicle to block the student's path, threatened to harm the student and demanded money from him," the e-mail said.

The suspects, who remained in the vehicle and displayed no weapon, took money and clothing from the student.

Following the incident, the student proceeded to walk west on Bulla Road until he saw a Notre Dame Security/Police patrol car and reported the incident.

NDSP, as well as city and county police, searched the surrounding area but did not locate the suspects, the e-mail said. The suspects allegedly drove west from the scene on Bulla Road and then continued south on Leahy Drive.

The first suspect is

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State wages rise, campus sees little change

Student workers may get future salary jump

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

The Indiana House of Representatives voted Jan. 31 to increase the state's minimum wage incrementally from \$5.15 per hour to \$7.50 per hour by Sept. 1, 2008 — a move that will have "little impact" on the University's staff and student employees, said a member of Notre Dame's Department of Human Resources.

"We review our salaries every year and adjust them to be competitive with the market," said Human Resources Manager of Compensation Violet Bloom.

Only one pay level is current-

ly below \$7.50 per hour, she said.

Kathy Stopczynski, chair of the Staff Advisory Council, said she "really hasn't heard too much discussion on this [matter]," especially since the wages in her own department are currently above minimum wage.

Stopczynski also said this topic has not been brought up at Staff Advisory Council meetings.

Nick Krafft, leader of Notre Dame's Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP), which aims to secure a "living wage" for all campus staff members, said this legislative move is a "good thing." However, he said he would like the administration to "take a harder look at these issues. We just hope the administration will continue to work with CLAP towards making

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Observer file photo

Student workers, like those pictured above, may see a salary increase in the 2008-09 year because of the new Indiana wage hike.

Conference facilitates discussion

Film, lectures on eating disorders draw crowds

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

The Inaugural Notre Dame Eating Disorders Conference, "Eating Disorders and the Campus Culture," concluded Saturday after three days of discussion about a topic that "needs to be discussed," said organizer and Notre Dame graduate student Ali Wishon. While Wishon said attendance was "a little disappointing," the first of what she says will become an annual event was a success, crediting the "wonderful quality of speakers."

The highlight of the event for Notre Dame students in attendance was the showing of the film "THIN," an award-winning documentary about "girl culture" and eating disorders by

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Former Secretary of Education visits ND

Paige to address No Child Left Behind Act

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Rod Paige, the former Secretary of Education under President George W. Bush charged with implementing the controversial No Child Left Behind Act, will appear tonight as the keynote speaker in the campus-wide Black History Month celebration.



Paige

In his address, Paige will focus on his involvement in No Child Left Behind, connecting it to the history of racial inequality in the country's educational system, according to Multicultural Affairs Committee (MAC) chair Destinee DeLemos.

"Dr. Paige embodies values important to Notre Dame," DeLemos said. "His intention in implementing No Child Left Behind was to cure education inequality in this country."

Education became a central issue during the Bush administration, as Bush sought to implement national standardized testing to measure students' performance.

"George W. Bush called education 'the civil rights issue of

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Conference speaker and filmmaker Lauren Greenfield, left, speaks to Notre Dame faculty member Steve Moriarty.

INSIDE COLUMN

Dog days of college

During winter break, I was cleaning out my bedroom closet when I made the discovery of a lifetime.

Better than my saved box of notes I exchanged with my friends during middle school, more noteworthy than my high school yearbook and certainly more entertaining than my elementary school journal.



Kelly Meehan

Saint Mary's Editor

My discovery revealed the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's class register — more commonly known as the “dog book” — containing the senior snapshots of my classmates.

To some, this phrase might seem as foreign as a sunny day during a South Bend winter, but for those of us who experienced the “prehistoric” Facebook-free life, the “dog book” conjures memories of fun, friendship and — more commonly — sheer embarrassment.

I am not sure if this class register still exists, but I can be certain that — thanks to Web sites like Facebook — it does not have the same impact it once did.

The sad thing is, the virtual vice flails in comparison to the glory the dog book once held.

The 8 x 11 blue paperback does not give participants the option to change their mug shot on an hourly basis — what you see is what you get.

You cannot add that Dave Matthews Band quote to symbolize your feelings of lost love, you cannot supplement your serious pic with a “**Gettin’ LOCO in AcApUICo**” album and you certainly cannot make others wonder about an inside joke posted on a friend's wall.

With the dog book, everything remained a mystery.

When the dorm room phone rang on a Friday afternoon and “John Doe” asked you to the Dillon SYR, you quickly looked him up in your trusty dog book and took what you could get ... maybe.

Feeling bored with some friends? Looking the best-looking students of the opposite sex.

And who can forget panning through the pages to figure out whom exactly you met at that dorm party the night before.

Maybe being a part of the “dog book” generation has made us a little gutsier (not knowing the relationship status of a crush), maybe it made us a little less judgmental (maybe he just took a bad picture) or maybe it just made us all a little more bizarre (extending an invitation to a total stranger).

In any case however we looked — skinnier, fatter, mulleted or hairier — during the summer or fall of 2002 will be forever immortalized in the book that is a classic example of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's freshman tradition.

So here's to those of us who look ugly, hot, scary, nerdy or just plain crazy in their high school senior portrait. It is time to sit back and laugh because the dog book does not forgive with “recently updated profiles.”

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR SPRING BREAK?



Gary Burke
sophomore Stanford

“I'm going to Thunder Bay, Canada, eh?”



James McCaughan
freshman Siegfried

“The Key Rat Regatta. It's only five minutes from my house. Yeah!”



Jennifer Jutakeo
sophomore P.W.

“Getting away from Indiana and going back to L.A.”



Liz Lee
junior P.W.

“Ultimate turnout down in Georgia, baby!”



Tom Kingsbury
sophomore Alumni

“To rock. So hard.”



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

The windows of Cavanaugh Hall reflect its residents' reactions to Illinois Senator Barack Obama's official entry into the 2008 presidential race.

IN BRIEF

Vote today in the Notre Dame student body presidential and vice presidential election. Fortunes can vote in the LaFortune Student Center, the Mendoza College of Business, DeBartolo Hall or from their personal computers.

As part of Ethics Week, Carolyn Woo, dean of the Mendoza College of Business, will present a lecture entitled “Peace Through Commerce” at 12:30 p.m. today at the Giovanini Commons in the College of Business.

Prominent Indonesian politician Amien Rais will speak on “The Impact of Globalization on Islam and Democracy in Indonesia” today at 3 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Former U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige will deliver the Black History Month Keynote Address tonight at 7:30 in 101 DeBartolo Hall. Paige will discuss American education, including the No Child Left Behind Act.

The Hungarian State Folk Ensemble will perform Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$36 for the general public, \$30 for faculty/staff/seniors and \$15 for students.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Cat survives frozen ordeal

LOSANTVILLE, Ind. — A cat found half-frozen in a water trough is recovering, but may lose his tail.

Melissa said she found the cat Tuesday when she stepped onto her porch for a cigarette. His tail and hind legs were stuck in about three inches of ice. She and her husband used buckets of hot water to free him.

“His little ears are droopy and purple and so are his little feet,” Jones said, adding that his new nickname is “Droopy.”

In the morning, she took the seven-month-old yellow and white tiger cat to a veterinarian, where he was given an antibiotic. The vet recommended a regimen of warm water and foot and tail massages to help its circulation, but still lose its tail.

Truck spills 40 tons of cow intestines

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — About 40 tons of cow intestines and bones spilled onto a major highway after a truck driver became distracted by his digital music player and his semitrailer tipped over, officials said.

Authorities closed parts of Interstate 43 for about two hours Thursday while the beef byproduct was cleaned up, said sheriff's Sgt. Blaine Spicer.

The accident happened in the town of Mosel when 25-year-old Ryan Engle's truck veered off the road as he adjusted his MP3 player, Spicer said.

Engle, of Kenosha, was cited for inattentive driving and taken to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries, Spicer said.

The truck had to be towed from the scene.

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Week dedicated to ethics, peace through commerce

College of Business to host 10th Ethics Week

By JENN METZ
News Writer

This week marks the Mendoza College of Business's 10th-annual Ethics Week, a program of events dedicated to the discussion of ethical matters in the college's undergraduate and graduate classes, according to event organizers.

The primary goal of Ethics Week is for faculty to explore these matters in depth and facilitate discussion about ethical matters that are relevant to the business world today, said Kenneth Milani, faculty coordinator of Ethics Week.

A secondary goal of the week is to establish the foundations for future ethical discussions both in and out of the classroom. Milani said organizers hope once the area of ethics has been closely examined, both undergraduate and graduate students

may want to pursue the area in papers, presentations and class discussions.

Ethics Week always takes place around or during the week of Valentine's Day, Milani said.

"On Valentine's Day, if you already love some one, you do something to explicitly show that," he said. "We practice business ethics 24/7, but we set this week aside to explicitly show our dedication to [ethical practices]."

He said the week allows incoming students and faculty to get involved in the

Mendoza culture and to become aware of accepted ethical practices in the business world.

"This week sends a signal — this is something we think is very important. We are leaders in this area," Milani said.

According to Milani, the events will compliment what is learned in the business classroom and introduce speakers who don't come into classes on a regular basis. Among other topics, Ethics Week will allow students to look at the role of business

ethics in achieving world peace and a vibrant world economy.

The lineup of events for the week includes "Peace Through Commerce," a lecture by Carolyn Woo, dean of the College of Business. It will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Monday at the Giovanini Commons in Mendoza.

Milani said the lecture is the follow-up to a conference on the same topic held last November.

"It's important for the business world to get involved in a productive way," he said.

Milani cited many examples of the ability of commerce to generate world peace, including the direct connection between improved economic conditions and decreases in violence in Ireland and South Africa. In recent stateside emergencies, Milani said Wal-Mart and Target's economic influence helped devastated areas get back on track when FEMA alone could not.

Tuesday features "Ethics and Executive Education: Examining the Essential Elements," a lecture given by Joe Hold, director of executive education programming at Mendoza. The lecture will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Giovanini Commons.

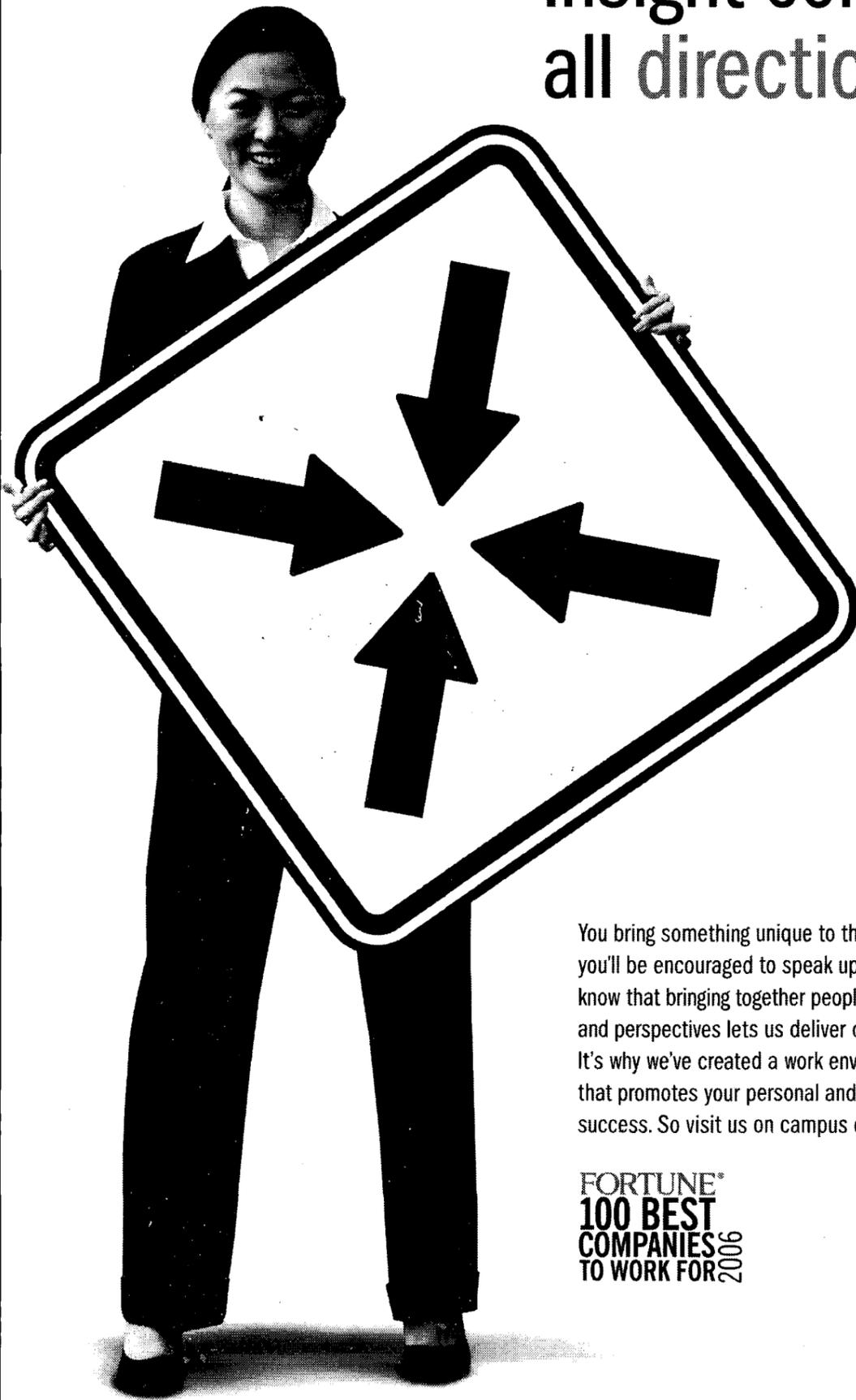
On Wednesday, Professor Monle Lee of Indiana University and Professor Jack Ruhe of Saint Mary's will deliver a lecture entitled "Teaching Business Ethics in International Courses" at noon at the Giovanini Commons.

The week concludes on Thursday when Mark Albion, a social entrepreneur, New York Times best-selling author, former Harvard Business School professor and co-founder of Net Impact, an organization that promotes new models for responsible business decisions, will facilitate a presentation, "True to Yourself" at noon at the Giovanini Commons. He will later present a lecture called "Making a Life, Making a Living: Reclaiming Your Purpose and Passion in Business and in Life" at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza.

"Students should set aside their time to see at least some of the speakers," Milani said. "This is an opportunity to see world-class people give their input on topics of ethics in an intimate setting."

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photographer Lauren Greenfield, said Wishon.

"It gave people the opportunity to see someone struggling with an eating disorder," Wishon said.

"It was just sort of a stunned silence," Wishon said of the audience reaction to the film. "The looks on people's faces were incredible. It was a very emotional event, especially for people who have loved ones who have suffered from eating disorders."

About 200 people attended the showing of the film.

Keynote presenter Roberto Olivardia, a Harvard Medical School scholar and eating disorders expert, also received a positive response, Wishon said.

"I had several people who said that he was among the top, one of the best presenters that they have ever seen," she said.

Student Senate gender issues co-chair Ashley Weiss, a conference organizer, said Olivardia addressed many facets of male eating disorders, discussing the formation of body image ideals from action figures like G.I. Joe, which leads to disorders like muscular dysmorphia.

"People were really interactive and responsive to Dr. Olivardia's presentation," Weiss said.

Presenters and other experts at the event also complimented the organization and quality of the

inaugural event, Wishon said.

"I think that that people [were impressed] that Notre Dame is on the forefront of this conversation," Wishon said. "Everyone that came was so impressed and said it is something that doesn't seem to be addressed elsewhere."

"All of our speakers have been to many national conferences like this, and they all had positive things to say about the conference," Weiss said. "People who do this for a living — going from conference to conference and studying eating disorders — were very [complimentary]."

The conference drew graduate students in addition to the presenters' colleagues and other experts in the field, Wishon said.

Notre Dame alumnus Ted Weltzin, medical director for eating disorder services at Rogers Memorial Hospital in the Milwaukee area, was one such expert. Weltzin expressed interest in serving as an advisor for future conferences, Wishon said.

Part of the conference's goal, Wishon said, was to foster a better understanding of how the campus environment plays a role in the development of eating disorders — something she said was addressed by presenters.

"The presenters were saying that campus culture is part of a larger problem," Wishon said.

Planning has already begun for next year's conference, Weiss said.

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Wages

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Notre Dame a better place to work."

A living wage is the hourly rate of income that a worker in a specific area must make in a 40-hour workweek to support a family of four. To establish a living wage at Notre Dame, CLAP has suggested a minimum \$12.10 per-hour wage, or \$25,164 a year, for university employees.

Unlike full-time staff members, Notre Dame's student employees may eventually see a pay increase as a result of the Indiana bill.

Currently, determining the student minimum wage is "part of the greater budgetary process that the University goes through each year", said Joe Russo, director of Student Finance Strategies in the Office of Financial Aid.

Students at Notre Dame have typically been paid well above the state minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour, Russo said, and increases to the base salary are considered each year.

The student minimum wage for the 2006-07 academic year is currently \$6.75 per hour. This is considered the basic rate,

according to the Student Employment Web site. The intermediate rate is \$7.15 per hour, and the skilled rate is \$7.65 per hour.

"Another increase is scheduled to go into effect this summer, raising the minimum hourly rate to \$6.90," Russo said.

Russo said while the move by the Indiana House has not immediately affected on-campus student employees, the University budget cycle for 2008-09 will likely "take into account any changes to the minimum wage law."

"We would hope that a higher minimum wage would give students a better opportunity to earn additional resources to help meet some of their educational expenses," Russo said.

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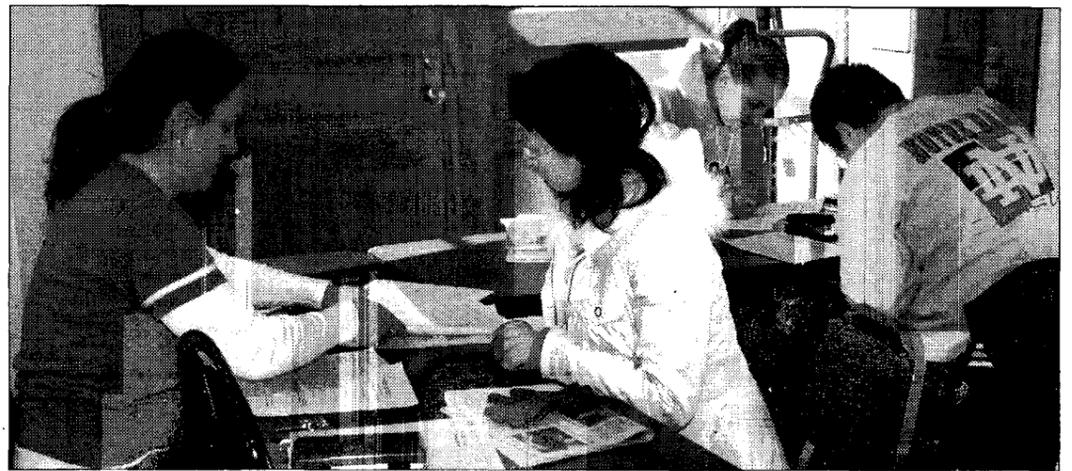
described as an approximately 18-year-old white male wearing a black-brimmed hat and a puffy black winter jacket, the e-mail said. The second suspect is described as a white male wearing a gray-white hooded sweatshirt.

NDSP asks anyone with information about this crime to contact its office at 631-5555.

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ND program offers tax assistance

TAP prepares returns for low-income families in the area at no cost



Observer file photo

Student volunteers for Notre Dame's Tax Assistant Program help members of the greater South Bend community prepare their tax returns during last year's effort.

By AMANDA SHROPSHIRE
News Writer

This time of year is stressful for wage-earners across the country as they scramble to file their tax returns by April 15. But with the help of the Notre Dame Tax Assistant Program (TAP), life for members of the greater South Bend community is just a little bit easier.

For nearly 40 years, the TAP volunteer corps — made up of students, faculty, staff and Certified Public Accountants — has been committed to helping local taxpayers who are eligible for assistance, file their returns on time.

Before they can offer their services, volunteers must prove their knowledge of U.S. tax law by completing a two-credit pass/fail course. The four-week course is open to both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, allowing them to gain academic credit as well as valuable experience in accountancy and community service.

"It just feels so good when you give someone a \$5,000 refund, because that money means so much to them," said Stefanie Broderick, a senior accounting major at

Saint Mary's who has been a TAP volunteer for two years.

Matt Adams, chair of the TAP student administrator group, said one of TAP's primary goals is to help families with significant financial need.

"One of the main benefits we provide is calculation of

the Earned Income Credit [EIC], which is a special credit for low income individuals," Adams said. "With the EIC, a family with two children and around \$10,000 in yearly income can receive up to a \$4,000 refund on their tax return, meaning we can provide a family with up to 40 percent of its yearly earnings."

TAP is funded by the Mendoza College of Business, making it possible for the program to file over 1,000 tax returns each year at no cost to the taxpayer.

According to TAP's Web site, the program serves the needs of both domestic and international taxpayers who are eligible and equipped with the appropriate forms.

Domestic clients must have made less than \$35,000 in the past year to be eligible for the service. All international faculty members, researchers, students and visiting scholars are able to receive assistance.

Taxpayers seeking assistance must bring copies of

their federal and state tax returns from the past year and other relevant documents such as medical bills, personal property taxes, real estate taxes and charity donations to one of the 10 locations where TAP services are offered six days a week. The largest of these include the South Bend and Mishawaka public libraries, Adams said.

This year, as the program volunteers prepare for a busy season, Adams said their goals are measured not in numbers, but in quality.

"We try to make ourselves available to the community in as many ways as possible," he said.

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"It just feels so good when you give someone a \$5,000 refund, because that money means so much to them."

Stefanie Broderick
TAP volunteer

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Portugal faces abortion referendum

LISBON — Portugal was deciding in a national referendum yesterday whether to discard its strict abortion law, a battle that pits the Socialist government against conservative parties and the Catholic Church.

The center-left Socialist government wants to grant women the right to opt for abortion during the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

Portugal, where more than 90 percent of people say they are Catholic, has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the European Union. The procedure is allowed only in cases of rape, fetal malformation or if a mother's health is in danger, and only in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

In 23 other EU nations, abortion is permitted within much broader limits. Women can ask for abortions up to the 24th week of pregnancy in Britain and up to the 12th week in Germany, France and Italy.

Portugal's effort to change the law, though, has run into emphatic opposition from the influential Church, which wants to keep restrictions in place.

At midday, turnout was low, with fewer than 12 percent of eligible voters casting ballots. The single question on the ballot asks voters if they want to allow abortion up to the 10th week.

Afganistan beset by foreign fighters

KANDAHAR — An estimated 700 foreign fighters are operating in a southern Afghan province where Taliban fighters overran a town earlier this month, the provincial governor said Sunday.

The foreign fighters — from Chechnya, Uzbekistan and Pakistan — are operating in three volatile areas of Helmand province, including Musa Qala, which Taliban fighters have controlled since Feb. 1, Gov. Asadullah Wafa said.

He said the government was conducting negotiations with tribal elders, urging them to persuade the fighters to leave.

NATIONAL NEWS

Iran's involvement in Iraq discussed

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is haunted by the history of intelligence blunders about Saddam Hussein's supposed weapons of mass destruction as the United States tries to document that Iran is providing lethal help to Iraqi fighters.

Government officials familiar with the Iran dossier's documents and slides, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the materials still were classified, said they make a compelling case about Iranian actions in Iraq.

Among the evidence the administration planned to present are weapons that were seized over time in U.S.-led raids on caches around Iraq, said one military official. Other evidence includes documents captured when U.S.-led forces raided an Iranian office Jan. 11 in Irbil, a city in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq about 220 miles north of Baghdad, officials said.

Bush proposes cuts to fuel consumption

WASHINGTON — President Bush asked Congress to help solve "one of the great challenges facing our generation" by approving proposals he says will cut U.S. gasoline consumption by up to 20 percent over 10 years.

"Every member of Congress who cares about strengthening our economy, protecting our national security and confronting climate change should support the energy initiatives I have set out," the president said Saturday. "We can leave behind a cleaner and better world for our children and grandchildren."

LOCAL NEWS

Darfurians find new home in Indiana

ELKHART — Hundreds of refugees from Sudan's troubled Darfur region have flocked to northern Indiana to make a new start amid the culture of the Midwest.

Churches and other groups have sponsored trips to Sudan and organized efforts to bring refugees here. The nonprofit Web site SaveDarfur.org lists almost two dozen awareness groups within 150 miles of Elkhart.

Suliman Giddo of a Fort Wayne group called Darfur Peace and Development says the Fort Wayne area is home to the largest pocket of Darfur natives in the United States — as many as 300 people.

Iraq resolution vote expected soon

Democratic Congress to pass measure expressing 'disapproval' of Iraq war

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even before they cast symbolic votes against the Iraq war, newly empowered congressional Democrats are clamoring for a chance to limit and eventually end U.S. involvement in a conflict that has killed more than 3,000 troops.

"Will I vote for a nonbinding resolution? Yes, but it's insufficient," says first-term Rep. Joe Sestak of Pennsylvania, author of one of more than a dozen competing proposals that would impose a deadline for the withdrawal of U.S. troops.

"I think eventually without a question that we will have the House move to that position," the former three-star admiral added. "The country is already there."

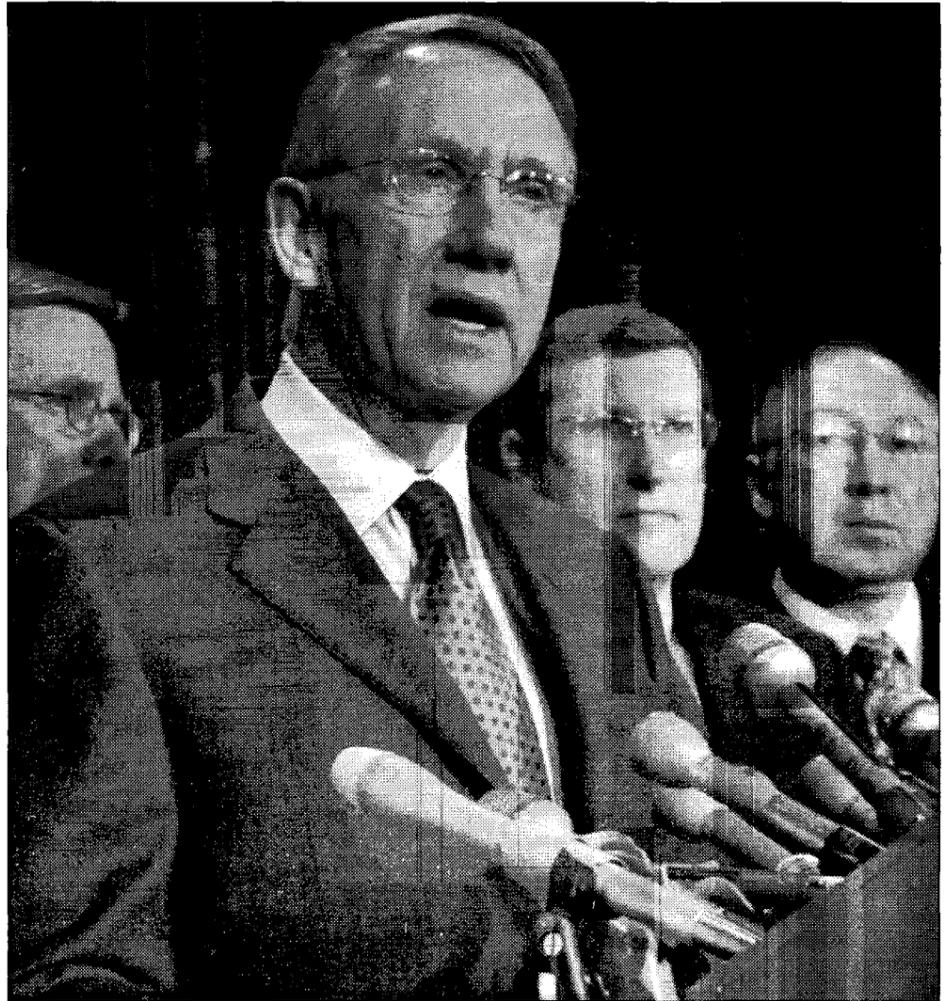
Sestak spoke in an interview just off the House floor, which will serve as a nationally televised stage this week for a marathon debate over Bush's war policy.

A vote is expected by week's end on a nonbinding measure that expresses disapproval of the president's recent decision to dispatch an additional 21,500 military personnel to Iraq. The measure also affirms support for the troops.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and the Democratic leadership have firmed up support for the measure by repeatedly promising it will be followed by binding legislation. "Our goal is to end the war," one Democrat quoted Pelosi as saying at a recent private caucus.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada has pursued the same course, hoping to enlist a bipartisan majority behind a measure that expresses disagreement with Bush's plans. Republicans have so far blocked consideration of the resolution.

Two Democrats have said they will oppose the resolution as too weak, even as a first step. But Reid's office has enlisted the backing of



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., speaks about President Bush's proposed budget on Capitol Hill Friday.

the anti-war organization MoveOn.org for the strategy and defections have been few.

At the same time, pressure has been building.

War critics have told Reid they want to use anti-terrorism legislation that is expected on the Senate floor in March as a way of forcing votes on proposals to end the war.

In the House, the leadership is planning to turn Bush's request for additional military money into a mid-March debate over the war.

Rep. John Murtha, who heads a subcommittee with jurisdiction over defense spending, told reporters he hopes to add a provision to the bill that would forbid the

Pentagon from sending additional troops "unless they have adequate training and unless they have adequate equipment."

Murtha, D-Pa., said he believes the Army may have no units that can meet those standards, meaning Bush's attempt to increase the number of troops in the war would be checked.

The measure also may be amended to forbid creation of any permanent U.S. military bases in Iraq and razing the Abu Ghraib facility that was at the center of a prisoner torture scandal.

Murtha said it is possible the bill will also call for the closing of the facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, except in the case of several

dozen detainees who will stand trial.

In the complicated politics of the war, the spending bill would face daunting hurdles.

Democrats determined to end the conflict have said they will not approve any more money to keep it going. Republicans who support Bush's policy would be unlikely to support limits on his power as commander in chief.

Unlike a nonbinding measure, legislation is always subject to a presidential veto.

But opponents of the war, their strength increased in last fall's congressional elections, say public opinion is moving their way.

CHINA

Korea talks stall over energy aid

Associated Press

BELJING — International talks to persuade North Korea to dismantle its nuclear program verged on foundering Sunday over the country's demands for energy aid, and would end after one more day of negotiations, envoys said.

A day of meetings and an unscheduled nighttime session by the negotiators from the United States, China, North Korea and three other countries failed to achieve much progress, envoys from Japan and South Korea said. The six envoys agreed to reconvene Monday.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chris Hill said the talks had snagged on the amount of energy assistance Pyongyang is to be awarded as an inducement for disarming. But he said that a deal could still be reached Monday, which would be the final day of talks.

"The situation remains severe," Japanese envoy Kenichiro Sasae told reporters late Sunday. He added that North Korea offered no new proposals.

South Korean envoy Chun Yung-woo said the sticking points touch on vital interests of many of the parties. "It's not a situation where

a breakthrough is in sight," Chun said.

Negotiators had hoped that the talks would concrete steps by North Korea to dismantle its nuclear programs in more than three years of negotiations and especially since Pyongyang's successful nuclear test in October.

Pressure for a breakthrough was high, in part because the United States has said it would be pointless to continue the often inconclusive negotiations without progress.

"Because this round could be the crossroads, today's talks took place in an atmosphere of heightened tension," Sasae said.

Paige

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our time.' Because of this, we felt Dr. Paige was a perfect choice for a keynote speaker," DeLemos

said. "And also because Condoleezza Rice is impossible to book during Black History Month."

Senior Broderick Henry, also a member of MAC, said choosing Paige was an easy decision for MAC.

"[Paige] carries an image of African-Americans that isn't associated with arts or entertainment," Henry said. "Of all the speakers we could have chosen from, we felt he could best contribute to a dialogue on campus." Paige's two-year tenure at the

Department of Education was not without controversy, as No Child Left Behind became an unpopular program because of its strict requirements at the state level, according to Henry. "We thought it would be interesting to hear [Paige's] side of

the debate, and why he supported No Child Left Behind," Henry said.

Paige will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101 of DeBartolo Hall.

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Classics

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several faculty members — whom he would not name — asked him to avoid using "gay" and "lesbian" in the title.

Working against the clock with a reduced staff of student organizers, Wall agreed to another rename.

"After some discussion, the student organizers, myself included, freely chose to use a title that we created that didn't have the words lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender in it," Wall said. "We decided to do this because the event date was already so near that we didn't think we had enough time to debate with faculty members over the title."

FTT chair Peter Holland referred Observer phone calls to FTT professor Pamela Wojcik.

Wojcik, Wall's faculty liaison, said the University wanted to avoid the controversy that has traditionally surrounded the annual event, which was held Saturday in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

"The University administration is trying to allow the event without ruffling feathers," she said. "The organizers were, in fact, still not allowed to use the word 'queer' and they were dissuaded from using the words 'gay' and 'lesbian.'"

Wojcik declined, however, to name individuals who expressed concern with the title.

Wall said when the student organizers suggested to the FTT department and College of Arts and Letters a name that included "LGTBQ" — lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning — in the title, "certain faculty members asked if we could come up with a different title that didn't use those words so as to avoid the kind of controversy and outside criticism that arose last year in response to the old title, 'Queer Film Festival.'"

Wall said he then met with several professors to discuss a name change, which he said was a suggestion, not an order.

"No one wants to say, 'We won't let you say this,' so they were saying, 'We would feel much more comfortable if you don't succinctly use these words,'" he said.

After he agreed to a new title, Wall said he sent letters to other Arts and Letters departments requesting sponsorship.

"Classics" organizers received financial support from the FTT department and the Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GALA-ND/SMC), as well as endorsement from the history department, the gender studies program and the Hesburgh Program in Public Service.

The departments and groups that sponsored past Queer Film Festivals and last year's Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives and Spectatorship include the FTT department, GALA-ND/SMC, the English department, the anthropology department, the history department, the Counseling Center and the gender studies program.

Wall said he didn't think the name change request came from "the administration or the Main Building" but rather from faculty members in departments that worry about the response of the alumni.

"I think some of these [Arts & Letters] departments are really worried about the criticism they

may receive from the more conservative alumni," Wall said.

Despite the success of last spring's Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives and Spectatorship — which broke attendance records from prior Queer Film Festivals — only three students joined Wall's staff of event coordinators.

Wall and seniors Ishira Kumar, Lisa Goepfrich and Alisa O'Connor worked since December to rally sponsors and Arts & Letters departments to endorse the Classics film series.

In addition to the department sponsors mentioned earlier, Wall said he also received a generous offer from AllianceND — a gay and lesbian support group on campus, unrecognized by the University — to help promote the film series.

Junior Stacey Williams, AllianceND secretary, said she was concerned when she didn't see any posters advertising the upcoming film event.

Though AllianceND was "not in a position to help financially," Williams said the organization jumped to help publicize the screenings on campus.

"We definitely offered to help with getting the word out," she said. "I sent out a few e-mails to the Progressive Student alliance Listserv, which is pretty extensive, as well as the Feminist Voice Listserv — groups we thought would be attracted to the film festival."

Wall again said the rushed and understaffed situation in which he, Kumar and Goepfrich organized the event made it difficult to promote the film series.

However, he said the attendance increased as Saturday progressed, and the speakers were engaging.

"Overall, I'd say the event, though certainly scaled down from last year, was still a success and hopefully accomplished its mission to create an academic space in which to connect with these important films and the issues they raise," he said.

This year's event wasn't as big of a production as past gay and lesbian film festivals, Wall said, partly because it wasn't organized as early, and partly because of the theme.

"Rather than focusing on the newest films and biggest filmmakers, we decided to focus instead on movies we considered LGBTQ classics," Wall said.

One of the featured films was Godmilow's "Roy Cohn/Jack Smith," two semi-biographical Broadway monologues contrasting two AIDS-afflicted, homosexual men in the 1990s.

She directed famed homosexual actor Ron Vawter before his death in 1994 due to AIDS-related complications.

Wall said he hoped students attending the Classics film series would see "Roy Cohn/Jack Smith" and understand some of the issues faced by homosexuals, which he said were relevant in the Notre Dame classrooms as well.

"Students here are uneasy dealing with homosexuality," Wall said. "They struggle to reconcile their desire to be kind to other students and their belief that there is something wrong with homosexuality — and so our solution to the problem is just to ignore it completely and pretend it's not an issue on campus."

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NASDAQ	2,459.82	-28.85
NYSE	9,291.65	-53.89
S&P 500	1,438.06	-10.25
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,504.33	+211.85
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NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-1.37	-0.61	43.84
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.54	-0.33	21.03
CISCO SYS INC (SUNW)	-1.67	-0.11	6.48

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+1.14	+0.054	4.784
13-WEEK BILL	0.00	0.000	5.015
30-YEAR BOND	+0.58	+0.028	4.865
5-YEAR NOTE	+1.12	+0.053	4.778

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IN BRIEF

Cronkite: Media values profit over truth

NEW YORK — Pressures by media companies to generate greater profits are threatening the very freedom the nation was built upon, former CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite said Thursday.

In a keynote address at Columbia University, Cronkite said today's journalists face greater challenges than those from his generation. No longer could journalists count on their employers to provide the necessary resources, he said, "to expose truths that powerful politicians and special interests often did not want exposed."

Instead, he said, "they face rounds and rounds of job cuts and cost cuts that require them to do ever more with ever less."

"It's not just the journalist's job at risk here. It's American democracy. It is freedom."

Cronkite said news accuracy has declined because of consolidations and closures that have left many American towns with only one newspaper. And as broadcasters cut budgets and air time for news, he said, "we're all left with a sound bite culture that turns political campaigns into political theater."

The former anchor urged owners of media companies — newspapers and broadcast alike — to recognize they have special civil responsibilities.

Businesses struggle with dating workers

NEW YORK — Most small business owners have to deal at some time or another with employees who date, fall in love and probably break up. It's pretty hard to prohibit workers from becoming romantically involved, but owners can take steps to ensure that a relationship doesn't get in the way of getting the job done.

Problems can arise no matter how the relationship turns out or even if the relationship never gets off the ground. So human resources consultants say all companies should have a policy on dating and relationships among co-workers, and to be sure that employees are aware of it.

There are two very critical reasons for formulating such a policy. Relationships can affect productivity, and not just that of the dating co-workers. Even more serious is the fact that workplace affairs of the heart have the potential of turning into sexual harassment suits against an employer.

But many HR experts say that realistically, such policies can't outright ban dating.

NASDAQ fails in bid for LSE

London Stock Exchange announces work on alliance with Tokyo Stock Market

Associated Press

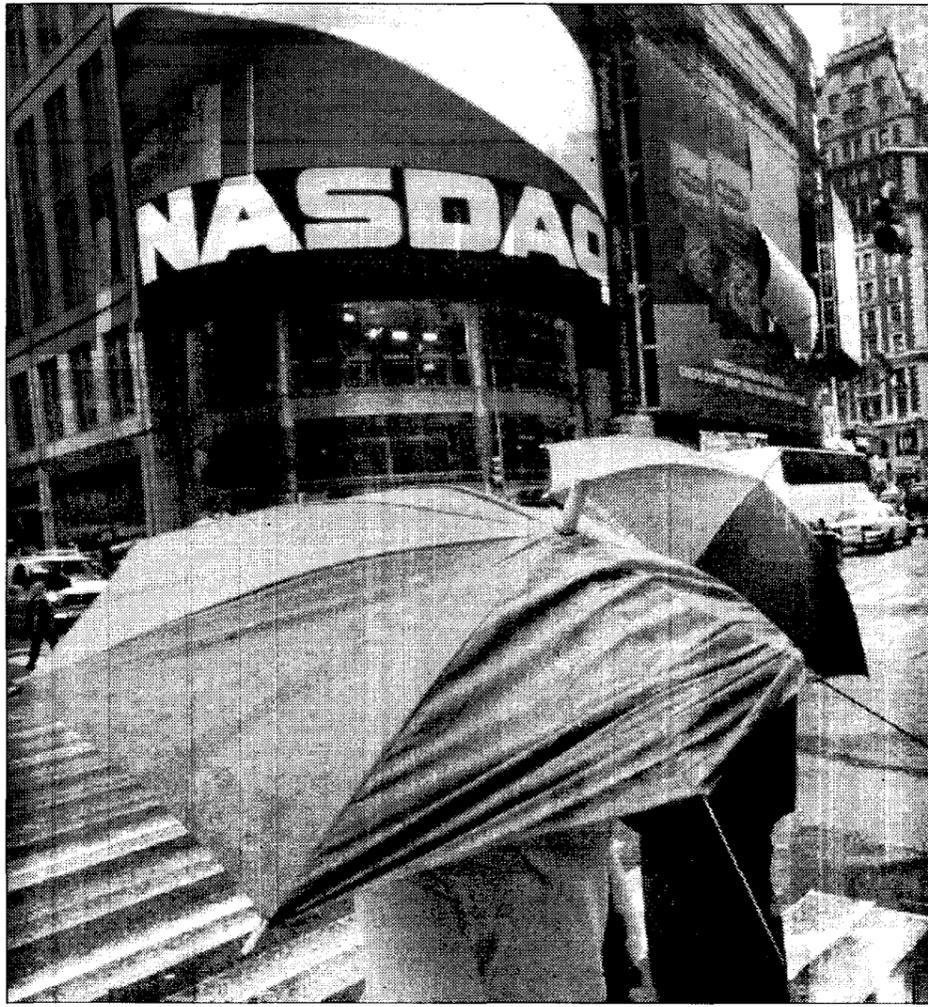
NEW YORK — The Nasdaq Stock Market Inc., having failed in its \$5.3 billion hostile takeover bid for the London Stock Exchange, is now seen scrambling to lay out a European strategy that will appease its shareholders and ensure that it won't be left behind as other major exchanges consolidate.

The world's largest electronic equities exchange was dealt a crushing defeat Saturday by LSE shareholders who overwhelmingly opted not to accept the bid. The Nasdaq's dogged pursuit of the British bourse lasted almost a year and left Nasdaq empty-handed as rival operators NYSE Group Inc. and Euronext NV integrate into the first marketplace to span the Atlantic.

Analysts say Nasdaq CEO Robert Greifeld is now under intense pressure from investors to cut a deal that will keep his exchange competitive. Wall Street could get a glimpse at Greifeld's next move when he speaks to analysts after the Nasdaq reports third-quarter earnings Tuesday.

"He's built up so much expectation that if he were to abandon Europe there would be very strong disappointment among shareholders," said David Easthope, an analyst with business consulting firm Celent. "Shareholders are looking for them to execute on two strategies: Get your European strategy in place and simultaneously execute one in Asia."

That's exactly what the New York Stock Exchange has accomplished. So far this year, the Big Board closed the deal to buy Paris-based Euronext, secured a stake in India's National Stock Market, and



Visitors to New York's Times Square look at the Nasdaq MarketSite in this Oct. 17 photo. Nasdaq Stock Market Inc. failed in its \$5.3 billion bid for the London Stock Exchange.

embarked on a broader alliance with the Tokyo Stock Exchange that could lead to a combination.

There is also speculation that NYSE Chief Executive John Thain might take advantage of the Nasdaq's failed bid to make his own run at the LSE, either through an acquisition or most likely a broad alliance. The NYSE, which declined to comment about such a deal, would face not only competition issues in Europe but also be forced to contend with the nearly 30 percent stake in the London exchange that the

Nasdaq still holds.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the LSE told reporters in London that the exchange is already working on a strategic alliance with its Tokyo counterpart.

The fierce rivalry between the NYSE and the Nasdaq is palpable. They are fighting for market share in the U.S., where regulations allow stocks listed on one exchange to be traded on another. They have also been gunning for more stock listings, sometimes persuading companies to defect from one to the other.

The Nasdaq has bragging rights for the speediest stock executions, but the NYSE's recent introduction of electronic trading is designed to challenge that.

Until Saturday's defeat, Greifeld had a string of successes at Nasdaq. He's taken a market that was once run by the nation's broker-dealers and turned it into one of Wall Street's hottest public companies, bought electronic trading platform Instinet for its technology and has taken trades away from the NYSE.

Stocks down amid rising oil prices

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street retreated sharply Friday as investors glumly absorbed a spike in oil prices and comments from two Federal Reserve officials that unexpected economic growth could prompt an interest rate hike.

Stocks had spent most of the session in positive territory after Thursday's pullback made for fertile ground for bargain hunters. The market also got a lift from analyst upgrades of the automobile sector, which sent Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. higher.

But investors began to sell after St. Louis Fed President William Poole and Dallas Fed President Richard Fisher both warned rates will go higher if inflation doesn't ebb. Wall Street has been looking for any clues about how

central bankers are viewing the economy, and which way it might lead on interest rates this year.

Investors also digested a handful of earnings reports and watched the movements of crude oil, which crossed \$60 per barrel for the first time since early January. MasterCard Inc. also weighed on the market after it warned 2007 margins might be weaker than they were last year.

"I do think that in order for this market to continue to rally, we're going to need further confirmation of an economy that's growing and the risks of inflation have abated," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist for Avalon Partners.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 56.80, or 0.45 percent, to 12,580.83 after also pulling back on Thursday amid concerns about the housing market.

Broader stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 10.25, or 0.71 percent, to 1,438.06, and the Nasdaq composite index was down 28.85, or 1.16 percent, at 2,459.82.

For the week, the Dow fell 0.57 percent; the Nasdaq dropped 0.65 percent; and the S&P declined 0.71 percent.

Bond prices fell sharply following speeches by the two Fed presidents; the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 4.78 percent from 4.73 percent late Thursday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Also influencing the fixed-income market were comments from Cleveland Fed President Sandy Piana that "recent data are encouraging" for the housing sector, according to prepared remarks.

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Silencing Ramadan stunts progress

With all the recent excitement over this year's top-10 recruiting class (kudos to Coach Weis) and the talent that it brings to our football program, many couldn't help to still discuss the one (or three) that got away. However, I'd like to shift focus away from football for just a couple of minutes and talk about the one that really got away, the one that would undoubtedly make waves at Notre Dame like never before.



Will
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Strategy
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Scrolling through the New York Times magazine online last Sunday, I felt intense frustration as I read one particular article. This article wasn't about American and Iraqi deaths incurred in Iraq by roadside bombing, the Iranian nuclear program, or the recent arrest of several Muslims in Britain accused of plotting to kill an Islamic member of the British armed forces. The article was about Tariq Ramadan, a man who could certainly shed light on these aforementioned, all too commonplace, topics. Reading through the article one gets a great sense of admiration for his eloquence and his constant efforts to "bridge a divide and bring together people of diverse backgrounds and world views." Although Ramadan comes from a genealogical tree that has its fair share of Muslim extremists (his grandfather founded the Muslim Brotherhood) he has chosen a different route: moderation and practical application of Islamic faith to the world we live in. While he decries neoliberal economics as inherently unjust and states that global capitalism is the "abode of war," these inflammatory statements aren't simple empty statements tailored for the FOX

news ticker but rather a provocative means of entering into a dialogue. As opposed to Ann Coulter, Tariq Ramadan doesn't exude controversy as a means of being controversial; he simply has strong, meaningful opinions that warrant intense scrutiny and discussion in today's social and political climates.

These meaningful, well-articulated opinions are now discussed at Oxford where he is a research fellow.

He was supposed to be here.

However, this wasn't a case of his reneging on signing day. Quite to the contrary, his children were enrolled in South Bend schools, his furniture had all been shipped here, his visa was in order and he was fully prepared to begin teaching at the Kroc Institute. However, as the New York Times magazine article articulates, about \$900 that he donated to charities led to the revocation of his visa. Nine-hundred measly dollars which he had donated to two different aid organizations that help Palestinians are, according to the U.S. State Department, the reason that he's not here. This money was given to charities that, at the time, were not on any blacklist and continue to run legitimately and without scrutiny in Europe. However, at some point after his donation, the United States decided that it was giving money to Hamas, the radical and violent Palestinian group. Despite the ex-post facto nature of the blacklisting, the present administration, in its infinite wisdom, decided to bar this valuable and much-needed voice from entering our country and teaching at our University.

Really? Nine-hundred dollars donated to two legitimate charities whose activities weren't yet called in to question is enough to keep Tariq Ramadan away from America and its students?

I don't buy it.

What we have here is yet another iteration of the U.S. administration's desire to ignore and obstruct voices of

dissent, even if that dissent is entirely well-founded and academic. Tariq Ramadan has an important place in American society and an invaluable role to play in this country's academic institutions. Due to the heroic and insightful efforts of those at the Kroc Institute such as Professor Scott Appleby, we almost had one of the most prominent Islamic voices right here on our campus. We almost had the opportunity as students to be consistently challenged in our world views and our view of Islam in modern society. We were a simple visa away from being able to comprehend the issues that plague Muslims in Europe and the Middle East as well as, at an ever-increasing rate, those who reside in the United States. The Bush administration will have none of it.

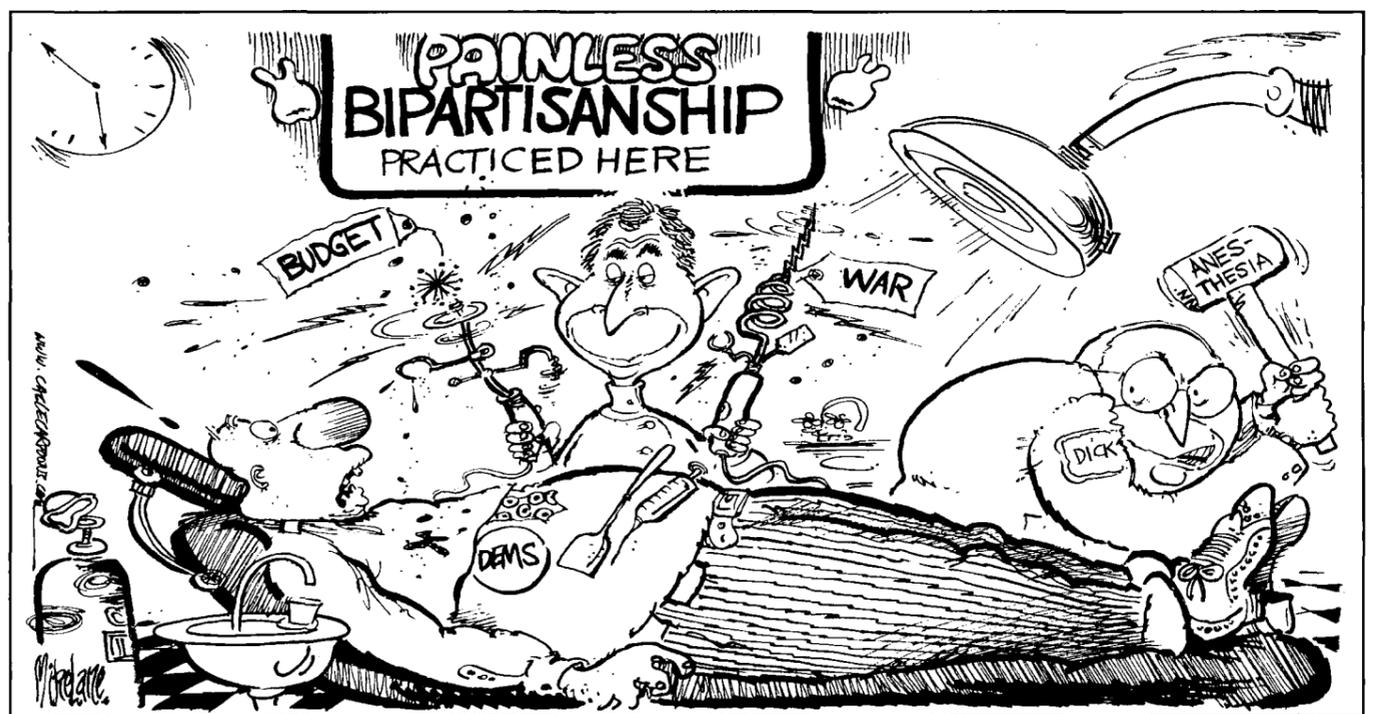
Barring one prominent and controversial scholar from entering our country isn't the cause of our issues; it's a symptom. It shows us that the level of education, the prevalence of discourse, and the tenet of free speech that millions have fought for and sworn to protect, both in the courts and on the field of battle, aren't as high of a priority to this administration as we'd like them to be. As the next generation of leaders, we must be vigilant of those who would limit our access to controversy and attempt to curtail any serious discussion of issues which divide societies across the globe.

We deserve better and we must demand better.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Time is not what you think. Dying? Not the end of everything. We think it is. But what happens on earth is only the beginning."

Mitch Albom
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A call to teach and change the nation

We all are so very fortunate to call ourselves part of the Notre Dame community.

We all have received excellent educations, and will likely have great success in whatever it is we choose to do with that education. I issue to you a challenge: use your education to create more educated, inquisitive people ready to take on the world. In sum, more people like you.

In the beginning, Teach For America (TFA) was an idea nothing more than an undergraduate senior thesis about a national teacher corps. The basic idea was that an excellent education can be utilized to change children's lives — to give them new opportunities to meet the challenges associated with poverty. The key to this new life is an education.

I was first reached by an amazing TFA presenter that spoke to a group in O'Shaughnessey in fall 1992. She spoke of the need to fill teaching positions in under-resourced, under-funded schools throughout urban and rural areas in the United States. It was if she was speaking directly to me. Me, a Latina woman fluent in Spanish, who had an excellent education and many opportunities in life. Could I provide opportunities for children who had few?

I answered the call and applied. "What about law school?" said my parents. I told them that a TFA experience would prepare me for law school. I told them I wanted to go to law school in order to provide legal services in the public interest. Except what did I know about what was needed in the public sector? I wanted to live it and learn how I could best serve the greater community that gave me so much. Fortunately, I was accepted in 1993 and my parents begrudgingly accepted my decision.

I had the privilege of teaching wonderful bilingual kindergartners in inner-city Houston. Make no mistake, this job was not easy, and struggles are exceptionally difficult to stomach when one is used to success. The TFA experience is not for the weak or meek of heart, but for those who hear the call to serve in the classroom. Many tears were shed, many sleepless nights were spent pouring over books and acquiring materials for "my babies." But in the end, the efforts were well spent. My five-year-old students could read, write, add and subtract. A full quarter of my class could multiply. But my greatest achievement was getting one of my most neglected students to go from being unable to hold a pair of scissors, to being able to read sight words in one year. Miguel, wherever he is in the world, can read. I had a hand in making sure this one child is literate, and not illiterate.

I do know where Lizette is today. She writes me during the holidays and lets me know about her activities and school. She sent me pictures of her quinceanera (traditional coming-of-age birthday celebration). She is now 17 and in the National Honor Society.

As for me, after TFA I did go to law school, and am now a practicing criminal defense attorney at the Federal Defender's Office in Buffalo, N.Y. I see the difference that literacy makes every day, especially when I speak to a client that is illiterate. Would this person be sitting before me in chains if he had learned how to read? Would she have had more options in life if there had been someone who cared enough to give her opportunities to succeed?

As I present a case before the judge in federal criminal court, I remember my students. They were my first audience, where I learned to communicate a message, to make my point. As I speak to a confused and scared client, or to a client's distraught family member, I remember the lessons my small students taught me about speaking softly to those who raise their voices to defuse a tense situation.

More than 10 years ago, I was privileged to give two years of my life to the children of Houston. In the beginning, Teach For America had great goals and ideals, with the hope that the face of education could be changed. More than a decade later, those goals are being met one teacher and one classroom at a time. Now there is a new generation of children that thirst for the knowledge that will bring them a bright future.

How will they achieve this amazing education? Who will lead these children with oftentimes few resources and few role models down the ardent path of learning and achievement? Who will counsel them through the failures and struggles that accompany any new endeavor that requires effort? Can you guide the future leaders of the community and nurture their desires to make things better? Can you grow the skills and abilities that they will need to succeed?

Can you give two years of your life to create an indelible mark on a child? Can you change the future for the better? Can you help build the foundation of communities by preparing those who will lead them?

The final deadline to submit applications is Feb. 18. It can be found at www.teachforamerica.org. As a fellow Notre Dame alumnus and TFA alum, I ask you: Will you answer the call?

Roxanne Mendez Johnson
Houston
class of 1993
Feb. 8

Fair Trade may not be so fair

Over the past year or so there has been a lot of activism by various student groups to introduce Fair Trade coffee at Notre Dame. While I applaud these student groups for their effort in trying to help coffee farmers in developing countries, I think they are completely overlooking the negative repercussions of this campaign.

While Fair Trade sounds like a noble idea from a theoretical standpoint, the broader economic effects could actually be quite harmful to developing countries and their farmers. Without getting into complex economic theory, let me tell you why. For a start, commodities like coffee have a low price for one main reason: there is an overproduction. By paying farmers a guaranteed Fair Trade premium (which acts as a subsidy), it encourages other producers to enter the market, thereby driving overall prices further down and making non-Fair Trade producers in these countries poorer.

More importantly, with a guaranteed premium there becomes less incentive for governments and farmers in developing countries to diversify from coffee farming into other non-commodity sectors. Developing countries are

often unable to achieve higher levels of economic growth for the very reason that their economies are too heavily dependent on primary products. This economic phenomenon is perhaps best explained by the Prebisch-Singer thesis which has proven that terms of trade for primary commodity exporters has a tendency to decline. In order for developing countries to achieve higher levels of economic growth they need to, among other things, transition from an agrarian economy into an economy that is based on manufacturing.

I am not saying that encouraging Fair Trade in and of itself is going to impede economic development. But surely with the Fair Trade subsidy it will take incentives away from farmers and governments to diversify their economies. I would urge the Student Senate to reexamine this issue more carefully before deciding to implement a change that may prove to be potentially counterproductive.

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'BABEL' ASTOUNDS AS TALE OF HUMANITY

By TAE ANDREWS
Assistant Scene Editor

Editor's Note: This is the first in a five-part series on the 2007 Oscar nominees for Best Picture.

As a film, "Babel" is very similar to last year's "Crash," which also involved a very convoluted and unlikely plot that tied together many different people from different walks of life. Also like "Crash," "Babel" is a film centered around the basic humanity that ties together people, regardless of how different they might seem.

"Babel" features Brad Pitt, who takes some time off from his typical routine of Hollywood star-glitter in such films as "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" and "Ocean's 12" to roll up his sleeves and get his hands dirty with some real acting. In doing so, he confirms his status as a legitimate actor with some real chops instead of being just a pretty face. Replete with a graying beard and some gristle on those chiseled features, Mr. Pitt does a good job of portraying Richard, a haggard husband trying to save his wife after she's shot while vacationing in Morocco.

What may surprise most viewers is that

Babel



Director: Alejandro González Iñárritu
Writer: Guillermo Arriaga
Starring: Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Gael García Bernal, Boubker Ait El Caid

Pitt is not actually onscreen during much of the film. While his headshots are nice to splash on movie posters and marquee headlines, the story actually revolves around six different families with complicated and coincidental relationships. Cate Blanchett plays Pitt's estranged wife Susan and spends much of her time in "Babel" knocking on death's door and squirming in anguish as she is shot relatively early on in the movie.

Boubker Ait El Caid plays Yussef, the young son of a Moroccan goatherd. When he is given a rifle to shoot marauding jackals, one thing leads to another and he and his brother end up shooting a tour bus containing Richard and Susan, which sets the whole Rube Goldberg-type plot in motion.

While Richard and Susan are gone vacationing in Morocco, their children are left in their San Diego home under the watchful eye of their nanny, Amelia, played by Adriana Barraza. After Amelia decides to take the kids to her son's wedding down in Mexico, the trio runs into trouble as they try to return to the country. On the other side of the globe, Rinko Kikuchi plays Chieko, a deaf-mute Japanese schoolgirl who is experiencing the advent of her teenage sexuality but is frustrated by her inability to communicate with young men — or them with her.

The Kevin Bacon-esque game of six degrees of separation links the plot together, but what director Alejandro González Iñárritu is getting at is the underlying humanity, which ties all of humanity together. Extremely well made, "Babel" features beautiful sprawling shots of the Moroccan countryside and interesting and artistic editing. It's a tad long, clocking in at



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Brad Pitt, center, and Cate Blanchett star in the Academy Award-nominated film "Babel." It is up for seven Oscars, including Best Motion Picture.

over two hours, but it's worth the extra film reel.

Iñárritu, of previous fame with his 2003 hit "21 Grams," weaves a clear motif of communication throughout this sprawling and beautiful film. Whether it's the language barrier Richard faces in his time of crisis in Morocco, or Chieko's inability to communicate with the world around her, Iñárritu is focused on finding what exactly it is that gives people their sense of self. In addition, he clearly has a lot to say in terms of his political message, given the portrayal of the American government in the film as

it deals with the international politics of securing Susan's rescue in Morocco and the Mexican-American border dynamic.

Appropriately enough, "Crash" managed to make like its own title and crashed the Oscar party en route to scoring Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay awards, beating out previous frontrunner "Brokeback Mountain." With a little luck and some Academy love, Iñárritu may find himself lifting a trophy with a golden man for this well-made and beautiful film.

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MEXICAN DIRECTORS TAKING HOLLYWOOD BY STORM

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American directors have long dominated Hollywood and the Academy Awards. Foreign directors have had difficulty making inroads into the upper echelons of Hollywood. Granted, there are notable exceptions such as Ang Lee from Taiwan and Michel Gondry from France who made "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," respectively. However, this year marks a paradigm shift inside the highest awards of American (and many would argue world) cinema. A group of Mexican directors has taken Hollywood by storm — a group simi-

lar to the French New Wave of the 1960s. Not similar so much in filmmaking style, but similar in bringing creative talent and amazing films from outside of the United States.

Alejandro González Iñárritu

Born in Mexico City in 1963, Alejandro González Iñárritu entered movies by studying filmmaking under Ludwik Margules and directing under Judith Weston. During the 1990s, he worked for Mexican TV company Televisa and became one of their youngest directors. Moving on from Televisa, he set up Zeta films, which focused on advertising and short films.

His entrance into the world of feature filmmaking came with "Amores Perros."

Written by longtime accomplice Guillermo Arriaga, the film was nominated in 2001 for the Best Foreign language film and brought Iñárritu to fame. This fame materialized itself in the invitation to direct the film "21 Grams" and work with famed Puerto Rican actor Benicio del Toro. This film garnered high critical praise from art film circles and del Toro and Naomi Watts received Academy Award nominations for their performances. The success of this film translated into the current nominee for Best picture, "Babel." Regarded by many to be the this year's frontrunner for Best Picture due to its Golden Globe win, "Babel" has marked Iñárritu's entrance into the inner circles of Hollywood directors and his first definite mainstream success.

Guillermo del Toro

Del Toro rose to Hollywood fame through a different path — he began his career by directing big budget comic book films such as "Blade II" and "Hellboy." Instead of moving closer and closer to Hollywood, del Toro began his career there and has moved further and further away while still retaining the credibility and fame he built up. Moving away from comic books this year, del Toro released the almost universally critically acclaimed "El Laberinto del Fauno [Pan's Labyrinth]." The favorite to win the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film, "Laberinto" has stolen the hearts of viewers around the world with its story from civil war-era Spain.

Alfonso Cuarón

The third member of the Mexican directorial trinity, Alfonso Cuarón entered fea-

ture filmmaking with "Sólo Con Tu Pareja [Only With Your Partner]" — a dark comedy about a playboy businessman who contracts HIV. It was very popular in Mexico and garnered him some attention not so much with the American public but with the industry. His big break in the American film scene came with the provocative "Y Tu Mamá También." This was made in Mexico with a Mexican cast but was a smash hit in the American art-house circles. Producers noticed and gave Cuarón the helm for the third installment in the Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." Cuarón was criticized by "Potter" fans for not following the book religiously. However, many critics regarded this film as a drastic improvement over the previous two "Potter" films.

Following this was his latest effort, "Children of Men" starring Clive Owen, Julianne Moore and Sir Michael Caine. He, more so than the others, has had massive success both with Spanish and English language films.

All three of these directors represent the filmmaking talent and creativity from Mexico. In an age when Hollywood can do little more than make sequels, these men are making some of the most creative and highly acclaimed films of the year. From the fantasy of "El Laberinto del Fauno" to the grittiness of "Children of Men" to the epic sweep of "Babel," these three men promise that the Mexican cinema is alive and well and American directors could certainly learn much from them.

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While on the set of "Babel," Alejandro González Iñárritu, left, directs Brad Pitt. Nominated for Best Director, he is part of a talented group of Mexican directors.

SCENE & HEARD

Eddie Murphy needs to re-find inner comedian

In case you missed it, "Norbit" was the top movie at the box office over the weekend. "Norbit," as in another movie where Eddie Murphy plays multiple roles, again donning a "fat suit" to play a character that interacts directly with his normal, thin self. Call me a Debbie Downer, but the repeated trend of Murphy playing numerous roles within a film reeks to me of the death of his comic ability.



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Gone are the days of Murphy's standup routines, his "Saturday Night Live" career and the "Beverly Hills Cop" movies. In other words, gone are his funny days. The movie "Coming to America" — while entertaining — started the trend of Murphy playing multiple roles in the same film, most notably the African prince Akeem. By all accounts, this was a good movie, and Murphy showed a fair amount of acting versatility in the various roles he played.

It seems that he liked doing this so much, he wanted to play more than one character as often as he could. He did it again in Wes Craven's "Vampire in Brooklyn." You've probably seen the DVD cover at Blockbuster and laughed as you passed it by. It highlights Eddie Murphy looking like one of the most inept vampires of all time while holding a swooning Angela Bassett. Most critics panned the film and Murphy's attempt at portraying multiple characters

when he couldn't even get one of them right.

One would think Murphy might have stopped trying the multiple roles thing after this flop, but the next year, he starred a whopping seven times in "The Nutty Professor." This was another film that was mildly entertaining, but each of Murphy's characters seemed at times so similar, that you couldn't help but wonder why Sherman Klump needed such a large, neurotic family when they were all nearly identical anyways.

"Bowfinger" was another film in which Murphy played two characters, and while it wasn't awful, it was quirky enough for many people (this writer included) to dislike it. The greatest insult occurred when Murphy reprised his seven roles in "The Nutty Professor II" and managed to make all seven characters even more similar than the first go-round. "The Nutty Professor II" seemed to have been produced solely to give Murphy a chance to act as different characters in a desperate attempt to show the world that he was still funny.

Aside from "Shrek," most of his following movies disproved this point, most notably "Showtime," "The Adventures of Pluto Nash" and "The Haunted Mansion." After the "Mansion" flop, Murphy stayed away from starring roles for nearly four years, until "Norbit."

To digress, recently Murphy earned an Oscar nomination for "Dreamgirls," but in this film he is both serious and a supporting actor — two facets of acting where he is on unfamiliar ground. Perhaps this is the sign of a new Eddie Murphy, an unfunny, serious Eddie Murphy, which would be a



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Eddie Murphy frequently stars as multiple characters in a single film such as Norbit, right, and Rasputina in "Norbit." The films usually include him wearing a fat suit.

shame since he used to have such a knack for comedy.

He tried to revive that knack with "Norbit," but the movie is just plain unfunny (blame the high ticket sales on Murphy's popularity because of "Dreamgirls," not the quality of "Norbit"). He has returned to his ways by playing three characters and once again wearing a fat suit as one of them.

The idea of a fat suit is inherently funny when an actor does it one time, much like Ben Stiller did at the end of "Dodgeball." However, Eddie Murphy has now done this

so many times, people come to expect him to wear the fat suit in multiple roles in his new films.

Lets hope that it doesn't come to that. Lets hope that Eddie Murphy rediscovers his comic self and doesn't go down the potentially devastating road of "The Nutty Professor III: Thee Times the Klumps."

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LEGENDS REVIEW

Ben Kweller heats up frigid night at Legends

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Word of mouth is a funny thing. From the absence of posters and general lack of official fanfare, Ben Kweller might have thought he was sneaking in the back door as his tour bus pulled up for a pit stop in South Bend last Friday night. However, like a game of collegiate "Telephone," news of Kweller's impending arrival spread across campus, resulting in hundreds of Domers making the journey across a frigid campus to Legends.

And so concert-goers found themselves huddled and shivering outside of Legends last Friday night an hour before Kweller took the stage. However, despite the cold, anticipation built to the point of bursting as the muffled sounds of the band soundchecking and rehearsing onstage reached the frozen ears of those waiting outside in the Siberian tundra that was Notre Dame. A lucky few managed to wait indoors, which opened shortly after 10:30, offering a blessed respite from the sub-zero temperatures.

It was worth the wait. Greeted with raucous cheers and excited applause from the moment he stepped onstage, Kweller flashed a youthful grin and clearly fed off the crowd's energy as the night went on. Dressed in a Where's Waldo-esque striped T-shirt, a corduroy jacket, and a tight-fitting pair of women's jeans, the cherubic-faced crooner looked every bit the face of boyish rock rebellion as he sang

onstage with his carefully-groomed curls bouncing every which way as he rocked all night long.

With lyrics that range from silly to sweet, the best part of Kweller is that he manages to switch between energetic rock anthems and simple but sweet love ballads. Sometimes he even manages to do both in the same song, as he did while playing "On My Way." Starting off with a simple "boom-chika" strum reminiscent of Johnny Cash, Kweller dropped lyrical gems such as, "I wanna kill this man / but he turned around and ran / I'll kill him with karate that I learned in Japan" before finishing on a softer note with lyrics such as, "I'm in love with someone / who's as pretty as a flower / her life gives me power / so I'm buying her a ring." In addition, Kweller played hits such as "I Need You Back," "My Apartment" and "The Rules." He also showed off his sweeter side, just in time for Valentine's Day, with songs such as "Believer" and "The Rules."

That's the essence of mop-topped rocker — his ability to capture the fun and spirit of rock 'n roll and then shake things up with a varied array of different-sounding jams.

Whatever he was doing, it was working, as the crowd went along with every song he sang. Legends was filled to capacity, and the Kweller-crazed and uninitiated alike jammed out in unison as the audience turned into a sea of bobbing heads sprinkled with the occasional mosher jumping up and down and screaming along in unison to every lyric with as much passion as Kweller



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Ben Kweller played at Legends Friday night to a packed house. He performed his signature mix of bad boy rock sound and emotional, softer lyrics.

himself.

After the band left the set, the stage didn't remain dark for very long as the audience immediately roared with thunderous applause and call for an encore. Kweller didn't make them wait for long, coming out for a solo bit in which he showed off his musical versatility, playing a cover of Garth Brooks' "Friends In Low Places" and Roger Miller's "Chug-A-Lug," which set off a round of restaurant-rocking choruses of "chug-a-lugs" and "hi-dee-hos." Finally, Kweller gave the audience what it had

been waiting for all night, pulling his band back onstage for a rendition of his signature anthem, "Wasted and Ready," which set off the crowd like a powder keg. Good luck trying to quell that audience and silence the energy of the old and new fans alike.

Ben Kweller's playing at Legends is appropriate enough for a burgeoning rock star, as he is quickly blossoming into one of the most loved, especially here on campus.

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NBA

Pavlovic nets 21 as Cavs down Lakers 99-90

Dwyane Wade scores 26 in Miami victory

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Sasha Pavlovic scored 13 points in the fourth quarter, picking up the slack for LeBron James, and the Cleveland Cavaliers shut down Kobe Bryant in the final minutes for a 99-90 win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday.

Pavlovic, suddenly a major cog in Cleveland's offense, finished with 21 points, Zydrunas Ilgauskas 17 and Anderson Varejao 12 — 11 in the fourth — as the Cavaliers improved to 20-7 at home with their second straight solid effort.

James had 18 points, eight rebounds and five assists, but he deferred to Pavlovic and others down the stretch, and Cleveland's supporting cast came through. James was outscored 25-7 by Bryant in the second half, but the All-Star forward got to crown the Cavs' win with a soaring dunk in the final seconds.

Bryant scored 36 points to lead the Lakers, who went 3-5 on an eight-game swing through the bitterly cold East. Bryant scored Los Angeles' first 14 points in the final period, but with Larry Hughes guarding him, he didn't score again in the final 3:39 after making two free throws to tie it 81-all.

Vladimir Radmanovic scored 12 points and Lamar Odom 11 for the Lakers, whose bench was outscored 46-15.

Varejao made two free throws for the Cavs — the NBA's worst team from the line — with 3:20 to go and James followed by making a pair for his first points of the second half to make it 85-81 with 2:59 left.

The Lakers, who led by three points entering the fourth, got within 86-85 on Smush Parker's jumper before James drove and passed to Varejao, who sunk a 17-footer to put the Cavaliers ahead by three.

On the Lakers' next trip, Hughes slapped the ball out of Bryant's hands and it was picked up by Pavlovic, who raced to the other end and was fouled by Parker while making a layup. Pavlovic, who came in averaging 14 points in his last six games, completed the three-point play to put the Cavs ahead 91-85.

With the Cavs paying extra attention to Bryant, none of the other Lakers stepped up and when Varejao made a three-point play with 47 seconds left the Cavaliers were up 93-87

and on their way to a second straight impressive victory after beating Miami on Friday.

Bryant made seven free throws and outscored James 11-0 in the third period when the Lakers overcame an 11-point halftime deficit to take a 67-64 lead. Cleveland went 4-of-25 (16 percent) from the field in the quarter with James missing all five of his attempts.

Hughes hit a 3-pointer and rookie Daniel Gibson, who challenged Shaquille O'Neal on a drive to the basket Friday, made a three-point play as the Cavaliers outscored the Lakers 9-1 to take a 52-41 lead at halftime.

James, who earlier this season drained an 80-foot, buzzer-beating 3-pointer in Boston, dropped one from 55 feet at the end of the first half but the shot was disallowed because it came just after the horn.

Heat 100, Spurs 85

Once Dwyane Wade got rolling, things seemed almost easy for the Miami Heat.

Wade — virtually silent offensively for the first three quarters — had 18 of his 26 points in the final period and the Heat held San Antonio without a field goal for more than 7 minutes down the stretch on the way to beating the Spurs on Sunday.

He was 3-for-9 from the field entering the fourth, then hit 7-of-10 shots in the final 12 minutes, falling two points short of matching the Spurs' offensive total in the stanza by himself. Miami outscored San Antonio 31-20 in the fourth.

"It was a great game until Dwyane Wade decided to take over," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "And then it was over."

Shaquille O'Neal had 16 points in 25 minutes; he didn't play in the final 15:44, partly because he's still coming back from knee surgery, partly because the smaller lineup the Heat used did well enough to not necessitate his return. Jason Kapono added his first career double-double, 13 points and 11 rebounds.

The win was Miami's fifth in its last six games and pulled the Heat within one game of the .500 mark again; Miami (25-26) can get there Tuesday when it hosts Portland in its last game before the All-Star break.

"We're just trying to continue to get better," Wade said. "If anyone knows basketball, they understand that we're not going anywhere, that we've been having a lot of injuries. But we're getting it back. That's our whole focus, to keep



Cleveland forward LeBron James dunks in the second quarter of the Cavaliers 99-90 win over the Los Angeles Lakers Sunday in Cleveland. James finished with 18 points and five rebounds.

going this way."

Manu Ginobili had 26 points off the bench for the Spurs, who fell to 2-4 on their eight-game road trip. Tony Parker added 20 for San Antonio, while Tim Duncan finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds and Brent Barry scored 11.

"We're still not playing physically enough, tough enough," Popovich said. "We're playing soft for too many minutes in the game. Just hoping and begging."

The Spurs were within one point twice in the final quarter, but missed eight straight shots over a stretch of 7:12 — and Miami capitalized, outscoring San Antonio 20-8 during that drought to open a big lead and eventually prevail in a matchup of the last two NBA champions.

"We're just not able to get over that hump when we need to," Duncan said. "The consistency is not there, offensively and defensively."

Wade single-handedly kept the Spurs off the scoreboard twice midway through the fourth quarter, with a pair of highlight-reel blocks against Parker near the basket. Both came within a 9-second span and represented Parker's only attempts in the fourth, during which San Antonio shot 5-for-17.

"Great defense. It surprised

me a little bit," Parker said.

Fueled by an early 18-0 edge in bench scoring, the Spurs led 31-25 with 7:13 left in the first half before Miami's reserves began contributing. Eddie Jones had eight points, three assists and a steal in a 17-1 run over a 3-minute stretch — all with Wade on the bench — that put Miami up 42-32 with 3:54 left.

Pacers 94, Clippers 80

Take that, Pops.

Mike Dunleavy, playing against his father's Los Angeles Clippers for the first time since he was traded from Golden State to Indiana last month, hit nine of 12 shots, scored 20 points and had three steals in the Pacers' victory on Sunday.

Jermaine O'Neal had 21 points and set an Indiana franchise record for career blocked shots as the Pacers snapped a three-game losing streak.

"I have mixed emotions," Dunleavy said of playing against the team coached by his father, Mike Dunleavy Sr. "I wanted to beat him real bad, but I also want to see them do well. I hope they win the rest of their games, but the most important thing is our team."

The Pacers took control with a 16-0 run at the end of the second quarter and built their lead to 23 points early in the third period.

The Clippers rallied within

seven points midway through the final quarter, but O'Neal then hit two straight baskets and Dunleavy added another to push Indiana's lead to 89-76. Los Angeles came no closer than 11 points the rest of the way.

"I asked him, 'Do you always shoot this well against your dad?'" Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said of the younger Dunleavy's shooting. "He said it's usually feast or famine."

"The way he played today not only was a real key for us to win but demonstrated the kind of tone he can bring to our team," Carlisle said.

Dunleavy, Troy Murphy and Ike Diogu came to Indiana as part of an eight-player trade between the Pacers and Warriors last month.

"We're finding out he's a much better defensive player than people ever gave him credit for," Carlisle said. "He's working hard on his whole game, particularly his shooting. And you can see the progress he's made."

Dunleavy hit both of his 3-point attempts Sunday, and his 20 points marked the first time this season he has scored at least that many in consecutive games.

"He's playing comfortably in this (Pacers) system," said Mike Dunleavy Sr., who has won nine of 14 matchups against his son's teams.

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Zach Braff, say you'll come back for a seventh season of "Scrubs."

Has anybody in Fisher seen Muffin lately?

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
New Jersey	34-16-6	74	6-2-2
Pittsburgh	29-17-9	67	9-0-1
N.Y. Islanders	26-22-8	60	5-1-4
N.Y. Rangers	27-24-5	59	4-5-1
Philadelphia	14-33-8	36	3-3-4

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Buffalo	38-15-4	80	6-4-0
Ottawa	32-22-3	67	6-3-1
Montreal	29-22-6	64	4-5-1
Toronto	27-22-7	61	7-2-1
Boston	25-25-4	54	4-6-0

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Atlanta	30-19-9	69	4-5-1
Tampa Bay	31-24-2	64	7-3-0
Carolina	28-23-7	63	3-5-2
Washington	23-26-8	54	3-6-1
Florida	21-25-11	53	4-4-2

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Nashville	38-16-3	79	6-4-0
Detroit	35-15-6	76	6-3-1
St. Louis	22-25-9	53	5-4-1
Chicago	22-27-7	51	5-5-0
Columbus	22-29-5	49	5-5-0

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Vancouver	31-21-4	66	5-2-3
Minnesota	31-22-4	66	7-2-1
Calgary	29-18-8	66	5-1-4
Edmonton	27-24-4	58	6-4-0
Colorado	26-25-4	56	4-5-1

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Anaheim	33-15-8	74	3-6-1
San Jose	35-19-1	71	5-4-1
Dallas	34-20-2	70	7-2-1
Phoenix	25-29-2	52	4-6-0
Los Angeles	19-30-9	47	3-4-3

NCAA Basketball

Men's Big East Standings

team	conference record	overall record
1 Pittsburgh	10-1	21-3
2 Georgetown	8-2	18-5
3 Marquette	8-3	21-5
4 West Virginia	7-4	19-5
5 Louisville	7-4	17-8
6 NOTRE DAME	6-5	18-6
7 Syracuse	6-5	17-8
8 Villanova	5-5	17-7
9 Providence	5-5	15-8
10 DePaul	5-6	14-11
11 St. John's	5-7	14-11
12 Connecticut	4-6	15-9
13 Seton Hall	3-7	12-11
14 South Florida	3-8	12-13
15 Rutgers	3-9	10-15
16 Cincinnati	1-9	10-14

MLB



Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer celebrates as he slides into home plate last April. Mauer signed a 4-year deal Sunday worth \$33 million securing his long-term future with the Twins.

Twins avoid arbitration, sign Mauer

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — AL batting champion Joe Mauer and the Twins agreed Sunday to a \$33 million, four-year contract, avoiding salary arbitration and giving one of the team's young stars the security of a long-term deal.

The 23-year-old catcher hit .347 with 84 RBIs last year to help the Twins rally from a 12 1/2-game deficit to win the AL Central on the final day of the regular season. He played in his first All-Star game last summer.

Selected with the first pick in the 2001 amateur

draft out of Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Minn., Mauer was eligible for arbitration this winter for the first time. He became the first catcher to lead the majors in batting average and the first AL catcher to win the batting title.

"We're extremely happy, because there is not a player who belongs with the Twins more than Joe Mauer," his agent Ron Shapiro said on Sunday.

Shapiro represented two Hall of Famers, Baltimore's Cal Ripken and Minnesota's Kirby Puckett, who spent their entire careers with the same team. The deal will keep

Mauer with the Twins through at least 2010, the year the team is scheduled to begin playing in a new Minneapolis ballpark.

That didn't mean Mauer gave Minnesota a hometown discount, however.

He gets \$3.75 million this year, \$6.25 million in 2009 and \$12.5 million in 2010. Mauer has additional award bonuses and gets the right to designate three teams each year that he can't be traded to without his consent.

"This is a market deal," general manager Terry Ryan said. "Don't worry about that."

Mauer would have been

eligible for free agency after the 2009 season.

"This is a good day for this organization, and I feel like it's one of those deals which is going to work for both sides," Ryan said. "You have to be comfortable with how a player's going to respond to security. I don't think there's any question how Joe's going to respond to that."

Mauer's rookie season in 2004 was cut short by a knee injury that raised some questions about how his body could handle the physical demands of his position behind the plate. But he has been fine ever since.

IN BRIEF

Mickelson ties Pebble Beach record with 5-shot win

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Anyone worried that Phil Mickelson was emotionally scarred by that U.S. Open collapse can relax.

Mickelson finally got his season on track Sunday by closing with a 6-under 66 under surprising sunshine to tie the tournament record at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and win by five shots for the 30th victory of his career.

Mickelson overcame a double bogey with a lost ball early in the round with three birdies in a four-hole stretch along the ocean, turning a tight race into another runaway. He matched the largest margin of victory at this tournament, winning by five shots over Kevin Sutherland (71).

It was the 11th time in 15 seasons that Mickelson won on the West Coast Swing, and the timing couldn't have been better. He had started his season slowly, allowing the conversation to linger on his gaffe last summer at Winged Foot.

Yates' 2 on Daytona 500 front row

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Robert Yates Racing went from skid row to the front row, emerging from the darkest season in team history to take the Daytona 500 spotlight.

At least for a week.

David Gilliland and Ricky Rudd won the top two starting spots Sunday in qualifying for the Daytona 500, putting Yates back on the racing map after a horrendous season.

"There was a time last year when I felt like I maybe was the problem, and wasn't in love with it and really wanted to leave (racing)," Yates said. "I could have walked out of here last year. I want this next year to get this thing up, get the sky that was falling on us, get it up."

That dark time saw Yates lose his drivers, a sponsor and both of his crew chiefs in a tumultuous year that saw the once-proud team collapse to the point that Yates was convinced he was dying.

Noble Court on pace for Kentucky Derby with win

ARCADIA, Calif. — Noble Court made a big move to the front approaching the stretch and then fought off a late challenge by Law Breaker to win the \$150,000 San Vicente Stakes for 3-year-olds Sunday.

The victory kept Noble Court on the Kentucky Derby trail, with his next start set for March 17 in the San Felipe Stakes at Santa Anita.

A surging Law Breaker ran out of room at the wire, losing by a neck for trainer Bob Baffert, a three-time Kentucky Derby winner whose other promising 3-year-old, E Z Warrior, was back in the barn with a sore foot.

Baffert won the San Vicente last year with Fusaichi Rock Star.

Noble Court covered seven furlongs in 1:23.12 under Corey Nakatani, aboard for the third time in the colt's four-race career.

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NHL

Havlat leads Blackhawks over Blue Jackets

Dallas rocks Colorado, Red Wings roll Flames

Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Martin Havlat is playing well. It's no coincidence that the Chicago Blackhawks are, too.

Havlat had a goal and two assists and the Blackhawks scored three times in the opening period and then held off the Columbus Blue Jackets 5-4 on Sunday.

"I feel I'm playing the best hockey I've ever played, for sure," said Havlat, acquired along with Bryan Smolinski from Ottawa in a blockbuster deal last summer. "That's my goal every year — to be better than the season before."

Havlat has seven goals and three assists in a six-game goal streak.

Peter Bondra and Smolinski each had a goal and an assist and Patrick Sharp and Martin Lapointe also scored for the Blackhawks, who have won five of their last seven games.

A few Blue Jackets fans chanted "We want a re-fund!" in the third period — before their team came back with two goals to almost force overtime.

Anson Carter, Ron Hainsey and David Vyborny each had a goal and an assist and Alexander Svitov also scored for Columbus, which dropped behind the Blackhawks into last place in the Central Division. Brian Berard and Rick Nash each added two assists.

Down 5-2 with less than 11 minutes left, the Blue Jackets drew within one on Vyborny's rebound goal with 3:58 remaining. They almost tied it with just under 2 minutes left when goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin stopped Vyborny's shot from the high slot.

"Khabibulin played fantastic and he saved us at the end," Smolinski said.

Before a national television audience — a first for the 6-year-old Columbus franchise — the Blackhawks dominated at the outset.

Outshooting the Blue Jackets 15-3 in the opening period, they scored three times in a span of 3:38.

"We started poorly again," Columbus coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We have some competitive issues that we have to deal with."

At the 9-minute mark, Cam Barker's slap shot from the left point glanced off Radim Vrbata in the slot and resulted in a big rebound that Sharp netted from the edge of the right circle.

Just over a minute later, Havlat passed to the back boards to Tuomo Ruutu, who sauced a centering pass that Smolinski converted for his 12th goal.

The Blackhawks, who have outscored Columbus 12-4 in the first period of their six meetings this year, made it 3-0 on their next shot. Havlat ended up with the puck at center ice after a giveaway by Berard. Havlat skated past defenseman Rostislav Klesla, who hooked his right arm as he went past, and swooped in alone on goaltender Fredrik Norrena, whose new two-year contract was announced just before the game. Havlat skated to an abrupt stop at the left goal mouth and then reached back to flick the puck past the goalie.

"It was a tough game — the

sixth game of a road trip," coach Denis Savard said. "There were little, wee mistakes we work on every day — we'll fix it. Part of it is not focusing on what we need to do in our coverage. It's going to happen. It's a young team. Tonight fatigue might have set in."

Norrena was replaced by Pascal Leclaire, who had missed the last 21 games because of knee surgery.

The Blue Jackets cut the gap to 4-2 with a pair of power-play goals.

Anson Carter's centering pass for Nash went off his stick and to Hainsey for a one-timer with Columbus on a two-man advantage.

After Lapointe's wrist on a rush made it 4-1, Carter scored on a jam shot off Vyborny's nifty pass through the crease.

In the final period, Bondra scored off a rebound of Havlat's shot from the high slot, with Svitov answering with a wrist shot from the right dot and Vyborny closing the scoring by going high over Khabibulin's shoulder to set up the wild finish.

Detroit 7, Calgary 4

Henrik Zetterberg had two goals and two assists, lifting the Detroit Red Wings to a win over the Calgary Flames on Sunday night.

Joey MacDonald his first career win in goal as the Red Wings outshot the Flames 50-20.

Detroit also got a goal and an assist each from Tomas Holmstrom, Mathieu Schneider, and Jason Williams, and Pavel Datsyuk, and Johan Franzen also added a goal each. Nicklas Lidstrom and Dan Cleary each had two assists.

Roman Hamrlik had a goal and an assist for Calgary, and Alex Tanguay, Jeff Friesen, and Mark Giordano also scored. Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 11 of 14 shots before being replaced by Jamie McLennan.

Detroit chased Kiprusoff with three first-period goals.

Zetterberg opened the scoring with a wrist shot from the high slot after Kiprusoff misplayed the puck behind the net. Datsyuk put in the rebound of Holmstrom's shot for his 17th goal, and Schneider beat Kiprusoff with a slap shot from the point 1:10 later.

Kiprusoff was then pulled.

The Red Wings outshot the Flames 17-5 in the period.

The barrage continued in the second period. Zetterberg got his second goal of the night and 26th of the season, on the power play, before Calgary got going.

Tanguay capitalized on a turnover in front of the Detroit net by Franzen and beat MacDonald just 42 seconds later for his 16th goal.

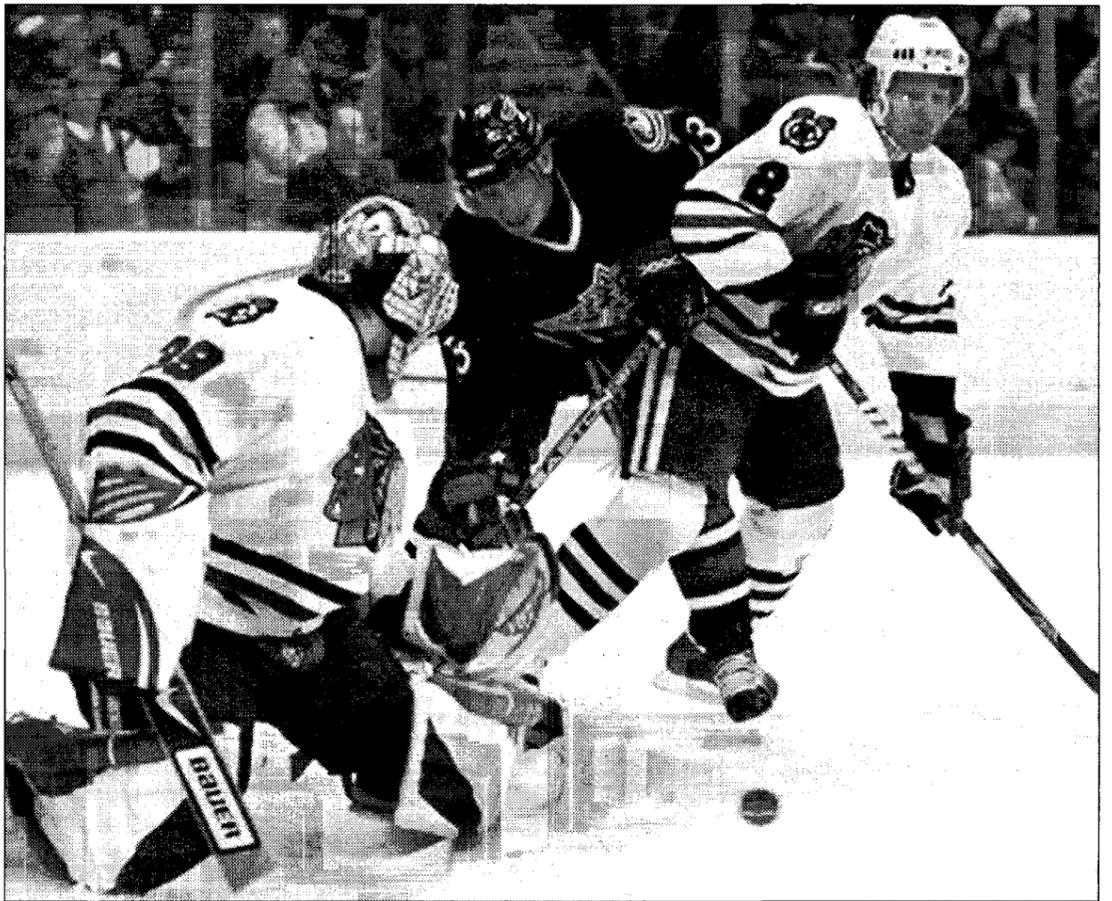
But Williams and Holmstrom both scored in the middle period.

Dallas 7, Colorado 5

Even without All-Star goalie Marty Turco finishing games, the Dallas Stars are winning and making up ground in the Pacific Division.

Jeff Halpern had a goal and two assists in a victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Sunday, when the Stars set a season high for goals and were involved in a 12-goal game for the first time in more than nine years.

The Stars' scoring surge came a day after their 1-0 victory over division-leading Anaheim when Mike Smith started instead of



Chicago goalie Nikolai Khabibulin makes a save as Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith and Blue Jacket wing man Nikolai Zherdev battle for the puck in Chicago's 5-4 win over Columbus Sunday.

Turco, who Sunday was pulled from his second straight start after allowing two goals in less than a minute midway through the second period.

"I'm disappointed that I let the guys down. They weren't great goals," Turco said. "I haven't been my best the last couple weeks and it's making Tip (coach Dave Tippett) a little nervous."

In his previous start Tuesday

against Minnesota, Turco gave two goals on seven shots in the first eight minutes. Dallas rebounded to win 4-2 after Smith took over.

The Stars have still won three straight games and five of their last six. With 70 points, they are four points behind Anaheim and only one behind second-place San Jose, which plays in Dallas next Sunday.

Smith came in against the Avs after Paul Stastny and rookie Wojtek Wolski scored 49 seconds apart midway through the second period to get Colorado within 4-3.

Turco allowed three goals on 15 shots, the other in the closing minute of the first period when he let a puck through and behind him, and Joe Sakic knocked it into the net.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles edge Hornets in late moments

Lipke's free throw with seven seconds remaining seals victory

By DAN COOPER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's point guard Bridget Lipke hit her second free-throw with seven seconds remaining, which ended a second-half Kalamazoo surge and gave the Belles a 62-60 victory Saturday at the Anderson Athletic Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Kalamazoo (3-19, 2-12 MIAA) entered the game on an eight-game losing skid, winning only one of their previous 14 games. Saint Mary's (10-11, 9-5 MIAA), on the other hand, had won four of its last five and appeared on a roll before Saturday's scare.

The Belles jumped to an early lead but struggled down the stretch.

The Hornets ended the game on a 14-4 run before Lipke's free throw gave the Belles a 62-58

lead. Though junior Kalamazoo guard Therese Demres hit a layup with one second left, Kalamazoo didn't have time for another score.

"It was senior day [for Kalamazoo] and they played with emotion," Saint Mary's coach Jennifer Henley said. "They are a scrappy team, and we couldn't put them away."

Lipke hit a jumper with 10:51 left in the first half that gave the Belles a 10-point lead at 18-8. Saint Mary's maintained that lead and was in control 32-22 at the half.

The second half, though, was a different story.

The Hornets came out of the locker room on fire, jumping out to a 15-5 run which cut Saint

Mary's lead to 38-37 with 14:15 remaining.

The Belles responded over the next eight minutes and built a seemingly comfortable 58-46 lead. But they couldn't put Kalamazoo away, making only one field goal in the final six minutes.

On a night when guard Allison Kessler struggled with 3-of-17 shooting from the floor, Saint Mary's received contributions from the bench. Sophomore guard Katie Rashid stepped up with 12 points on 5-of-9 shooting.

"Katie stepped up and hit some buckets," Henley. "She really took the pressure off of Allison."

Though Kessler struggled from the field, she was able to get to the foul line and knock down 7-of-8 from the charity stripe. Kessler also reached the 1,000-point milestone for her career becoming only the eighth player in Saint Mary's basketball history to accomplish the feat.

"It is a huge, huge milestone especially as a junior at the college level," Henley said. "[Reaching the milestone] was definitely something we talked about as a team, and we are all proud of her."

Saint Mary's returns home to face Albion at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Saint Mary's lost 72-69 in their last meeting at Albion on Jan. 17.

"[Kalamazoo] is a scrappy team, and we couldn't put them away."

Jennifer Henley
Belles coach

ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish fall against No. 6 Dartmouth

Notre Dame falters 14-13 in scrimmage

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fell short in its exhibition against No. 6 Dartmouth Saturday in Hanover, N.H., dropping the contest 14-13 in the team's final game before the No. 5 Irish begin their regular season this weekend at James Madison.

The Big Green and the Irish scrimmaged through controlled situations earlier in the day with 10 offensive and 10 defensive turns for each team. In the afternoon the teams then played an exhibition match in a rematch of last season's NCAA semi-final Dartmouth victory.

Despite the close loss, Irish coach Tracy Coyne was very impressed by the performance of both teams.

"For the first game of the year, it was a very high-caliber and fast-paced scrimmage — what you would expect from two final four teams," Coyne said. "The

officials were shocked how fast the game was moving for an exhibition, and watching the tape it would look much more like a mid-season game than a scrimmage."

The Irish will now begin preparing for their first regular season opponent, No. 12 James Madison. Notre Dame will travel to Harrisonburg, Va., for its Sunday matchup.

"I think we have a few things left to fine-tune," Coyne said. "But I think this exhibition has given us the extra push and renewed our commitment for this year."

Notre Dame also received news Friday that Ohio University had canceled its women's

lacrosse program — significant because the two teams were scheduled to play later this season.

"It's discouraging news for a major university to cancel their program," Coyne said. "It left us and a lot of other teams scrambling to find another opponent for this season."

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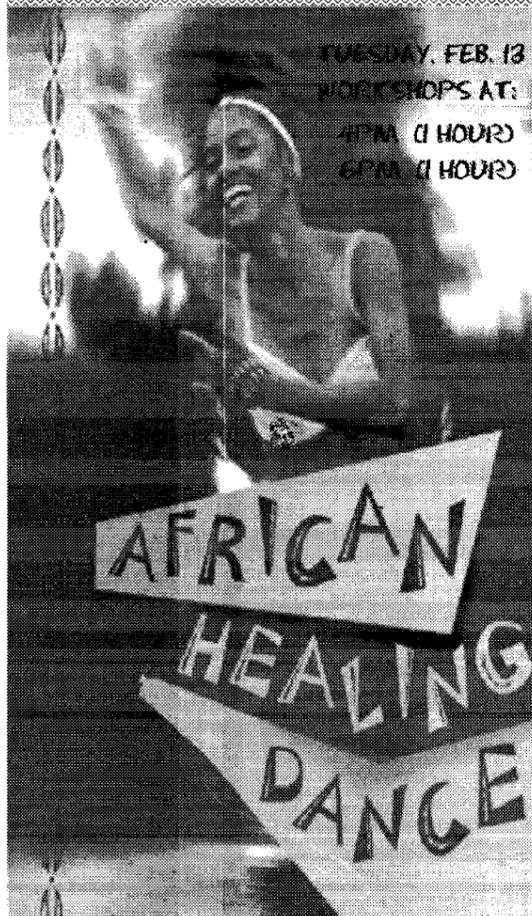
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Gerbeth shines, Belles finish sixth in MIAAs

Saint Mary's season ends as sophomore becomes second swimmer in school history to win an event at conference meet

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

The Belles' season ended Saturday with a sixth-place finish at this weekend's MIAA championships in Grand Rapids, Mich. The Belles received 133 points to finish sixth out of seven teams, but well short of first-place Calvin, which dominated the competition with 675.5 points.

Sophomore Melissa Gerbeth became only the second swimmer in Saint Mary's history to win an individual event at the conference meet, taking the 1,650-yard freestyle with a personal best 17:51.31. She is the first winner since Megan Ramsey won the 100-yard butterfly in

2003. Gerbeth also earned a third-place finish in the 400-yard individual medley and a fifth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle.

Andrea Keller of Hope finished second in the 1,650 freestyle with a time of 18:00.89, while the Belles' Lindsey Nelis placed 10th in 18:43.79.

The team was pleased with the weekend showing, Gerbeth said.

"The MIAAs was an amazing meet for all of our team,"

Gerbeth said. "Almost everyone dropped time in their events, and Saint Mary's did better in scoring than they have in a long time. I dropped time in my events as well and did a lot better both with my times and placing than what I expected."

Gerbeth also credited her teammates with keeping each other focused, which helped her attain individual success.

"Our team was so supportive of one another at the meet, and that contributed a

lot to everyone being a little more relaxed going into their events," Gerbeth said.

Though the Belles finished toward the bottom of the league this weekend, Gerbeth said she hopes her first-place finish will steer the team in the right direction.

"Hopefully my win in the mile will give Saint Mary's swimming a little more respect, and we will start building up the program to be more competitive with the teams like Calvin and Hope."

Gerbeth said she looks for-

ward to next year to see the maturation of a young team with the new coaching staff.

"Going in at the beginning, I think everyone was a little apprehensive because the team was made up of mainly new swimmers, and there was a new coaching staff," she said. "It took everyone awhile

to adjust to everything and everyone, but we had a lot of bonding time and became really comfortable."

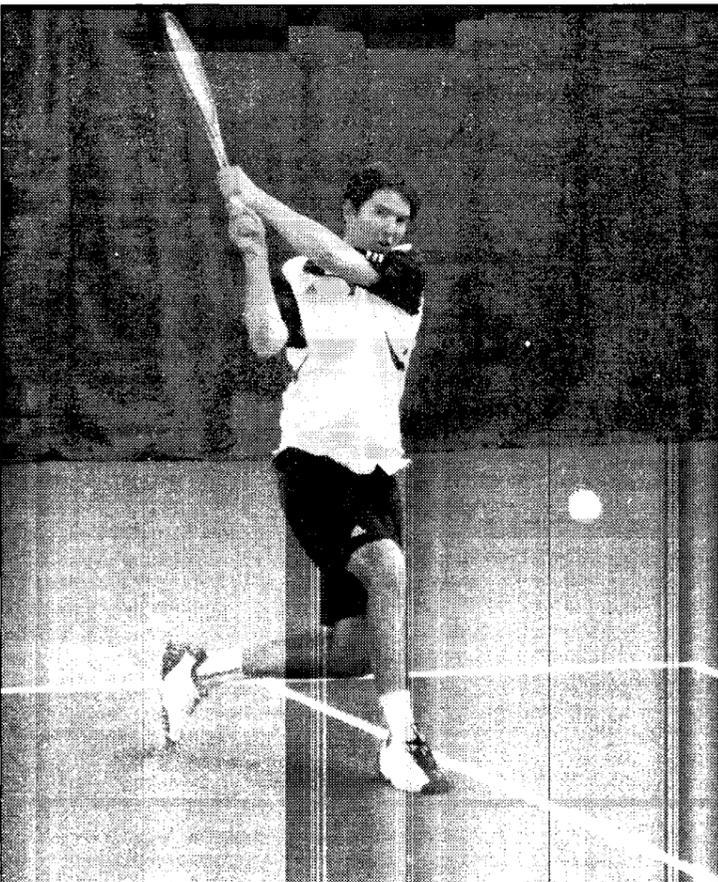
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Melissa Gerbeth
Belles swimmer

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish rally to defeat Wisconsin 5-2



Irish senior Barry King competes in Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over Florida State Feb. 2.

Team fights off early deficit to beat Badgers

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Wisconsin was looking for its second upset of a ranked team this week against No. 9 Notre Dame Sunday, but the Irish had other plans.

Notre Dame bounced back from early deficits to fight off the Badgers 5-2.

Wisconsin — still high from its upset of No. 10 Miami — had the Irish on their heels from the beginning, taking the doubles point for the early 1-0 lead. Nolan Polley and Moritz Baumann won 8-6 against No. 11 Sheeva Parbhu and Ryan Keckley in No. 1 singles. Stephen Bass and Andrew Roth

beat Michael Dierberger and Michael Muskiewicz 8-3, but the Badgers locked up the doubles point when Jeremy Sonkin and Lachezar Kasarov secured an 8-5 victory over Brett Helgeson and Barry King.

"It was a set-back at [No. 1] and [No. 2] doubles for us, but hopefully only a temporary one," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said.

The singles matches that followed were just as close as doubles play, but Notre Dame was able to pull away with victories in five out of the six matches to win the overall contest.

Helgeson and King both finished off their opponents in straight sets. Helgeson defeated Baumann, 6-4, 7-6 (3), to garner his sixth-straight victory, while King battled against Dierberger to come away with the 6-3, 7-5 win and improve to

5-2 in dual action.

"[Wisconsin] didn't quit at all, they didn't check out at point when they got behind — they made us really earn it," Bayliss said.

Second and fourth singles proved to be a little bit more trying for Parbhu and Keckley. Parbhu dropped his first set 5-7, but rallied for nearly perfect 6-0 and 6-1 wins in the second and third sets for the victory.

"As the match went on [Parbhu] got better and better, and in the last two sets he was nearly flawless," Bayliss said.

Keckley also dropped his first set 4-6, but fought back to win 6-2 and 6-3 in his second and third matches, respectively.

Bayliss said Keckley showed a lot of poise. Keckley suffered from back spasms in the second set and had to take a medical timeout to be attended to by a trainer. He came back from his injury and never looked back to take his sixth-straight match win in dual play.

Bass saw little trouble at No. 1 singles as he took the first set 6-1 from Sonkin. Bass again jumped to the early 1-0 lead when Sonkin dropped out of play due to a back injury.

Wisconsin's only singles point came during No. 6 singles when Felipe Bellido dropped the first set 5-7 to Roth, but picked up his game to win 6-4 and 6-3 in the second and third sets, respectively.

Although the Irish left Madison with a victory behind them, Bayliss said he would like to see the team step up its play in the coming days. He said that the team will try to focus on doubles and net play to prepare for upcoming matches in the USTAITA National Team Indoor Championships.

Bayliss expects to see a strong showing from the Badgers throughout the rest of the season as well.

"[Wisconsin] is a very much improved team," he said. "I can see how they beat Miami, and they will definitely get some good wins along the way."

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Fencing

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senior Aaron Adjemian and sophomore Karol Kostka went 8-3.

Senior Frank Bontempo went 9-1 in the foil while teammate Jakub Jedrkowiak finished 9-3.

On the women's side, senior sabre Valerie Providenza went 12-0 to reach 173 regular-season wins in the weapon, breaking the old Irish women's record set by Destanie Milo (166 wins).

Providenza's performance came on a day in which the Irish had only one close call, a 16-11 win over Air Force. The Falcons led 10-9 through 19 bouts, but the Irish won five in a row to seal the victory. The match included five sudden deaths in the nine-pee bouts

and 10 bouts decided by one touch.

Individually, junior foilist Melanie Bautista's (7-0), sophomore foilist Emilie Prot (8-1), sophomore sabre Ashley Serrette (10-2) and senior epeeists Eleanor Leighton (10-3) and Amy Orlando (8-3) led the way for the Irish women.

Despite the strong showing without top performers senior sabre Patrick Ghattas and freshman epeeist Kelley Hurley, Bednarski is keeping a cool head about the team.

"We still need [to] work — work hard to improve — because such competition is where we prove ourselves against the best teams," he said.

The Irish duel next at the Northwestern Duals Feb. 24.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Irish guard Ashley Barlow drives to the basket against Indiana guard Nikki Smith in Notre Dame's 54-51 loss to the Hoosiers Dec. 3 at the Joyce Center. ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

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Barlow replaces center D'Amico as starter, scores 13 in victory

By **BILL BRINK**
Sports Writer

For the first time in 27 games this season, Notre Dame changed its starting lineup — inserting freshmen guard Ashley Barlow for center Melissa D'Amico.

The move proved effective, as the Irish beat DePaul 78-70 Sunday night at the Joyce center.

Notre Dame (16-8, 7-4 Big East) fell behind early, trailing by as many as six points four different times in the first half. Guard Allie Quigley scored the first 11 points for the Blue Demons and 17 points in the first half.

But with 7:28 remaining in the half, the Irish put together a nine-point run and took a 22-19 lead with under six minutes remaining. Notre Dame held the lead for the rest of the game.

Notre Dame started four guards to counter DePaul's smaller, quicker lineup. D'Amico and center Erica Williamson saw just 24 minutes combined.

"We wanted to go small," Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought in the Louisville game we had a stretch with Crystal [Erwin] at the side and our small team in and we looked pretty good and I thought defensively that would be a good thing to try.

And I think it was pretty successful. I think Erica [Williamson] did a pretty good job when she was in there but the small team really helped."

The Irish were more intense and physical in the second half, led by guard Charel Allen who finished with 25 points and 13 rebounds — her third double-double of the season.

"When the refs let us play, why not go after a loose ball, dive for a loose ball and go after the rebound?" Allen said. "And that's what I did. They weren't calling anything so you just have to go with the flow."

Barlow had a rocky start, accumulating two fouls in the first six minutes of the game and scoring only one point in the first half.

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**Charel Allen
Irish guard**

"It was tough to come in there and get some quick fouls, but I had to just play through it and in the second half I think I showed improvement," she said.

Barlow scored 12 points in the second half and played tight, aggressive defense. On one play, she ran the length of the court and broke up what looked like an easy fast break layup — knocking the ball out of bounds and flying into the cheerleaders in the process. That play resulted in a turnover on the inbounds pass and a Notre Dame fast break.

Barlow wasn't fazed by her first start, even though the game was televised on ESPN2 and drew a crowd of 7,579, the second largest of the season.

Notre Dame's quick lineup led to opportunities in transi-

tion, which also allowed the Irish to control the game.

"I thought that's where we broke the game open," McGraw said of the team's transition play. "They looked a little tired after they ran us in the first half, and we were able to get some steals, force some turnovers, and that got our running game going."

Notre Dame forced 23 turnovers while only turning the ball over themselves 17 times.

"Ashley got a couple of steals and we got our hands on the ball," McGraw said. "We're pretty good at turning the ball over. Most teams turn it over at least 20 times against our defense, and that really gets us going."

The Irish defense was much tougher in the second half, holding Quigley to three points and one shot attempt.

"In the first half, the shots were coming easier," Quigley said.

Blue Demons coach Doug Bruno felt that his team's loss resulted not from lack of execution, but because of Notre Dame's disruptive defense.

"Notre Dame did a great job of defending us and making us confused offensively," he said. "That resulted in our turnovers in the first half. We really were hard-pressed all game to find a rhythm offensively and that's to the Notre Dame defense's credit."

Allen's 13 rebounds were a career high, surpassing her previous best of 10. This was her seventh game with 20 or more points, five of which have come in the past eight games. The win moves Notre Dame into three-way tie for fifth in the Big East conference.

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tion, that's what they're there for — to see some goals."

No. 1 Notre Dame (24-5-4, 18-3-3 CCHA) allowed Nebraska-Omaha to create some last-moment heroics of its own Saturday night when the Mavericks erased a 2-0 Irish lead with two goals in the last five minutes of the third period. The Mavericks (13-13-8, 10-10-4 CCHA) pressured throughout overtime in the second game, but the score ended tied 2-2. It was the fourth meeting between the two teams this season, with Notre Dame winning the series 2-1-1 after a split on the road in Omaha earlier in the year.

The tie will slow Notre Dame's ability to clinch the CCHA regular-season title. The Irish need to take three points out of their next four games to eliminate third-place Michigan and fourth-place Michigan State from the race, while second-place Miami sits in front of the Michigan schools because it has played two more games to date. For the Mavericks, the tie was crucial as it allowed them to remain in a tie for fifth-place with Ohio State — and in position for a key first-round matchup against last-place Bowling Green.

"This is playoff hockey. That's what usually happens this time of year," Jackson said. "Everybody is playing passionate for positioning, and Nebraska did that."

Until the third period of Friday's 4-2 Irish win brought a deluge of goals, it appeared that both teams would grind the game into a 0-0 tie. The Irish clogged up the Mavericks in their own end with a conservative neutral-zone trap, while Nebraska-Omaha was content to tie up the middle of its own zone and keep Notre Dame to the boards and devoid of scoring chances from the slot.

But Deeth changed the tempo of the game when he banged home a rebound off a shot from defenseman Noah Babin only 1:46 into the third period for the 1-0 lead.

Nebraska-Omaha responded just over two minutes later with a one-timer from center Jeric Agosta past Irish goalie Dave Brown, who had not recovered from the initial save when Agosta slapped in the rebound. Mavericks right wing Dan Charleston gave his team the 2-1 lead at 4:52 into the third with a power-play goal.

It took the Irish another five

minutes, but solid pressure in the Mavericks zone — and a power play after Nebraska-Omaha defenseman Eddie Del Grosso was whistled for hitting after the whistle — allowed Notre Dame to tie the game.

Irish center Justin White carried the puck to the right circle and took a low shot through the Mavericks defense that was redirected past Dupont at 11:02 to make it 2-2.

"It's been a different guy every night in games like this, and it was [Deeth's] night."

Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

"It's frustrating when you get a lot of chances and you can't score," White said. "But we knew we were taking it to them and we knew that throughout the year we've had a good third period, so we just went out there pretty confident."

Deeth then buried the puck past Dupont with only seconds remaining after Thang's forechecking down low opened up Deeth's chance. Center T.J. Jindra added an empty-net goal with less than three seconds left for the 4-2 final.

"It's been a different guy every night in games like this, and it was [Deeth's] night," Jackson said. "He took advantage of some good

opportunities. What a way to win the game."

On Saturday night, Charleston and Mavericks center Bryan Marshall did their best Deeth impression with two goals late in the third to erase the Irish lead and force a 2-2 tie after overtime.

Charleston took a shot that deflected off and over Brown's shoulder and did a slow, end-over-end arc into the back of the net 15:48 into the third period to cut the Irish lead to 2-1. Marshall then skated into the low slot and beat Brown with a wrist shot to the low stick side with 1:43 left in the game to tie it. "That's a big tie for us," Dupont said. "We knew that how close we were last night, we knew if we continued to play a full 60 minutes tonight, we'd have a good chance to have a good outcome."

Babin got the Irish on the board first — and prevented a repeat of Friday's scoreless first two periods — with his goal 4:23 into the first period. Right wing Christian Minella took a shot from the high slot that went wide right of the net, but deflected off the boards back to the front. The puck was swatted away by a Mavericks defenseman to the top of the right circle where Babin waited and ripped a shot past Dupont.

Irish right wing Erik Condra gave Notre Dame a 2-0 lead 4:44 into the third period

when he roofed a loose puck into the open left side of the net.

The Mavericks struggled in the first period to generate any offense, getting their first shot of the game off with one second left in the period — a long dump-in from beyond the blue line that Brown easily handled.

"We weren't getting much offense because [the Irish] were doing such a good job defensively against us in the first two periods," Mavericks coach Mike Kemp said.

Brown stopped 34-of-38 shots faced during the weekend, while Dupont made 49 total saves.

♦ Notes:

A large portion of Section 6 of the Joyce Center — the Notre Dame student section — was roped off with yellow police tape for Saturday's game, while ushers kept students from entering. A routine inspection of the bleachers after Friday's game revealed that several rows of seats had been damaged following the late-game celebration. Assistant Sports Information Director Tim Connor said.

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singles and No. 3 doubles, giving Notre Dame an opening 1-0 lead and a breather for Thompson and Tefft.

"We got to get them out of the lineup," Louderback said. "They had to sit out a match anyway because they played too much in the fall."

With the forfeit of the Cardinals'

No. 3 doubles, the Irish only needed to win one of the two remaining matches to claim the doubles point. Senior Catrina Thompson — playing without her regular partner Christian Thompson — and junior Brook

Buck defeated Louisville junior Robyn White and senior Natalie Laszkowski 8-2 to give the Irish the doubles point and a 2-0 match lead.

"They had never played doubles together before,"

Louderback said. "They're both just good doubles players and playing together they were very tough."

Catrina Thompson gave the Irish a 3-0 lead with her win over White in No. 1 singles 6-0, 4-

1. White was forced to retire before the match was over due to an injured shoulder.

"I thought Catrina played well. She was up 6-0, 4-1 quickly," Louderback said. "Indoors, at our courts espe-

cially, she's just very, very tough."

Freshman Cosmina Ciobanu clinched the match for Notre Dame with her swift 6-0, 6-0 defeat of Cardinals freshman Jo-Anne Van Aerde. Ciobanu preserved her spotless play in dual match competition (7-0) and improved her overall record to 17-4.

"It was nice to get those two matches over very quickly and win the match," Louderback said.

The bright spot for the Cardinals was Laszkowski's victory over No. 31 Colleen Rielley 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 (10-8). Rielley lost her third straight and dropped to 2-5 in dual match play.

Irish sophomore Katie Potts defeated Louisville sophomore Natalie Baez 6-1, 6-4, and Buck beat Cardinals sophomore Bianca Gorbea 6-3, 6-4 to round out the scoring for Notre Dame.

The Irish will use Monday

and Tuesday to prepare for No. 21 Michigan, which faces Notre Dame Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Jay Louderback
Irish coach

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to land a few.

In the first period, Brown had the best seat in the house, even though that's not much to brag about at the Joyce Center. The first save he had to make wasn't until Mavs' defenseman Dan Knapp got off a desperation shot from center ice as the horn blew. In fact, the first Irish goalie to touch the puck was backup Jordan Pearce, who made a nice glove save when an errant pass was deflected into the Notre Dame bench.

That was the second time this season that an Irish opponent was held to one shot on net in a period — the first was in a 3-0 shutout against Army Oct. 27. The Black Knights tallied up a whopping seven total shots in the contest. Low numbers like those

have become the norm at Notre Dame; the last time a team registered higher than 20 was Miami more than two weeks ago.

Brown currently owns the NCAA's top goals against average at 1.72 and the third best winning percentage (.817), while ranking only 12th in save percentage. A lot of the credit for those numbers goes to his teammates who have consistently eliminated rebound chances and odd man rushes with physical play throughout the season. That extra support has catapulted Brown into the national spotlight in his senior year, making him a media favorite as well as a leading candidate to nab hockey's highest honor — the Hobey Baker. He would be quick to tell you that those honors are as much of a reflection of the team as on his own personal success.

However, Irish coach Jeff Jackson and Brown both agreed that seeing a steady diet of 30

shots a game may have made those impressive stats even better. Facing a constant flow of action during a game is easier for a goalie than staying mentally focused in between spurts of offense that add up to the 15-20 shots he has been seeing on an average night this year.

That doesn't mean that the Notre Dame defense will slack off in the last two weeks of the regular season. Brown and Jackson are both more than happy with the formula that has earned them a 24-5-3 record and a first round bye in the CCHA playoffs. And as for the stats, the only one number they need to be concerned with is No. 1.

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ND HOCKEY

Last-second leap

Deeth sparks late win Friday before Mavericks force 2-2 tie Saturday

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Irish center Kevin Deeth took it to Nebraska-Omaha goaltender Jeremie Dupont, then he took it to the student section in the last seconds of Friday's 4-2 win over the Mavericks at the Joyce Center.

Deeth capped a six-goal third period between the two teams with a backhand wraparound goal past Dupont with 10 seconds left in the game to give the Irish the 3-2 lead. It was Deeth's second goal of the night, and the freshman celebrated by jumping into the glass in front of the Notre Dame student section, where he was mobbed by teammates.

"It's kind of a joke on the team, something we always talk about doing," Deeth said of the game-winning leap. "To quote [right wing linemate] Ryan Thang, he says 'Taking it to the band.' I kind of go a little bit more toward the student sec-

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At right, center Kevin Deeth shoots during Notre Dame's 4-2 win Friday. Below, Deeth celebrates in front of the student section after his game-winning goal.

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Hobey Baker candidate must stay sharp even as pressure remains light

Any goalie in the nation would be thrilled with the opportunity to suit up for Notre Dame. From front to back, the Irish smother opposing offenses by playing tough in their own zone and controlling the puck. But for Hobey Baker candidate Dave Brown, his supporting cast can quickly become an Achilles heel.



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Brown faced 22 shots in Saturday's 2-2 tie with Nebraska-Omaha, more than half of which came in the last eight minutes of regulation and the five minute overtime period. The senior was as cold as ice when the Mavericks finally clicked, scoring both of their goals in the last 4:12. It was like stepping into the ring with Mike Tyson after nine rounds of Sock-N-Boppers against Sister Mary Grace — he's probably going

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FENCING

Men, women slice up Duke Duals 4-0, 4-0

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Flat tires can slow Notre Dame, they just can't stop the Irish.

After arriving in Durham, N.C., seven hours before Friday's 9 a.m. start of the Duke Duals, Notre Dame started sluggishly but rebounded to dominate the rest of the tournament.

The No. 4 Irish women and No. 5 Irish men each went 4-0 in team bouts over North Carolina, Duke, Johns Hopkins and Air Force. The team collected five of the six cups presented to the best team in each weapon for both men and women.

"We expected that we can win but it's always good to be sure and get this result," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "Of course it was not easy in some certain cases."

The Notre Dame men, who competed Friday, arrived at their hotel a little before 2 a.m. that day because of mechanical trouble at O'Hare International Airport.

The men's sabre team lost five of nine matches against the Tar Heels to kick off the competition, but the foilists' recovered with a 8-1 performance against UNC. Coincidentally, the foilists' 5-4 loss to Duke cost the Irish the cup in their weapon, which went to the Blue Devils.

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said once the sabres got their adrenaline going, they found their rhythm. The group went 7-2 against Duke and Air Force and 9-0 versus Johns Hopkins.

Sophomore Bill Thanhouser's 10-2 mark lead the way for the unit, and senior Matt Stearns finished 9-3. In the epee, junior Greg Howard went 8-2 while

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish shoot down Cardinals

Louderback rests key players versus short-handed Louisville

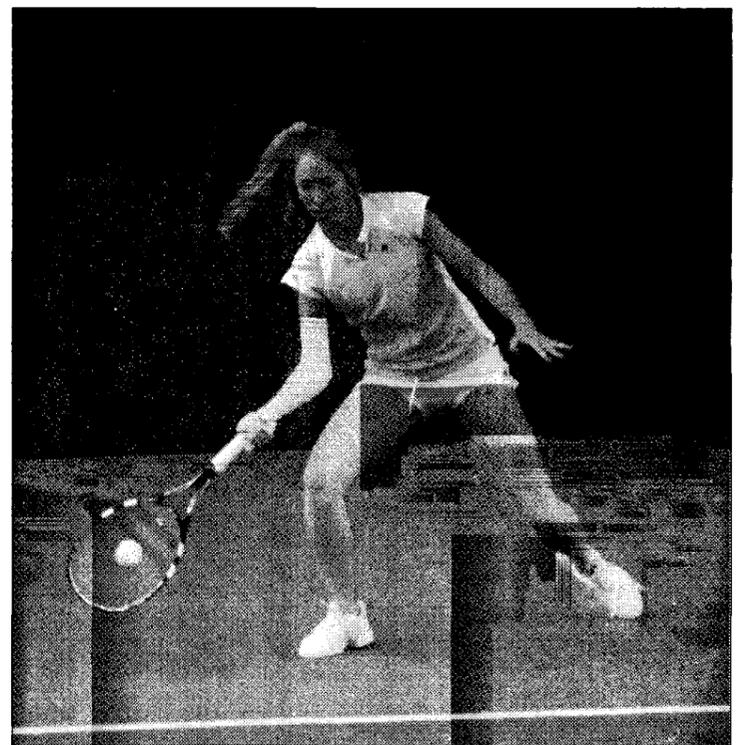
By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was able to rest key players while putting a short-handed Louisville squad to rest 6-1 Friday at home for its first Big East win of the season.

"This was good, especially coming back after the [ITA National Team Indoors]," Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

Senior Christian Thompson and sophomore Kelcy Tefft sat out the match for the No. 3 Irish. Due to team injuries, No. 71 Louisville had only five players for the six singles and three doubles matches. The Cardinals forfeited No. 6

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Katie Potts returns a forehand in Notre Dame's 6-1 win over No. 71 Louisville Friday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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**Notre Dame 78
DePaul 70**

Guard Ashley Barlow scores 13 in her first start of the year for the Irish.

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**Notre Dame 5
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No. 9 Irish come back from an early deficit to beat streaking Badgers.

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Melissa Gerbeth becomes the second swimmer in Saint Mary's history to win event at MIAA Conference meet.

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**Saint Mary's 62
Kalamazoo 60**

Bridget Lipke's free throw with seven seconds left lifts the Belles over the Hornets.

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Notre Dame 13**

Irish lose final preseason tuneup in rematch of last year's NCAA semifinal.

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**Miami 100
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Guard Dwayne Wade finishes with 26 points to lift the Heat over the Spurs.

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