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University reviews security monitors' effectiveness

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

Security monitors in female residence halls fear that a University review of their effectiveness is an indication that Notre Dame plans to eliminate their positions at the end of the school year, several monitors told The Observer.

But University officials said the internal review is part of a five-year examination of multiple aspects of Notre Dame Security/Police, adding that no decision has yet been made on

the future of the 23 female security monitors.

Notre Dame has used security monitors in all of its female residence halls since co-education began in 1972.

Associate vice president of Residence Life Bill Kirk said that a committee composed of both external and internal officials — including police officers from other universities — was formed to evaluate the monitors' role in keeping the dorms safe. Based on the committee's report, NDSP plans to make a recommenda-

tion on the future of the monitors to the Office of Residence Life and Housing in March, NDSP director Rex Rakow said.

"About five years ago we developed a strategic planning process that committed our department to examining all phases of our department for increasing efficiency and service," Rakow said in an e-mail. "With that in mind, this year we decided to review the whole issue of residence hall



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Badin Hall monitor Beth Keefe speaks with a student Sunday night. Other hall monitors said that they believe the University will eliminate their position at the end of the year.

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Presidential candidates face off in debates



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

The four tickets for Student Body President debate Sunday evening in the Carey Auditorium of Hesburgh Library. From left, Ryan Craft, Steve Lynch, Charlie Ebersol, James Leito, Mark Healy, Mike Healy, Karla Bell and Adam Istvan.

By AMANDA MICHAEL
News Writer

The four tickets running for student body president and vice president faced off Sunday night in a debate that turned into a battle over the value of experience for student government leaders.

"Student apathy won't be changed unless fresh students with a new perspective come into office," said Ryan Craft of the Craft-Lynch ticket during his opening statement — a

sentiment that carried throughout the debate.

Freshmen Mark Healy and Mike Healy defended their youth as an asset, citing the fact that they will have to live under their own policies and face reelec-

tion. "Also, we're not running as freshmen," said Mark Healy. "We're running as a voice for everyone. We spent the year in the most important position of student government — as students."

Student Body Presidential Elections

Voting begins at 8 a.m. at <https://apps.nd.edu/elections>

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Observer names 2004-05 top editors

Observer Staff Report

Meghanne Downes and Joe Hettler have been hired to oversee The Observer's editorial operations in 2004-05, incoming Editor in Chief Matt Lozar announced Sunday. Lozar also said that current business manager Lori Lewalski will be retained at her current position for the rest of the semester.

Downes will serve as Managing Editor, while Hettler will serve as Assistant Managing Editor. They step into those roles on March 15.

As Managing Editor, Downes will be responsible for assist-



Downes



Hettler

ing Lozar in supervising The Observer's editorial departments. She also plans to oversee the development and implementation of a training system for new writers.

"I look forward to helping provide the leadership and the vision necessary to continue the tradition of excellence at The Observer," said Downes, who is the paper's current news editor.

Hettler, who has worked as sports editor since Jan. 2003, will oversee the day-to-day operations of the paper and work on recruiting.

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Campus welcomes authors for festival

By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT
News Writer

Two authors gave voice to their silent texts yesterday at the first sessions of the Notre Dame Literary Festival. The authors, Helena Viramontes and Jim Shepard, read aloud from their works and answered questions from the audience, and four more

will follow suit the remainder of this week. The 37th annual literary festival runs from Sunday to Thursday, attracting authors such as Chuck Klosterman, senior writer of SPIN magazine, and Jennifer Sands, author of

"A Tempered Faith: Rediscovering Hope in the Ashes of Loss." Other authors will include Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez, author of "The Dirty Girls Social Club," and Frances Sherwood, author of "Vindication."

Michael Subialka, co-chair of the festival alongside Taylor Clary, stressed the differences between the NDLF and other author presentations throughout the year.

"The idea is not to have a lecture series," said Subialka, "but more personalized interaction with authors."

The authors will thus be giving writing workshops, speaking at Theology on Tap and even meeting with students at participating professors' houses.

In order to draw more students to the sessions, the festi-

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University rejects concert

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

It could have been a beautiful day, but University administrators have rejected a proposed concert featuring U2 and Bruce Springsteen.

The concert, proposed last spring by Student Union Board manager Charlie Ebersol, would have been held in Notre Dame Stadium, with proceeds to benefit AIDS efforts in Africa.

The concert was originally planned for last fall, but Ebersol resubmitted the proposal, with the intention of holding the concert this year.

"Last spring, Father [Mark] Poorman said he was interested in exploring the event for this spring," Ebersol said. "However, [last] fall he was not as positive," Ebersol said.

Carole Coffin, Poorman's administrative assistant, said Poorman, vice president of student affairs, would not comment on the concert.

However, Poorman told the Board of Trustees at a meeting last week that there is not a prohibition against concerts in the stadium, but that security and human resources create difficulties.

"It's pretty complicated because it has a lot of other complications besides the money to host the concert," Poorman said.

University spokesman Matt Storin said the proposal was not approved by the administration.

"Several university officers considered this proposal and decided that we did not have the resources or personnel to pull off an endeavor of this size within the necessary time frame," Storin said.

Ebersol said he remains optimistic that the plan will reappear soon.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Sacred Ground

Knute Rockne would roll over in his grave. The proposed U2 and Bruce Springsteen concert would have hosted 65,000 screaming fans in the largest concert in Notre Dame history. It would have been the biggest name concert since U2 kicked off its Elevation tour on Oct. 10, 2001.



Matt Lozar

Associate Sports Editor

I know the Stadium is the only venue on campus that can hold more than 15,000 participants, and bands want to go to locations with large audiences because the big crowds bring in more money.

Unfortunately, that's just a fact of life that in South Bend, a city without a major professional sports team. I wish there was a venue of that size for students and local residents to experience large concerts of this type.

The concert would have been something I want to see more of on this campus — a major entertainment event I would be more likely to attend while in college.

The combination of artists for this concert would have been awesome. I'm not debating that at all — U2 and the Boss, wow. I don't think any other campus could match a concert with that lineup.

But it shouldn't be held in the Stadium.

Regardless of what departments did or didn't give their stamp of approval on this potential concert, Notre Dame Stadium is there for one reason and one reason only — football.

That might sound to some like a stupid opinion from the associate sports editor, but football is what brought the University to national prominence in the first half of this century and allowed it to evolve into the top-flight school it is today.

The concert wasn't supposed to interfere with any football events and supposedly no damage to the Stadium or the field would occur. I don't think that's the issue at hand.

I'm also not here to discuss about the decision made by any of the departments who could give approval or say no. That's not my goal. I'll leave that to the letters to the editor in the Viewpoint section.

I am actually applauding the ultimate decision for not letting a concert take place in the Stadium. A concert doesn't belong in the Stadium.

Notre Dame Stadium has seen 74 years of football, 373 games, seven Heisman Trophy winners, nine national championships and countless moments that will give you goose bumps just talking about them. It was named one of the world's top 20 sporting venues of the 20th century by Sports Illustrated in 1999.

That's why a concert doesn't belong in the Stadium. It's sacred ground.

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

CORRECTIONS

In Friday's issue of The Observer the headline "Housing surveys sent out" should have said "Housing surveys to be sent out" and the subheadline "Students e-mailed surveys about future of on-campus housing" should have read "Students will be e-mailed surveys about future of on-campus housing." The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDHOOD BOOK?



Anikka Ayala
Junior,
Welsh Family

"Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak."



Anne Ryckbost
Junior,
Off-Campus

"The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein."



Kevin McCabe
Sophomore,
Knott Hall

"Nausea" by Jean-Paul Sartre."



Mike Subialka
Sophomore,
Keenan

"The Witches" by Roald Dahl."



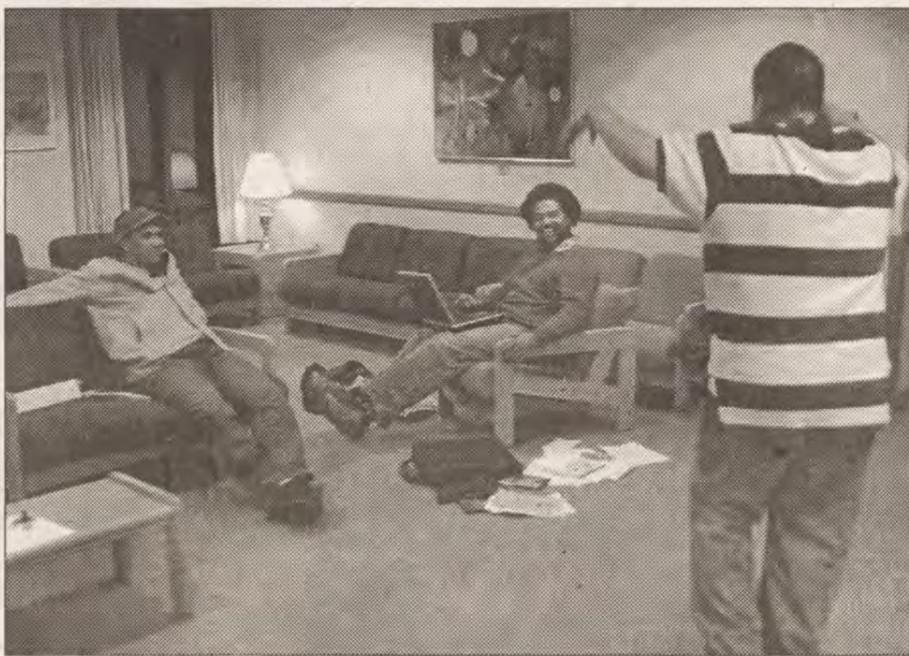
Sarah Sobczak
Sophomore,
Lewis

"Little House on the Prairie" by Laura Ingalls Wilder."



Taylor Clary
Junior,
Off-Campus

"The Polar Bear Express" by Edward Packard."



CHUY BENITZ/The Observer

Jourdan Sorell and Jelani McEwen-Torrence auditioned yesterday evening for the Blak Koffeehouse tryouts in the Siegfried Hall lounge. Miguel Luna (far right) scouts the auditions.

IN BRIEF

Student body president and vice president elections will be held today. Voting can be conducted on-line at <https://apps.nd.edu/elections> and begins at 8 a.m.

Interested students may attend an information session regarding funding opportunities for public interest research. The session will occur from 6 to 7 p.m. in 226 DeBartolo Hall.

As part of its Women's Concern Week, Cavanaugh Hall will sponsor a showing of the movie "Whale Rider" and hosting a post-film discussion. The viewing will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall 129.

Legends is sponsoring all-day speed dating tomorrow in preparation for Valentine's Day. Interested students may e-mail legends@nd.edu to sign up.

An information session from 6 to 7 p.m. in 117 Haggard Hall will feature three former CAPP graduates to discuss post-graduate careers and the Computer Applications major. A question and answer session will follow.

As part of its International Film Series, International Student Services and Activities will show the film "Heaven," starring Cate Blanchett. The movie will run tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m. in DeBartolo 115.

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

OFFBEAT

Robot dogs installed with social conscience

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — They sniff, wag their tails, fetch and run in packs.

Inside their plastic and metallic skins, robotic dogs programmed by engineering students at Yale University even have a social conscience.

The mechanical canines, equipped with just about everything but a wet nose, are wired to sniff out toxic materials at former landfills and radioactive sites, providing environmental information about parks, school yards and other public spaces.

The robots have spurred toxic search projects in the United States, Europe and Australia. They are the brainchild of Natalie Jeremijenko, a lecturer in engineering at Yale and self-described technoartist.

"Technology is a social actor," she said.

One-hundred NY men seek right to wear skirts

NEW YORK — About 100 men in minis, midis and even tutus took to the streets of Manhattan to call for an end to the tyranny of trousers.

"We're not transvestites, homosexuals or cross-

dressers," David Johnson told the New York Times for Sunday editions. "We don't want you to call us Jean or Sally. We're men. Men who want the right to wear a skirt."

Johnson, a retired teacher from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and the other pants opposers walked several blocks from the Guggenheim Museum to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where they visited an exhibit called "Bravehearts: Men in Skirts."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 33 LOW 24	HIGH 24 LOW 20	HIGH 24 LOW 17	HIGH 27 LOW 12	HIGH 24 LOW 15	HIGH 29 LOW 19

Difficulties with venue lead to cancellation of formal

Saint Mary's promises to program future events to replace college-wide dance

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

The annual Saint Mary's All School Formal has been cancelled because of venue problems, according to Residence Hall Association president Shay Jolly. The formal was supposed to have occurred Feb. 21, but was cancelled three weeks before the dance.

Jolly said because of the late cancellation, there was not enough time to rearrange the already-planned dance.

"With the dance being only two weeks away, and with

Little Sibs weekend being this past weekend, we didn't have the time or the resources to create a fun dance that our students deserve," Jolly said. "We want to assure students that we checked into other venues in the area, we checked everywhere we could, but nothing was available that would fit our needs."

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Shay Jolly
president, Residence Hall Association

Two weeks ago, Saint Mary's students received two e-mails regarding the cancellation of the dance. The e-mails stated that the dance had

been cancelled due to a problem with the location, and said that all venues within a 45-mile radius had been consulted. The e-mails also assured students that an alternate activity was being planned for later in the semester.

"We are going to rectify the situation," Jolly said. "We're planning an event for later in the semester. Whether it's going to be an All School Formal or another event, I can't say yet, but that information should be released by the end of this week."

The event will most likely take place in March, Jolly said.

The All School Formal has occurred in the past at such locations as The Century Center and Coveleski Stadium. The location of this year's dance was not released.

Despite the explanations, some students said they are saddened by the cancellation of the dance.

Sophomore Francesca Muscarello said she was disappointed, but recognizes that it is out of RHA's control.

"While the cancellation is a disappointment to all of us, people need to realize that the reasons for the cancellation were out of our control," Muscarello said. "Placing the blame upon those in charge is futile. I have confidence that the people in charge will do their best to redeem the unfortunate situation."

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Francesca Muscarello
sophomore

Jolly said she understood that some students had to change their plans due to the cancellation, but she also said has not received an overwhelming number of negative emails.

"We did receive e-mails and complaints from some girls who already had dresses, or whose boyfriends had non-refundable plane tickets, but it was no one's fault that the dance got cancelled," said Jolly. "Overall, the feedback I've gotten has been very positive, and a lot of people have commented on how well we handled the situ-

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Notre Dame Literary Festival

Reading Between the Lines

February 8-12, 2004



Helena Viramontes
Sunday, Feb. 8 @ 4:00
Rachters Hospitality Room

"The straining of the spirit to transcend..."

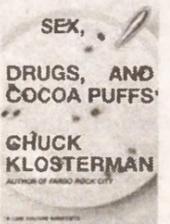
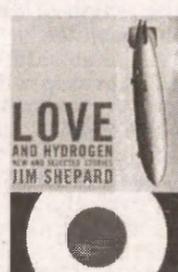
Join us Sunday and enjoy an intimate reading and discussion about the chicana experience with the world-renowned Latina author.

Co-sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies and MSPS

Jim Shepard
Sunday, Feb. 8 @ 7:30
LaFortune Ballroom

"Shepard's lean and stinging new novel zeroes in on the conjunction of two troubling facets of American life: the tragic disaffection of middle-class teenage boys and guns in the home."

Join Jim as he discusses his newest novel, his career as an author, and American values.



Chuck Klosterman
Monday, Feb. 9 @ 7:30
Oak Room

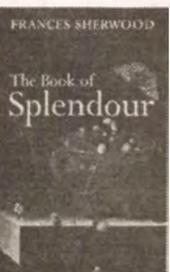
"Laugh at him, or with him, or both...but you will laugh, dammit, you will laugh."

Chuck Klosterman is the author of Fargo Rock City and a senior writer for SPIN magazine. His work has also appeared in The New York Times Magazine, GQ, and The Washington Post.

Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez
Tuesday, Feb. 10 @ 7:30
Oak Room

"Valdes-Rodriguez is publishing's new It Girl."

Join the NY Times Bestselling author as she discusses her views and inspirations and busts stereotypes about "latino culture". Meet one of the most popular authors of our day.



Frances Sherwood
Wednesday, Feb. 11 @ 7:30
Oak Room

"...a provocative, gripping novel that's part farce, historical adventure, theological meditation, and bodice-ripping romance"

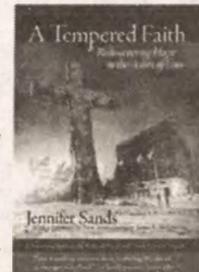
Acclaimed novelist Frances Sherwood will hold a reading and short lecture that promises to awe and inspire both fans of great writing and those who seek to become great writers themselves.

Jennifer Sands
Thursday, Feb. 12 @ 7:30
DeBartolo 141

"Jennifer's book lays down a path of hope for others who face the unthinkable."

Join Jennifer as she explores her firsthand account of her questions, doubts, and desperate search for answers in the wake of her husband's murder in the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Co-sponsored by Campus Ministry and Theology Dept.



Ethics week hosts Enron discussion

Observer Staff Report

Malfeasance associated with the Enron scandal will be the topic of the first presentation of the Mendoza College of Business' annual Ethics Week lecture series Monday through Thursday.

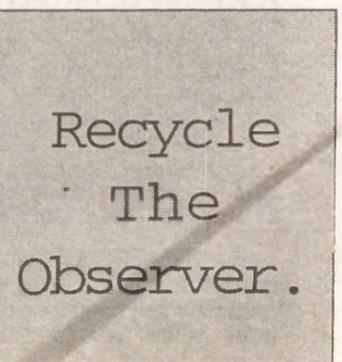
Titled "Enron: A Multi-dimensional Examination of an Unethical Enterprise," the presentation will feature three Notre Dame faculty members and will begin at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Giovanini Commons of the Mendoza College of Business. Matthew Barrett, professor of law; Thomas Frecka, Vincent and Rose Lizzadro Professor of Accountancy; and James Seida, assistant professor of accountancy will offer remarks in a panel discussion to be moderated by William Schwartz, dean of the School of Business at Indiana University-South Bend.

All Ethics Week events, which are free and open to the public, will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Giovanini Commons. Other topics and speakers are:

◆ Feb. 17 — "Ethical Dimensions of Corporate Governance," presented by Larry Rieger, partner, Crowe Chizek

◆ Feb. 18 — "Ethical Implications of Operating a Multinational Corporation," presented by John Gschwind, general counsel, General Electric Supply

◆ Feb. 19 — "Ethics Crisis at a Bank," presented by Steve Watts, president and chief executive officer, Sobieski Bank.



All events feature free food and drink. Limited space is available for a workshop with Chuck Klosterman on Tuesday from 2:00 - 3:15 pm. Email msubialk@nd.edu to reserve space. Sponsored by the SUB.

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Monitors

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security throughout the campus."

The University has employed the majority of the monitors for more than 10 years, and several said they feared various consequences of sudden unemployment. One monitor, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because she was afraid of being immediately fired, said that most of the women working as hall monitors are unsuited to finding another job.

"We're middle-aged ladies, we can't just go out and get a job like a young person," she said. "If they decide to get rid of us, some of these ladies are going to suffer."

The monitor believed Notre Dame was waiting to make its announcement to avoid negative reactions from residence hall staff.

"That's the main reason they're keeping us on pins and needles — they don't want any grief from the rectors, they don't want any grief from us," she said.

Rakow maintained that no final decisions have been made.

"[We] will soon be meeting with rectors and others to finalize our thoughts," he said. "The current hall monitor program was designed in 1972 when women were finally admitted to the Notre Dame undergraduate experience. As such, it has undergone few changes and is a presence only in the female halls of residence ... We will be soliciting student input further in the coming weeks."

However, several security monitors said they believed that the University had already decided to cut their positions.

"They said they were evaluating how security is run, but I think Notre Dame has made up their mind to go [ahead] and do this. The committee takes the decision-making pressure off of them," the security monitor said. "None of the higher-ups will say anything to us."

She added that she and the other 22 security monitors who work in Notre Dame's 13 female residence halls were no longer working in the summer, a two-year-old move that she took as a sign that they would be fired permanently.

"I told the girls when they did that that it was only a matter of time, but we didn't think that it would be this soon," she said. "They're trying to get rid of us."

Another monitor with nine years of experience agreed that the monitors' removal during the summer indicated that change was imminent.

"After 30 years, all of the sudden we're not working summers," the second monitor said. "After 30 years, they're having a strategy meeting where they say they're convinced that the alarm system is good enough."

She claimed that security monitors serve a much broader purpose than that of an alarm.

"We are more like a preventive," she said, adding later, "Anytime anything really bad goes down, it's in a boys'

dorm. ... You also know your girls, and they feel safe having someone to come home to at night."

The second monitor described several incidents where students had been intoxicated and she had unlocked their rooms to let them in, checking on them repeatedly throughout the night. She stressed that monitors view themselves as more of a caretaker and a confidante than an intimidating presence.

"My girls can tell me anything and they know that's where it stops," the second monitor said. "We're not here to invade the girls' privacy ... We're here for their protection."

The first monitor agreed, adding that the rectors in all three of the dorms she works in have repeatedly recognized this role.

At one of the dorms where she works, "there is a list in the desk of our night duties: making rounds, checking the bathrooms and everything," the first monitor said. "And there's a personal note at the bottom from [the rector] that says, 'Thanks so much for your help — you help me sleep at night.'"

Walsh rector Sister Patricia Thomas said that she was solicited for input on her experiences with her own security monitor but was unsure of what the "fact-finding group" had accomplished so far.

"I went to a session with some rectors and folks that came as objective observers and was asked to share the experiences of my security monitor ... but I don't know where that fits in the big picture," she said. "Each rector had her own stories based on the length of time they'd had that monitor."

Thomas said that her own relationship with the dorm's security monitor had been very positive, but added that she supported exploring other options as well.

"Over the seven years I've been here, I was able to say that she's gotten to know the women of Walsh very well and it makes them feel good to have her here. She is a positive influence in the evenings," Thomas said. "There are lots of things to consider, lots of issues we haven't gotten to yet. ... I'm open to possibilities."

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson said that her monitor had been with the dorm for 15 years, including before the move from Siegfried took place in 1997.

"They asked [rectors] how the monitors functioned in the halls, what they did," Carson said. "I have a great relationship with our monitor."

Kirk said that rector input will play a key role in the final decision-making process, but the decision to eliminate the security monitors won't be made until after his office receives NDSP's final report.

"We'll await their recommendations as the year goes on, then I will go through it with senior staff," Kirk said. "We're still pretty early in the planning process."

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Debate

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Istvan-Bell stressed the experience they have had outside of student government as necessary in developing the right skills for leaders.

"We've earned our experience, we weren't voted in. Experience has become a huge issue, but I don't see why [our ticket] is so far away from that. It's about having the best personality as well as the best platform, and we've got that," said Istvan.

As the only two candidates currently holding positions in student government, Ebersol and Leito often called attention to their knowledge of the intricacies of the structure and members of the campus leadership.

Student involvement in the process of student government was also a main issue, stemming from the Ebersol-Leito goal of putting a student on the Board of Trustees and their open door policy that would give all students the opportunity to become involved in governing.

"The biggest complaint is that students don't have a voice in the administration," said Leito, defending the idea of a Board of Trustees student representative. "This way, the students can share their concerns with the administration, and the administration can likewise share their concerns with

students."

The Healy-Healy ticket also laid out an open door policy for decreasing campus apathy.

"We focused our entire platform on student involvement and opening the doors of student government ... nothing should be closed to students," said Mark Healy.

He continued to explain his concept of idea boxes to be placed in DeBartolo for students to place questions or concerns about the leadership. They also suggested the formation of student forums to discuss controversial issues that student leaders

do not necessarily have legislative control over.

After emphasizing communication to students through dorm representatives, Istvan and Bell detailed a policy to get SYRs moved back into the dorms that would require students to sign a pledge promising that they would not abuse alcohol during dorm dances.

"Previous efforts haven't completely voiced the concerns ... and if we don't address the issue now, no one will remember how great the old SYRs in the dorms were," said Istvan.

The Craft-Lynch platform centered on five priority goals, as Craft stated that the most important part of their leadership would be making

visible changes to campus life, including the addition of three-hole punches and staplers to every computer cluster on campus.

"You can see that these proposed changes make sense. At the end of the day, this stuff will be passed; it's common sense. Other proposals have definite feasibility issues," said Craft.

An audience of over 50 students questioned the candidates on a variety of subjects, including their stance on gender issues both in the election and on campus.

"It doesn't matter what gender your leaders are," said Bell in response to a question about her position as the only woman candidate. "However, no offense to any guys, but women are generally more compassionate and able to relate to people."

Each ticket spoke in favor of addressing the topic of gender and sexuality issues.

"We are the only top 20 school without a gender resource center, and we have to represent both the half of the population the school was built for and the half that the University has accommodated for 25 years," said Ebersol in support of the creation of a gender resource center — a stance also taken by the Healy-Healy ticket.

"The University needs to get non-discrimination policies in effect in regards to sexuality, and it's appalling that we don't already," said Istvan.

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James Leito
candidate

Computer Applications Program (CAPP) CAREER NIGHT

What a CAPP Major Can Do For You

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

6 PM

117 Haggar Hall



Three former AL-CAPP majors each will give 15-min. presentations about how CAPP has helped them in their careers.

Prof. Jeff Sucec, a highly successful businessman and current member of the CAPP faculty, will then offer concluding remarks with his reflections and insights about CAPP and the business world.

A question/answer period and reception will follow. Please join us to discover how you can get the most out of CAPP or to learn more about becoming a CAPP major.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rumsfeld lauds Croatian gov't

ZAGREB, Croatia — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld praised the leaders of Croatia's new government Sunday and encouraged their pursuit of defense reforms designed to make the Balkan nation eligible for NATO membership.

In a three-hour visit, Rumsfeld also thanked President Stipe Mesic and other government officials for supporting the U.S.-led fight against terrorism. Croatia has a small contingent of military police in Afghanistan but it has not yet asked the Parliament to approve troops for Iraq.

At a joint news conference with Rumsfeld, Prime Minister Ivo Sanader said, "Croatia sees in the United States not only a friend and partner but also an ally." He also said his government supports President Bush's policy of pre-emptive military action to stop terrorists before they can strike.

Powell pleased with investigation

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed "appreciation" for Pakistan's investigation into nuclear proliferation to Iran, Libya and North Korea in a call to President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, an official said Sunday.

Powell will visit Pakistan "shortly," a top government official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The United States has refused to publicly criticize Pakistan for leaks of nuclear secrets to countries included in President Bush's "Axis of Evil."

NATIONAL NEWS

Two shootings occur minutes apart

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ohio — A van and a Mercedes were shot minutes apart Sunday on an interstate in a region where a series of 21 sniper shootings have occurred, investigators said.

The gunfire seems consistent with the sniper shootings along Interstate 270 south of Columbus, based on initial evidence, Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Martin. He stopped short of linking the two shootings to the serial gunfire.

No injuries were reported in Sunday's shootings, which happened about 11:30 a.m. on Interstate 71 near Jeffersonville, about 40 miles southwest of Columbus, said Jerri Redfern, a dispatcher with the State Highway Patrol.

Rover takes microscopic images

LOS ANGELES — NASA's Opportunity rover took microscopic images Sunday of a bedrock outcropping on the surface of Mars that scientists hope will answer questions about whether the rock could have formed in water.

The images will help scientists understand what the environment was like when the rock was formed, said Jim Erickson, deputy mission manager.

Opportunity's camera spotted the outcropping, which is about 50 feet long and a foot high, within days of its Jan. 24 landing. It is the first bedrock outcropping seen on any Mars mission.

LOCAL NEWS

Teacher charged with sex crime

FISHERS — A Hamilton Southeastern High School band teacher was charged Friday with having a two-year sexual relationship with a female student, authorities said.

Dmitri Alano, 39, faces five felony counts of sexual misconduct with a minor.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Sonia Leerkamp said she filed the charges after investigators found Alano was involved with a student, beginning when the girl was a 14-year-old freshman at the school and continuing into her sophomore year.

Alano was released on bond Friday.

Bush gives rare NBC interview

President denies allegations of misleading public on Iraq war, supports Tenet

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush denied he marched America into war under false pretenses and said the U.S.-led invasion was necessary because Saddam Hussein could have developed a nuclear weapon.

"I don't think America can stand by and hope for the best," the president said. Bush suggested Saddam may have destroyed or spirited out of the country the banned weapons the Bush administration cited as a main rationale for the war.

"I expected to find the weapons," Bush said in an Oval Office interview broadcast Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"Sitting behind this desk, making a very difficult decision of war and peace, I based my decision on the best intelligence possible," the president said. The interview was taped Saturday.

Bush also was asked about the fugitive Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks whom the president had pledged to get "dead or alive."

He chuckled when told that a Republican lawmaker had predicted Osama would be captured before the presidential election. "I appreciate his optimism," Bush said. "I have no idea whether we will capture or bring him to justice. ... I know we are on the hunt."

The interview, his first on a Sunday talk show since taking office, came as the president's approval rating has dipped to 47 percent, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll taken in early February; that compares with 56 percent just a month ago.

The appearance followed weeks of criticism from

Democrats over the failure so far to find Iraq's cache of weapons.

"They could have been destroyed during the war," Bush said, speculating about reasons the reports might have been wrong. "Saddam and his henchmen could have destroyed them as we entered into Iraq. They could be hidden. They could have been transported to another country, and we'll find out."

The president said he retained confidence in CIA Director George Tenet. Bush shook his head from side to side when asked if Tenet's job was in jeopardy. "No, not at all, not at all," Bush said.

Bush pledged to cooperate with a commission he set up last week to examine prewar intelligence lapses and defended its March 2005 reporting date, which is four months after the White House election.

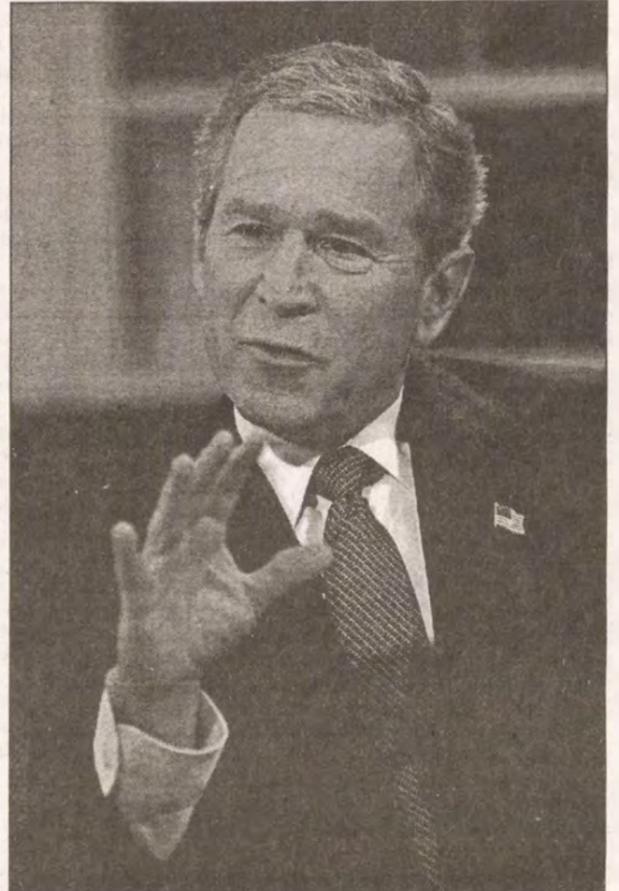
"There is going to be ample time for the American people to assess ... whether or not I made the right decision in removing Saddam Hussein from power," Bush said.

Democrats in Congress and on the campaign trail said Sunday they wanted to see the findings before the election, if possible.

"What we've got here is a president who simply doesn't want to be held accountable," presidential hopeful Wesley Clark told CNN's "Late Edition."

Bush did not directly respond to election-year allegations that his administration exaggerated intelligence, but made clear that the United States considered the Iraqi president a dictator who brutalized and killed his own people.

"I strongly believe that inaction in Iraq would have emboldened Saddam



President George W. Bush makes a point as he is interviewed on NBC's "Meet the Press" during Saturday's taping in the Oval Office. The interview, Bush's first on network television, aired Sunday.

Hussein," Bush said. "He could have developed a nuclear weapon over time — I'm not saying immediately, but over time. ... We would have been in a position of blackmail. In other words, you can't rely upon a madman."

Also on the foreign policy front, Bush said "diplomacy is just beginning" with North Korea. The United States and its allies are seeking to persuade the communist nation to abandon its nuclear weapons programs. "We are making good progress," Bush said.

On domestic issues, Bush said his tax cuts were

responsible for an economic rebound.

He dismissed news reports that there is no evidence he reported for National Guard duty in Alabama during the summer and fall of 1972, during the Vietnam War. "There may be no evidence but I did report; otherwise, I wouldn't have been honorably discharged."

Bush expressed indifference about polls that showed him trailing the Democratic front-runner, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts. "I'm not going to lose," Bush said. "I don't plan on losing."

Kerry takes Maine, sweeps weekend

Associated Press

John Kerry coasted to victory in the Maine caucuses Sunday, wrapping up a three-state weekend sweep that pushed the Democratic front-runner closer to the party nomination than any of his vanquished rivals.

Howard Dean, who campaigned in Maine Sunday, finished a distant second in yet another disappointment for the one-time front-runner, and Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio was third in one of his better showings of the primary season.

The Massachusetts senator tacked the Maine win onto resounding victories in Michigan and Washington state on Saturday for a record of 10 wins in 12 contests and, more importantly, a substantial chunk of the delegates needed to secure the nomination.

With around 50 percent of the statewide vote, Kerry had 45 percent,

Dean 26 percent and Kucinich 15 percent. John Edwards and Wesley Clark, who had focused on other states, had 9 percent and 4 percent.

"Today, the voters of Maine have sent a message that George Bush's days are numbered and change is coming to America," Kerry said in a statement in which he said he was "truly honored and humbled" by the confidence of the state voters.

Kerry has more than twice as many delegates as his closest pursuer, as his win in Maine pushed his total to 426 compared to Dean's 184, according to an Associated Press tally. It takes 2,162 delegates to win the nomination. Kucinich appeared to fall just short of qualifying for delegates in Maine, which had 24 at stake.

Kerry's winning streak is beginning to demoralize his opponents. Aides to both Clark and Edwards said they expect their candidates to lose

Tuesday when Virginia and Tennessee hold their primaries, the first all-Southern slate of the primary race.

Clark and Edwards, who promised on Sunday to forge ahead despite Kerry's increasing advantage, are counting on a showdown in Wisconsin, where the front-runner will face withering attacks from all his rivals with the potential for a slip-up by the leader.

Kerry, campaigning like a front-runner Sunday, ignored his primary opponents and criticized President Bush on Iraq. He also picked up critical backing from Virginia Gov. Mark Warner.

Clark, Dean and Edwards, appearing separately on the Sunday television talk shows, all said they would continue to challenge Kerry for the Democratic nomination despite the Massachusetts senator's advantage in the polls and in endorsements.

SUB

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"There has been a great deal of talk in the past three weeks ... among members of the faculty and administration to reinvigorate the concert and see it through next spring," he said. "This is not some pipe dream."

However, Storin said the plan is effectively dead.

"The proposal remains off the table," he said. "I am not aware of any ongoing discussions toward resurrecting the idea, whether for 2005 or any other date."

The Nelson Mandela Foundation would have been the prime beneficiary of the event. The foundation sponsors efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, including public awareness and research initiatives.

Ebersol said the AIDS epidemic in Africa merits the attention of students at Notre Dame and nationwide.

"It's important for students ... to take a much stronger and more educated stance on Africa and the black plague that is decimating an entire continent," he said. "This is the single most important thing I have or ever will work on at Notre Dame."

The concert's magnitude raised eyebrows in the administration.

Associate athletic director John Heisler said his office met with Ebersol to discuss the plan, but that the stadium location never received final approval.

"We're aware of [the proposal]," Heisler said. "But I don't know that we ever got to the point of those decisions being made."

Bob Zerr, director of risk management and safety, said his office would also be involved in approval for such a significant event. He

said risk management officials met with Ebersol, and the office gave him specific recommendations.

"We laid out what he needed to do to get approval," Zerr said.

The overall budget for the production would be about \$1.25 million, Ebersol said. He said SUB had received nearly \$1.5 million in pledges from several major corporations. The pledges would cover all expenses associated with the concert, Ebersol said.

"That would more than cover the cost of the event and afford us the ability to donate every dollar raised," he said.

In particular, SUB received a \$1 million pledge from telecom giant AT&T.

Ebersol said he expected the 65,000-seat concert would sell out easily, raising millions for the charities.

AT&T has worked with Mandela's organization in the past. In November, company executives announced a partnership with the foundation to set up a toll-free donation hotline.

The toll-free number included the number 46664, which was Mandela's inmate number during his 18-year prison term for his work against apartheid.

Despite the administration's rejection of the idea, Ebersol vowed the concert would take place in 2005 at the latest.

"It can and will be realized before I graduate," Ebersol said.

"One day, Notre Dame students will wake up on the morning of the biggest concert this country's schools have ever seen."

"Imagine it: U2, the Boss and Nelson Mandela live from the 50-yard line."

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Charlie Ebersol
SUB president

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Ethics and Democracy minor.

Hettler, a junior marketing major, joined The Observer as a member of the Sports department in Fall 2001. He has covered interhall football, Saint Mary's basketball, baseball and women's basketball.

Hettler is from North Canton, Ohio, and lives in Zahm Hall.

NDLF

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val has recently undergone a name change, replacing "Sophomore Literary Festival" with the broader "Notre Dame Literary Festival."

At its inception in 1967, according to Subialka, the sophomore class exclusively sponsored the festival, run by then-sophomore J. Richard Rossi. Over the years, however, SLF became a misnomer, as the

Student Union Board assumed sponsorship and anyone from any class could participate.

"The old name was confusing to a lot of people," said Subialka. "We felt it was limiting people who wanted to contribute. The name change is important, because [the festival] is sponsored by the entire Notre Dame community."

The festival is the oldest collegiate literary festival in the U.S., according to Subialka, with faculty advisers and committees guiding the student chairs through the nearly year-long

process.

"It takes a fair amount of time," said Subialka of his efforts spent as co-chair. He has worked since school started in August, selecting and petitioning authors to visit.

With a new name and a new year, the Notre Dame Literary Festival is granting students the privilege to hear the voice behind the type-covered page, a privilege that Subialka said he hopes students grasp.

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Author Helena Viramontes speaks Sunday to students in the Reckers Hospitality Room as part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival.

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"I'm excited to have been selected as Assistant Managing Editor for The Observer," Hettler said. "After working as Sports Editor, I feel prepared to handle the duties of Assistant Managing Editor."

Downes, a Chicago native, is a junior from Walsh Hall. She is a double major in Political Science and Peace Studies in addition to a Journalism,

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IN BRIEF

Japan bans U.S. poultry imports

TOKYO — Japan has temporarily suspended all imports of American poultry after U.S. agriculture officials confirmed an outbreak of bird flu at a chicken farm in Delaware, the government said Sunday.

Agriculture Minister Yoshiyuki Kamei said Tokyo took the "precautionary measure" against Japan's fourth-biggest poultry supplier to prevent the spread of avian influenza.

Tokyo, which had already banned poultry imports from the U.S. states of Rhode Island and Connecticut due to a bird flu outbreak last year, was trying to confirm details of the latest case, Kamei told reporters. He did not say how long the ban would last.

Senator wants to replace regulator

WASHINGTON — Senate Banking Chairman Richard Shelby said Saturday he will move to eliminate the regulator of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and replace it with a stronger, more independent federal watchdog for the home-loan giants.

The Alabama Republican's announcement was made in an address prepared for an American Bankers Association conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He said he expects his Senate panel will take up the legislation next month.

Shelby had been vague in the past about his desire to beef up regulation in response to accounting problems at the government-sponsored corporations. In his remarks Shelby said the current regulator, the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, isn't capable of properly supervising them.

Crude drops on profit taking

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures settled nearly 2 percent lower Friday in New York as large speculative funds took advantage of high gasoline prices to take profits.

"Gasoline is rapidly starting to become the 800-pound gorilla in this market," said Peter Beutel, analyst with Cameron Hanover in New Canaan, Conn. He attributed the sharp drop in gasoline futures prices — and subsequent drops in crude and heating oil futures — to liquidation of long positions by some funds who decided not to wait for more news to sell.

FREE TRADE

U.S., Australia ink trade pact

Agreement will increase food trade, eliminate tariffs on manufactured goods

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States and Australia reached a free-trade agreement Sunday that officials say will eliminate duties from more than 99 percent of American manufacturing exports to Australia.

The deal, which requires congressional approval, also will boost most agricultural trade between the two countries on products ranging from beef to fruit to macadamia nuts.

One notable exception is sugar, where current rules will remain unchanged. American sugar producers had lobbied hard against opening U.S. markets to more Australian sugar, and U.S. officials were unwilling to risk an election-year backlash despite pressure from Australia.

The agreement also calls for lengthy phase-in periods to increase Australian beef and dairy exports, responding to pressure from U.S. dairy farmers and cattle ranchers who had complained that a flood of cheaper Australian products could have cost thousands of jobs.

On the Australian side, the deal removes tariffs on more than 97 percent of exports to the United States, including a 25 percent tariff on light commercial vehicles that had severely limited Australian imports to the United States.

The agreement also does little to open Australian markets to U.S. pharmaceuticals, a key Australian concern.

Officials from both countries played down any glitches, instead highlighting the agreement as a landmark achievement

that should bring already-close allies even closer.

The deal is the first U.S. free-trade agreement with a developed country since one with Canada in 1988, five years before the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement that linked the United States, Canada and Mexico.

At a joint news conference Sunday, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick and Australian Trade Minister Mark Vaile said the agreement could boost manufacturing in both countries by billions of dollars.

Zoellick called the deal "the most significant immediate cut in industrial tariffs ever achieved in a U.S. free-trade agreement."

Australia, the United States' 13th largest export market, buys more goods from the United States than from any other country. The U.S. economy has a \$9 billion surplus in two-way trade that totaled about \$28 billion in 2002.

After almost a year's negotiation, the deal was struck Saturday after a telephone call between President Bush and Australia's prime minister, John Howard.

"The president talked to the prime minister about how he thought it was good deal for both countries," White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said.

The two men also talked about other issues, including the war on terror, Buchan said. The trade deal, long sought by Australian farmers eager to tap into the lucrative U.S. market, is seen in part as a way for the Bush administration to reward Australia for its support of



Reuters
U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, left, meets Australian Trade Minister Mark Vaile in Washington Sunday. After three weeks of tough negotiations, the two countries signed a free trade deal that will eliminate tariffs on most manufactured goods.

the Iraq war.

Besides congressional approval, the deal is subject to a vote by the Australian cabinet.

If approved, American consumers are expected to benefit through lower food prices, while Hollywood could gain a greater share of the Australian entertainment market.

Negotiations were difficult, Zoellick said, but the final agreement reflects the special relationship the United States has with Australia.

"We consider Australia an extremely strong ally. Clearly there's a security

basis" to that, Zoellick said. "But we also want to strengthen the economic relationship. That's what this free-trade agreement is about."

U.S. officials estimate the agreement could increase American manufacturing exports to Australia by \$2 billion a year. Among those benefiting would be aircraft, autos and auto parts, machinery, computers, chemicals and wood and paper products.

Australian exports to the United States also will grow, largely in light commercial vehicles, auto parts and agriculture.

INSIDER TRADING

Martha case still 'far from over'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart endured a week of tough testimony, from assertions that she traded on a secret stock tip to e-mails painting her as a pushy customer with a ferocious temper.

But prosecutors still have a complex road to winning a conviction: They're not trying to prove she made an insider trade — and being pushy is hardly a criminal act.

"You have to give Round 1 to the government, but this fight is far from over," said Robert Mintz, a former federal prosecutor in New Jersey now in private practice.

Douglas Faneuil, a former brokerage assistant at Merrill Lynch & Co., testified this week that he tipped the

domestic style maven in 2001 that the founder of ImClone Systems Inc. was selling all his shares. Stewart promptly sold hers.

And e-mails written by Faneuil — and introduced by lawyers for Stewart's co-defendant, former broker Peter Bacanovic — describe tirades in which Stewart repeatedly yelled and cursed at him.

Faneuil has held up well on the witness stand under cross-examination, said Greg Markel, chairman of the litigation department at the New York law firm Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft.

But he said Faneuil's assertion of having passed the stock tip is only the first step toward proving the charge at the heart of the case — that Stewart lied to investigators about the stock sale.

Markel said the e-mails, while colorful, may have done more damage to Stewart's public image outside the courtroom than to her case inside it.

"They paint this picture of her as being a nasty, self-interested, difficult person," he said. "That's not helpful, but it doesn't go to whether she committed the particular crimes she's charged with."

ImClone stock dropped sharply four days after Stewart sold, when news emerged that its highly touted cancer drug had been rejected by the government. But Stewart is not criminally charged with insider trading.

Instead, she is charged with lying to government investigators on two occasions — Feb. 4 and April 10, 2002 — about what she remembered about the stock sale.

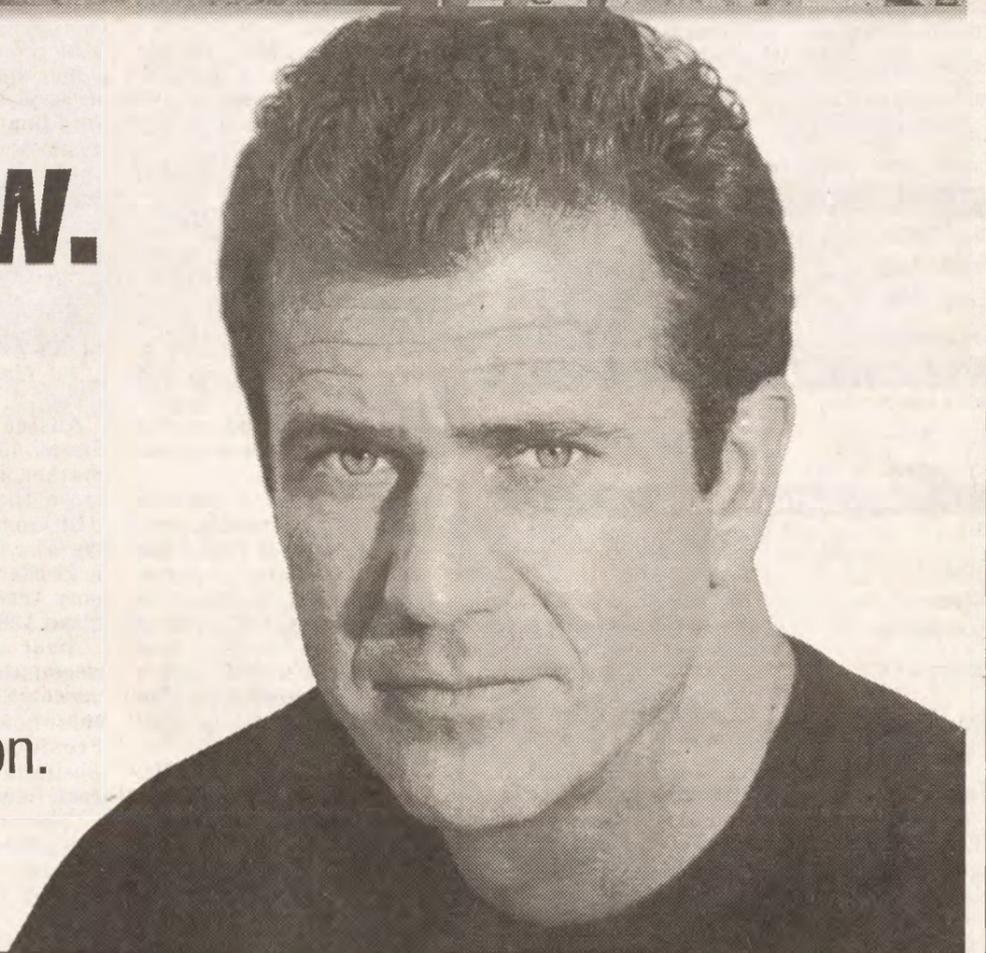
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SWITZERLAND

U.S. unable to seize suspected assets

Officials lack evidence to tie bank accounts to Saddam Hussein

Associated Press

BERN — The United States believes it has found at least \$300 million Saddam Hussein hid in banks, yet doesn't have enough evidence to get countries such as Syria and Switzerland to hand over the money, U.S. and European officials told The Associated Press.

The funds at stake could go to the Iraq insurgency or the country's reconstruction — depending on who gets it first. What troubles investigators more is that much of Saddam's cash may already be gone.

The weak U.S. intelligence and

the slow-moving investigation, now in its 11th month, have given suspects more than enough time to empty accounts and possibly transfer some funds to Iraq's insurgency, which has cost hundreds of American lives, officials involved in the search said.

Treasury investigators have been quick to identify leads in the hunt but have been scrambling to come up with solid evidence that could hold up in a court or get the approval of a U.N. sanctions committee.

Much to the frustration of the Bush administration, countries that acted quickly on relatively weak evidence involving al-Qaida funds have been unwilling to do the same on Iraq, partly because of growing doubts about the quality of U.S. intelligence.

For months, Swiss officials have asked Washington to pro-

vide more information on an account belonging to a Panamanian-registered front company that U.S. officials believe is tied to the former Iraqi regime. The account contains the equivalent of \$80 million and U.S. officials are still trying to gather enough information for the Swiss to act.

Were the account held in a U.S. bank, federal authorities wouldn't need any more evidence than they already have because the Patriot Act, passed after Sept. 11, 2001, gives them expanded powers of search and seizure.

"We know a lot of countries cannot use intelligence information the way we can use it now after Sept. 11," said Juan Zarate, the Treasury Department's deputy assistant secretary for terrorist financing and financial crimes.

ISRAEL

Route of barrier fence to change

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel will change the route of its West Bank separation barrier to cause less hardship for the Palestinians and gain U.S. support against legal challenges, an adviser to Israel's prime minister said Sunday.

The barrier faces two court fights. On Monday, Israel's Supreme Court will hear petitions from two civil rights groups, including a request to declare the barrier's route illegal.

Later this month, the world court in The Hague, Netherlands, will review the legality of the barrier. The U.N. General Assembly, with the backing of the Palestinians, has asked the court for a nonbinding advisory opinion.

Israel says the barrier is meant to block Palestinian suicide bombers, but the Palestinians condemn it as a land grab.

Israel has argued that the world court has no authority over the barrier dispute, saying it should be resolved through negotiations. Nonetheless, it is taking the case before the International Court of Justice seriously.

Many countries, including the United States, agree with Israel that the international court is not the proper venue for the case, but they object to the barrier's planned route, which dips deep into the West Bank in some places.

Zalman Shoval, an adviser to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said Israel is concerned the dispute could eventually reach the U.N. Security Council, where decisions are legally binding.

The United States, which can veto council resolutions, could help protect Israel. "We want as much as possible to draw a line

with the Americans," he said.

He said the changes would be presented to U.S. Mideast envoys expected to arrive in Israel this week.

Paul Patin, spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, declined to comment on the possible changes in the barrier's route.

He said the United States has no problem with the concept of a security barrier, but Washington objects to its planned route because of the disruption it has caused to Palestinians.

The barrier, which is about one-quarter built, reaches deep into the West Bank in some areas, restricting Palestinian movement and preventing residents from reaching jobs, farmland and social services.

Shoval said the changes in the route would be around Qalqiliya, a West Bank town next to Israel. The town is largely encircled by the barrier.

Israel wants to "make things as easy as possible for Palestinians who need to get to their fields (and) to have fewer checkpoints," Shoval said.

He said changes would be made around other Palestinian population centers, as well. He said this could include taking down or moving concrete barriers that have already been built.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Jamal Shobaki said the Palestinian Authority will oppose the barrier if it infringes "even one centimeter" on lands Palestinians want for a future state.

"If they want to build a wall, they must do it on the Green Line," Shobaki said, referring to the boundary that existed before Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the 1967 Mideast war.

HAITI

Unrest continues in Gonaives

Associated Press

ST. MARC, Haiti — Hundreds of Haitians looted TV sets, mattresses and sacks of flour from shipping containers Sunday in this port town, one of several communities seized by rebels in a bloody uprising against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Using felled trees, flaming tires and car chassis, residents blocked streets throughout St. Marc a day after militants drove out police in gunbattles that killed two people. Many residents have formed neighborhood groups to back insurgents in their push to expel the president.

"After Aristide leaves, the country will return to normal,"

said Axel Philippe, 34, among dozens massed on the highway leading to St. Marc, a city of about 100,000 located some 45 miles northwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

At least 18 people have been killed since armed opponents of Aristide began their assault Thursday, setting police stations on fire and driving officers from the northwestern city of Gonaives — Haiti's fourth-largest city — and several smaller nearby towns.

Anger has been brewing in

Haiti since Aristide's party won disputed legislative elections in 2000. The opposition refuses to join in any new vote unless the president resigns; he insists on serving out his term, which ends in 2006.

Clashes between government opponents, police and Aristide supporters have killed at least 69 people since mid-September.

In the bloodiest fights of recent days, 150 police tried to retake control of Gonaives on Saturday but left hours later after meeting fierce resistance, witnesses said. At least nine people were killed, seven of them police.

"After Aristide leaves, the country will return to normal."

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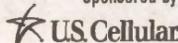
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Gay marriage opponents gather in Mass.

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boisterous opponents of same-sex marriage sang, cheered and chanted Sunday at a rally to build support for a state constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

The demonstration on the Boston Common, a short distance from the Massachusetts Statehouse, broke out into chants of "Let the people vote!" while demonstrators held aloft banners with phrases such as "Marriage, ancient, sacred," and "Repent or perish." Police estimated the crowd at 2,000 people.

Archbishop Sean O'Malley of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston said the rally was not about "hate-mongering," as some critics have charged.

"We are here because we are concerned about marriage and about family," he told the cheering crowd. "Good strong marriage and family are good for our coun-

try, for society."

Massachusetts' highest court, the Supreme Judicial Court, ruled 4-3 in November that same-sex couples had a right under the state constitution to the benefits of marriage.

This past week it ruled by the same ratio that only marriage — not civil union — would satisfy its initial decision.

The court gave the Legislature a mid-May deadline to comply with its ruling. Legislators, meanwhile, are meeting Wednesday for a constitutional convention to consider an amendment banning gay marriage, but 2006 is the soonest voters could approve such an amendment.

Demonstrator Ed Zicko, 69, acknowledged that gay marriage could become the law before residents in the state have a chance to vote on it.

"We'll just have to wait for that time to vote, unless they find some way to delay it, which I hope they can," Zicko said.

He said he came to the rally because marriage is a tradition going back thousands of years and "I think people should have the opportunity to vote on it."

During the rally, several hundred supporters of gay marriage demonstrated loudly at the Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Paul across the street.

A poll released Sunday by Merrimack College's Center for Public Opinion Research suggested that support for gay marriage may be slipping, and support for legalizing civil unions growing.

Of 501 adults interviewed by phone in late January and early February, 33 percent said the state should recognize gay marriages, compared to 37 percent in November.

In the latest poll, 43 percent said the state should recognize civil unions, compared to 38 percent in November. The margin of error was 4.5 percentage points.

Beyonce, Vandross win big at Grammys

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Balladeer Luther Vandross, recovering from a stroke, won four Grammys on Sunday including song of the year for "Dance With My Father," and Beyonce earned a record-breaking five honors.

OutKast won album of the year for "SpeakerBoxxx/The Love Below" in a ceremony televised by CBS on a five-minute delay to avoid anything like Janet Jackson's Super Bowl flesh flash.

Despite a tightly scripted show devoid of outrageousness or spontaneity — a marked contrast to today's pop scene — Jackson's breast-baring at the hands of dance partner Justin Timberlake remained the major subplot, as CBS and Jackson offered conflicting reports about why she was not at the show.

"I know it's been a rough week on everybody," said Timberlake, stifling a self-deprecating laugh while accepting the best male pop vocal performance award for "Cry Me a River." He brought his mother as his date. "What occurred was unintentional, completely regrettable, and I apologize if you guys are offended."

Vandross won for best song, best R&B album and best male R&B performance for "Dance With My Father"; and best R&B performance by a duo or group with vocals for "The Closer I Get to You," a remake he did with Beyonce.

He was unable to attend, but sent a videotaped message, his first public remarks since his April 2003 stroke.

"I wish I could be with you there tonight. I want to thank everyone for your love and support," said a weak-looking Vandross. "And remember, when I say goodbye it's never for long, because" — and he sang — "I believe in the power of love!"

Beyonce tied a record for female artists with her five awards, but won none of the top categories of song, record or album of the year.

The moody British rock band Coldplay, up against four hip-hop nominees for record of the year, won for their song "Clocks."

Rockers Evanescence won best new artist in an upset over rapper 50 Cent — who briefly walked onstage as Evanescence accepted their award.

"Thank you, 50," said Evanescence's Amy Lee as the rap star smiled for the camera.

Rock singer Warren Zevon, who rushed to complete a final album before his September death from lung cancer, won his first two Grammy Awards. June Carter Cash also won two posthumous awards, and her husband Johnny Cash and former Beatle George Harrison were also honored after their

deaths.

The 46th annual awards show began at 4:55 p.m. — five minute before airtime — with Prince performing "Purple Rain," marking the 20th year of the groundbreaking song and movie.

Beyonce, wearing a tight dress with a feather skirt that fleetingly revealed her pink panties, joined Prince on his hits and then sang her own "Crazy in Love," which won two trophies — for best R&B song and best rap/sung collaboration. Her boyfriend, Jay-Z, won two awards for collaborating on that hit.

Beyonce also won best female R&B performance and best contemporary R&B album for "Dangerously in Love," and best R&B performance by a duo or group for her song

"Performing was enough for me."

**Beyonce
Grammy winner**

with Vandross.

Her five trophies tied a record set by Alicia Keys, Norah Jones and Lauryn Hill for the most Grammys won by a female artist.

"This is unbelievable. Performing was enough for me," an excited Beyonce said.

OutKast, nominated for a leading six Grammys, won three: best album, best urban/alternative performance for "Hey Ya!" and best rap album for "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below."

Other multiple winners included Jack White of The White Stripes and Eminem, with two each, and bluegrass singer Alison Krauss, who had three.

Timberlake was all over the awards, performing on several songs and winning two trophies. CBS said in a statement that it had reservations about allowing him and Jackson to appear as planned, but ultimately "respected the

"I know this has been a rough week for everybody."

**Justin Timberlake
singer**

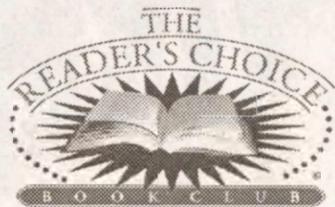
Recording Academy's wishes to produce the program they originally intended."

CBS said it agreed to allow Timberlake and Jackson as long as they apologized on the air for their Super Bowl stunt.

But a statement from Jackson's camp said CBS and the Grammys first asked her not to attend, then reversed themselves and re-invited her, but she chose not to attend.

"She was never uninvited," insisted Jason Padgett of the publicity firm Rogers & Cowan, which represents the Recording Academy. "She was always invited to be here and she chose not to be."

The incident bubbled beneath the surface all night. "I don't want to have the same thing happen that Janet had done," Christina Aguilera said while accepting the award for best female pop vocal performance in a dress cut so low, CBS briefly imposed a graphic across her chest. "But, uh, if I can keep it together ..."



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Diversity comes through dialogue

Over the past two weeks, you have witnessed Notre Dame students, faculty and alumni use The Observer as a means to express their very passionate views about the issues of affirmative action and diversity.

On one end of the spectrum, there are some who feel affirmative action policies are simply a mode of reverse discrimination, over-emphasizing race and failing to help those minority students most in need of assistance. On the other, there are those who maintain that affirmative action is a necessary policy to address the biased social, economic and political structures in America that seek to truncate minority ascension in educational and occupational fields.

There is nothing wrong with having varied ideas about such a controversial topic — as long as individuals on both sides are willing to keep an open mind and listen to what others have to say. The recent series of articles in The Observer has made it very clear that there is a great need on this campus for more than paper-laden debates.

Some prejudiced attitudes expressed in The Observer show just how far we as a community and as a nation have yet to go. Ignorance is disease that allows one to think that only his perspective is truth. Truth comes with looking at all sides of the argument, attacking the issues and reaching open-minded, educated conclusions.

It is easy to point the finger and say that others have problems understanding race; it is difficult to first address your own. How many of you have ever said or even thought, "He is not as good a student as everyone else here. It's obvious that the only reason he got in here is because he is a minority." Or conversely, "White people are ignorant to what is really going on in the world. They already own everything; why are they trying to take the one thing we have going in our favor?"

Neither of the above thought patterns shows a true understanding of the issue. These problematic ideologies toward people of a different race are the first obstacle that we as a community must over-

come in order to achieve a true liberal education.

Diversity is about bringing people with different experiences and perspectives together so that we can learn from each other. This is a noble goal, no matter which camp you might be in. Yet without healthy dialogue — listening, as well as speaking out — diversity becomes a mute phrase that lacks meaning and importance in our lives. We cannot let this happen at Notre Dame. We students will someday participate in a world that is as diverse as this campus is homogeneous. If we do not first learn how to relate to each other as classmates, what can be said for the future world market?

This being said, we issue the patrons of

The Observer a challenge. We

challenge you to stop har-

boring your feelings and

take action, to under-

stand others and have oth-

ers understand you. We offer

three ways to enter this

great debate:

First, Notre Dame will hold a

Diversity Week from Feb. 16 to 18. This

week will include a debate

between current faculty mem-

bers who will be sorting through both

sides of this sensitive issue, followed by a

night for student response. We ask that

all students who hold opinions on this

topic or would just like to listen to a great

discussion, to come. The event will end

on Wednesday with a social to amend

feelings and look ahead. If you wish to

learn more about this week, please contact

Demetrius Hall (dhall1@nd.edu).

Secondly, a student-run organization

called Sustained Dialogue has organized

a plan for changing the nature of under-

standing on this campus. But their mis-

sion will be unsuccessful without the par-

ticipation of every student on this campus.

If you are interested in this group, please contact Tessa Garcia

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(ethomas1@nd.edu).

Finally, the mission statement of this

great University claims to "create a sense

of human solidarity and concern for the

common good that will bear fruit as

learning becomes service to justice." How

can we accomplish this without ever dis-

cussing the merits of diversity and issue

of race relations? So, as Maryann Erigha

suggested in her Jan. 29 letter, we propose

that the University require that every

student take a class specifically

devoted to the study of marginal-

ized people. If any student

wishes to help in con-

structing a proposal to

the administration

concerning a diversity

requirement, contact us

and we will be more

than willing to work with you.

The two of us, Rhea Boyd

and Greg Parnell, may

not agree on everything. But

we are writing this article together

to demonstrate to you that even the

most outspoken proponent

and ardent opponent of affirmative

action are willing to talk together,

work together and together seek ways

to make this campus a better place for

every student. And now, we ask for you

to do the same. Throw down the chains

that hold you immobile and help this

University achieve an excellence it has

never before seen.

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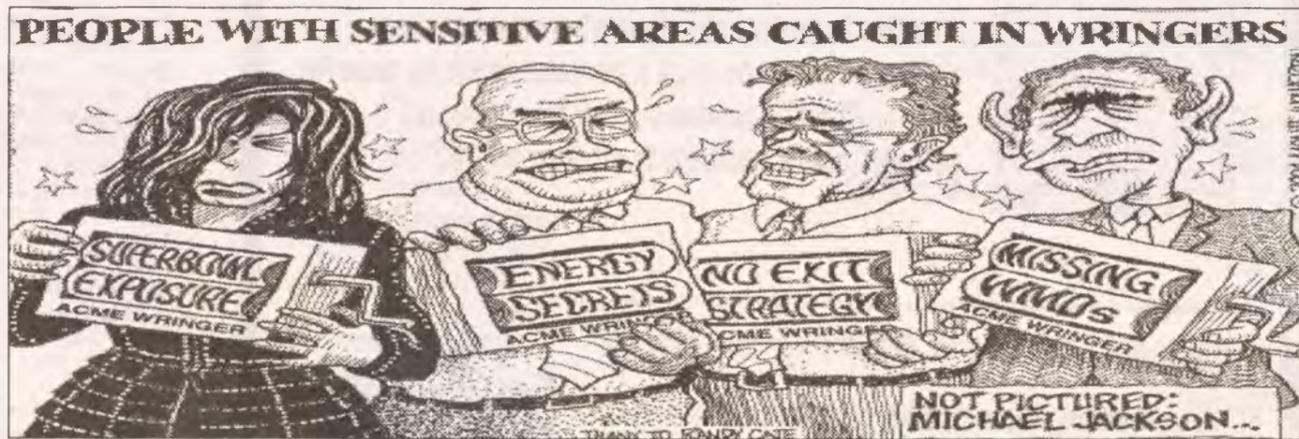
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It was government by discussion that broke the bond of ages and set free the originality of mankind."

Walter Bagehot
economist

Now that's entertainment!

The Super Bowl XXXVIII halftime show and its fallout can be summated in one sentence: One breast was exposed, then a bunch of boobs ran for cover.

The show's sponsor, AOL, blamed the NFL. The NFL blamed CBS. CBS blamed MTV. MTV blamed J.J. and J.T., and now the FCC, CDC, ASPCA and God only knows who else are all screaming bloody murder.

Mike Marchand

But the funniest thing about the blame-passing is that all the self-righteous spokespeople for the organizations don't see the irony in their own outrage. Let's start with the NFL, a league built on a game centered around violence then supplemented with sex. Each squad of warriors has a harem of skimpily-dressed babes who jump up and down at semi-regular intervals. The NFL's official sponsors include the company that manufactures Levitra, an impotence pill, and Coors Light, which doesn't waste any opportunity to show sexy women in its spots. But NFL executive vice president Joe Browne the league was "extremely disappointed by elements of the ... show."

Undistinguished
Alumnus

On to CBS, a network that airs "Survivor" unashamedly but still wants to think it has standards to violate: "The moment did not conform to CBS broadcast standards and we would like to apologize to anyone who was offended." However, some moments that did conform to broadcast standards included the following: two Bud Light commercials that directly involved male anatomy and a third which featured explosive equine flatulence; Chevrolet's "American Revolution" blurb where boys have soap in their mouths for saying "Holy [implied curse word here]" after seeing their new models; a Sierra Mist ad in which a kilt-wearing bagpiper airs out his undercarriage above a subway grate; and best of all, a spot for Cialis, a new impotence drug, that warned inside its "fine print" that erections lasting four hours or longer require immediate medical attention. (I'll say.)

But of course, for each 30-second spot, CBS received \$2.3 million. If it's true that Janet's breast-flashing was an act of shameless self-promotion (her new single is out now, from her album to be released March 30), then CBS is probably upset that it wasn't given money to let her bosom have the airtime. For the two seconds her mummies were shown, Janet should owe CBS just over \$150,000.

Which brings us to the Federal Communications Commission, who immediately rushed to declare an investigation into the stunt, and could fine CBS as much as \$550,000 for violating indecency regulations. The FCC, by the way, recently ruled that U2's Bono was not obscene when he used the phrase "really f---ing brilliant" during the telecast of the Golden Globe Awards last year, because he used the f-word as an adjective and not as a verb or noun describing sex.

Smoothly we segue into MTV now, that bastion of ultimate virtue and chastity that also happens to be owned by CBS' parent company, Viacom. Breasts completely exposed save for a nipple shield are nothing new to MTV; during the 1999 Video Music Awards, rapper Lil' Kim wore a dress with her right breast completely left bare except for a pastie, and music legend Diana Ross playfully jiggled it on stage when they presented an award together. The network seemed awfully proud of the bombshell they laid in Houston, immediately posting on their website that it was "a kinky finale that rocked the Super Bowl to its core." Of course, once it backfired, they pulled the page and issued some implausible deniability: "The tearing of Janet Jackson's costume was unrehearsed, unplanned, completely unintentional and was inconsistent with assurances we had about the content of the performance. MTV regrets this incident occurred and we apologize to anyone who was offended by it."

And now we come full-circle. Millions of people were offended, and the moment was so offensive that news programs have replayed the clip about 73 million times. Internet search engine Lycos and digital recording service TiVo have proclaimed it the most popular event in the history of their mediums. And, in the most offensive turn of all, a female bank clerk in Tennessee has started a class-action lawsuit against everyone involved calling for damages of no more than the "gross annual revenues of each defendant for the last three years."

I don't know why she's so upset; after all, the lines have been clearly drawn, haven't they? The NFL says partially uncovered breasts are great, but mostly uncovered ones are "disappointing"; CBS says crappy television and raunchy commercials are cool, but a wide-angle shot of a ripped bodice "doesn't conform to broadcast standards"; the FCC says using the f-word as an adjective is allowable, but an almost-exposed bosom requires a federal investigation; and MTV loves pastied boobies as long as they don't get any backlash.

Come on, America. It's a breast. Haven't you ever seen one before?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Debating the effects of 'Monologues'

Play promotes further violence against women

I am a graduate student in electrical engineering and a concerned father of three girls. I am concerned that those who see "The Vagina Monologues" (TVM), are unaware that they are helping Planned Parenthood. By attending TVM they are providing free advertising for Eve Ensler's text, TVM. We should note that proceeds of the sales of TVM text go directly to the V-Day foundation (VDF). One of the many controversial beneficiaries of these donations is Planned Parenthood (see back of TVM V-Day edition).

Although VDF purports to end violence against women, they seem to be blind to the greatest victimizer of women, abortion. There is evidence that as many as nine out of ten abortion oriented women will choose to keep their babies when shown an ultrasound. Abortion clinics hide the truth as they fight to end life-informative ultrasounds and succeed in California's courts.

As a result, roughly 20 million American women, who would have chosen life, suf-

fer needlessly from the physical and emotional scars from their abortions. Was all this deceit and carnage due to Roe? No, she delivered her child for adoption, Mr. Justice Rehnquist eloquently noted. The Court's statement of facts in this case makes clear, however, that the record in no way indicates the presence of such a plaintiff. What, then, has led us down a path to make a woman's womb a target for death?

The answer is clear, when Catholics answer this question. Why are people so eager to discount the teachings of our Pope and the magisterium? Those who profit from selling sin will go bankrupt.

Planned parenthood has over \$3.0 billion of tax payers dollars to lose. With abortions throughout the world totaling over 46 million annually, an industry conservatively stands to lose \$30 billion if ultrasounds are provided to abortion-oriented women.

I would like to propose an alternate event to rally the

student body to end violence against women: Victory Day, this Feb. 14. "Victory over the blessed Virgin Mary over Violence Instilled on the Womb."

In order to aid Our Lady this day we can:

1. Attend reconciliation (4 to 5 p.m. at the Crypt).
2. Attend the 5 p.m. mass at the Basilica and pray for a woman who has been victimized by abortion.

2. Recite the Rosary at the Grotto (6:45 p.m.).

3. Participate in Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar during the start of the TVM (if any of our beloved priests could help us with this from 7 to 8 p.m.).

4. Send a donation to the Women's Care Center.

5. Support legislation to require abortion clinics to provide life-informative ultrasounds to their clients.

Lastly, does Notre Dame, or any Catholic University, want its name affiliated with TVM?

Nicholas Kottenstette
graduate student
Feb. 7

Conversation is necessary for healing

Little has appeared in Viewpoint about why many subjects in "The Vagina Monologues" — however offensive to younger brothers — must be discussed. "Telling the story" is how we claim control and recover from sexual violence. Eve Ensler herself was abused as a child, and now "Monologues" gives others unprecedented social permission to talk and heal. Maybe my story can provide a new perspective.

I was molested by older teenage boys, at 14 and 15. That pain poisoned my trust and burst the innocence of my worldview. It's taken five years — sobbing cathartically last year at "Monologues," blessed with amazing friendships — to recover to where I talk openly about those shadows which swallowed my identity. So many women (and men) have been used for their bodies. You know. It hurts.

But now I know: almost-aggressive-joy (as in "My Short Skirt") is exactly that confidence we deserve to have in the beauty and power of our bodies, saying, "This va-va-voom is not yours to take. You must earn my trust and love to merit my freely gifted goodness."

Sexual self-possession isn't an endpoint; real love is mutual self-gift. But that short-skirt, radiant self-confidence is a prophetic

sign of when we won't fear or wield our body's power and thus love without jealousy or greed. Whether starting with the Monologues or Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body," my point remains: we need to start talking about our bodies, about the damage that has been done and the wholeness which can bloom from the wreckage.

Ideally, no one would feel the need to stand on stage and shout that women should be respected as self-realizing individuals. But it's a place to start the serious conversations. Listen to the real issues behind the entertainment. And they're supposed to provoke. Literature isn't a "how-to" manual; you don't read Swift's "A Modest Proposal" and then eat Irish babies.

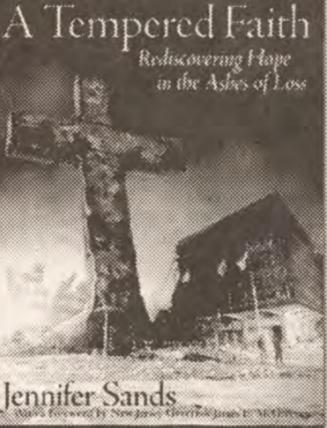
Seriously. One in four women will be sexually abused in the time she leaves college. Please. Listen. Think. Ask. Pray. Be not afraid to talk. See the mosaic, chiaroscuro reality of post-Eden, post-Easter sexuality. And let's start making ours a culture where the darkness of fear dissolves into light: a culture of life.

Lauren Price
senior
McGlenn Hall
Feb. 8

New faces in the Notre Dame

After 36 years as the Sophomore Literary Festival, the ND Literary Festival brings a new name and six new acclaimed authors to campus.

WORKS BY AUTHORS ATTENDING ND LITERARY FESTIVAL



A Tempered Faith
Rediscovering Hope in the Ashes of Loss

Jennifer Sands

In *A Tempered Faith*, Author Jennifer Sands explores the effect the loss of her husband in 9/11 had on her life and on her faith.



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In one of her most famous works, Frances Sherwood sets a trail-blazing English feminist named Mary Wollstonecraft against the historical background at Revolutionary Paris and a Bedlam insane asylum.



Project X
Jim Shepard
a novel

In *Project X*, Jim Shepard sheds a new light on the Columbine massacre and other similar events by exploring the psychology of two fictional high school social rejects.

By KATIE WAGNER
Scene Writers

Six well-known and talented authors have come to campus this week for the 37th annual Notre Dame Literary Festival. This six-day celebration of literature will consist of six interactive presentations by distinguished writers, a writer's workshop, a special lecture called "theology on tap" and a showcase of students' writing during Thursday night's AcousticCafe.

All of the writers' lectures are followed by catered receptions. The bookstore will be selling some of each writer's works during the receptions and students will have the opportunity to individually talk to the authors and have them sign their books. This festival has also made it possible for some of these writers to stick around campus for a few days after their lectures to visit some of Notre Dame's classes. This aspect of the festival is brand new this year thanks to the efforts of sophomore Mike Subialka, chairman of the festival.

Another major change that Subialka and his committee have made in the festival is to officially change the festival's name from the Sophomore Literary Festival to the Notre Dame Literary Festival. This was a huge project, since the festival has been called the Sophomore Literary festival since the year it was started. It was first named 37 years ago after Notre Dame sophomores raised money to create the first Literary Festival. However, only a few more festivals followed that were paid for by sophomore fund-raising. Today Notre Dame's Student Activities provides the budget for the events.

"As with everything at Notre Dame, there's always red tape, but in the end it all worked out," Subialka said about his experiences with instigating this change. "While the name does have historical significance, it is all kind of misleading and has caused problems for the festival in the past."

By changing the festival's name students and administrators hope to put an end to the formerly popular held belief that the festival is only meant

to be produced and attended by sophomores. Members of Notre Dame's freshman, sophomore and junior classes all worked on a committee to create this year's festival.

The writers Helena Viramontes, Jim Shepard, Chuck Klosterman, Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez, Frances Sherwood and Jennifer Sands will all be doing individual presentations during this year's festival. Five authors typically participate, although there have been as few as three in some festivals. Over the years the festival has featured many world-renowned writers, including science-fiction writer Kurt Vonnegut at the first festival and other writers such as Gwendolyn Brooks, Arthur Miller and Tennessee Williams in later years. In an effort to plan ahead for next year, Subialka has already made a home call to GQ editor and chief Jim Nelson, requesting that he participates in next year's festival.

Helena Maria Viramontes, critically acclaimed short story writer and novelist, kicked off the festival Sunday afternoon. She read selections from some of her works in the Reckers Hospitality room and led a discussion with her audience afterwards. Sunday evening fiction novelist Jim Shepard provided a lecture on his writing, followed by a discussion session in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Not only do attendants of the Literary Festival get to hear some of their favorite writers read and lecture and enjoy some high quality snacks, but they also have the chance to speak to these authors one-on-one. This is a rare opportunity, since writers as famous as those featured in this festival aren't usually easy to contact.

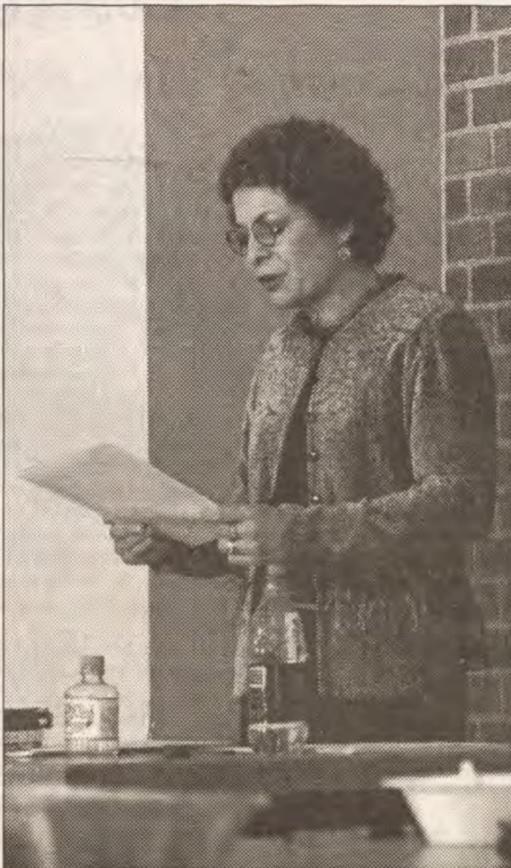
Some of the authors in the festival were impossible to contact directly. In order to get in touch with some of the writers in the festival, Subialka first had to speak to their agents. Although some agents were excited to have their writers participate in the festival, others were not interested.

"All they are really interested in is the money," said Subialka. "Since we're working on a limited budget, it's been difficult to find authors."

Subialka started his search by working with junior Taylor Clary, co-chairman of the Literary Festival, to come up with a list of all the authors that they wanted to see in the festival.

"At the very beginning it was like putting together a wish list," said Subialka.

Ultimately, Subialka and Clary narrowed down the list to six authors, based on which authors they felt would be most appropriate for the festival and on the availability of the authors on their list. Although the committee could not offer the



Author Helena Viramontes kicked off the Notre Dame Literary Festival Sunday afternoon.

ND LITERARY FESTIVAL

Monday, Feb. 9 7:30 p.m.
Oak Room (above South Dining Hall)
Chuck Klosterman, writer for SPIN and author of two humorous books, will present on modern American culture through his eyes

Tuesday, Feb. 10 2:00-3:15 p.m.
Foster Room (3rd floor LaFortune)
Chuck Klosterman will host a writer's workshop

7:30 p.m.
Oak Room (above South Dining Hall)
Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez, NYTimes bestselling author of *The Dirty Girls Social Club*, will present on debunking the "Latino" stereotype

Wednesday, Feb. 11 7:30 p.m.
Oak Room (above South Dining Hall)
Frances Sherwood, author of many novels and professor at IUSB, will read from her works on love and relationships

10:00 p.m.
Legends
Jennifer Sands will speak at Theology on Tap

Thursday, Feb. 12 7:30 p.m.
DeBartolo 141
Jennifer Sands, author of *A Tempered Faith* - the riveting story of her journey through despair after the death of her husband in terrorist attacks of 9/11 - will give a powerful multimedia presentation

10:00 p.m.
LaFortune Acoustic Cafe will feature student artists and authors reading from their own works

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women. She also writes for Chicana women's magazine. She is most noted for her writing, and she is currently a professor of English at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Jim Shepard, the guest speaker, writes novels, short stories and has been featured in other places, in the *Harper's*, and *The New Yorker*. Shepard currently teaches at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

On Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room above South Dining Hall, Chuck Klosterman, author, essayist and senior editor of *Salon* magazine will be di-

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"[The authors] feel like it's a chance to give their knowledge to the students," Clary said.

"A lot of writers are interested in getting their authors' names out there and to connect with the college population," said Subialka.

Overcoming the initial struggles to find the best festival to participate in the festival, the committee ultimately ended up with a notable group of six very different writers. With the help of their committee and a few members of the Notre Dame faculty, Subialka and Clary have worked very hard to make this year's festival appealing to students of all majors, by including writers that deal with several issues and themes that are central to today's society.

"The festival has been designed for every student on campus," Subialka said. "We want to make sure we are getting a diverse group of people who represent different aspects of American culture and society. The festival features famous published authors who have been really big in the world of literature."

Viramontes, the first featured author, writes about politics, religion and sexuality and has devoted a great deal of her writing to the significance of women and migrant workers' need for equality. "Under the Feet of Jesus," one of her very famous works, is dedicated to Cesar Chavez, the founder and leader of the migrant workers' protests in the United States.

Viramontes' writing has made her a major voice for Chicana women. In many of her works, she describes the daily problems that society and culture create for these

women. She also emphasizes Chicana women's domestic struggles. She is most noted for her short story writing, and she is an assistant professor of English at Cornell University.

Jim Shepard, the festival's second guest speaker, writes science fiction novels, short stories, and poetry. His work has been featured, among other places, in the New Yorker, Harper's, and The Paris Review. Shepard currently teaches at Shepard College in Massachusetts.

On Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room above South Dining Hall, Chuck Klosterman, the pop-culture essayist and senior writer for SPIN magazine will be discussing some of

his works. Klosterman writes many essays that invoke humor to share his takes on popular television shows, musical artists, bands, celebrities and other aspects of the media. Klosterman gained his first real recognition from his publication of "Fargo Rock City: A Heavy Metal Odyssey in Rural North Dakota" in 2001. The book is a comic of hair metal.

In this novel and in a lot of his other writings, Klosterman uses memoir to speak about pop-culture. He will be running a writer's workshop focusing on memoir in LaFortune at 2 p.m. in the Foster Room in LaFortune.

Klosterman is also known for "Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs: A Low Culture Manifesto," a collection of essays about pop-culture.

"He has a really engaging writing style that I think people are really drawn to," said Clary.

On Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room, Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez will be reading some of her works, lecturing, and holding a discussion. She is a former journalist for the Boston Globe and the L.A. Times, but quit the journalism business to be a novelist. Her New York Times bestselling novel "The Dirty Girls Social Club," published in 2003, is currently being made into a film. Rodriguez has emphasized the issue of sexism as one of the themes of her writing.

Frances Sherwood, award-winning fiction writer and English professor at Indiana University-South Bend, will speak on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room. Her novel "Vindication" was placed on the New York Times list of notable fiction in 1993 and on the Publishers Weekly list of top novels. She has published two other novels and writes short stories as well.

On the same night at 10 p.m. in Legends, Jennifer Sands will give a lecture entitled "Theology on Tap." Sands lost her husband Jim during the September 11 terrorist attacks. Her novel "A Tempered Faith: Rediscovering Hope in the Ashes of Loss" explains how she was able to regain her faith. Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in room 141 DeBartolo, Sands will be speaking about her writing and holding a discussion. Her reception will be held in the DeBartolo atrium immediately following her lecture.

The festival will conclude with readings by Notre Dame writers as part of Acousticafe. This session of Acousticafe will be held in LaFortune's basement between 10 p.m. and midnight on Thursday.

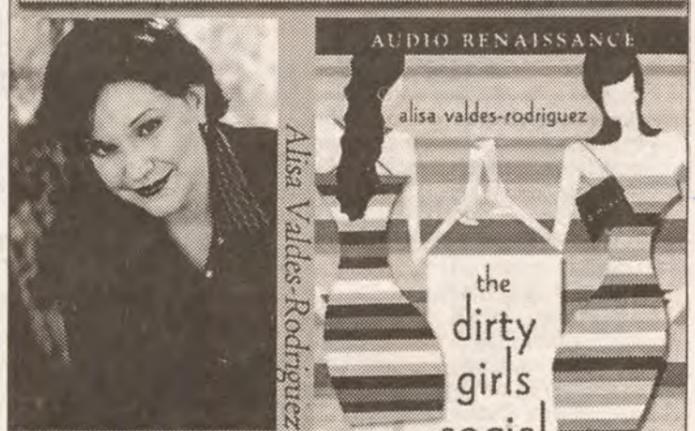
All events in the festival are free. Students interested in participating in Klosterman's writers' workshop can e-mail Taylor Clary at tclary@nd.edu.

Contact Katie Wagner at kwagner@nd.edu



Viramontes is known for her concern with women and migrant workers in the United States.

WORKS BY AUTHORS ATTENDING ND LITERARY FESTIVAL



The Dirty Girls Social Club tells the stories of six Latina women who first meet at Boston University. As the girls get older, their particular vices and virtues show up in the course their lives take.



Helena Viramontes, a spokesperson for Chicana women, develops her deep concern with women and a migrant worker's rights in Under the Feet of Jesus.



In another cultural hit, Chuck Klosterman examines pop culture from reality television to the Dixie Chicks.

NBA

Miller leads Pacers to 97-91 win over Heat

Guard nails five 3-pointers, scores 15

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller still has the touch.

The 38-year-old Miller scored 15 points on five 3-pointers to help the Indiana Pacers hold off the Miami Heat 97-91 Sunday. At Toronto on Friday, Miller was shut out from the field.

Jermaine O'Neal scored 22 points and Ron Artest added 20.

"When Jermaine and Ron go inside, it's easier for other players to get shots," Miller said. "We really showed our depth."

Miller's fifth 3-pointer gave Indiana a 90-82 lead with under three minutes to go, and the Pacers scored their final seven points on free throws, five by Anthony Johnson.

"You know what? It's not a surprise," Miami coach Stan Van Gundy said of Miller's efficient shooting. "He's been in the league 17 years and he's still here early every day doing his shooting. The guy is a consummate pro, and it's not an accident that the ball goes in when he shoots it."

O'Neal also had 13 rebounds and Scot Pollard had a season-high nine boards as Indiana had a 46-30 rebounding edge.

"We knew they wouldn't go away," O'Neal said. "They always play strong, sticky defense, but we got great help from our bench, Pollard in particular."

Indiana led by as many as 10 in the first half before Lamar Odom rallied Miami in the third quarter. Odom, who had 25 points, hit a 3-pointer that tied the game at 62. Dwyane Wade's two free throws gave the Heat the lead for the last time at 64-62.

The Pacers — then playing their second unit — scored the last eight points of the third quarter and completed a 15-0 run with the first seven of the final period for a 77-64 lead. Odom then hit two free throws, the first points for the Heat in six minutes, to start their final comeback.

With Indiana's starters back in the game, another free throw by

Odom made it 83-81 with just over three minutes to go, but Artest and O'Neal scored for the Pacers and Miller hit his final 3-pointer.

"That was the backbreaker, the one that sewed it up," Van Gundy said.

Artest, who was 4-of-20 from the field, hit two free throws and Johnson finished off the Heat with four straight free throws in the final 38 seconds.

Eddie Jones added 21 points and Wade had 15 for the Heat. Johnson was the top reserve for the Pacers with 13 points.

"Defensively, we were pretty good, but we did give up a couple of easy baskets down the stretch," Jones said. "They're a deep team and they are a talented team. ... Then Reggie hits that big 3."

Lakers 98, Magic 96

Derek Fisher's quick hands capped a comeback victory that his strong shooting started.

Fisher stole the ball from Rod Strickland and set up Gary Payton's layup with 4.1 seconds left, leading the Los Angeles Lakers to a victory over the Orlando Magic.

"Rod is one of the best ball-handlers in history, but because we had a foul to give, I just went for it," Fisher said.

Fisher also scored 15 points — his most since opening night — with 12 coming in a crucial run that rallied the Lakers from an 18-point deficit. He hit two 3-pointers in the comeback, almost all of which came with the second unit on the floor.

"It was a pleasure to watch that group move the ball," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

Shaquille O'Neal checked back in with 5:56 remaining after sitting out since the beginning of the quarter, and his layup 21 seconds later put the Lakers ahead 88-87 — their first lead since 31-30.

O'Neal had 20 points, 10 rebounds and five assists.

"This is a win we should not be proud of," O'Neal said. "We won by two, but we should've beat this team by 20 or 30."

Los Angeles tied it at 96 with 11.7 seconds remaining on Rick Fox's 3-pointer. His only field goal of the game came off a broken play that was drawn up for Fisher.

"At that point, you just execute the play and do what you've done for 13 years — take good shots," said Fox, who played his seventh game since returning from surgery on a tendon in his left foot.

Strickland took the ensuing inbounds pass high on the right wing, only to have Fisher jar it loose.

"Rod wanted a foul, but I just kept playing, going after it," said Fisher, who had three steals. "At that point of a game, the refs usually let you play a little bit."

Fisher beat Strickland to the ball in the backcourt, waited a moment and hit Payton on the bounce for the winning shot. Gordan Giricek was called for goaltending, but the shot most likely was going in anyway.

"It was disappointing because we had them on the ropes," said Strickland, blaming himself for the turnover. "We had them and just let it slip away."

Payton finished with 18 points, and Kareem Rush added 17 after missing two games with a sprained ankle.

Giricek missed a shot at the buzzer with Payton draped all over him, and the Magic lost for the sixth straight time. The play was designed for Tracy McGrady, and he beat his man to the top of the key, but Horace Grant alertly moved away from guarding the inbounds pass to deny Orlando's star the ball.

Grizzlies 99, Timberwolves 98

The Memphis Grizzlies needed only 50 games this season to set a franchise record for wins.

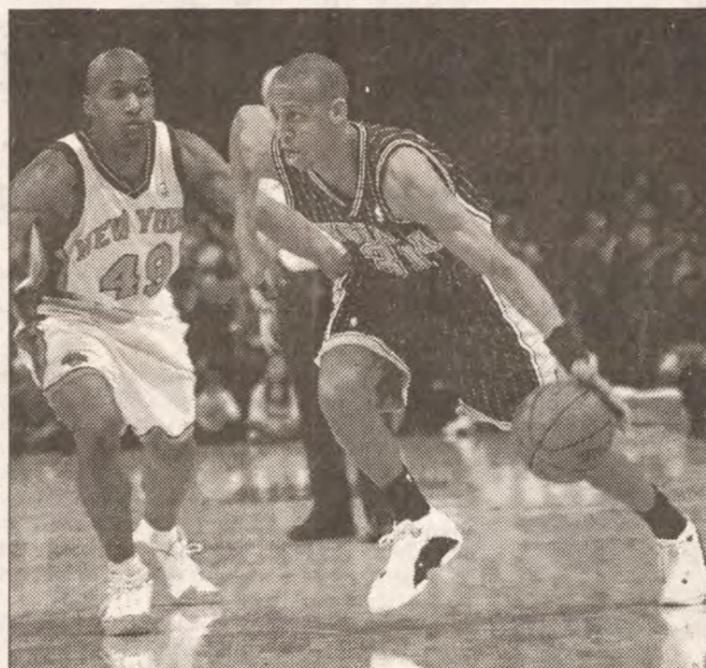
Shane Battier's second basket of the game, a 14-foot jumper with 2.9 seconds remaining, helped Memphis end the Minnesota Timberwolves' 14-game home winning streak with a 99-98 victory.

Mark Madsen missed an open layup at the buzzer, allowing the Grizzlies to hang on for their franchise-record 29th win of the season. Minnesota lost at Target Center for the first time since Dec. 9.

On the winning shot, Battier took a pass from Jason Williams on the right wing, took two dribbles and launched his jumper over the shorter Sam Cassell.

"We're finally a legitimate franchise," Battier said. "For a while, people weren't taking us seriously — fans, refs, everyone. It's nice to get a little respect."

James Posey tipped the Timberwolves' inbounds pass from halfcourt out of bounds under the basket with 1.6 seconds remaining. On the final



Reggie Miller drives to the hoop earlier this season. Miller hit five 3-pointers to lead the Pacers over the Heat Sunday.

play, Madsen broke wide open, took an inbounds pass from Fred Hoiberg and tried to lay the ball in without using the glass, but it bounced off the rim as time expired.

"Freddy made the right play, because Mad Dog was clearly open," teammate Kevin Garnett said. "He looked like he rushed it a little bit."

Madsen wasn't available for comment after the game, but looked dejected coming off the court as Garnett put his arm around him.

"If we do it again, in the same situation, he'll make that shot," Garnett said.

Sam Cassell had 34 points and 11 assists for Minnesota, including two free throws with 13.9 seconds remaining to give the Wolves a 98-97 lead.

Cassell, who earlier missed a free throw to end his streak of 71 in a row, made four in the final 1:01 as the Wolves rallied after trailing by as many as 16 in the first quarter.

Garnett added 30 points and 16 rebounds for Minnesota.

Pau Gasol scored 27 points on 11-of-14 shooting for the Grizzlies, who trailed by five with 2:08 remaining.

But Memphis scored the next six points, on two Mike Miller free throws and consecutive hook shots by Gasol, the second after Garnett was stripped of an inbounds pass by Earl Watson.

"I've tried to be more aggres-

sive with my scoring," Gasol said. "I've been a little beat up but I'm feeling better and I feel like I'm playing better."

Cassell hit two free throws with 1:01 remaining to give the Wolves a 96-95 lead, but Miller's long jumper with 24.9 seconds put Memphis back in front.

Memphis jumped out to a 30-14 lead early in the game. In their last 16 games, the Wolves are averaging only 20 points in the first quarter.

Trail Blazers 95, SuperSonics 85

Just about two weeks ago, the Portland Trail Blazers faced the possibility that they might not make the playoffs.

Then they won seven of their next eight games.

Suddenly, Portland is climbing out of the rut that saw the team bottom out at seven games under .500. The Trail Blazers beat the SuperSonics, making them 24-25 on the season.

They are 11 games back of Western Conference leader Sacramento and not yet in the playoff picture, but edging closer.

Coach Maurice Cheeks is cautiously encouraged.

"We've got a long way to go," he said.

Zach Randolph had 25 points and 16 rebounds for his 29th double-double of the season, and the Blazers held off a late rally. Damon Stoudamire added 19 points and six assists.

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AFL

VooDoo win first ever game

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — John Fitzgerald threw four touchdown passes to help the New Orleans VooDoo beat Jon Bon Jovi's Philadelphia Soul 42-34 Sunday in the first Arena Football League game for both expansion franchises.

Soul co-owner Jon Jovi and guitarist Richie Sambora, who holds a 2-percent stake in the team, mingled with Bill Belichick and Doug Flutie before the game, which drew 17,484.

The Voodoo trailed at the half, but Fitzgerald threw two touchdown passes in the third quarter to make it 28-20, and New Orleans led the rest of the way.

Trailing 35-27, the Soul were driving when running back Tyrone Jones fumbled at the VooDoo's 4-yard line.

New Orleans then scored on a 29-yard pass from Fitzgerald to Aaron Bailey, a former Indianapolis Colts receiver known for dropping a pass from Jim Harbaugh on the final play of the 1996 AFC Championship game against the Pittsburgh Steelers. It was one of two TD catches for Bailey.

Avengers 51, Rattlers 32

Tony Graziani passed for 214 yards and six touchdowns, leading the Los Angeles Avengers over the Arizona Rattlers 51-32 on Sunday in an Arena Football League opener.

Chris Jackson had seven catches for 96 yards and two scores for the Avengers. He also threw a touchdown pass in the third quarter to Kevin Ingram, who finished with two touchdown catches.

Arizona dropped its season opener for the fourth straight year, the last three to San Jose.

Sherdrick Bonner was 18-of-33 for 241 yards and four touchdowns and he also ran for a score for the Rattlers, but he threw a team-record four interceptions. Arizona committed five turnovers, leading to 28 Los Angeles points.

Arizona's Siah Burley had six receptions for 91 yards and two touchdowns.

Dragons 54, Force 28

Aaron Garcia threw for five touchdowns and ran for another to lead the New York Dragons to a 54-28 victory over the Georgia Force in an Arena Football League opener for both teams.

New York scored touchdowns on eight on its 10 possessions, and the Dragons added two interceptions. Georgia also turned the ball over twice on downs, and a field-goal attempt was blocked.

Georgia's Leon Murray threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Markeith Cooper to tie the game at 14-14 late in the second quarter. But with 22 seconds left in the half, Garcia found Lincoln Depree for an 8-yard TD, and the Dragons turned the game into a rout.

NHL

East ousts West 6-4 in All-Star game

Sakic scores three goals for East team

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — They call Minnesota the State of Hockey and, fittingly, the NHL's All-Star game there reflected the state of its hockey, too. The trend to defense has spread even to the sport's showcase game.

In a relatively low-scoring game befitting what is jokingly called hockey's dead-puck era, 43-year-old Mark Messier turned back the clock and Joe Sakic scored three goals, but the goalies dominated in the Eastern Conference's 6-4 victory over the Western Conference.

"The goaltending was unbelievable and we got a game out of it because of the goaltending," Messier said after four of the six goalies allowed only a single goal apiece. "Otherwise I think it would have been up in the double digits for both sides."

Messier, who was winning Stanley Cups before some current All-Stars were born, had a goal and an assist and Daniel Alfredsson had two goals and an assist for the East to overcome All-Star MVP Sakic's hat trick.

If it was his last All-Star game — and, perhaps, the NHL's last for a while as it prepares for what could be months of divisive labor talks — at least Messier left behind a lasting memory with his sixth multiple-point game in 15 All-Star appearances.

"There's no question he deserved to be here," Rangers teammate Jaromir Jagr said of Messier, whose selection was questioned for being more sentimental than reflective of his current skills.

Despite the big games by players (Messier and Sakic) with a combined 39 seasons of NHL experience, it was only the second All-Star game with fewer than 10 goals in the last 19 seasons. Nine goals were scored in

1996.

Only two goals were scored in the first period against goalies Martin Brodeur of the East and Marty Turco and in the third against the East's Roberto Luongo and the West's Dwayne Roloson as all four made a series of exceptional saves.

"I thought it was high tempo, it was quick out there, but the goaltending was great," the West's Jarome Iginla said. "It could have been a really high-scoring game if they weren't so good."

Not likely. Though the final score would be a shootout by today's standards in a sport where scoring had dropped by 2 1/2 goals per game in the last 15 years to an average of five per game, it was far below that of the 16-goal average of the last 14 All-Star games. Only three years ago, North America beat the World All-Stars by the football like-score of 14-12 in Denver, a game derided by hockey purists as being more like a home run derby than a

real game.

On Saturday, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said the league's general manager and a league-wide committee will look at ways to pump up the offense.

"I think we can make a lot of changes, but we're never going to have the scoring we once did and today is proof of it," Messier said. "I think a 6-4 All-Star game with that many chances, you can take out every red line and blue line in the game and you're never going to have the goal scoring that we had in the 80s."

This game actually had some contact and some checking, a rarity in a mostly hitting-free game in which the last thing any player wants to do is get hurt.

After the East's Jeremy Roenick delivered a hard check on the West's Keith Tkachuk during the first period, Tkachuk responded by slamming Roenick into the boards, drawing one of the few big ovations from the sellout crowd of 19,434.

Chuck Klosterman

Chuck is:

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish show depth in win over Boilermakers

By KATES GALES
Sports Writer

From the beginning, Irish coach Bobby Bayliss has cited the depth of this year's team as a consistent point in their favor.

The No. 49 Notre Dame men's tennis team proved his point resoundingly Sunday with a decisive 5-2 victory over No. 53 Purdue.

Despite playing without senior tri-captain Luis Haddock and freshman Ryan Keckley, the Irish came out strong in doubles and continued their effective play through the singles matches. Haddock was representing his native Puerto Rico in the Davis Cup, and Keckley is nursing a sprained ankle from last week's match at Duke.

"The whole team did a good

job," freshman Stephen Bass said. "In doubles, we came out scared, but ended up with the win."

The Haddock and Keckley duo plays at No. 1 doubles and is ranked No. 18 in the nation. Purdue took the first match from No. 2 Bass and Barry King with a score of 8-6, but Brent D'Amico and Matthew Scott won 8-5 at No. 1 and Paul Hidaka and Eric Langenkamp clinched the point at No. 3.

"[Hidaka and Langenkamp] allowed a big lead to dissipate," Bayliss said after the match, "but they showed poise at the break points."

"I'm really proud of Paul and Erik," Scott said. "They were up 7-4, broken twice and were able to regain composure and save the break point at 8-7. I give a lot of credit to them, they really set the tone for singles."

In singles, Langenkamp effectively demolished Filip Koziell 6-0, 6-1 at No. 5 and No. 6 Patrick Buchanan defeated Sounak Chatterjee 6-1, 6-

2. King clinched the match at No. 4 with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Colin Foster.

"It was great to see some of the lower guys step up," assistant coach Todd Doebler said. "It's pretty encouraging."

"It was great to see some of the lower guys step up."

Todd Doebler
Irish assistant coach

"You never know how you're going to play when you're short-handed," Bayliss said. "I was really pleased with [Buchanan] and [Langenkamp] to step in and win so decisively."

At No. 2, Purdue's Paul Rose defeated D'Amico in straight sets with a score of 6-2, 6-3. At No. 1, Scott defeated South Bend native Troy Havens 6-4, 4-6, 1-0(10-6) in a tiebreaker third set. Havens graduated in 2000 from Penn High School in South Bend.

David Robinson defeated Bass 6-7 (7-9), 6-4, 1-0 (10-8) at No. 3, in a match that could have gone differently had the third set been played fully. Bass battled back from behind to take the first set, but was visibly tired in the second.

This was Notre Dame's 15th consecutive win against Purdue.

They will next host Wisconsin at noon Sunday.

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SINGLES

No. 1: No. 68 Matthew Scott (ND) d. Troy Havens (P) 6-4, 4-6, 1-0 (10-6).
No. 2: Paul Rose (P) d. Brent D'Amico (ND) 6-2, 6-3.
No. 3: David Robinson (P) d. Stephen Bass (ND) 6-7 (7-9), 6-4, 1-0 (10-8).
No. 4: Barry King (ND) d. Colin Foster (P) 6-1, 6-2.
No. 5: Eric Langenkamp (ND) d. Filip Koziell (P) 6-0, 6-1.
No. 6: Patrick Buchanan (ND) d. Sounak Chatterjee (P) 6-1, 6-2.

DOUBLES

No. 1: D'Amico/Scott (ND) d. Havens/Rose (P) 8-5.
No. 2: Chatterjee/Koziell (P) d. S. Bass/King (ND) 8-6.
No. 3: Hidaka/Langenkamp (ND) d. Foster/Robinson (P) 9-7.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wecker nears triple-double against Colorado

Kansas State cruises to 79-53 victory over No. 11 Buffaloes

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kendra Wecker did it all on her own special day.

Wecker had 23 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists to lead No. 10 Kansas State over No. 11 Colorado 79-53 Sunday.

She also scored her 1,500th career point. And she did it all in a game given the distinction Kendra Wecker Day by the university.

"I seem to play pretty well on my day," said Wecker, who has had double-doubles on all three of the Kendra Wecker days. "I thought everyone played awesome today."

Kansas State (17-3, 8-1 Big 12) never trailed and added to a 49-32 halftime lead to win its 29th straight home game.

"I would consider having every day be called Kendra Wecker Day," Kansas State coach Deb Patterson.

With the win, Kansas State passed Colorado (18-3, 7-2) in the standings and remained a half-game behind conference leader Texas.

The Wildcats went on a 12-2 run immediately after the break and held Colorado without a basket for eight minutes to put the game out of reach.

"We had a better and tighter level of offense and we defended extremely well," Patterson said. "We're getting better in all phases of the game."

Colorado held Nicole Ohlde, the Big 12's leading scorer at 21.5 points, to just 13. But Amy Dutmer added 15 points and Laurie Koehn had 11 for Kansas State.

"They just don't beat themselves and they have a lot of weapons," Colorado coach Ceal Barry said. "Dutmer makes

them even tougher with her outside shooting."

The Wildcats dominated the first half, shooting 59 percent. They made four straight 3-pointers, two by Dutmer, and went on 14-4 run to lead by 16.

"I think that segment right there shows how horrible our defense was," Colorado center Tera Bjorklund said. "They're were coming off one screen, shooting a 3 and drilling it."

Bjorklund led Colorado with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Randie Wirt and Veronica Johns-Richardson added 10 points each.

No. 13 Minnesota 74, No. 5 Penn State 56

Lindsay Whalen scored 23 points and Janel McCarville added 22, and Minnesota beat Penn State 74-56 Sunday to snap the Lady Lions' 11-game winning streak.

Kelly Mazzante scored 22 and Tanisha Wright had 20 for No. 5 Penn State (18-4, 10-1 Big Ten), which hadn't lost since a 13-point defeat on the road against then-No. 14

North Carolina on Dec. 30.

Penn State won the first matchup of the season 75-56 on Jan. 22 in State College, Pa. But Minnesota, ranked 13th, returned the favor at home before 14,363 fans, the largest crowd to see a women's basketball game at Minnesota.

The Lady Lions took their final lead on a Reicina Russell jump shot that put Penn State ahead 45-44 with 9:56 to play. Over the next three minutes, the Gophers went on a 12-2 run that featured two driving layups by Whalen and a pair of three-point plays by McCarville, the last one giving Minnesota a 56-47 lead.

The Gophers surged early, taking an 11-2 lead before Penn State went on an 8-0 run to get back in the game. The nip-and-tuck first half ended in a tie when Mazzante swished a 3-pointer from the corner in the final minute to knot the

score at 29.

N.C. State 62, No. 12 North Carolina 54

Kaayla Chones scored 17 of her game-high 23 points in the second half to help North Carolina State end No. 12 North Carolina's 18-game home winning streak with a 62-54 upset.

Chones, a 6-foot-3 senior, also had a team-high 13 rebounds for her sixth double-double of the season and 26th of her career. Her two baskets in the last 90 seconds gave N.C.

State some breathing room after North Carolina cut the margin to 55-54 with 1:46 to play.

It was N.C. State's fifth win in its last six games and its first over its Atlantic Coast Conference rival since a 66-63 decision in Chapel Hill on Jan. 10, 2002.

Marquetta Dickens added 14 and Nana Rivers 12 for N.C. State (13-11, 5-6 ACC). Freshman Camille Little led North Carolina with 13 points and 13 rebounds, her sixth

double-double. La'Tangela Atkinson had 12 points and Leah Metcalf 10 for the Tar Heels.

No. 15 DePaul 61, Marquette 59

Charlene Smith's basket with a second left gave No. 15 DePaul a 61-59 victory over Marquette.

Smith scored 17 points, and Khara Smith had 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Blue Demons (20-2, 8-1 Conference USA). Ashley Luke added 16 points and Jenni Dant 11.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Flying Dutch soar over Belles

Hope drills Saint Mary's by 20 points

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

On Wednesday, Saint Mary's fell by 23 points to the MIAA's second-place team, Calvin, in their worst loss of the season. Things didn't turn around much when they played division leader Hope on Saturday.

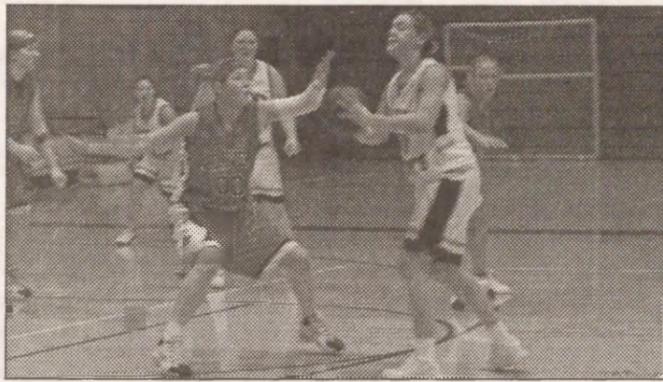
In the 92-72 loss, Hope outscored Saint Mary's by 18 points in the first half and the Belles could never recover.

Hope was led by a balanced scoring attack as five players reached double digits for the Flying Dutch. Adelynn Vilman had 15 points, Linda Ebels had 14, Bria Ebels scored 13, Ellen Wood scored 12 and Kelly Taylor tallied 11 points for Hope. Linda Ebels was 7-of-9 from the floor and added nine rebounds for Hope.

Saint Mary's has now dropped two games in a row in disappointing fashion after ending their seven-game losing streak against MIAA opponents in their Feb. 2 win over Olivet.

Saint Mary's fought back in the second half, only being outscored 45-43. But the first-half margin was too large for any serious attempt to knock off Hope (20-2).

Offensively, the Belles played better than they have for much of the season. Their 72 points were far better than their average of 58.6 points per game. Against the tough Hope team, who gives up a mere 57.7 points per game, this sta-



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Saint Mary's Emily Creachbaum passes earlier this season.

tistic is even more impressive.

The Belles were lead by Bridget Boyce, who had 23 points on 10-of-16 shooting with six rebounds. Emily Creachbaum added 14 points on 5-of-13 shooting.

Despite their offensive output, the Belles defense gave up more points than they have all season as Hope shot 62 percent from the field. The Belles did force 16 turnovers, but this was not enough to slow down the lights-out shooting by Hope.

The Saturday loss dropped the Belles to 6-15 and 1-9 in the MIAA. They still have four more games on the season, including a Wednesday night game against Adrian, a team which has been struggling all season as well.

In the first meeting between the two teams, Adrian escaped with a 62-56 victory at Saint Mary's in a game that was tied at half.

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HOPE 92, SAINT MARY'S 72 at the DOW CENTER

SAINT MARY'S (6-15, 1-9)

Creachbaum 5-13 0-2 14, B. Boyce 10-16 2-3 23, Miller 1-5 0-2 2, Bush 2-6 0-0 8, K. Boyce 0-3 0-0 0, Pernotto 1-5 0-3 5, Lipke 1-3 0-0 5, Broderick 0-0 0-0 0, Malone 1-1 0-0 2, Mangan 0-0 0-0 0, Mullen 1-5 1-4 3, Hogan 5-9 1-2 13, Binback 0-0 0-0 0.

HOPE (20-2, 11-1)

Holl 2-5, 0-1 4, Taylor 5-9 0-2 11, B. Ebels 5-11 1-4 13, L. Ebels 7-9 0-0 14, Vilman 7-8 0-0 15, Rapaport 0-0 0-0 0, Plowman 1-3 0-1 2, Jurik 2-4 1-2 5, Stewart 0-1 0-1 0, IntVeld 0-0 0-0 1, Wood 5-5 2-4 12, Scanlon 1-1 0-0 2, Jensen 2-2 1-1 9, Kamps 2-5 0-0 4.

	1st	2nd	Total
HOPE	47	45	92
SAINT MARY'S	29	43	72

3-point goals: Saint Mary's 5-17 (B. Boyce 2-3, Hogan 2-3, Mullen 1-4, Pernotto 0-3, Creachbaum 0-3, Miller 0-3), Hope 3-13 (B. Ebels 1-4, Jurik 1-2, Jensen 1-1, Taylor 0-2, Noll 0-1, Plowman 0-1, Stewart 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Saint Mary's 11-29 (B. Boyce 6), Hope 6-36 (L. Ebels 9). Assists: Saint Mary's 18 (Creachbaum 4), Hope 20 (Noll 4, Taylor 4). Total fouls: Saint Mary's 16, Hope 13.

ND SWIMMING

Men capture winning season, women cruise

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team recorded its seventh winning season in nine years as the Irish (8-7) thumped Cleveland State and Oakland, 145-96 and 183-103, respectively, in a pair of separate dual meets at the Rolfs Aquatic Center this weekend.

"[Irish coach] Tim [Welsh] had us prepared pretty well going into this weekend," freshman Ted Brown said. "We came in focused knowing that if we won the last two dual meets of the season, we could end up with a winning record."

The Irish had no trouble taking care of the Vikings (9-3) for the ninth consecutive year and 17th time in their last 18 meetings, notching the top three spots in four of the meet's first eight events and ultimately winning eight of 13 overall events.

Sophomore Jamie Lutkus (200-yard individual medley, 200-yard breaststroke) led the charge for the Irish, posting a pair of first place finishes for the second straight meet. Brown (1,000-yard freestyle) and Scott Coyle (3-meter board), sophomore Chris Barnes (100-yard freestyle), junior Frank Krakowski (50-yard freestyle), senior Matt Obringer (200-yard freestyle) and the 400-yard medley relay team (Krakowski, freshman Tim Kegelman, sophomores Doug Bauman and Tim Randolph) all contributed with event victories.

Less than 24 hours after defeating Cleveland State, the Irish were back in the water and were busy tearing apart Oakland (5-4). Claiming 12 of the meet's 16 events and sweeping the top three spots in four of the first five individual races, the Irish quickly turned the typically hotly-contested Oakland meet into a laughter.

Coyle (1- and 3-meter board), Brown (200-yard freestyle), Kegelman (100-yard butterfly), Bauman (100-yard backstroke), freshmen Brian Freeman (200-yard backstroke) and Justin Barber (400-yard individual medley), sophomores Patrick Davis (1,000-yard freestyle) and Patrick Heffernan (200-yard butterfly) and senior J.R. Teddy (500-yard freestyle) all recorded individual event victories in the route.

The No. 21 women's squad wrapped up another successful regular season with a 176-117 dual meet triumph over Oakland in the Rolfs Aquatic Center Saturday.

"I think as a whole, everyone swam really well," freshman Abby Strang said. "We were just trying to work on swimming our races correctly [going into Big East]."

Beginning with a victory in the 200-yard medley relay, the Irish

(8-2) never looked back, ultimately winning 12 events on the afternoon.

Freshmen Katie Carroll (200-yard freestyle), Ellen Johnson (100-yard backstroke) and Strang (1,650-yard freestyle), sophomore Courtney Choura (100-yard breaststroke), junior Kelli Barton (200-yard breaststroke, 500-yard freestyle) and seniors Lisa Garcia (200-yard butterfly), Meghan Perry Eaton (1-and 3-meter board) and Marie Labosky (200-yard backstroke, 400-yard individual medley) all turned in individual victories.

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NOTRE DAME 145, CLEVELAND STATE 96 at ROLFS AQUATIC CENTER

400 medley relay: Doug Bauman, Tim Randolph, Tim Kegelman, Frank Krakowski (ND), 3:26.80. 1,000 freestyle: Ted Brown (ND), 9:26.86. 200 freestyle: Matt Obringer (ND), 1:42.28. 200 backstroke: Pieter Pelsler (CS), 1:52.55. 200 breaststroke: Jaime Lutkus (ND), 2:07.40. 200 butterfly: Luke Wilkens (CS), 1:52.22. 50 freestyle: Krakowski (ND), 21.27. 100 freestyle: Chris Barnes (ND), 47.02. 500 freestyle: Daniel Thomasson (CS), 4:45.22. 400 freestyle relay: Warren Vickers, Adam Wroblewski, Marco Markgraaf, Thomasson (CS), 3:12.64. 1-meter diving: Chris Jones (CS), 280.73. 3-meter diving: Scott Coyle (ND), 277.58.

NOTRE DAME 183, OAKLAND 103 at ROLFS AQUATIC CENTER

200 medley relay: Doug Bauman, Tim Randolph, Tim Kegelman, Frank Krakowski (ND), 1:32.58. 1,000 freestyle: Patrick Davis (ND), 9:35.29. 200 freestyle: Ted Brown (ND), 1:41.35. 100 backstroke: Bauman (ND), 51.26. 100 breaststroke: Hunor Ma'te (OAK), 56.74. 200 butterfly: Patrick Heffernan (ND), 1:53.91. 50 freestyle: Chris Sullivan (OAK), 20.59. 100 freestyle: Sullivan (OAK), 45.99. 200 backstroke: Brian Freeman (ND), 1:56.50. 200 breaststroke: Ma'te (OAK), 2:04.49. 500 freestyle: Teddy, J.R. (ND), 4:40.18. 100 butterfly: Kegelman (ND), 49.57. 400 individual medley: Justin Barber (ND), 4:09.05. 400 freestyle relay: Chris Barnes, Drew Pittman, Matt Bertke, Nick Fanslau (ND), 3:11.16. 1-meter diving: Scott Coyle (ND), 273.00. 3-meter diving: Coyle (ND), 262.43.

NOTRE DAME 176, OAKLAND 117 at ROLFS AQUATIC CENTER

200 medley relay: Danielle Hulick, Courtney Choura, Lisa Garcia, Katie Carroll (ND), 1:48.33. 1,650 freestyle: Abby Strang (ND), 17:26.42. 200 freestyle: Carroll (ND), 1:51.44. 100 backstroke: Ellen Johnson (ND), 57.79. 100 breaststroke: Choura (ND), 1:06.21. 200 butterfly: Garcia (ND), 2:02.97. 50 freestyle: Oksana Strelets (OAK), 23.95. 100 freestyle: Strelets (OAK), 51:66. 200 backstroke: Marie Labosky (ND), 2:05.18. 200 breaststroke: Kelli Barton (ND), 2:21.12. 500 freestyle: Kelli Barton (ND), 5:06.92. 100 butterfly: Tatyana Korniyenko (OAK), 57.12. 400 freestyle relay: Line Jensen, Karoline Freytag, Jenna Dejonge, Strelets (OAK), 3:31.16. 1-meter diving: Meghan Perry Eaton (ND), 291.98. 3-meter diving: Perry Eaton (ND), 318.60.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	29-20	.592	8-2	-
New York	25-27	.481	7-3	5.5
Boston	23-29	.442	3-7	7.5
Miami	21-31	.404	5-5	9.5
Philadelphia	21-32	.404	2-8	9.5
Washington	16-33	.327	5-5	13
Orlando	13-40	.245	2-8	18

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	38-14	.731	7-3	-
Detroit	33-19	.635	4-6	5
Milwaukee	27-23	.540	5-5	10
New Orleans	27-24	.529	4-6	10.5
Toronto	23-25	.479	3-7	13
Cleveland	19-32	.373	5-5	18.5
Atlanta	17-35	.327	5-5	21
Chicago	14-37	.275	2-8	23.5

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	35-15	.700	7-3	-
San Antonio	34-18	.654	7-3	2
Dallas	32-18	.640	8-2	3
Houston	29-21	.580	6-4	6
Denver	29-21	.580	7-3	6
Memphis	29-23	.558	5-5	7
Utah	25-26	.490	4-6	10.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	35-13	.729	6-4	-
LA Lakers	30-18	.625	5-5	5
Portland	24-25	.490	8-2	11.5
Seattle	24-26	.480	4-6	12
LA Clippers	22-26	.449	5-5	13.5
Golden State	21-27	.438	5-5	14
Phoenix	18-35	.340	2-8	19.5

CCHA Standings

	team	record	points
1	Miami	15-5-2	32
2	Michigan	14-5-1	29
3	Michigan State	13-8-1	27
4	Alaska Fairbanks	12-11-1	25
5	Ohio State	12-10-0	24
6	Western Michigan	11-10-2	24
7	Northern Michigan	11-10-0	22
8	NOTRE DAME	9-10-3	21
9	Ferris State	9-12-1	19
10	Bowling Green	6-11-4	16
11	Nebraska-Omaha	4-14-4	12
12	Lake Superior	4-13-3	11

MIAA Women's Basketball

	team	overall	league
1	Hope	20-2	11-1
2	Calvin	17-3	10-1
3	Albion	18-4	8-3
4	Kalamazoo	12-9	5-6
5	Alma	11-9	4-6
6	Adrian	7-13	2-8
7	Olivet	8-13	2-8
8	SAINT MARY'S	6-15	1-9

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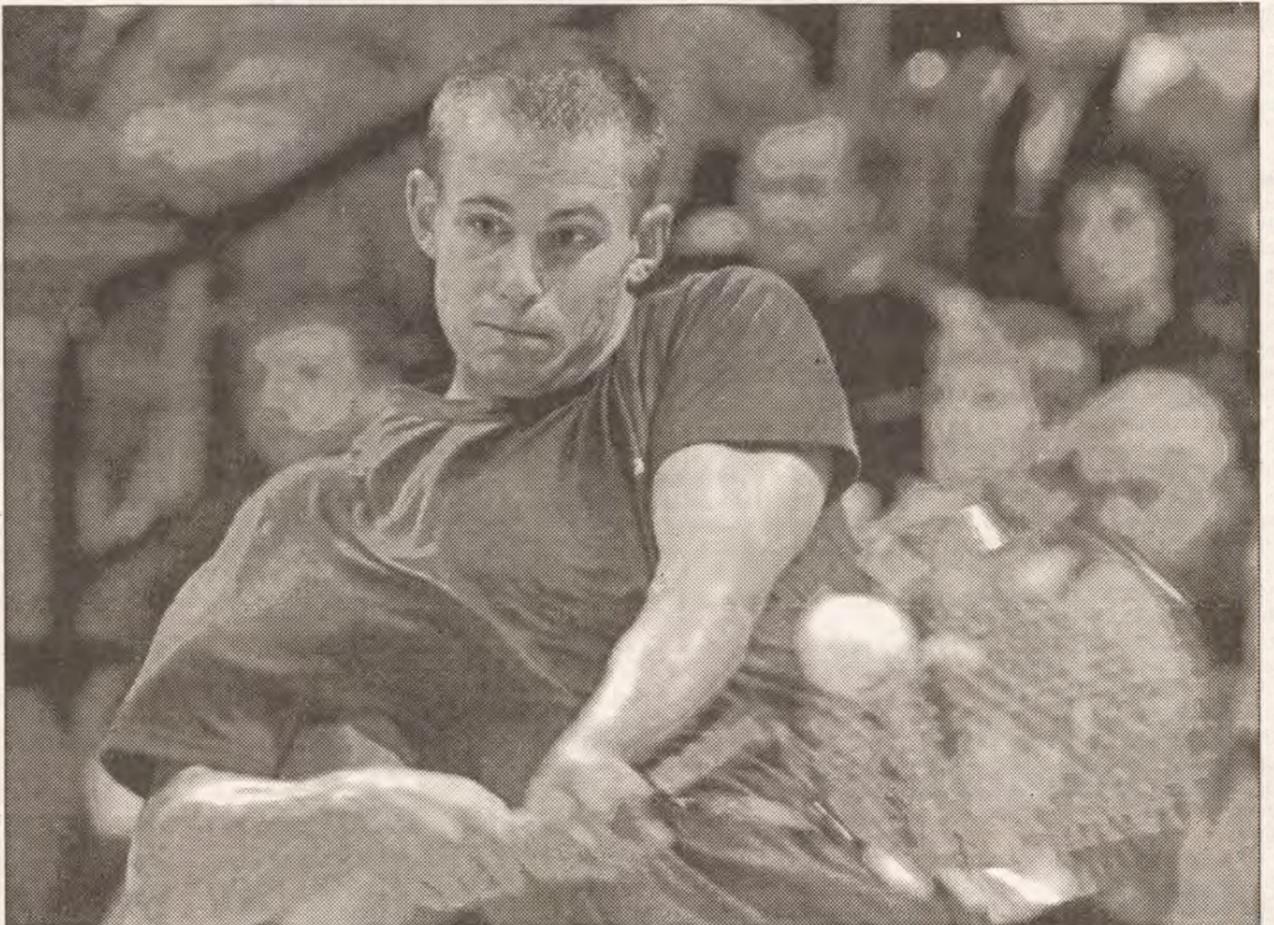
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TENNIS



Andy Roddick of the United States returns a shot against Stefan Koubek of Austria during the first round of Davis Cup play. Roddick helped the U.S. team complete a 5-0 sweep of Austria.

U.S. Davis Cup team sweeps Austria

Associated Press

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Andy Roddick could have been forgiven for taking Sunday off. After all, the U.S. Davis Cup team already was assured a quarterfinal berth, and Roddick has individual goals to think about, such as reclaiming the No. 1 ranking.

Yet there he was on court, wearing red, white and blue while pounding aces at up to 150 mph in a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Jurgen Melzer.

And there he was again a half-hour later, at court-side, cheering teammate

Robby Ginepri during another match with no real bearing on the first-round result against Austria. Ginepri beat Stefan Koubek 7-5, 6-2 to complete the Americans' 5-0 sweep.

Tennis talent aside, it's that enthusiasm for the Davis Cup and closeness among teammates that makes captain Patrick McEnroe confident the United States is capable of ending its longest Davis Cup title drought since the 1930s.

"It excites Patrick, like it does the rest of us, that we have a pretty young core of guys who are very will-

ing and very eager to play," Roddick said. "So I only see our team getting better as the years go on."

Next up for the Americans as they try to win the country's 32nd Davis Cup title, and first since 1995, is a quarterfinal in April at home against Sweden. Florida, Arizona or Southern California are possible sites.

The other quarterfinal matchups are: Belarus vs. Argentina, Switzerland vs. France and Netherlands vs. Spain.

Sweden advanced by knocking off defending champion Australia 4-1 in

Adelaide. The Swedes have won the Davis Cup seven times, including three in the last decade, defeating the United States 5-0 in the 1997 final.

"They have a lot of experience, been around awhile, yet they have a couple of young guys who are coming up and who are excited," Roddick said. "They have a pretty good groove working there."

Roddick ended last season at No. 1, thanks in part to his U.S. Open title, and currently is No. 3. The Bryans are the world's top-ranked doubles team. Ginepri just cracked the top 25 in the rankings.

IN BRIEF

Track worker killed by race car

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — A worker at Daytona International Speedway was struck and killed by a paraplegic driver going more than 100 mph during a race for compact cars Sunday.

The worker, 44-year-old Roy Weaver III, was standing in the middle of the track picking up debris during a caution period when he was hit by a car driven by Ray Paprota of Birmingham, Ala., track spokesman David Talley said.

Paprota, who doesn't have use of his legs and drives a car equipped with hand controls, was trying to catch up to the main pack of cars after a two-car crash at the opposite end of the track brought out a yellow flag. Weaver was struck in Turn 2 on the 2 1/2-mile trioval.

"The worker was standing right in the middle of the track when he hit him," said Jeff Tillman, who was

behind Paprota when the fatal accident occurred. "It flipped him over the car."

Els hangs on to win after squandering lead

MELBOURNE, Australia — Three days after flirting with golf's magic number, Ernie Els was headed for a collapse.

Els blew an eight-stroke lead with a terrible start that included a triple bogey, but held off Adam Scott on the back nine for a one-stroke victory in the Heineken Classic on Sunday.

It was the third straight victory in the event for Els, who played the front nine in 6 over and finished at 2-over 74.

He opened the tournament with a course-record 60 — playing the front nine in 7 under — and had rounds of 66 and 68 to finish at 20-under 268 at historic Royal Melbourne.

"It was unbelievable," Els said. "It's like you are feeling a little bit help-

less out there. The golf course is playing tougher and you just can't play the shots."

Bob Kennedy wins cross-country title

INDIANAPOLIS — Bob Kennedy overcame years of health problems to win the U.S. cross-country championship Sunday and reclaim his place among running's elite.

Kennedy, the 33-year-old American record-holder at 3,000 and 5,000 meters, won his only other U.S. cross country title in 1992. No American runner has won in cross country so many years apart.

He finished the snow-covered 12-kilometer course in 35 minutes, 3 seconds.

Robert Gary, a steeplechase Olympian in 1996 and the distance coach at Ohio State, was second in 35:07. Jorge Torres was third in 35:15 and miler Alan Webb was fourth in 35:21.

HOCKEY

Emotions on thin ice for Irish against Miami

OXFORD, Ohio — Notre Dame really came out at the end of Saturday night's game and showed why they're known as the Fighting Irish.

With frustrations boiling as the team skated toward its second loss against No. 7 Miami this weekend, two Irish players and two Miami players received game misconducts for fighting. All told, a total of nine penalties encompassing 50 penalty minutes (including the four 10-minute misconducts) were given out at 18:25 of the third period Saturday night.

It was an anomaly for an Irish team that came into this weekend as the second-least penalized team in the CCHA, but if there was a series this season that could have caused tempers to erupt, it was this one.

During the weekend, Notre Dame had a goal by Tim Wallace waved off, saw a Miami goal scored that should have been waved off, hit a goalpost, saw a blocked shot lead to a goal, and saw numerous chances either stifled by Miami goalie Brandon Crawford-West or the fickle hockey gods.

Early in Friday's game, Crawford-West tried to make a glove save, but dropped the puck. It slid just centimeters wide of the left post and caused the Goggin Arena crowd to let out a collective gasp.

Later in that game, the Miami goalie tried to catch a hard Irish slap shot, but lost the handle and had the puck roll down his backside — and harmlessly over the back of the net.

Just minutes later, Miami forward and Hobey Baker-candidate Derek Edwardson showed a sudden burst of speed, beating Cey with a quick wrap-around shot. Only it shouldn't have counted.

"The real close call on film was that wraparound, because the net was clearly off [its moorings]," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "In the ref's judgment the puck was in before the net came off. You take that and Tim [Wallace]'s goal, and that's two different goals that ended up pretty crucial plays."

Wallace's goal came at 11:42 of the third period Friday, with

Notre Dame down 5-2. The Irish forward moved into the crease and poked a puck past Crawford-West with players swarming around the goal.

After a delay, the red goal light came on, but the referee ruled that there was no goal.

"[The referee] thought that our guy had stayed in the crease and made no effort to leave," Poulin said. "With all the contact that was going on down there, I thought it was a really tough call."

Perhaps the most telling sign of just how unlucky the Irish were this weekend came in the third period of Saturday's game. With the score only 1-0, and the Irish leading in shots on goal, Notre Dame was pressing for a goal to tie.

Notre Dame came out in the third period buzzing, spending almost the entire six minutes getting chance after chance against Crawford-West. Finally, the puck squirted free and was picked up by Miami forward Greg Hogeboom.

Hogeboom skated down the left side as Mike Kompon filled the right side of the ice, setting up in front of the net. Hogeboom did what any smart forward would do, and tried to pass the puck across the ice.

Meanwhile, Irish defenseman Wes O'Neill did what any smart defensive player would do and went down to block the shot. The only problem was that he blocked it right back to Hogeboom, who put it in the net and stuck a nail in the hearts of the Irish.

"We had been in their end I don't know how many minutes, and then they come out and try to make a pass; we block it; and they still end up getting a goal," Poulin said. "There's no question the team is feeling a little frustrated."

At the end of the weekend, Notre Dame perhaps had a similar feeling to what Irish opponents have felt this year after goalies David Brown or Morgan Cey pitch one of their trademark shutouts.

This weekend, that skate was on the other foot.

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two games to one at Goggin Arena to advance to the CCHA's Super Six in Detroit last season. Both those wins were shutout victories, pitched by then-sophomore goaltender Morgan Cey.

"We came in here with very high expectations," Poulin said. "We knew we were playing a very good team, but we've had success in this building and were coming off a good weekend against Alaska [Fairbanks]."

The Irish have already beaten several ranked teams on the road this season, including then-No. 1 Boston College and then-No. 4 Wisconsin, but they were unable to duplicate that success against No. 7 Miami, who now leads the CCHA by three points over Michigan.

Cey started both games for the Irish, playing well in each but unable to outplay Miami's Brandon Crawford-West, who started both games for the RedHawks. Crawford-West made 33 saves in Miami's shutout win Saturday, the third time this season that the Irish have been shutout.

"We couldn't solve the kid, although I thought we played great. We had great chances all night, but we just couldn't score a goal," Poulin said.

Friday, the Irish were completely outplayed in a first period that saw the RedHawks outshoot the Irish 13-4. Notre Dame was fortunate to only be down by one goal at the end of the period. That goal was scored by Geoff Smith, who made a nifty stick-handling move to beat Morgan Cey five-hole at 14:24 of the first.

Miami's momentum continued into the second period, as the RedHawks would score three more unanswered goals. Taylor Huestad beat Cey with a low shot five minutes into the second period, and Derek Edwardson connected on a wrap-around goal just 53 seconds later.

The net appeared to come off its moorings before Edwardson's goal, but the Irish appeal was overturned and Miami went up 3-0. The RedHawks made it a four-goal lead at 11:23 when Smith and Todd Grant scored on a quick tic-tac-toe play with the Irish defense nowhere in sight.

"Last night we were just outplayed. They played much better than we did," Poulin said Saturday.

Notre Dame got on the board with a power play goal after defenseman Brian Sipotz was sent off for holding. A Miami defenseman tried to clear the puck, but it hit Irish forward

Josh Sciba in the back. Sciba collected the puck and blasted it past Crawford-West.

Irish captain Aaron Gill added a goal of his own with less than a minute left in the second period, coming out of a scrum in the corner with the puck and shooting it past the Miami goalie on the blocker side from the left circle.

Notre Dame came out buzzing in the third, hoping to continue what would have been their biggest comeback of the season. Mike Kompon would have none of it, however, as he beat Cey to the glove side on a 2-on-1 break just 1:48 into the final period.

Saturday, the Irish came out of the gate better, outshooting the RedHawks 13-10 in the first period. Unfortunately, the scoreboard still read the same as Friday, this time with Andy Nelson collecting the tally for Miami. A defensive breakdown by the Irish saw two Notre Dame defenders skate toward Kompon, who found a wide-open Nelson in the slot.

"There was a much better start tonight," Poulin said Saturday. "Throughout the game we were really getting good chances. You're going to have nights like this when the pucks just aren't going in."

Neither team would score in the second, and the Irish came out buzzing once against at the start of the third. Unfortunately, a strange 2-on-1 break would lead to a Miami goal.

Greg Hogeboom skated down the left side and attempted to send a pass across the crease to his teammate. An Irish defender blocked the pass, sending the puck right back to a surprised Hogeboom, who wristed it past Cey.

The Irish hope to put this disappointing weekend behind them as they return home this weekend to face Ferris State in a two-game series at the Joyce Center.

MIAMI 5, NOTRE DAME 2 at the GOGGIN ARENA

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
MIAMI	1	3	1	5
NOTRE DAME	0	2	0	2

SCORING SUMMARY

First Period
UM — Geoff Smith (Taylor Huestad, Todd Grant), 14:23.

Second Period
UM — Smith (Huestad), 5:09;
UM — Derek Edwardson (Marty Guerin), 6:02;
UM — Grant (Smith, Huestad), 11:22;
ND — Josh Sciba (Cory McLean) pp, 16:00;
ND — Aaron Gill (Mike Walsh, McLean), 19:09.

Third Period
UM — Mike Kompon (Andy Greene) 6:02.

Shots on goal: Notre Dame 23, Miami 37. Power plays: Notre Dame 1-of-3, Miami 0-of-3. Goalies: Morgan Cey 32 saves out of 37 shots (ND), Brandon Crawford-West 21 saves out of 23 shots (UM).

MIAMI 2, NOTRE DAME 0 at the GOGGIN ARENA

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
MIAMI	1	0	1	2
NOTRE DAME	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

First Period
UM — Andy Nelson (Kompon, Greg Hogeboom), 18:30.

Second Period
No scoring.

Third Period
UM — Hogeboom (Nelson, Brian Sipotz) 7:37.

Shots on goal: Notre Dame 33, Miami 28. Power plays: Notre Dame 0-of-1, Miami 0-of-3. Goalies: Morgan Cey 26 saves out of 28 shots (ND), Crawford-West 33 saves out of 33 shots (UM).

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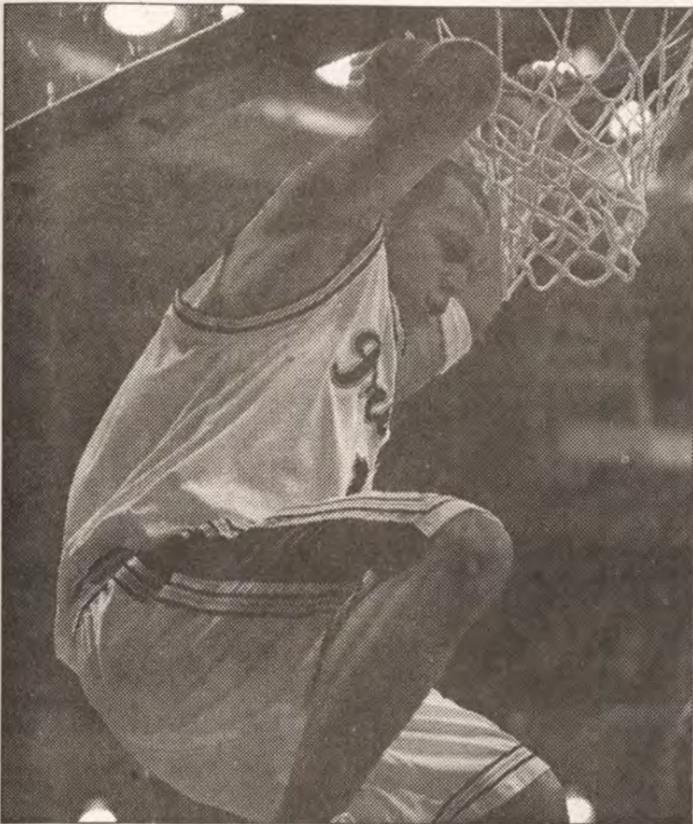



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Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas dunks the ball Saturday in a 66-58 loss to No. 4 Pittsburgh.

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aged just seven points in the next 11:40. In that span, Pittsburgh turned a six-point halftime deficit into a 10-point lead with 7:42 to play.

Still, Notre Dame clawed back. Four times, the Irish cut the lead to five points or fewer. And when Jones banked in a jumper with 58 seconds remaining, Notre Dame trailed 59-56.

But that was as close as the Irish would get. The Panthers — the Big East's fourth-worst free-throw shooting team — made 7-of-9 free throws in the game's final minute to clinch the win.

"We didn't have a rhythm offensively," Brey said. "A lot of it was Pittsburgh, but a lot of it was having a different guy in the post for us."

Thomas, who entered Saturday's game shooting just 21.7 percent from the floor and averaging 9.6 points a game over the last three Irish contests, finished with 23 points on 9-of-17 shooting, including making five of his 10 3-point attempts.

But aside from Jones, the only other Notre Dame player to fin-

ish in double-digits with 12 points, Notre Dame struggled to find its offensive rhythm. Chris Quinn only tallied three points — on free throws — despite playing 36 minutes, and the rest of the Irish didn't fare much better.

However, the Irish were quick to praise the Panther's stifling defense. After letting the Irish shoot 46.4 percent in the first half, Notre Dame was held to 29.6 percent from the field in the second. Meanwhile, Pittsburgh finished the game shooting 49 percent from the floor.

"It's frustrating, but it gives us hope to see what we can do," Jones said. "Pitt was a team that was known for their defense, and coming out with our offensive explosion that we have tonight, that shows the potential of the team and what we're capable of doing. ..."

"There were a couple slip-ups, and another team might not take advantage of them the way they did, but every time we made a mistake, they took advantage of it. That's why they're the best team in the Big East right now."

The Irish have little time to rest, as they host Connecticut tonight. Notre Dame will go from playing against Pittsburgh's grinding, physical style of play to

trying to defend the Huskies' up-tempo style.

"We have no time to hang our heads," Quinn said. "We've got one of the top teams in the nation coming here on Monday, and if we sit around and feel sorry for ourselves, they're gonna blow us out."

**NO. 4 PITTSBURGH 66,
NOTRE DAME 58
at the JOYCE CENTER**

NOTRE DAME (10-9, 4-5)

Cornette 2-8 0-1 5, Francis 2-4 0-0 4, Thomas 9-17 0-0 23, Quinn 0-8 3-4 3, Jones 5-6 1-4 12, Cornett 0-0 0-0 0, Falls 1-3 0-0 3, Timmermans 2-9 4-4 8.

PITTSBURGH (22-1, 8-1)

Troutman 3-3 3-6 9, Brown 4-8 2-2 11, Page 7-13 1-2 17, Krauser 5-12 6-8 19, Taft 3-7 0-0 6, Demetris 0-0 0-1 0, McCarroll 1-2 0-0 2, Graves 0-3 0-0 0, Morris 1-1 2.

	1st	2nd	Total
PITTSBURGH	26	40	66
NOTRE DAME	32	26	58

3-point goals: Notre Dame 8-23 (Thomas 5-10, Jones 1-2, Falls 1-3, Cornette 1-5, Quinn 0-3), Pittsburgh 6-14 (Krauser 3-7, Page 2-4, Brown 1-2, Graves 0-1). Fouled out: Cornette, Timmermans. Rebounds: Notre Dame 31 (Cornette 9), Pittsburgh 34 (Krauser, Taft 6). Assists: Notre Dame 13 (Quinn 5), Pittsburgh 15 (Krauser 4). Total fouls: Notre Dame 15, Pittsburgh 18.

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FOOTBALL

Baker yet to decide on commitment

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Indianapolis defensive end Ryan Baker can't seem to make up his mind.

The Bishop Chatard High School senior made a verbal commitment to Notre Dame on Jan. 25 but has yet to sign an official letter of intent. Baker is the only player to make a verbal commitment to Notre Dame and not sign a letter of intent on signing day.

Baker could not be reached for comment over the weekend because he was in a basketball tournament in Evansville, Ind.

He returned home midday

Sunday but could not be reached for comment.

Baker's father insisted Friday that his son would not have time to make an educated decision over the weekend due to a busy schedule, though Baker is anticipated to make a decision sometime this week.

Notre Dame and Purdue have been the two primary schools competing for Baker's commitment.

Baker, 6-foot-6, 225 pounds, is considered a top prospect in the Midwest, rated 11th at his position nationally by Rivals100.com.

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announced at halftime for Quinn was one foul.

When Thomas inevitably cooled off for stretches during the game, Quinn kept up his aggressive play from the last two games. The sophomore tried to help an anemic Irish offense that scored 19 points in a 22-minute stretch Saturday night.

However, Quinn scored only three points in the second half — all on free throws.

Those statistics aren't meant to pick on Quinn. When Thomas had rough games against Rutgers and Boston College, Quinn was there and tried to carry the Irish to a victory.

It's the inconsistency that stands out — that's the reason the Irish are 0-5 against ranked teams.

"We really need those two guys playing together for us to

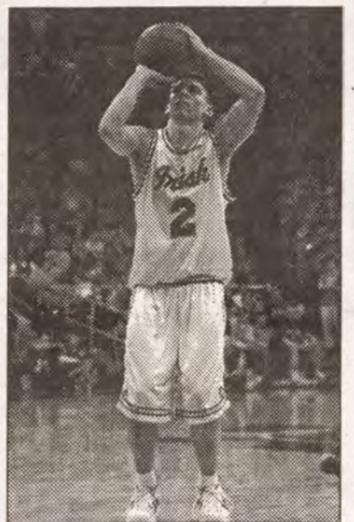
have success in this league," Brey said. "We've never had that much. It's one or the other. We need them both playing well."

Thomas' recent slump forced him to come out more focused against the Panthers. Quinn had the hot hand coming into the game but just had a rough night at the office.

Since only one of these two players seems to play well against a top team, the Irish have always had a chance at the end.

That is what continues to give the Irish hope every time they play a team that can give them a "good RPI win," and not feel out of their league before even stepping on the court.

"Sometimes you would almost rather get blown out by one of these good teams just to say maybe we aren't as good as them," Notre Dame guard Torrian Jones said. "Every game, we come out feeling like we have a chance to win and that we could win the game."



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Irish point guard Chris Quinn attempts a free throw against Pittsburgh Saturday. His three points came on free throws.

So the Irish will go into tonight's game against Connecticut thinking they have a chance to beat the best team on their schedule — or as Thomas put it, "probably the most talented team ever to come through the Big East."

For the Irish to even have a prayer, they will need Thomas and Quinn to play at their best for the 35-40 minutes Brey will leave them on the court for tonight.

"Thomas and Quinn have to go and get into some kind of rhythm together on a night against Pittsburgh or [against Connecticut]," Brey said. "If you are going to beat some of those top teams coming out, they are going to have to be in a rhythm."

"I told them to get your rest because you are going to get 36 minutes together [against Connecticut]."

Maybe Thomas and Quinn will finally put it together, and the Irish will get their first big win of the season.

But the track record shows it could be another tough loss at home and another opportunity lost on the season.

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ND TRACK

Huddle shatters own record at Meyo Invitational

Sophomore's time in 3,000-meter puts her third nationally

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Even the record books are having a hard time keeping up with Molly Huddle this season.

The Irish distance runner broke her own school mark in the 3,000-meter race as the Irish track and field teams competed at the Meyo Invitational this weekend at the Loftus Sports Center.

The sophomore from Elmira, N.Y., cruised to victory with a

time of 9 minutes, 8.60 seconds, good enough to shatter her old school record of 9:14.13 set just last week. Her time now puts her in third place nationally.

"I was pretty much aiming for a [personal record] in the 3,000 meters and the school record just came with it," Huddle said. "It made the evening even more exciting for me. I was pretty proud of it."

Huddle also teamed up with senior Kristen Dodd and juniors Lauren King and Kerry Meagher to finish a close second to Georgetown in the distance medley relay with a time of 11:07.94, destroying the school record by 17 seconds.

"We would have liked to pull

ahead for the win, but we were happy to qualify for nationals," Huddle said.

King added to her success later in the day in the mile run as she finished second in the meet by posting the third fastest time in the nation so far this year.

The Irish men were led by Selim Nurudeen, as the junior ran the 60-meter hurdles in a time of 7.79, putting him in seventh place nationally.

Dwight Ellick qualified for the Big East Indoor Championships in the 200-meter sprint in a time of 21.60. The junior, a defensive back on the football team, also qualified for the conference meet last week in the 60-meter dash.

Other Irish men to qualify for the Big East meet were sophomore Sean O'Donnell, with a time of 8:26.71 in the 3,000 meters, along with Alex Fortunato, who finished the 500-meter run in 1:05.56.

Arguably the most exciting event in the meet was the Meyo Mile. Annually considered one of the most competitive mile races in the country, it lived up to expectations again this year. Michigan's Nick Willis came in first with a time of 3:56.55 to post the fastest time in the nation so far this season.

Willis was one of four runners to finish in under four minutes. Notre Dame's Eric Morrison and Kurt Benninger finished ninth and 10th, respec-

tively.

Michigan also took first place in the women's mile as Lindsay Gallo finished in a time of 4:40.91.

A number of Irish athletes achieved personal bests this weekend. Freshman Justin Opiel finished fifth in the pole vault with a height of 4.80 meters and junior Tiffany Gunn ran the 400-meter run in 55.35 to place sixth.

Thomas Chamney placed ninth in the 800-meter run in a time of 1:51.53, while fellow sophomore Ryan Postel took third in the 400 meters with a time of 47.33.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers claw past Irish

With Francis out, Notre Dame falls to No. 4 Pittsburgh

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Torin Francis had just hit a jumper, Notre Dame held a double-digit first-half lead on the fourth-ranked team, the Joyce Center was rocking and the Irish showed no signs of slowing down.

But then Francis left the game with back spasms, Pittsburgh's defense shut down Notre Dame's offense and the 13-point Irish lead gradually turned into a 10-point Panther one. And even though the Irish had an opportunity to win with a minute left in the game, they couldn't pull out the victory in a 66-58 loss to No. 4 Pittsburgh Saturday night.

Thus, the opponent might have been different but the storyline stayed the same, as Notre Dame missed another golden chance to beat one of the Big East's elite teams.

"We played our hearts out, and we gave it everything we had," Notre Dame guard Torrian Jones said. "They were able to get it done, and we weren't."

The Irish (10-9, 4-5 in the Big East) are now under .500 in league play for the first time in the Mike Brey era and are 0-5 against ranked teams.

Notre Dame will face another ranked foe tonight in No. 5 Connecticut, the first time since

1962 that the Irish will play consecutive games against top-five teams at home.

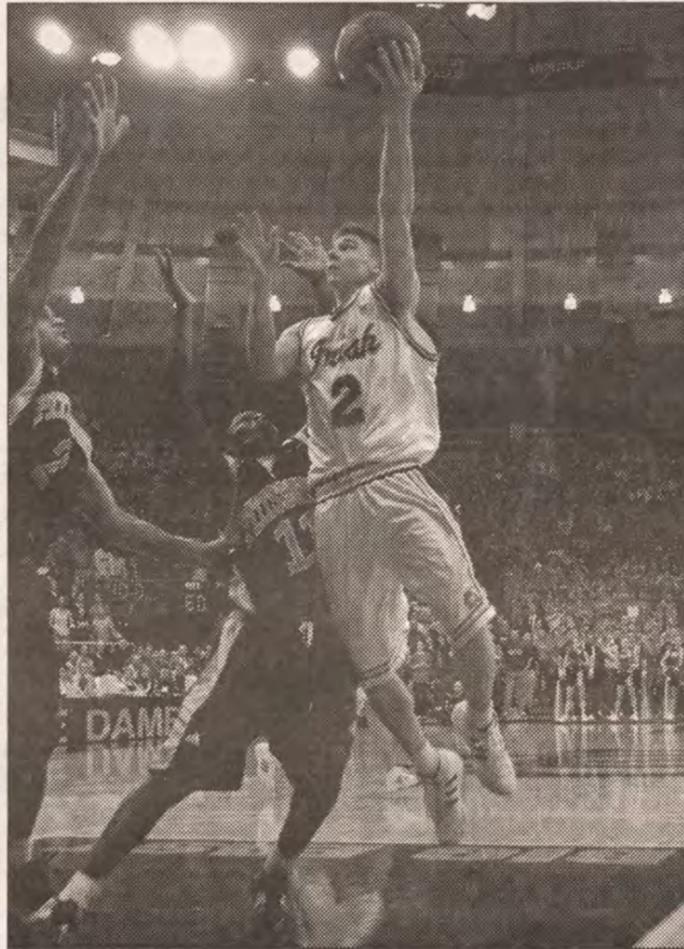
The question of whether Francis will be healthy enough to play tonight remains unanswered. The sophomore forward left Saturday's game early in the first half with back spasms and did not return. He said Saturday he would definitely be able to play, but Irish coach Mike Brey wasn't so sure. Whether he would play was still a game-time decision on Sunday.

"It's disappointing, because he was off to a pretty good start," said Brey, who said signs of the back spasms began appearing in practice last week. "I hope we can get him back, but we better be prepared to play without him."

Francis was instrumental in helping Notre Dame build a 15-2 lead by scoring two quick baskets, but the Irish were also aided by three 3-pointers from guard Chris Thomas.

But when Francis left the game Saturday with just under 10 minutes remaining in the first half, the Panthers had already clawed back to 22-15.

The Irish entered halftime with a 32-26 lead, but sputtered early in the second half. After Jones scored on a driving layup 57 seconds into the half, the Irish man-



Irish point guard Chris Quinn drives to the basket for a layup but misses in Saturday's 66-58 loss to No. 4 Pittsburgh. TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Same story, different day for Irish in 5th loss to top 25 team

Pick a storyline, and it's already happened.

Jumping out to an early lead against a ranked team but experiencing lapses on offense and defense.



Matt Lozar

Associate Sports Editor

Allowing another golden opportunity at the Joyce Center slip away.

Playing a game on national television or in front of the students and not taking advantage.

Most importantly, not having the backcourt duo of Chris Thomas and Chris Quinn both play well on the same night in a game the Irish could claim as a big win.

A look at the box score from Saturday's game isn't necessary to see what went wrong for the Irish. Everyone remembers Thomas coming out on fire and leading the Irish to an early 15-2 lead. Many remember the only stat Joyce Center announcer Jon Thompson

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish stumble on the road

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

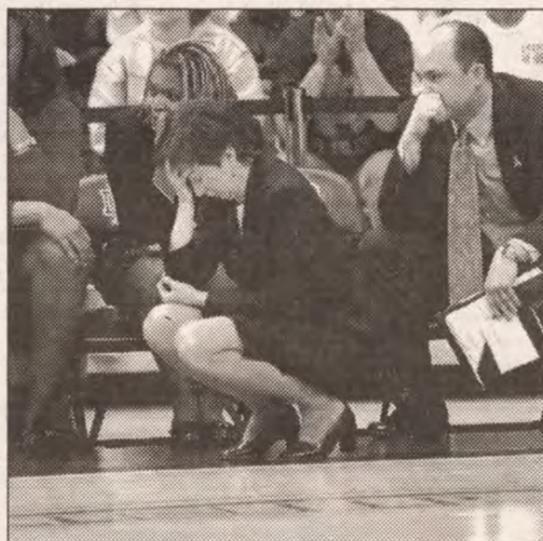
After allowing only 17 points in the first half, Notre Dame gave up 34 points and blew its six-point lead in the second half to lose to Seton Hall 51-45.

The No. 23 Irish (14-8, 7-3 Big East) found themselves unable to score in the second half, as they tallied only 22 points in the frame and didn't have a player in double-digits.

Meanwhile the Pirates (13-8, 5-5 Big East) were led by reserve center LaNedra Brown, who scored all 10 of her points in the final 9:21 on 4-for-7 shooting. In the second half, Seton Hall shot 54.5 percent after only shooting 22.2 percent in the first 20 minutes of play.

The loss puts the Irish at an abysmal 3-8 on the road this season and drops them into a tie with Rutgers for third place in the Big East behind Connecticut and West Virginia.

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Irish coach Muffet McGraw watches in anguish during a game against Boston College Jan. 31. CHIP MARKS/The Observer

HOCKEY

Irish suffer pair of losses to No. 7 Miami

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

OXFORD, Ohio — The student section at Goggin Ice Arena was singing "Na, Na, Na, Na, Hey, Hey, Goodbye" at the end of both games this weekend against the Irish. That's not a good thing if you're an Irish fan.

Notre Dame's success this season against ranked teams on the road finally ran out as the Irish dropped a pair of games on the

road against conference-opponent Miami.

Despite keeping Miami's highly potent power play — the best in the CCHA this season — off the scoreboard, the Irish were unable to take care of business against the RedHawks, falling 5-2 Friday night and 2-0 Saturday.

"If you would have told me at the start of this series that they would be 0-for on the power play and that we would score a power play goal, I would have thought that we'd be in good shape for the weekend," Irish coach Dave Poulin said.

It was a disappointing outcome for the Irish, who defeated Miami

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND TRACK

Sophomore Lauren King breaks her own school record in the 3,000-meter run to lead the Irish at the Meyo Invitational over the weekend.

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Indianapolis defensive end Ryan Baker, who gave a verbal commitment to the Irish Jan. 25, is still undecided in his decision to sign a letter of intent.

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MEN'S GOLF

Notre Dame at Rice Invitational

Monday-Tuesday

The Irish begin their spring season today in Cypress, Texas.

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ND SWIMMING

The Irish men's squad secured a winning season by defeating Cleveland State and Oakland over the weekend. The women beat Oakland as well.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Hope 92, Saint Mary's 72

The Belles suffer another tough conference loss — this time to MIAA leader Hope.

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NHL

East All Stars 6, West All Stars 4

Joe Sakic recorded a hat trick, but the goalies also put on a defensive show as the East All Stars beat the West.

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