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Trustees respond positively to diversity report

Student leaders speak to racism, heterosexism, sexism at Notre Dame; Board applauds ambitious choice of topic

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

Following a fall Board of Trustees report that received harsh criticism, trustees widely praised student government's winter report, applauding its diversity theme and stating that it was one of the more comprehensive and researched presentations in recent history.

Student body vice president Karla Bell, chief executive assistant Dave Baron and co-founder of Sustained Dialogue Tessa Garcia delivered the report, entitled "Issues of Equality: Creating a Welcoming Environment for All, Part I: The Situation."

Thursday afternoon as the first of a two-part presentation that explores racism, heterosexism and sexism at Notre Dame. For the upcoming spring report, stu-

dent body president Adam Istvan, Bell and Baron intend to provide solutions for working towards increasing diversity on campus and addressing the question, "Can one be different at Notre Dame?"

Baron said this report is addressing and attempting to counter the popular stereotype that defines the Notre Dame student image as a straight, white, Catholic male.

Garcia stressed the majority at

Notre Dame often does not understand the minority's position or reactions, citing the firing of football head coach Tyrone Willingham as an example. Garcia said even though the firing was not racially motivated, the majority of students do not see the pain the event caused to minority students who viewed Willingham as their advocate.

Garcia also noted there is a demand within the student body

to increase diversity education, citing the inability of students to register for professor [Alvin] Tillery's Race and Ethnicity class, the overwhelming popularity of CSC seminars that cannot accommodate more than 75 percent of its applicants and the overabundance of over 400 applicants for only 35 diversity educator positions.

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ND marks Black History Month

Hesburgh, others led civil rights movement

By JULIE BENDER
News Writer

With February designated as National Black History month, it is the perfect time to reflect on race issues at Notre Dame, from both a historical and a modern perspective.

The University has made great strides since World War II, when only one black student was enrolled, to the current estimate of a 4.5 percent black population. Yet after 60 years, there is still work to be done.

Hesburgh's Influence

The University's crucial role in the civil rights movement was largely due to the influence of University President Emeritus Father Hesburgh.

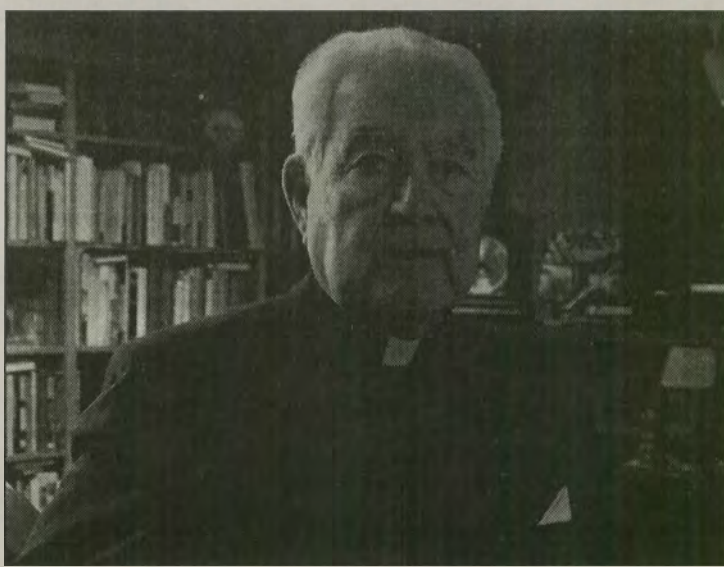
Hesburgh's 35-year presidency at Notre Dame began in 1952, just as civil rights issues were beginning to stir in the United States. Beyond his duties as University president, Hesburgh played a significant role advocating civil rights at the national level. In 1957, Hesburgh became a

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At right, Father Theodore Hesburgh worked for civil rights. Above, black faculty discuss race at Notre Dame.

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Candidate presents new ideas

Saint Mary's hosts reception

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Assistant News Editor

Saint Mary's held its second candidate reception Thursday afternoon in its search to fill the new position of vice president for enrollment management.

Candidate Marcia Nance, currently the vice provost for university marketing and enrollment at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla., presented her plans for improving enrollment numbers at Saint Mary's to a group of 50 faculty and staff members. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Despite some fluctuation in the number of applicants and students, according to Nance, the College has a very strong base to work with.

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Candidates square off in debate

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

Amid the buzz of LaFortune's dinnertime din, the six tickets for student body president tried to make their voices heard in the debates Thursday night.

The seating area in front of the Burger King played host to the debates for the first time, chosen over previous locations

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In Focus



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From left to right, candidates Dave Baron, Lizzi Shappell, James Lelto, Jordan Bongiovanni and Alec White listen to the debate.

Campus Ministry hosts GLB retreat

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

The eighth annual Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Retreat, running tonight through Saturday, serves an important role at Notre Dame, according to the event's organizers.

"I think it's a very special part of Notre Dame that we can have a retreat like this," Day Zimlich, student organizer of the retreat, said.

Zimlich, who went on the GLB retreat two years ago, emphasized the progressive nature of having a retreat about Catholicism and homosexuality, two elements often seen as having conflicting values. He complimented Campus Ministry for providing the opportunity for such a "large interface between academics, faith, and hot topics."

Regarding his personal

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INSIDE COLUMN

California, here I come...

When I hear that opening chord, I know where I belong — on the couch watching television. Who would have thought that a weekly melodrama revolving around the rich and beautiful and the trouble associated with their lifestyle would become such a smash success?

Eric Retter

Sports Writer

Every Thursday at 8 p.m., 17 of my closest friends and I crowd into an 11x14 dorm room to watch the latest installment of "The O.C.," the only thing on network television worth watching since Tom Brokaw signed off earlier this winter.

In fact, in light of "The O.C." phenomenon, I no longer regard the people whose lives are actually intertwined with mine in the same way. My real friends are Seth, Ryan and the gang over in Newport. It used to be that I could only spend one hour a week in their magical world, but now, thanks to the magic of DVD technology and corporate salesmanship, I can spend as much time as I want escaping reality on the sunny beaches of Southern California.

Now I know the arguments against my newly found addiction. I know I'm a guy and that, when watching TV, it is my duty to watch sports. As much as I love contests of athletic ability, I know how they are going to end before they even begin. Someone's going to win, half the competitors are going to be heartbroken and throughout the event, people are going to commit rules infractions that slow the action.

However, with "The O.C.," events happen that don't conform themselves to any kind of predetermined guidelines. Hypothetically, a young man from the wrong side of the tracks could, after burning down his adopted mother's house, date the sister she never knew she had.

Indeed, the possibilities are endless.

I say now, more than ever, we need "The O.C." Like it or not, we live in South Bend, a winter hell from October to early May. I, like many I know, hate South Bend weather; I hate it like I hate Julie Cooper, the Mussolini-in-heels devil-woman on the show. As we trudge from test to test bundled against temperatures the human body should only experience when reaching for another sample at the local Ben & Jerry's, what is the harm of living vicariously through beach kids whose toughest decision is which Cover Girl model they should take to the spring dance.

All I know is that I wish I had their problems.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT QUESTION WOULD YOU ASK IN YOUR OWN PHOTO POLL?



Jamie Blanke
sophomore
Keough

"What's your favorite line in *Forrest Gump*?"



Jason Liu
freshman
Knott

"Boxers or briefs?"



Kristen Klein
junior
McGlinn

"If you could park anywhere on campus, where would you park?"



Kyle Karches
freshman
Keough

"What question would you ask in your own photo poll?"



Nick Zarazua
freshman
Carroll

"Why am I so cool?"



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Donor Stephanie Snyder shares a smile with the woman preparing to draw her blood in the blood drive held from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Regina Lounge at Saint Mary's College.

OFFBEAT

Police sink teeth into new image

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine police with bad teeth got something to grin about Monday when President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's husband handed out free dentures to improve the confidence and public image of the national force.

Mike Arroyo's "A New Smile for the Toothless" campaign originally focused on market vendors in Manila but was extended to police officers, who earn as little as \$157 per month.

Omar Taribul, a senior officer with two decades of

service, said he had endured years of humiliation since losing his teeth in a gun battle with communist rebels in 1994.

"I can smile because I now have a brand new set of teeth," Taribul said at the headquarters of the Philippine National Police's southern command in Manila, as dentists examined members of the force.

Love grows from back seat of New York cab

NEW YORK — If you look hard enough, you can find anything in New York.

So for the lovelorn who are burned out by the bar

scene, fed up with personal ads or tired of scouring the Internet, there's another place to look for that perfect date: the back seat of a taxicab.

Specifically, Ahmed Ibrahim's cab.

The 50-year-old Egyptian immigrant sets up blind dates for his single passengers through a free, impromptu matchmaking service he runs out of his yellow cab. He said he finds mates, or at least dates, for about eight people a week.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Jerome Clayton Glenn, co-founder and director of The Millennium Project, will be giving the lecture "Long Range Global Challenges and Their Implications for Business" today from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The talk is part of the "Ten Years Hence" Lecture Series.

Allison Truitt of Cornell University will give a lecture entitled "Dollars are for Keeping: Economic Reforms and the Limits to State" today from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the department of anthropology.

The film "Maria Full of Grace" will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. and 10 in the **Browning Cinema** in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Notre Dame men's hockey team will take on Nebraska-Omaha at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

The men's and women's track teams will take part in the **Meyo Invitational** from 7 p.m. to 9:30 tonight in the Loftus Sports Center.

A seminar in American Religion entitled "Rome in America: Transnational Catholic Ideology from the Risorgimento to Fascism" will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in McKenna Hall. The event is sponsored by the Cushwa Center.

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

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Professors discuss faith diversity

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Three professors of varying faith backgrounds participated in a religious diversity discussion Thursday sponsored by the Senate Committee of Diversity Affairs.

Asma Afsaruddin, a professor of Arabic and Islamic studies, said she finds her students eager to learn about other religions.

"There is an attempt to understand what different faiths are about," she said.

Similarly, economics professor Amitava Dutt explained his students are constantly questioning moral issues concerning consumption and happiness. He feels this inquisitiveness creates a comfortable atmosphere for non-Catholic students at Notre Dame.

Afsaruddin encouraged students of other faiths who do not feel comfortable to become proactive and establish groups with other students who have similar interests and ideas.

Elliot Bartky, program of liberal studies professor, questioned the seriousness of Catholicism at Notre Dame. As a conservative Jew, Bartky said he would be very upset if he were Catholic and witnessed students looking to other faiths. In addition, he questioned having to take only two religion classes in order to fulfill the requirement set by the University. Bartky is often surprised at the limited knowledge Catholic Notre Dame students have of their own religion.

Bartky added he would send



Students listen to the discussion in the Coleman Morse Center.

his daughter neither to Notre Dame nor to a primarily Jewish school like Brandeis University. His focus does not lie in the religion of the school, he said, but rather the culture within the school. Since Bartky believes the Jewish faith is not only a religion, but also a way of life, the lifestyle of students at both public universities and Notre Dame would undermine this faith.

According to Bartky, there would be one way for Notre Dame to draw Jewish or Muslim students.

"You would have to bring Jews or Muslims who would want to give up faith," he said. Bartky also said he believes a religious Jew needs to pray with fellow Jews.

International student Lindsey Lim agreed with Bartky.

"Catholicism is only skin-deep here," she said. "It is not all the way through."

She spoke of everyday happenings such as the type of clothing, viewing of certain television shows, and conversations that do

not mirror the belief system of the Catholic Religion. She did attribute a portion of this to the American culture.

Afsaruddin disagreed completely.

"I was surprised you don't think there are a lot of students who take religion seriously," she said. "My experience has been the opposite; they are questioning faith ... they are branching out."

Tommy Forri wondered if the conservative Catholic would be welcome at Notre Dame. If the University as a whole practiced deeper Catholicism, he said, the other religious backgrounds would feel more comfortable in the community.

Afsaruddin disagreed and felt a non-Catholic religious student could practice his faith at Notre Dame. A Muslim student, she countered, could pray on his or her own and visit a mosque in South Bend.

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Saint Mary's to hold All-School Formal

By ERICA RANGEL
News Writer

Saint Mary's will bring Mardi Gras to South Bend's Palais Royale for its annual All School Formal Saturday, as students and their guests celebrate the theme "A Night in New Orleans."

Approximately 800 tickets for the event, which will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., were sold at \$20 for a couple or \$10 for a single ticket. This is a great turnout considering the maximum capacity for the Palais Royale is 850 guests, said Jill Funnell, Residence Hall Association vice president and co-chair of the dance.

Last year the dance had to be postponed due to conflicts with venue locations. This year is a different story, said Funnell.

"This year's planning has gone very smoothly, especially in comparison to last year," she said. "The only setback was the gifts being backordered. Otherwise, everything is set to go for Saturday."

In the spirit of the formal's theme, dance guests will receive hurricane mugs, a reference to the traditional New Orleans beverage. Unfortunately, due to the backordering, those will be distributed within the next few weeks, said Funnell.

Due to the Palais Royale's policies, no decorations are allowed, but guests may still enjoy the

beautiful atmosphere and architecture of the venue, said Funnell.

Not only is the event entertaining, but Saint Mary's is fortunate to even hold a school-wide dance, said Funnell.

"It is a great opportunity to bring the entire College together in an event that always proves to be a great time," she said. "This is a unique opportunity that SMC has because of its close-knit nature."

Sophomore Laura Mogle feels that the All School Formal is an improved option over individual dorm dances.

"I think this is a much better way to have the dance," she said. "Saint Mary's is so friendly that you are sure to have friends in more than one dorm. It's nice to have a night when everyone will be there, so it's not exclusive," Mogle said.

With second semester well underway, students also feel the timing is right for this event. "I can't wait to go. I just need to get my mind off of things for one weekend," senior Cassie Gerstner said.

Mogle agreed, and also pointed to the appropriateness of the theme.

"Mardi Gras is always a good time," she said, "and the formal is sure to be the same."

Alcohol will not be permitted at the dance regardless of age.

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THE OBSERVER

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History

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charter member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and served as its chairman from 1969 to 1972. During his 15 years on the commission, Hesburgh oversaw hundreds of hearings and sought to identify problems of civil rights in America.

"I worked alongside President Lyndon Johnson to create laws needed to guarantee black voting, and to administer justice in the areas of education and labor," Hesburgh said. "We helped to pass the comprehensive Civil Rights Act in 1964."

The 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination of all kinds based on race, color, religion and national origin, has come to be known as the most extensive civil rights legislation passed since the post-Civil War Reconstruction era.

Hesburgh credits President Johnson for the passage of this act.

"There is no president before or after who could have had such enormous influence on the House and Senate," Hesburgh said. "Though there has been progress since 1964, that was the beginning of the emancipation of blacks in America, who had been denied participation in various important aspects of American life up to that point."

Civil rights at Notre Dame

Hesburgh's influence on civil rights also affected his own university. Notre Dame, which, like most schools in the country, was facing integration challenges.

"There were no blacks at Notre Dame until World War II, when the Navy sent one black candidate here for training," Hesburgh said. "That student returned to Notre Dame to complete his degree after the war, and during my presidency, we made many efforts to build up the presence of black men and women students in our stu-

dent body."

Hesburgh's goal of integration was not solely his battle. Students on campus at the time also played a role in opening the community to black students, he said.

"During the difficult days of student revolutions, there were many student cavalades in order to highlight the need for a minority presence at Notre Dame," Hesburgh said. "Great progress was made during these days, and also in the days to follow under the fruitful efforts of the current president, Father [Edward] Malloy, during his years in office."

Progress over the years

Notre Dame has come a long way from its early struggles, many faculty and students pointed out. Journalism, ethics and democracy professor Don Wycliff, a graduate of Notre Dame who currently serves as the public editor of the Chicago Tri-bune, said the University has made great strides since he first arrived on campus in 1965.

"When I first came to Notre Dame, there were nine black students in my class — and that was more black students than were in any other class," he said. "We felt marooned, even though professors and other students often went out of their way to mentor and befriend. I still give praises to some of my professors — Walter Nicgorski, Edward Goerner, Frank O'Malley, John Kromkowski and others — who went out of their way for me."

Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services, agreed the atmosphere at Notre Dame has improved since she has been here.

"[Notre Dame] is now approaching the goals established so late in its history, and it will, I trust, fulfill the task in the years immediately ahead."

Father Theodore Hesburgh
University President
Emeritus

"More majority students understand that it is imperative to expand their critical thought process," she said. "This cannot occur in a homogeneous environment. Likeness breeds sameness."

Outlaw pointed out there is a willingness to understand racial issues on campus, which hasn't always existed.

"The fact that courses taught by professors Richard Pierce, Al[vin] Tillery and others who teach courses addressing ethnicities and perspectives other than Western, have outstanding waiting lists or have had to add additional [teaching assistants], speaks to the students' respect for their scholarship," she said.

Senior Marissa Mathews, a resident assistant in Cavanaugh Hall, said she feels even during her four years at Notre Dame, things have changed for the better.

"There is a slightly more diverse student body, and the University is taking substantial steps towards making Notre Dame more diverse than it once was," Mathews said. "The presence of such groups as Sustained Dialogues, which bring a diverse group of people together to talk about issues such as race, speaks to this change. It may be a small change, but it is a start."

Improvement slow task

Despite the strides the University has made, diversity issues remain. Current University statistics show minority students make up about 21.5 percent of the 2004 class, 4.5 percent of whom are blacks. These numbers lag behind national data on the U.S. minority population. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2000, approximately 30 percent of the population defined themselves as ethnic minority, with about 12 percent being African-American. Looking at the numbers alone, it is clear that more work needs to be done to create a diversified

campus reflective of the national population.

Wycliff suggested race relations at Notre Dame might be better if the University hadn't fired football coach Tyrone Willingham. Willingham, the first black head coach in any sport at Notre Dame, was fired in late November after his third season. His dismissal came as a shock to a number of students and faculty on campus, and many blacks took his firing as a personal blow.

Looking beyond football, Outlaw said creating more dialogue about understanding race would be one way of achieving the goal of improving race relations on campus.

"It is not enough to attend Black Images, Black Koffee-house or other ethnic events, although for some this is a monumental starting point," she said. "The [aforementioned] courses, Sustained Dialogue, Interrace and the Learning to Talk about Race retreats provide an initial forum, but it is up to the University and students to ensure that these conversations continue in the residence halls, dining halls and throughout the campus."

Mathews agreed with Outlaw.

"More dialogue is needed," she said, "so people are aware of how minority and majority students feel about diversity at this school and realize how this issue affects our everyday lives."

Hesburgh said he was confident about the future of racial acceptance at Notre Dame.

"[Notre Dame] is now approaching the goals established so late in its history, and it will, I trust, fulfill the task in the years immediately ahead," he said. "We are grateful to so many people who have created scholarships for black candidates and are enormously proud of our black graduates and current black students, who are most welcome here."

Even with such progress, the road to total success is a slow one, said Hesburgh, paraphrasing Robert Frost: "We still have promises to keep, and miles to go before we sleep, and miles to go before we sleep."

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Retreat

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experience, Zimlich said a retreat like this can help students better understand their beliefs.

"I just know — at least for me — it was a struggle to be Catholic and gay at first," Zimlich said, "but learning about my faith with respect to my sexuality really helped bridge the two."

Andy Magee, another student organizer and first-time participant, agreed with Zimlich about the retreat's importance.

"Being gay at a Catholic institution presents a lot of problems," Magee said. "This retreat provides a forum to discuss those problems."

Magee said the concept of the retreat was not much different from those held for women or Latinos, for example — they all cater to a specific set of needs for a particular group of students.

While the retreat will have a Catholic perspective, Magee said no one will be forced to participate in the retreat's traditionally Catholic aspects, such as Mass.

"There is an element of Catholicism, but at the same time we realize a lot of people coming on this retreat may not be Catholic, or [may] have issues about Catholicism."

The religious purpose of the retreat, according to Magee, is that "you may be gay, but you can find a place in the Catholic Church if you want to."

However, Magee stressed a welcoming attitude.

"We're not going to cram Catholicism down their throats," he said.

Magee also noted all students are welcome, whether gay, lesbian, bisexual, questioning or straight.

Tami Schmitz, campus minister and coordinator of the retreat, said, "I think any time we can give students a time to reflect, a chance to think about what's important to them, is awesome."

Schmitz, who has been involved in coordinating two other GLB retreats, said that she feels many participants are looking to grow deeper in faith on the retreat.

"For those who are struggling, the retreat is a really good place to talk things out, figure out what's going on in the hearts and minds of this community," Schmitz said.

Both Magee and Schmitz said that the retreat began eight years ago when Campus Ministry came to the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs asking for suggestions on how to help.

"The retreat was a pastoral response to the gay and lesbian community to offer something positive for their experience at Notre Dame," Schmitz said.

As of Thursday, 11 students had signed up for the retreat, according to Schmitz, who said that past retreats have included anywhere from 12 to 25 students.

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

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

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

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

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

Application Deadline: Monday, February 21st, 2005

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russia dismisses cease-fire report

MOSCOW — Russian and Chechen officials dismissed a reported rebel announcement of a unilateral cease-fire as a bluff Thursday, while rumors swirled that militant leader Shamil Basayev was killed in a clash with foreign mercenaries.

A British TV channel, meanwhile, went ahead with a broadcast of a taped interview with Basayev on Thursday night, drawing a furious rebuke from Russia.

"We perceive such an action as the latest step in informational support of terrorists active in the North Caucasus," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Iraqi returns show Shiite lead

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi officials Thursday released the first partial returns from national elections, showing a commanding lead by candidates backed by the Shiite Muslim clergy. Sunni insurgents unleashed a wave of attacks, killing at least 29 people, including two U.S. Marines and a dozen Iraqi army recruits.

Meanwhile, election officials said strict security measures may have deprived many Iraqis in the Mosul area and surrounding Ninevah province of their right to vote. The admission is likely to fuel complaints by Iraq's minority Sunni Arabs, who make up the heart of the insurgency, that they were not represented in the vote.

The results released by the election commission four days after Sunday's balloting came from Baghdad and five provinces in the southern Shiite heartland.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush seeks Social Security support

FARGO, N.D. — Facing stiff resistance, President Bush began searching state-by-state for support for his plan to overhaul Social Security and conceded Thursday that not all lawmakers believe the program has a serious problem.

"The math doesn't work," Bush insisted, saying Social Security would pay out more money than it brought in beginning in 2018. "And in 2042, it's bust," he said. That's the year in which the system would be able to cover only about 73 percent of benefits owed unless it is changed, according to Social Security trustees.

U.S. withdraws tsunami relief

ABOARD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN — The U.S. aircraft carrier that led a massive tsunami relief operation steamed away from the disaster zone Thursday after a mission that helped repair America's bruised image in the world's most heavily populated Muslim nation.

The USS Abraham Lincoln, with a crew of 5,300, formed the core of the largest foreign military deployment in the area and the most extensive U.S. operation in Southeast Asia since the Vietnam War. Helicopters from the ship flew hundreds of missions to deliver food, water and other aid along the devastated western coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra.

Its departure was the single biggest drawdown of the American relief effort.

LOCAL NEWS

New 24-hour Starbucks opens

KOKOMO — A central Indiana Starbucks has become one of only a handful around the country to stay open 24 hours a day.

The location of the Kokomo store along U.S. 31 the main route between South Bend and Indianapolis and the number of area companies with third shifts were the reasons for the late night hours, Starbucks regional manager Keith Stewart said.

The store began its extended hours Monday.

"There is one in Houston and two in Chicago that I know of," Stewart said.

U.N. investigates oil-for-food

Annan disciplines director Sevan for "undermining integrity" of program

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Kofi Annan ordered disciplinary action against the head of the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq on Thursday, after a report sharply criticized Benon Sevan for "undermining the integrity" of the United Nations through a "grave conflict of interest."

The investigation report said Sevan solicited oil allocations from Saddam Hussein's regime on behalf of a trading company between 1998 and 2001, and it raised concerns he may have received kickbacks for the help.

Based on the report, Annan has decided to discipline Sevan and another U.N. official, Joseph Stephanides, who was chief of the U.N. Sanctions Branch, said Mark Malloch Brown, Annan's new chief of staff. Brown said the type of disciplinary action would be announced early next week but gave no details.

In its report released Thursday, the investigation led by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker accused Stephanides of "tainting" bidding for a contract. Stephanides now heads the Security Council Affairs Division in the U.N. Department of Political Affairs.

Allegations of corruption in the \$60 billion oil-for-food program — which allowed sanctions-bound Iraq to sell oil to buy humanitarian supplies — have raised steady criticism from members of Congress.

"I am reluctant to conclude that the U.N. is damaged beyond repair, but these revelations certainly point in this direction," said Illinois Republican Henry Hyde after Thursday's report. The House International Relations Committee



U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, left, ordered disciplinary action against Benon Sevan, executive director of the U.N. food-for-oil program in Iraq, shown here on April 3, 2002.

Chairman, which Hyde heads, is one of several congressional committees investigating the program.

Despite Sevan's claims that he never recommended any oil companies, Volcker's Independent Inquiry Committee said it had evidence that Sevan asked Iraq to give a small Swiss-based oil company, African Middle East Petroleum Co. Ltd. Inc., known as AMEP, the opportunity to buy oil. The company received the allocations and earned \$1.5 million from them.

Volcker's panel said it is still investigating "the scope and extent of benefits" that Sevan received for his requests.

The report did not say Sevan received kickbacks, but expressed concern at \$160,000 in cash that he said he received from his aunt in his native Cyprus from 1999-2003. The report questioned this "unexplained wealth," noting that his aunt, who recently died, was a retired Cyprus government photographer living on a modest pension.

"The most disturbing finding is the accumulation of evidence that the executive director of the program Benon Sevan did in fact solicit oil allocations for a small trading company," Volcker said at a news conference. "The Iraqis, who were assigning such

allocations, certainly thought they were buying influence."

The report said Sevan's solicitations on AMEP's behalf "presented a grave and continuing conflict of interest, were ethically improper, and seriously undermined the integrity of the United Nations."

Asked whether the committee found any criminal wrongdoing, Volcker said, "We are not a criminal tribunal. Other people will have to draw conclusions from the facts that we have presented."

He said Sevan had not been entirely cooperative and had not responded to interview requests in a timely way.

Gonzales confirmed attorney general

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alberto Gonzales won Senate confirmation Thursday as attorney general despite Democratic accusations that he helped formulate White House policies that led to overseas prisoner abuse and was too beholden to President Bush to be the nation's top law enforcement official.

The Senate voted 60-36 to put the first Hispanic ever into the job, with all of the "no" votes coming from Democrats and Democratic-leaning Independent Jim Jeffords of Vermont. Last week, 12 Democrats and Jeffords voted against Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's confirmation.

Gonzales will replace John Ashcroft, who won more Democratic support four years ago despite contentious stances on a number of issues. Eight Democrats voted for Ashcroft, while six voted for Gonzales.

Republicans and some Democrats praised Gonzales' life story: the grandson of Mexican immigrants who worked his way up to being President Bush's top lawyer in the White House.

Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., the first Cuban-American senator, even broke with Senate tradition and praised Gonzales in Spanish on the Senate floor on Wednesday. "This is a breakthrough of incredible magnitude for

Hispanic-Americans," he said in English.

Democrats praised Gonzales as well, but many said they couldn't look past his participation in administration policies they said had led to abuses that occurred in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They also complained that he refused to answer their questions on how those policies were created inside the White House.

"Mr. Gonzales was at the heart of the Bush administration's notorious decision to authorize our forces to commit flagrant acts of torture in the interrogation of detainees," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

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"We should give [students] the opportunity ... We aren't doing a good enough job if we have to expand classes and turn away diversity educators," Garcia said.

Baron spoke mostly about heterosexism at Notre Dame and the "invisible minority," adding that homosexuals have an "unwelcoming sense [that] they don't have a place here."

Baron said Notre Dame perpetuates this feeling through its Frosh-O activities and dorm dances that solely emphasize heterosexual relationships. Baron added that a distinction must be made between homosexual orientation and homosexual acts, stating there is wide confusion over this Church teaching throughout Notre Dame.

"As a Catholic university we have a responsibility to understand the other," Baron said.

Bell focused her presentation primarily on sexism at Notre Dame and said women and men are treated unequally. She cited an example of inequality where men are allowed to conduct semi-annual "bun runs" but women were told they would be reprimanded if they conducted a similar run in their underwear.

"Women are treated like children, but expected to act like adults," Bell said.

She added that in the classroom, certain male professors will selectively disregard a female student's responses. However, she clarified this could be due to the fact the professor was from a foreign country or the ratio of men to women was high in his department.

Bell said this "atmosphere of sexism" varies across departments at Notre Dame, but emphasized

certain departments needed more female role models as professors.

At the conclusion of the presentation Baron emphasized addressing diversity at Notre Dame should be one of the University's primary goals.

"We're talking about changing a culture here," Baron said. "And that takes years ... We want to create a Notre Dame where everyone can feel welcomed."

The trustees responded very positively to the report. A 1996 Notre Dame graduate that was present for the report said a presentation on the topic of this nature would have been unprecedented in his time at Notre Dame.

The Observer has a policy of not attributing information or quotes to specific members of the Board.

The trustee added the fact that two of the three presenters, Baron and Bell, were members of the majority student population spoke volumes for how seriously

the student body and its leaders regard this topic.

Another trustee implored the student government leaders to work actively with the Office of Student Affairs to explore avenues for utilizing University resources to fund additional diversity programs.

Bell drew on student government's research to answer one trustee, who asked the leaders to put the report in context. He asked if issues of diversity are more difficult to overcome at Notre Dame than in society in general and if diversity problems at Notre Dame are being handled properly.

"In the focus groups [student government conducted]," Bell responded, "a lot of people expressed that it is more difficult here than at home."

Baron added Notre Dame is making efforts to counteract diversity issues, but noted due to the upcoming presidential transi-

tion and recent diversity-focused events, now is the time for the University to recommit to diversity.

A trustee said the issue of diversity is a topic that generates discussion amongst the entire board, and applauded student government for having the courage to make the report.

Another trustee implored the students to make increasing diversity a permanent platform in student government especially since the dynamics and awareness of the Notre Dame student body are ever-evolving.

The meeting concluded with a trustee suggesting that student government identify some of the "diversity success stories" as role models and explore whether specific committees would more acutely direct the focus of improving diversity.

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"I think you have a lot of opportunities that are wide open for a lot of fun tweaking and growing," Nance said.

Some of that "tweaking," should include a more pointed applicant search using the help of extensive data, said Nance. Inquiries should be ranked in terms of their interest in the institution and the probability that they will apply. Admissions counselors can then direct their energies toward pursuing the students with the highest potential.

"Four percent of inquiries result in applicants [at Saint Mary's]," Nance said. "That's not high enough. I am doing 17 to 20 percent."

Nance also emphasized the

need for a better use of financial resources. Admissions offices waste money on traveling to college fairs and high schools when they could be contacting potential applicants in other ways, said Nance. According to Nance, inviting high schools students and guidance counselors to visit campus is a more efficient way to draw students to the College.

"[As admissions officers, you] need to know what your students are choosing you for and you need to put your money there," Nance said. "Your institution has to look good. You are competing against a lot of funding out there."

However, the size of the budget isn't always everything, she said.

"Sometimes it is not about how many resources but what

you do with [them]," she said. "I have worked at [institutions] where we didn't know if we were even going to open the next day."

College admissions has become a highly-personalized experience, Nance said, and Saint Mary's needs to respond to that. There are programs now that customize to each individual applicant. Every e-mail, flier and phone call should give students a personal feel.

"The challenge is to demonstrate at every point of the process personalized educational opportunities," she said.

The families of college applicants today are very involved in the search and selection, said Nance. Admissions counselors must recognize the traits of the generation they are trying to appeal to.

"I think people of this gener-

ation are looking for character education; their parents certainly are," said Nance. "They are looking for value education. This is the first generation that said it's fine to wear a school uniform."

The top position in the admissions office at the college opened up in the fall after then-admission director Mary Pat Nolan announced she would be stepping down at the

end of the semester.

Saint Mary's struggled last year to reach its recruiting goals. The current freshman class is 50 students smaller than the average. Interim director Mona Bowe has said the college is on course to receive its target of 1,000 applicants this year.

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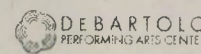
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Utility unveils new Enron data

Fallen energy giant's power scams began years before 2000-01 power crunch

Associated Press

EVERETT, Wash. — Fallen energy giant Enron Corp. was running scams to drive up the cost of power years before the 2000-01 West Coast energy crisis, according to audio transcripts and documents unveiled Thursday by a public utility north of Seattle.

By November 1997, Enron apparently knew of loopholes in California's ill-advised deregulation plan, and by May 1998 — a month after the plan took effect — Enron was already falsifying transmission schedules to inflate prices, Snohomish County Public Utility District officials said Thursday as they unveiled new evidence at a news conference.

The utility in Everett, about 30 miles north of Seattle, obtained much of its most recent evidence in one of Enron's Houston warehouses and has been using its meager resources to transcribe thousands of hours of phone conversations involving Enron traders — a job it says should have been done by federal regulators long ago.

The district is hoping to prove that an exorbitant contract it entered with Enron in January 2001, at the height of the crisis, should be considered fraudulent because of Enron's manipulation, and that the utility shouldn't have to pay the \$122 million that Enron claims it owes.

The material the utility released Thursday is the first evidence that Enron appears to have been honing its fraudulent trading schemes well before rolling blackouts darkened California and drove up prices, helping Enron make at least \$1.6 billion.

The Snohomish County utility found a November 1997 e-mail on Portland, Ore.-based Enron trader



A pedestrian passes Enron Corp.'s headquarters in January 2002. New documents reveal Enron was driving up power costs as early as November 1997.

Tim Belden's computer referring to loopholes in California's soon-to-be implement power deregulation plan. Belden pleaded guilty in October 2002 to wire fraud for participating in trading schemes to game the California market. Two other former Enron traders, Jeffrey Richter and John Forney, later pleaded guilty to similar charges.

1997 also was the year former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow created the company's first off-balance-sheet partnership to funnel millions of dollars in kickbacks to Fastow. The partnership was wrongly portrayed to investors and regulators as independent

of Enron. Though unrelated to the trading allegations, the partnership's creation was one of the first steps toward similar financial moves to hide debt and inflate profits that fueled Enron's downfall in 2001.

The utility first released transcripts of Enron trader conversations last year that showed they openly discussed manipulating the California power market and joked about stealing from grandmothers during the power crisis. Conversations that involve Forney, Belden and Richter appeared throughout those transcripts.

Documents released Thursday include a May

1998 internal Enron memo between energy traders that refers to a "PHONY import." The note also says California's independent system operator "will call and tell us we're out of balance, so tell them we intend to correct the imbalance in the 'hour-ahead' market. In fact, we really intend to do NOTHING..."

By keeping power transmission imbalanced, Enron increased the price of electricity and thus its own profit.

Also in 1998, Belden wrote to a supervisor as part of a performance review: "California gaming — we always say that we need to increase this activity, yet we never do."

IN BRIEF

Jurors view Scrushy video

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Another former top HealthSouth Corp. executive was indicted Thursday for what prosecutors say was his part in massive fraud as jurors at Richard Scrushy's trial watched a video of the former CEO exhorting, cajoling and warning hundreds of employees at a 1998 meeting.

In a DVD recording played on a big screen near the witness stand, Scrushy excitedly talked about management's "incredible control" of rehabilitation chain HealthSouth and his own close watch over the company's finances and expenses.

"With the new budget team we have we are so tight," Scrushy said in the meeting, held in Orlando, Fla., for managers of hundreds of medical centers operated by HealthSouth nationwide. Prosecutors say HealthSouth's books were awash that year in more than \$600 million worth of fraud ordered by Scrushy.

Trump bankruptcy progresses

CAMDEN, N.J. — A judge dealt another favorable hand to Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts on Thursday, giving final approval to a \$100 million "debtor in possession" loan and setting a date for a confirmation hearing that would formally end the company's Chapter 11 case.

Fending off objections from shareholders, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Judith Wizmur approved the loan by Dallas-based Beal Bank, without which Donald Trump's three Atlantic City casinos would have had to shut down for lack of cash, according to Trump lawyers.

The money, \$36 million of which has already been drawn down by the company, is paying salaries, vendors and other operating expenses as Trump Hotels moves toward the confirmation hearing scheduled to begin March 29.

After months of negotiations with bondholders, Trump Hotels filed for bankruptcy court protection Nov. 21 with a prepackaged plan that calls for the bondholders to take control of the company but Trump to stay on as chairman and CEO.

Worker background checks increase

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Employers, increasingly security conscious and wary of making mistakes in hiring, have stepped up reference checks and background screening of job applicants, according to a new survey.

In the survey of personnel officers, released Thursday by the Society for Human Resource Management, 96 percent said their companies conduct some type of background or reference check on people applying for job openings.

The most common check by companies is a verification of an applicant's legal right to work in the United States, with 85 percent of

those polled saying they always do such a screening. But 68 percent of those surveyed said their firms always run criminal records checks on applicants, and another 13 percent say they sometimes perform such checks, according to the survey.

Heightened concerns about security are driving some of the increased screening, according to the survey. About one in five of those surveyed said their companies have added or updated screening practices as a direct result of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Employers also are acting as a legal precaution. More than eight in 10 of those surveyed say their check

procedures include standardized questions, designed to gather the same type of information about all candidates while avoiding subjects like race or marital status to protect against later charges of discrimination in hiring.

Applicants for management jobs receive the most scrutiny — 86 percent to 89 percent of those surveyed indicated they always run checks on people being considered for different tiers of management jobs. Eighty-three percent said they always run some type of check on applicants for salaried, non-management jobs and 75 percent said they screen people being considered for hourly positions.

Rice criticizes Iran, calls Iraq vindicated

Secretary of State starting first abroad visit



Recently approved Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice greets President Bush after his State of the Union address Wednesday.

Associated Press

LONDON — Iran's approach to human rights and its treatment of its own citizens is loathsome, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Thursday.

While saying Iranians deserve better leaders than "unelected mullahs," America's new chief diplomat stopped short of demanding their ouster.

At the start of her first trip abroad since succeeding Colin Powell at the State Department, Rice also told reporters that last weekend's election in Iraq vindicates the U.S.-led toppling of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

The invasion was broadly unpopular in many of the European capitals that Rice will visit over the next week. A major goal of Rice's trip is to shift the subject in Europe toward the possibility of Middle East peace and other mutual goals.

"I don't think anybody thinks that the unelected mullahs who run that regime are a good thing for the Iranian people and for the region," Rice said en route to London, her first stop. Her itinerary includes visits to Jerusalem and the West Bank

to encourage peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Rice planned to meet on Friday with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Foreign Secretary Jack Straw. In stops in Berlin later Friday and Paris next week, she may run into war opposition that still lingers.

Iraq's elections for a national assembly "clearly remind us why we worked to liberate the Iraqi people from that terrible dictator," Rice said.

Acknowledging that "we all know that it's been difficult in Iraq," Rice said she still would "trade anytime" the stability offered under Saddam's rule for the self-determination promised by the election.

"It should just remind us all that those of us who had the good fortune to live on the right side of freedom's divide have an obligation to those who are left on the other side of freedom's divide to try to achieve their aspirations," Rice said.

On that point, she said, even those who "disagree about what we did or when we did it," can unite.

"I don't think there's anyone in Europe or anyplace else that thinks that the Iraqi people deserved Saddam Hussein," Rice said.

Watergate reporters' notes open

Woodward and Bernstein's famous scribbles ready for public review

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — While the identity of "Deep Throat" is still a well-guarded secret, the first installment of notes and quotes scribbled by Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein while covering the Watergate scandal are now available to the public.

"We told the story from our perspective as well as we could. Other people should have a look at the stuff," Bernstein said Thursday at the University of Texas' Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, which purchased the materials for \$5 million in 2003.

Under a deal with the reporters, the Ransom Center is responsible for cataloguing and preparing the documents for public release. They will be made public for the first time Friday.

Self-described "pack rats" who kept dozens of boxes of materials, Woodward and Bernstein said they were meticulous about saving notes from their reporting for The Washington Post that exposed a conspiracy to disrupt the 1972 presidential election. Their reporting won the Pulitzer Prize.

"After a day or two, you could see it was going to be a really important story," Bernstein said. Taking a brief tour of an

exhibit of hastily-jotted notes, diagrams drawn on notebook paper and transcripts of interviews and photographs of some of the prominent players in the story, the reporters said the public should be given a chance to scrutinize their work three decades later.

Woodward and Bernstein, then 29 and 28, respectively,

were the first reporters to establish the connection between Nixon aides and the June 1972 break-in at the Democratic National Headquarters

in Washington's Watergate complex. Nixon, who faced almost-certain impeachment by the House and conviction in the Senate for his role in the scandal, resigned in August 1974.

Forty government officials and members of Nixon's re-election committee were indicted and convicted on felony charges. Ultimately, the materials at the Ransom Center will include more than 250 pocket-sized notebooks, memos, story drafts, clippings, movie manuscripts, photographs and memorabilia.

Any documents that could reveal the fabled "Deep Throat" will be kept secure at

an undisclosed location in Washington until the source's death.

While the identities of several dozen sources remain confidential, nearly 100 — all now deceased — are disclosed in the first installment of notes.

The first release from 75 boxes of materials show that senior Republicans and some of Nixon's closest aides shared with the reporters their suspicions about the president's role in the cover-up and their concerns over his mental state.

Senator Barry Goldwater, referred to as the "conscience" of the Republican Party at the time, told the reporters he thought Nixon was "off his head."

Other major sources identified in the first release of documents were the president's two principal Watergate lawyers, J. Fred Buzhardt and James D. St. Clair.

In 42 pages of typed notes of eight interviews, Buzhardt described how Nixon was evasive even with his lawyers.

"He is one [of] the most transparent [men] I know; the worst liars ... he would pull my leg and I could tell," Buzhardt told the reporters.

"A detailed examination of who Richard Nixon really was," Woodward said. "That's what Watergate was about."

"We told this story from our perspective the best we could."

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for its potential to draw passers-by into the action. The rumbling of food carts, chatter of students and drastically fluctuating crowd — swelling to near 100 at the beginning, but dwindling to an approximate 30 by the closing statements — made the situation less than ideal for the speakers at times, but the candidates proceeded despite the distractions.

Supervised by the Judicial Council, the debates followed a familiar format of opening and closing statements from each ticket, with six randomly drawn student questions answered by all the candidates in turn stuck in between.

The common thread pulled throughout the hour-long event was results over experience, as veteran student government members proudly displayed their accomplishments, less-tested candidates pointed out the shortcomings of the current and former administrations and all six promised tangible results if elected.

The Mark Healy-Bob Costa ticket emphasized its record with programming — especially Costa's connections with big-name bands from his high school and reporting experiences — and pledged "better concerts, better bands, better events."

Making achievable results the centerpiece of their platform, the Craig Brede-Vijay Ramanan ticket focused on plans for cheaper textbooks through NDBay, printers in every dorm and an online, accessible form of Teacher Course Evaluation — all of which they claimed to be more feasible than their opponents' promises.

"You're not going to get a rousing speech or a sexy idea; just strong, sensible leadership," Ramanan said.

Dave Baron and Lizzi Shappell focused on the concept of a \$50,000 per year concert endowment in their opening statement, as well as the "Catholic Think Tank" speaker series Baron said would revitalize Notre Dame's image as "the voice on social justice."

James Leito and Jordan Bongiovanni underscored what they perceived as the difference between themselves and the other candidates — passion for improving student life.

"You can literally see how much we passion we have by the fact that we live more in the student government office and administration offices than our dorm rooms. Just ask our roommates," joked Bongiovanni.

Adding an element of levity to the evening were the Will Marra-Pete Harig and Alec White-Erik Powers tickets.

Marra kicked the debates off by ordering a number seven from the Burger King

and plugging the video on his Web site that he claimed to be "life-changing."

White and Powers took a different approach, marketing the benefits of their height in the event of low-lying fog, and their plans to communicate with the ghost of the Gipper with a Ouija Board and provide him companionship with ritual freshman sacrifices.

The six student-provided questions raised the issues of the possible club status of AllianceND, gender issues on campus, Notre Dame's "culture of life" and candidate experience, as well as to what the candidates perceived to be students' number one concern, and how they planned to fight apathy.

Despite Marra-Harig's cryptic answer of "if you've seen

our video, you know where we stand on homosexuality on campus" and White-Powers' decision to pass on the question, all the tickets expressed their support of AllianceND's push for club status, as well as those of other clubs that promote

diversity and discussion — an idea brought up later in the "culture of life" discussion.

In holding with their individual platforms, Healy-Costa pointed to better concerts as students' major concern; Brede-Ramanan said that it was the little things, like ROTC's Pass in Review moving to South Quad and printers in the dorms, that made the difference; Baron-Shappell outlined their plans for a more accessible student government; Leito-Bongiovanni rallied for cable, wireless and printers in the dorms; White-Powers spoke in favor of women's suffrage; and Marra-Harig offered Ecto-Cooler as the solution to student needs.

Solutions to the problem of student apathy ran the gamut, from the proposals for a more open and accountable student government, visible results and even the institution of a

dress code.

"We can't make students care, but we can make them angry. So we'll institute a dress code to make people angry," White said. "Then we'll repeal it to give students what they want."

Appropriately, the evening wrapped up with a question on candidates' experience, which made a smooth transition into the candidates' final affirmation of the priority of results in the closing statements.

Baron offered an optimistic note to close the debates.

"Looking around, I'm confident that no matter what happens [in the election], student government will be in good shape next year," he said.

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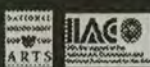
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College mating rituals

It is Halloween in South Bend and two nuns and a pumpkin are about to enter a space of intimacy and vulnerability. These costumed students are unknowingly taking part in an amateur sociological study. As a few hundred students gyrate, often a-rhythmically, across the dank Heartland dance floor a mysterious group of graduate students lurk behind a veil of mist and shadows. The students' movements are observed and recorded by five individuals who, surprisingly enough, are not employed by Student Affairs.

John Infranca

Dissident
Poetry

They are students of ritual studies, a discipline that draws on sociology, anthropology, theology and other fields to examine the nature of rituals. According to some, the emphasis in modern cultures on individual identity hinders our capacity for communal symbolic activity. Granted, it is rare that many of us join with our neighbors in what might stereotypically be considered ritual: the sacrificing of animals, dancing around fires or banging upon drums. While religious individuals attend services often replete with rituals, these can seem separate from "normal" life. Such life is, however, suffused with ritual: the rituals of preparing for our day, of cooking a meal and even of simple social interaction. For one tutored in the methodology of ritual observation and armed with such terms as "body-public," "weak grid," "positional family" and "liminality," even Heartland on a Thursday night can become "a celebration, marked by varied manifestations of decorum and ritualization and which, for some, is transformed into a magical ritual." Allow me to explain.

For many a trip to Heartland represents anything but a formal ritual. It is considered a "night out," a way to release the pressures of rigid academic life and engage in play. Yet the

experience can be more formal than instinctual, defined by rules of decorum. It can also involve "ritual work" or "magic." Individuals perform certain actions and dress in a certain way in the hope that following socially prescribed ritual behavior will cause the desired result, leading to a more intimate ritual. Others engage in the public ritual simply for celebration or "ritual play." Although they perform a part in the ritual they do not seek a particular result. Their joy is drawn from mere performance, conscious or unconscious.

Space plays an important role in enhancing a ritual. Hence large crowds do not gather to dance in my garage on Thursdays. Heartland offers a "club" experience from the moment one enters the dark, mysterious alley leading to its door. Inside the central ritual space is demarcated by four large pillars. Smoke and lights add to the ambience, as do the video images of people dancing interspersed with ads for a steakhouse. These images offer what is termed "ritual instruction," helping the uninitiated realize that proper ritual interaction involves both dancing and meat products. Away from the central ritual space, the dance floor, other locations possess differing rules of ritual decorum. As my associates and I learned early on, it is unacceptable to take a clipboard and observe the dance floor from the raised platform bound with PVC piping directly across from the stage.

Rather than an observation deck, the "cage" is a realm of performance. It represents a "de facto zone of intimacy and vulnerability." The grid rules regarding personal space and physical interaction on the dance floor change dramatically when one enters the cage. This change is technically termed "grinding." A similar change occurs on the stage, where an individual involved in the ritual becomes a

"conscious performer." Changes in ritual role occur frequently as spectators quickly become performers.

The ritual typically begins when a group of about eight females form a circle in the center of the dance floor. Occasionally they are joined by one or two males. The males always have some kind of alcoholic beverage, a ritual prop, in their hands. This prop directs attention away from the individual. Soon other groups enter the dance floor, as well as the occasional couple. Eventually the first "infiltrator" (almost always male) enters the ritual field. They have up until this point acted in the role of spectator or voyeur, but now they become a performer. Such role changes occur more frequently as the consumption of ritual props increases. The infiltration ritual typically involves an attempt to enter into some gap created in a circle of females.

This sub-ritual represents a rather predictable fulfillment of gender stereotypes, the man acting as the hunter, often seeking out the lone female who has strayed too far from the pack. At times it resembles a bad kung-fu movie, as one male after another approaches the target and is then repelled, allowing room for the next one to move in and face the same fate.

This constant repetition represents a microcosm of the larger ritual, which also repeats itself weekly with minor alterations. Such is the nature of ritual: the ability to draw on timeless patterns of behavior as one encounters a world forever new. Hope springs eternal.

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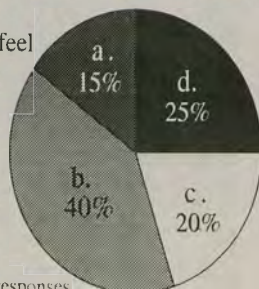
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OBSERVER POLL

What kind of discrimination do you feel is most prevalent at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's?

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| a. Racism | 15% |
| b. Heterosexism | 40% |
| c. Sexism | 20% |
| d. Other | 25% |



*Poll appears courtesy of
www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based on 415 responses.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected."

George Washington
first president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saint Mary's women respond to rumors

Saint Mary's women are husband hunters? Is that the term I read? I cannot believe that a student intelligent enough to go to a rigorous academic university would have the ignorance to assume that young women would choose a single sex school in order to meet men. Could I have misinterpreted the article ("Townies are people too" in the Feb. 1 edition of The Observer)? Sadly, I think not. Lets think this through, shall we? A student who can attend Saint Mary's can attend most of the higher education institutions in the country. If our goal during our college years was to meet and marry a man, wouldn't we attend a school where we were integrated with the opposite sex in classes?

As Saint Mary's students, we instead choose to focus on our academics in an environment tailored for the higher education of women. If Saint Mary's would have wanted to blend with Notre Dame, the merger of the two schools would have gone through when first proposed. Saint Mary's refused, and I know why. Look at the presidential tickets for student government. Any women running for president? I didn't see any. Vice presidential nominations? I spotted a mere fourth were women. That is why we attend this school. It is not now, nor has it ever been the school across the street. I would love to hear the rationale behind this "myth" and how of all the myths dispelled, this one came out clean in the wash.

I can assure you that from this side of the street, it is filthy.

Emily Moynahan
Saint Mary's College
class of 2008
Feb. 3

Consider giving up meat for all of Lent

Lent is coming up soon, and I would like to take this opportunity to share what I decided to try for Lent years ago that changed my life. I tried going vegetarian. Instead of just giving up meat on Fridays, I decided to revive the ancient tradition of abstaining from meat for all forty days. It gave me an opportunity to reflect on the suffering of the innocent animals in factory farms and slaughterhouses, to improve my health, and to help the environment. What I learned during those 40 days of Lent was shocking, and it changed my life forever.

More than 26 billion animals are killed each year to satisfy Americans' appetites. The majority of these animals are not raised on picturesque family farms, but in concrete warehouses called factory farms. On factory farms, animals are virtually immobilized in tiny cages, pumped full of hormones and antibiotics, mutilated without any painkillers and denied any basic behavioral or physical needs. The competition to produce inexpensive meat has led to the animals being treated as nothing more than commodities. This competition has also forced agribusiness to exploit the land. Funneling grains through animals is an inefficient practice. Twenty times

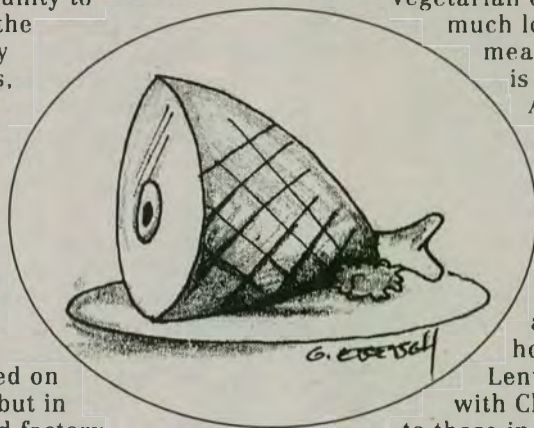
more land is required to feed a meat-eater than to feed a pure vegetarian. Additionally, factory farming uses a tremendous amount of water and is a primary contributor to the pollution of waterways.

Finally, I learned that the healthiest diet is a vegetarian diet. Vegetarians have much lower cholesterol levels than meat-eaters, and heart disease is uncommon in vegetarians. Additionally, a vegetarian diet helps prevent cancer, and an impressive number of studies, dating back to the early 1920s, show that vegetarians have lower blood pressure than non-vegetarians. Now you may wonder how this applies to Lent.

Lent is a time to empathize with Christ and be more receptive to those in need around us. Certainly, the defenseless animals suffering on factory farms are in need of our compassion.

I would like to ask everyone to think about reviving the ancient tradition and consider a vegetarian diet for Lent.

Katherine Groff
junior
Badin Hall
Feb. 3



Drinking Coke helps more than the company

As a stockholder in the Coca-Cola Company and a dedicated consumer of their flagship brand, I recognize that I'm not at all an unbiased defender of the corporation, but I'm trying as hard as I can to understand the big fuss over the contest the company is running at Notre Dame.

Should I be shocked — shocked — to find that there's a corporation out there that

wants to make a profit from consumers who are free to choose whether or not to buy, heaven forbid, or that this net profit will amount to a whole \$28,400 for that multi-billion dollar company? Why, think of all the terrible things those men in Atlanta could do with that princely sum! They might have enough to hire a new worker on the line or truck driver at one of their bottling plants. God help us if they use their profit for their college scholarship funds. I wonder how many baby seals \$28,400 can club. We'll probably find out when the contest is over.

How terrible it is that Coca-Cola's sticky-fingered stooges will round students up on their way to class, prod them down into a dark and dank dormitory basement, turn them on their heads so the quarters fall out of their

pockets and right into the machines, then quickly turn them right side up again so they can pour the 20 ounces right down their throats then and there! Is this forced consumption, from which there is no escape, because even in our dining halls there is no refuge to be found in juice, milk or water (because

Coca-Cola owns several thousand fruit orchards, herds of cows and fresh water lakes, and they might be able to buy even more after they get their \$28,400)? Can those who worship at the altar of Dionysian delight no longer find solace at the free fountain of carbonation in the Coleman-Morse Center? Drink Coke — it pays the Coca-Cola

Company ... and its employees ... and helps the charitable and philanthropic work the company does ... and supports this University ... and is appreciated by the investors, more than a couple of whom are forward-thinking, responsible middle-class citizens (and college students) just trying to save for the future.

Will Seath
junior
Morrissey Manor
Feb. 3



Confused about Coca-Cola

In the Feb. 3 edition of The Observer, sophomores Mary Lynch and Kathleen O'Brien wrote a letter expressing their disgust at the current campus competition put on by the Coca-Cola Corporation. In this competition, the dorms with the greatest number of Coca-Cola purchases per resident receive cash prizes. Lynch and O'Brien never settle on a true complaint and deviate their way through the letter all the while misleading students. One aspect of the letter which they did get right is the fact the competition is a promotion aimed to bring more success than past campaigns. How this amounts to exploitation remains unclear. Lynch and O'Brien talk about the ills of society and how advertisements bombard us everywhere we look. If that is their true problem, then excuse the Coca-Cola Corporation for doing what every other company tries to do in promoting their product. Now I am just a lowly freshman, but I heard that there is an area of business that one can study at the Mendoza College of Business. It is called marketing, and a key aspect of marketing (so I've heard) is the advertisement and promotion of one's goods and services. Shame on Coca-Cola then, for coming up with a new and unique approach.

The letter continues to condemn the promotion on campus. What Lynch and O'Brien recognize as free advertising may be true, as the Coca-Cola name is certainly being mentioned. But the newspaper article, the blurb in Stall Notes (and in bold print no less — gasp!) and even the mention at Keough Hall Mass, were all meant to make students aware of the competition going on around campus. This is part of what The Observer and stall notes are meant for, to make students conscious of what is taking place on campus. As a frequent patron of Keough Hall masses, I can also attest that the end of mass brings a period of announcements where various events are mentioned to make the dorm more aware.

Lynch and O'Brien continue by asking the question, "How is Coke not going to make a profit from this campaign?" If one reads the article closely, Coca-Cola never claims to not profit from the campaign. Lynch and O'Brien mistake this in talking about Notre Dame's prestige account in which Coca-Cola is "willing not to focus on profit because the account is more valuable." Keyword: focus. Coca-Cola will

probably see an increase in sales with this promotion and will certainly realize some profits, perhaps not to the extent which Lynch and O'Brien suggest. But why is that such a bad thing? That is how companies and corporations survive and grow in this world. Beyond the possibility that Coca-Cola may earn more revenue is the over-looked fact the corporation is giving back to the Notre Dame community. The Coca-Cola Corporation has done plenty for Notre Dame already. Former Coca-Cola President Don Keough gave money to the University, thus creating Keough Hall, named in honor of his wife. Any of you students out there planning on studying abroad in Ireland can thank the Keough family for creating the program over there. This promotion is in fact quite like the Box-Tops for Education program with which many of our parents are familiar. You buy certain products, cut out and mail in the labels, and the primary or secondary school of your choice receives funding.

As if the argument didn't jump around enough, Lynch and O'Brien warn students about the hazards of Coca-Cola and its sugar content. I'd like to thank them for pointing out the fact to me. In the future, I hope to be enlightened about the hazards of the food I consume at Burger King and Sbarro as well. Those seriously concerned about the sugar content of Coca-Cola have the options of C2 and other Coke products. If you don't like pop/soda/soda pop/whatever you call it, have a bottle of Dasani water instead.

My biggest complaint comes with the idea that Notre Dame students have all been "duped." If you were smart enough to get into Notre Dame, I am sure that you are smart enough to figure out what you want to buy on your own. If Lynch and O'Brien have that much of a problem with the promotion, the solution is simple: Don't participate. Everyone has the option whether they choose to participate or not. Before we go and attack other University sponsors such as adidas and Chevrolet, let's all just sit back and take a deep breath. Have a Coke if you want.

Patrick Coleman
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Keough Hall
Feb. 3

Music of the night

New York Philharmonic debuts at the PAC



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

The New York Philharmonic wowed audience members lucky enough to score tickets on Thursday night at the Performing Arts Center.

By MARIA SMITH and BRANDON HOLLIHAN

Scene Editor and Scene Writer

John Haynes, executive director for the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, strode through the row of violinists towards the center of the stage. With a microphone attached to his tuxedo shirt, he made reference to Thursday night as the most important cultural moment in the history of Notre Dame. He acknowledged those who had made Thursday night's dream a reality — most notably University President Father Edward Malloy and Judd Leighton. The mentioning of their names both received tremendous applause.

"[The PAC] will hopefully be Father Malloy's most lasting and championed installation ... we owe him much gratitude for seeing that this project was done," Haynes said.

After Haynes left the stage, Maestro Lorin Maazel took the podium, and so began the New York Philharmonic's debut performance at the University of Notre Dame.

The Philharmonic performed two works: Antonín Dvorák's Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, "From the New World" and Béla Bartók's "Concerto for Orchestra, BB 123, Sz. 116." The compositions stood in stark contrast to one another, with Dvorák's tonal, very thematic movements compared with Bartók's dissected instrumentation in the concerto. In both cases, the per-

formance by the Philharmonic was dynamic. The first real "wow" moment occurred upon the raucous completion of the first movement in the Dvorák; the orchestra had played so forcefully (particularly the amazing brass section) that one could hear an echo throughout the Leighton after Maazel closed off the movement. One might have wondered whether such a feat had been produced before in the hall. The Philharmonic already had control of its audience.

There were many other beautiful moments throughout the program, such as e-flat clarinetist Mark Nuccio's tender solo in the Largo movement of the Dvorák; the powerful brass in the Dvorák's final movement; and the elaborate work by the strings in much of the Bartók. The violins were intense but quiet enough that an individual harp sounded through and was not drowned in the mix.

Maazel conducted the entire concert without a score in front of him — a sign of both his storied knowledge of the works performed as his reputation as one of the top conductors in the world. His preferred stance, it seems, is to keep his legs a little more than shoulder's width apart, with his hands and wrists in his line of sight. He did this regularly on the more vigorous sections of the program. In fact, this was much of how the final moments of the Bartók were handled. As the tempo increased and various sections throughout the orchestra motives mostly separate from one another,

Maazel assumed his widened stance, leading the Philharmonic with nothing more than the movement of his wrists. In slower movements (particularly the Largo in the Dvorák), he allowed for more flexibility, his body language becoming flexible as well. This added to the tenderness entailed by the music.

The audience — composed of adults and faculty on the floor, with students occupying the balcony and choral areas — received the program with such enthusiasm that Maazel came out for not one, but two encores: Johannes Brahms' world-renowned "Hungarian Dance No. 5" and Dvorák's "Slavonic Dance in B major." Both were played as impeccably as any music aficionado could expect, or perhaps even imagine. The coordination of a group of the most talented musicians in the field, who have played together in countless concerts, became more obvious than ever in such a spontaneous performance. Maazel barely had to prompt his orchestra to begin the piece after returning to the stage. Only after the musicians began to leave the stage did the applause die down.

"I'm not a big music buff, but I loved [the performance]," said student Erin Rogzinski.

"[The concert] was amazing," student Bill Kern said. "It was my first time at a concert here, and the sound is just unbelievable. It's a great opportunity."

Coordination of the Philharmonic's debut at Notre Dame did not entail a

great deal of loopholes, but certain prerequisites had to be fulfilled.

"They had to be on tour to begin with," said Haynes when reached for comment, "and they were very intrigued with the inaugural piece of the new hall. This is the first time they've performed in the state of Indiana."

The stay in South Bend is a brief one for the Philharmonic. "It's a quick in-and-out," violist Vivek Ramath said. "We got here in the afternoon, and we're going to Michigan tomorrow."

Ramath also discussed the Philharmonic's curriculum, citing that they generally perform four concerts a week in New York City, with four rehearsals for each week's program.

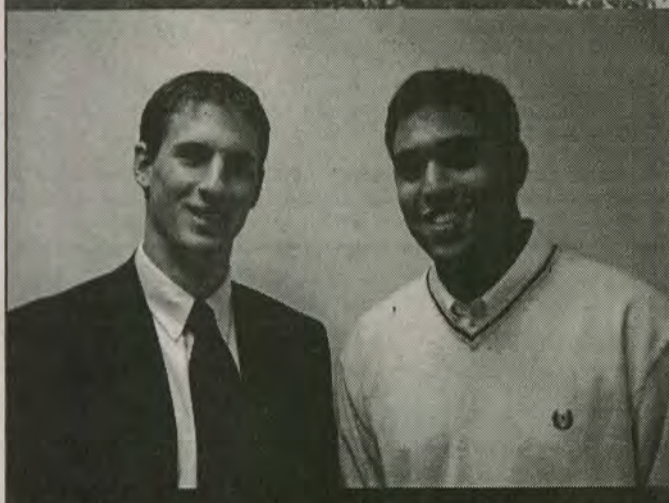
Speaking on what was performed Thursday night, he said, "The repertoire we've done tonight has been done in past weeks." The Dvorák symphony, for instance, was performed frequently when the Philharmonic toured Asia last year.

The engagements here and in Michigan are part of a five-city tour of the Midwest for the Philharmonic, before heading back to New York to repeat Thursday night's program on Tuesday, followed by conductor Riccardo Chailly giving several performances of Gustav Mahler's "Symphony No. 7."

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ELECTION 2005

DAVE BARON*president**vice president* **LIZZI SHAPPELL****Who They Are**

Dave Baron is a junior political science and economics major from Morrissey Manor. Lizzi Shappell is a sophomore political science and peace studies major from Badin Hall.

In Their Words

♦ **Top Priority:** Baron and Shappell are set on securing a concert endowment by the end of their term. With a base of \$100,000, they plan on expanding the fund to \$1 million by soliciting alumni donations, which would yield \$50,000 a year for programming. The endowment would allow student government to bring in the big-name bands and speakers that are out of the current budget's reach.

♦ **First Priority:** The "Catholic Think Tank of America" lecture series is at the top of their list of to-dos. The idea is to invite prominent and diverse Catholic speakers like Alan Keyes, Martin Sheen and even Kanye West to provoke moral and social discussion on campus.

In Our Words

♦ **Best Idea:** The "Catholic Think Tank of America" is a promising idea that could revitalize Notre Dame's academic life. The University needs to capitalize on its reputation as a Catholic and intellectual leader, and its name recognition is more than enough to pull in prominent speakers.

♦ **Worst Idea:** The electronic marquee in LaFortune that would display updates on student government happenings would be a waste of money equal to the purchase of flatscreen TVs for Reckers. Flyers are just as effective, and more cost efficient. Even e-mails, word of mouth, or even handmade posters are better alternatives.

♦ **Most Feasible Idea:** Under the new constitution, creating a Senate Committee on Community Relations to help out with the Notre Dame-South Bend relationship is well within the student body president's power. It's a relatively simple move that has the potential to make a good deal of progress on the issue.

♦ **Least Feasible Idea:** With money spread thin as it is, a Rally Fund would be an extraneous drain on the budget. Clubs that want to protest can use the funds they're already allotted.



♦ **Fun Facts:** Dave has the "bizarre ability" to tell you how to get to any two major U.S. cities by interstate numbers. He proved it with Detroit and L.A. Lizzi, who is 6'0" tall, was the tallest person in her class until senior year of high school.

♦ **Notable Quote:** "Student government has absolutely no power unless they have 8,000 people standing with them." — Dave Baron

Bottom Line

Baron and Shappell are clearly passionate about student government, and their "8,000 Strong" platform concept is indicative of their genuine concern for their peers, from the basketball arena to the student government office to off-campus housing. Rare among politicians, it seems they really believe in what they're saying. Baron made the best of a difficult situation as this administration's chief executive assistant, and has developed into a leader in his own right. Yet he remains the apologetic voice for many of Istvan and Bell's struggles, and Shappell does not bring enough new plans to the table to make up for it.

CRAIG BREDE*president***Who They Are**

Craig Brede is a junior finance and economics major from Alumni Hall. Vijay Ramanan is a junior math and philosophy major from Alumni Hall.

In Their Words

♦ **Top Priority:** Brede and Ramanan plan to establish a separate medium from the University bookstore for students to purchase textbooks, possibly by buying NDBay and operating it through student government. They think cheaper textbooks through this pathway is more realistic than convincing the bookstore to give student discounts.

♦ **First Priority:** First and foremost, they want to finish the Student Course Evaluation (SCE) initiative Ramanan has helped developed over the last few months, and work with OIT to get the program ready over the summer so it can be up and running for the fall semester.

In Our Words

♦ **Best Idea:** Their detailed plan for putting a student (or recent graduate) on the Board of Trustees is by far the most thorough examination of the idea thus far. The Trustees aren't supposed to be political, so their stipulations for a three-year term and application process are in keeping with the purpose of the position.

♦ **Worst Idea:** The idea to install videocameras for dining hall locker security is unnecessary and costly. The number of bookbag thefts doesn't warrant full-scale monitoring.

♦ **Most Feasible Idea:** More designated 24-hour space is a parietals compromise the administration might actually agree to. It's also needed, as Reckers is the only non-dorm 24-hour study space.

♦ **Least Feasible Idea:** Repairing the D6 parking lot to eliminate the "lakes" that gather when it rains is a bigger job than can be achieved in a year, especially since all the work would have to be done over the summer.

♦ **Fun Facts:** Craig is on the fencing team. Vijay can do a "pretty good impression" of Babu Bhatt. They were both captains of their high school tennis

JAMES LEITO*president**vice president* **JORDAN BONGIOVANNI****Who They Are**

James Leito is a junior accounting major and Hesburgh program for public service minor from Siegfried Hall. Jordan Bongiovanni is a junior accounting and philosophy major from Cavanaugh Hall.

In Their Words

♦ **Top Priority:** Leito and Bongiovanni's term goal is to give a Board of Trustees report on putting a student on the Board.

♦ **First Priority:** If elected, they will immediately launch an ad campaign to publicize the existing alternative bookstore methods and use the "lame duck" period to open the channels of communication in student government, and "get on the same page" before they step into office.

In Our Words

♦ **Best Idea:** Their plans for restructuring DART on IrishLink by including search options by day, class time, professor and credit hours as well as improving DARTing for abroad students is plan that's possible and in demand.

♦ **Worst Idea:** Creating an SYR committee to oversee hall dance commissioners would make planning more difficult — not easier — and would add more red tape to a system that was just streamlined.

♦ **Most Feasible Idea:** A plan similar to the "Welcome Weis" tour to introduce the new Irish football coach to campus was organized for Tyrone Willingham, so there's no reason to believe it could be done again.

♦ **Least Feasible Idea:** Though a good sentiment, student government doesn't have the power to organize a University administration question and answer session unless the administration is open to it.

♦ **Fun Facts:** James is colorblind. Jordan couldn't pronounce the word "spaghetti" until she was 11 — "and I'm Italian!"

♦ **Notable Quote:** "People always tell Jordan and I that we're politicians, but we're really business people ... and really nothing gets done if you don't



hold people accountable."

Bottom Line

Leito and Bongiovanni spent six years learning what's missing from student government — and spent the campaign proving they have what it takes to fill in the gaps. As Senators, both sat on the front lines of the ups and downs of the new student union constitution's first year. But it is what they have observed as students, they are quick to point out, that shaped the ideals of their platform and their desire to run for office. Returning accountability to the Office of the President is a lofty but vital goal. This pair has what it takes to accomplish it for the Notre Dame student body.

WILL MARRA*president***Who They Are**

Will is a freshman biology major and Russian minor from Zahm Hall. Pete is a freshman biology major from Zahm Hall.

In Their Words

♦ **Top Priority:** Though not specified on the platform on their Web site, they want to push to get cable internet in the dorms by the end of their term.

♦ **First Priority:** Their initial goal is to get Ecto Cooler running in the dining halls, so students can taste the results as soon as possible.

In Our Words

♦ **Best Idea:** The Ecto Cooler is a nostalgic and tasty idea. If we can have blue Powerade and Fair Trade coffee, why can't Slimer get a chance?

♦ **Worst Idea:** If elected, Marra and Harig say they plan to borrow all the best ideas from all of the other tickets' platforms. Not only is this a weak way out, but they don't know enough about the other candidates' proposal to be able to speak about them in any length, let alone implement them.

♦ **Most Feasible Idea:** The dining halls already have a connection to Hi-C with the Poppin' Pink Lemonade, so securing some Ecto Cooler shouldn't be that difficult.

♦ **Least Feasible Idea:** Their idea of painting high-speed traffic lines to manage congestion at major sidewalk intersections may be appealing to anyone who has ever been clipped by a speeding bike, but the University would neither approve the plan, nor would pedestrians be likely to obey the traffic laws.

♦ **Fun Facts:** Will is "proud to say" he has a condition that causes him to sneeze in the sun. Pete is a self-proclaimed "die-hard Styx fan."

♦ **Notable Quote:** "If you want to get something done, do it yourself. Don't wait for others to do it ... we want to dip our feet in the water now." — Pete Harig

VIJAY RAMANAN*vice president*

teams and watch *The West Wing* together every weekday night.

◆ **Notable Quote:** "It's not being in student government that gives you what you need to get it done in the board room. It's the leadership qualities that are ingrained in you." — Vijay Ramanan

Bottom Line

Brede and Ramanan are dynamic, professional, even compelling. Their desire to be firm, vocal leaders is admirable, and their platform is thick with carefully researched ideas — Young Trustee and an academic speaker endowment in particular — that prove they have what it takes to present solid policies. But despite their thorough approach and knack for leaving a striking impression, it could be difficult for this all-Alumni, limited high-level experience ticket to take leadership of the wider student union.

PETE HARIG*vice president***Bottom Line**

Marra and Harig show ambition by running for office early in their Notre Dame careers, and no one can argue with their creative, entertaining Web site. But there is too much disparity between their platform's lighthearted promises of Ecto Cooler and Sidewalk Traffic Management and their solemn public persona. Politics already has enough split personalities.

MARK HEALY *president**vice president* **BOB COSTA****Who They Are**

Mark Healy is a sophomore computer science major from Zahm Hall. Bob Costa is a freshman American studies major from Zahm Hall.

In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** Healy and Costa call the "center-piece" of their platform an effort to bring big-name concerts to campus. They support developing the concert endowment, but assert they can secure popular bands this semester without it.

◆ **First Priority:** Determined to launch into their term at full-speed, they outlined a nine-point First 30-Days Plan, which includes a full audit of student government expenses and scheduling at least one A-list band to play at Notre Dame.

In Our Words

◆ **Best Idea:** Their "WE ARE" plan to unite Notre Dame students with South Bend through a Campus-Community Clean-Up and week to acquaint students with businesses, community centers and parks of South Bend is a commendable idea. It allows students to

◆ **Worst Idea:** If the idea is rejected by OIT, Healy has promised to go around and personally equip all 24-hour spaces with wireless Internet. It's not exactly the best way to make friends in the administration, and could definitely have some feasibility issues.

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** Their push for better publicity for student government elections so more people can be involved in the various organizations is definitely workable. They can expand upon the Judicial Council's efforts during this year's presidential campaign.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** As part of their First 30 Days, they promise to do a full audit of the student government within the first month of their term. Even with enough dedication and motivation, the student government includes so many organizations and budget intricacies that the time frame isn't realistic.



◆ **Fun Facts:** Mark is a DJ on WVFI radio. Bob has been to over 300 concerts in his life for free.

◆ **Notable Quote:** "You look at the other tickets and you see the outsiders and you see the insiders — I think Mark and I take the third way." — Bob Costa

Bottom Line

Healy and Costa get credit for knowing what they want and going after it. Their intense focus on attracting top-level performers to Notre Dame resulted in a platform that is heavy on connections to John Mayer and Dave Matthews Band, but flimsy when it comes to non-programming areas. Their self-confidence is slightly excessive, especially when it comes to their plans for approaching University officials and the Board of Trustees. But since the young pair's ruthless motivation is warranted when it comes to concerts, Healy and Costa would do well to refocus their attention on Student Union Board leadership.

ALEC WHITE *president**vice president* **ERIK POWERS****Who They Are**

Alec White is a sophomore math and Spanish major from Sorin Hall. Erik Powers is an English and American studies major from Sorin Hall.

In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** Because they find student government too accessible, their long-term goal is to move student government offices to North Quad and surround them with a tall hedge guarded by a minotaur, to whom full health and dental insurance will be provided.

◆ **First Priority:** Concerned with the status of women at Notre Dame, White and Powers are striving to ensure women's suffrage in the student body presidential elections.

In Our Words

◆ **Best Idea:** Notre Dame could definitely benefit from their plan to force people to make a new friend every week.

◆ **Worst Idea:** A tough choice, but melting down the Golden Dome to make gold teeth for dining hall workers is the worst.

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** Selling small, individually wrapped balloons on campus is an easy promise to fulfill.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** Actually making quarter dogs out of quarters is not only impossible, but unappetizing as well.

◆ **Fun Facts:** Alec worked as a whitewater raft guide last summer and has the same initials as A&W Root Beer. Erik has a comb-over right now.

◆ **Notable Quote:** "We make people smile a little bit more ... and we're smiling back." — Alec White

Bottom Line

White and Powers went the joke ticket extra mile with their 65 "points of light upon a hill," which ranged from the funny (buy a Ouija board to communicate with the Gipper) to the sacrilegious (sell fertility monitors in LaFortune) to the offensive (melt down the Golden Dome to make gold teeth



for dining hall workers). But — often thankfully — few of these ideas could actually happen.

The Observer endorses Leito-Bongiovanni

Call it a race between insiders. All six tickets competing in Monday's student body presidential elections exhibit at least minimal prior involvement in student government, from class councils to SUB to Student Senate to the Office of the President itself. But only the James Leito-Jordan Bongiovanni ticket demonstrates the drive to convert the pair's experience into decisive action on behalf of the student body.

Six combined years in student government have shown Leito and Bongiovanni exactly what happens when a student union operates without accountability. Their frustration with the current administration's hesitance to hold leaders accountable is apparent. Their astonishment at the wasted potential for productivity is genuine. And because of their straightforward approach and solid platform, their pledge to reverse these trends — which account for many students' complaints about stu-

dent government — is convincing.

Leito and Bongiovanni do not try to win over their constituents with flashy new plans and promises of instant gratification. Indeed, they are quick to admit that most of the ideas on their platform have been languishing on the second floor of LaFortune for months or years — it's just that an administration has yet to aggressively pursue the research and follow-through required to make these ideas a reality.

The ticket's student trustee and programming endowment plans are the two best examples of this pattern. Asking the Board of Trustees to accept the student body president into its ranks — exactly as Leito did last year as Charlie Ebersol's running mate — obviously sounds attractive. But respecting the Board enough to dedicate their entire term in office to

earning the credibility to make that request sounds realistic. Similarly, increasing the concert and speaker endowment to \$5 million sounds like a dream come true to those craving a return U2 tour stop. But researching the possible strength of combining funding from student government, the development office and the alumni association sounds like a down-to-earth vision.

It is tricky to pit experience against experience. The Dave Baron-Lizzi Shappell and Craig Brede-Vijay Ramanan tickets also carry their share of thorough research and insider analysis. But Baron, now the chief executive assistant to student body president Adam Istvan and vice president Karla Bell, suffers from his association with this administration's sluggishness. Brede and Ramanan are politically savvy but lack the top-level hands-on expe-







rience necessary to alter student government from the inside out.

The Mark Healy-Bob Costa ticket is improved from the Healy of his freshman year, but their intense focus on A-list bands undermines the trustworthiness of the rest of their lofty plans. And the Will Marra-Pete Harig and Alec White-Erik Powers tickets bring levity, a minotaur and Ecto Cooler to the race, but not much else.

Leito and Bongiovanni present a platform that they fully researched with administrators, faculty and students, and that only promises what they can deliver. Their own hard work over the past three years has left them with an unshakable belief in accountability. They want to be the driven, ambitious leaders that students deserve, and there is no reason to believe they won't.

The Observer endorses James Leito and Jordan Bongiovanni for student body president and vice president.

The Observer Editorial

THE OBSERVER'S TAKE ON THE ISSUES: CHEERS, JEERS AND POLITE APPLAUSE	PROGRAMMING ENDOWMENT	STUDENT ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	TECHNOLOGY IN DORMS	BOOKSTORE ISSUES	TICKET DISTRIBUTION	OFF-CAMPUS ISSUES
 <p>Baron & Shappell</p>	They hope to expand on the \$100,000 allotment by soliciting alumni donations and reaching out to coordinate tours with other Midwestern schools. In the meantime, they'll increase SUB's concert budget.	They support the idea of adding a non-voting student to the Board, but only if the BOT continues to allow student government's tri-annual presentation to the Board's Student Affairs Committee.	They also want to push for the pilot printer program to expand into all dorms; they say they need to do more complete research on getting cable through the current Ethernet connection.	They want to develop an online used book exchange and possibly pursue an increase in student discount days to once or twice a month. Have discussed this with bookstore.	Want to put TicketShare on the Web and add a half-season ticket package option.	They want to decrease "townie and ND stigma" through their Senate Committee on Community Relations, and plan to implement an off-campus safety seminar and an off-campus security alert system.
 <p>Brede & Ramanan</p>	If the money is available without slashing funds for CLC transportation, they want to put it towards an academic speaker endowment.	They want the student to be "the best the University has to offer," incorporating a three-year term and nominating committee. Theirs is the most professional and respectful approach of the tickets.	They want to expand the pilot printer program to all dorms, and get copy stations not in every dorm but in key locations.	They want to cap the max amount you can spend per course — will be flexible with alternatives — but say they must take a stand for the "extreme cases."	They want to actually monitor the TicketShare program and make sure it's filling the seats.	They want to increase representation for off-campus students by adding a second off-campus senator and president as representatives of specific housing regions.
 <p>Healy & Costa</p>	They say they know they'll meet resistance on the issue, but it doesn't matter because they can get big names without one. Students should be cautious when trusting them blindly.	They like the idea and think it'll help the Board give better press. They want to directly contact Father Jenkins about it when Jenkins doesn't control the Board, it's the other way around.	If OIT says no, Healy wants to install wireless Internet himself. This could be a difficult and possibly respectful move on his part.	They want the bookstore to post buyback prices online and try to enlist administration to get more than one student discount day a semester.	They want to simplify it so students only have to go to the ticket office once, but they don't give any specifics for how they'll implement the plan.	Their "WE ARE" plan could actually improve ND students' image in the community.
 <p>Leito & Bongiovanni</p>	Leito thinks the goal should be \$5 million, with yields of \$100-200,000 per year and wants to make it a priority for the development office.	They claim to understand the position of BOT and want to use their entire term in office to prove they are worthy of the Board's respect in return before asking for the addition of a student trustee.	They want to find ways to overcome the "satellite eyesore" aspect of getting cable in dorms, which they have already discussed with OIT officials. They also want to get student input about a payment plan.	They want to pursue a student discount in a once-a-month, non-football weekend or anything but textbooks format. They also want to better publicize alternative methods as described above.	They want to sell student season tickets before individual game tickets, and to convince the athletic department to allow students to enter the game after tipoff.	They support off-campus security alerts and seminars to teach off-campus students basic skills but provide no original ideas.
 <p>Marra & Harig</p>	They claim to be "all for the idea," but have no plan for it.	They think it's outside of student government's power, which is, at least, a realistic view.	They like the idea of dorm printers, but haven't done specific research.	Again, they are "all for pursuing" a new NDBay, but have no plan of how to get it done.	They first said "if you really wanted tickets you should've been able to get them." But then they blamed the JACC's seating without research into changing it.	They want to get the SafeBus up and running, when even the plan's proposers admit it needs to be approached from a different angle.
 <p>White & Powers</p>	They support increasing the quality of events like An Tostal, but have no real idea for how to do it.	They want the student to have a matching desk, chandelier and patch of carpeting, too.	They want to put wheels on the dorms. Carroll residents might like it, but it's not going to happen.	They want to raise prices and let students pay in blood, limbs, appendages. Ouch.	They want to have student actors reenact basketball games for those who can't get tickets.	They think inviting the neighbors over for a beer will solve everything.

Saddle up for some laughs

Keenan Revue rolls into town for 29th year

By LAUREN WENDEL
Scene Writer

There are a few signs around South Bend marking the end of winter — spring break trip planning, Mardi Gras, those 10 minutes of extra sunlight and the always controversial but always entertaining Keenan Revue. This 29th performance of the Revue is slightly tamer than years past, but does not disappoint with its satirical remarks on campus life, modern society and religion. Nothing is safe or sacred for this group of young men who poke fun at everything from off-campus parties to Jeopardy!, the male anatomy, dining hall workers and even Jesus.

Keenan residents have been performing the Revue since 1976 when original creators Tom Lenz and Rick Thomas noticed the musical and comedic talents of fellow hall mates during a basement talent show. The escapades did not end here but rather developed into a campus-wide tradition, annually drawing 4,000 spectators from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross. This year is no differ-

ent for the Revue. Tickets, free with a student I.D., disappeared within the first 23 minutes of distribution last week.

All of the skits are written and performed by over half the residents of Keenan Hall, who often spend two weeks devoted to perfecting their ideas for this signature event. Although Revue staffers often reject a large number of these ideas early in the process, the residents still manage to create an off-the-wall, humorous and sometimes crude two-hour show.

"This year we had a high number of skits audition — 110," Revue producer Andy Grau said, "and out of those 110, only 14 make the actual show."

Director Dave Fotopoulos and his staff of producers, writers, stage managers, choreographers, designers and countless other volunteers have been working for several months to make this year's show memorable. This year's "Wild Wild West" theme has been discussed in years past but finally chosen in part to the rise in the popularity of poker, the O.C. and Las Vegas.

The opening includes a cartoon-like showdown between a "Grimo" and a

group of Hispanics which ends in fake gunfire. It continues with a cover of the Darkness' hit "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" complete with the only male strip of the entire show.

Inspiration for most of the ideas comes from topical news and events around campus and the dorm. In recent years, the topics of many skits were victims of strict censorship. Due in part to these regulations, this year's show is tamer in many arenas, with fewer dorm and Saint Mary's jabs. This may leave many expecting the usual Revue fare disappointed, but allows room for a more sophisticated writing style lifting the Revue to a new level of comedic genius. Head writers John Hart and Todd McBride create a fresh, lively and hilarious set of skits that will please, as well as offend, the majority of the audience.

The first act includes the smartly written "Le magicien triste" (the sad magician) and well-acted "Master cheese Theater." There are a few jokes about Brady Quinn, underage drinking and the administration, but don't expect the usual barrage of insults of previous Revue performances.

Musical interludes of favorite childhood television shows such as "Hey Dude" and "Captain Planet" keep the audience entertained in between skits as well as add nostalgia to the show.

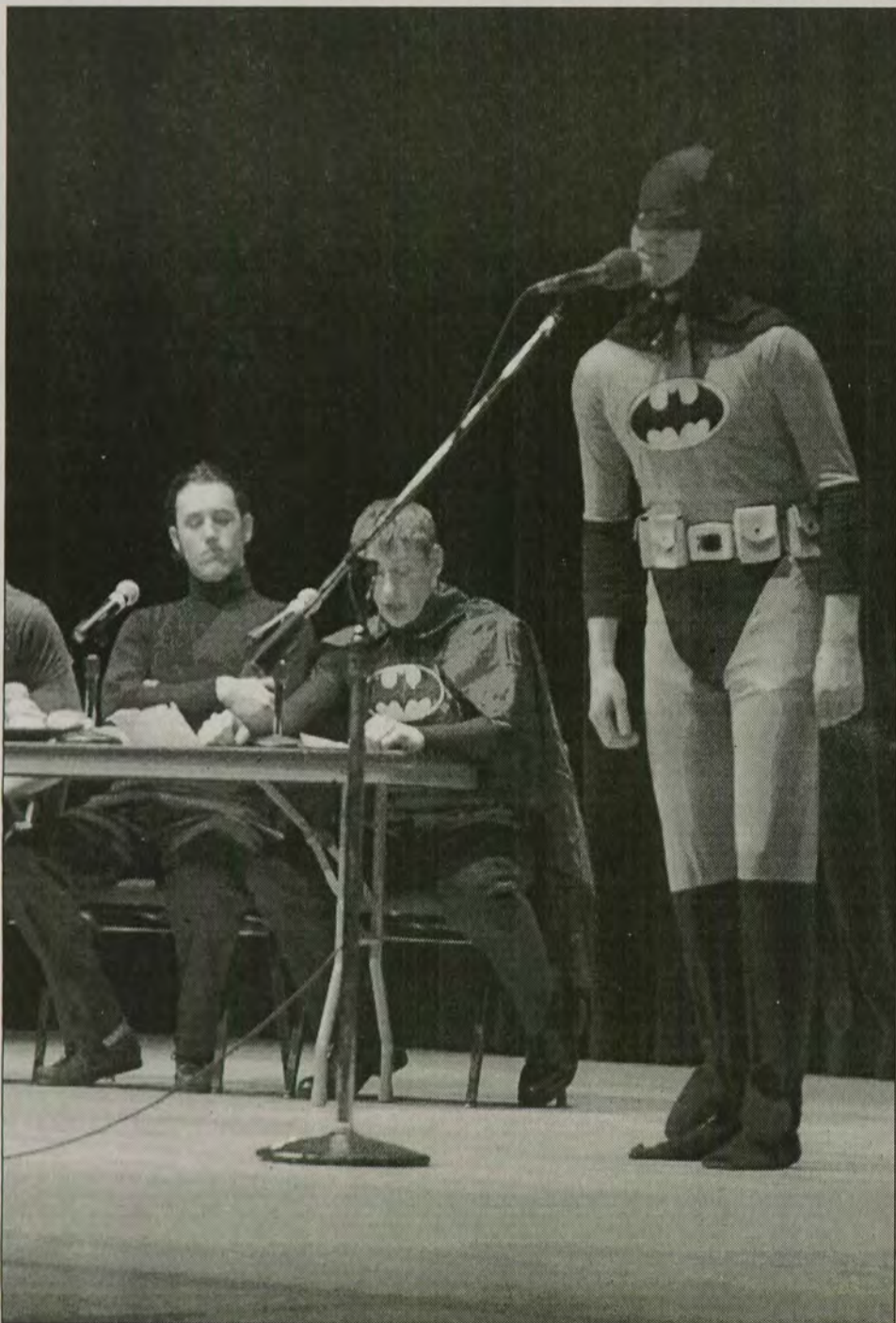
The second act continues with Jeff Stephens' rendition of "I Have a Dream" as well as one male student's personal diary of his self discovery during freshman year. "6 p.m. Meeting at the YMCA," Keenan Revue News and a homoerotic workout session continue to delight the crowd and keep the show moving. The clever "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" rounds out the show and is possibly the best written skit of the evening.

There is a little bit of humor for every whim, a goal for this year's staff.

"We wanted a variety of comedy, nothing that would be too risqué or not funny to the majority," Grau said. Fotopoulos echoed this sentiment deeming the show a success "if everyone is entertained."

Indeed this year's Keenan Revue is a comedic success.

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Left, a few superheroes made their way into the Keenan Revue. Top right, a workout session was also included, as was some crossdressing, bottom right.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

North Carolina cruises to victory against rival N.C. State

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — North Carolina freshman Marvin Williams made 3-pointers, drove to the basket and did everything in between. He punctuated his coming-out party with a spectacular dunk, where he posed in the air with his left hand behind his head.

And it all came after he spent a good portion of the day in bed recovering from the flu.

"He's a freak," teammate Rashad McCants said.

Williams had a season-high 20 points, McCants scored 18 and Sean May had another double-double, helping the second-ranked Tar Heels beat North Carolina State 95-71 on Thursday night.

With the illness circulating through the team, Williams joined coach Roy Williams in taking intravenous fluids before the game.

"He got it on Saturday night, and I didn't get it until Monday night," Roy Williams said. "Hopefully, three days from now, I'll look like Marvin."

Raymond Felton reached 1,000 career points and added 10 assists for North Carolina (18-2, 7-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), which has won 18 of its past 19 games. May finished with 16 points and 14 rebounds to make up for leading scorer Jawad Williams finishing with six points, 10 under his average.

"I'm comfortable," Marvin Williams said. "I feel like I can shoot 'em. I take them when they're open."

The Tar Heels improved to 11-0 at home with a familiar formula — jump to an early lead, then close it with a dominant run early in the second half. This time, they shot 66 percent and led 51-32 at halftime, with McCants, May and Marvin Williams already in double figures.

"Anytime you score 90 points on a team that wants to score in the 50s and 60s, you've really got the game under control," May said.

Julius Hodge had 18 points but couldn't keep the Wolfpack (13-8, 3-5) from falling to 3-7 in their past 10 games. The trouble started when point guard Tony Bethel contracted colitis after a 2-week battle with the flu, and he sat out four games.

He only returned to the lineup full-time in N.C. State's previous game against Clemson, and in this one, Bethel played 35 minutes and scored 16 points.

"The guys are battling and really have a terrific mind-set," N.C. State coach Herb Sendek said. "Our group has been through a tremendous amount. The resiliency and character has been admirable, it really has."

Even with Bethel, the Wolfpack had very few answers for the Tar Heels. Reserve David Noel finished off a steal in the first half with a reverse dunk, and Marvin Williams might have topped him with his highlight-package dunk during the big spurt in the final 20 minutes.

Later, with walk-ons and other little-used players finishing out the blowout, several teammates were mimicking Williams' move on the bench. "He is awesome," Sendek said. "I don't think there is anything he can't do."

It's an opinion shared by those who see Marvin Williams every day in practice.

"At the beginning of the season, I think he was a little hesitant to take some shots and now he's just playing," May said. "Now, he's starting to realize that he has a little more freedom and can do more things. The kid's unbelievable."

With the victory secure, Roy Williams spent the final minutes relaxed on the bench, and he certainly needed the break. He's been bothered by that viral infection the past couple of days, and struggled through a post-game interview session with very little strength in his voice.

"The best thing that happened is that my team played their butts off and that certainly made me feel a lot better," he said.

No. 13 Washington 99, Southern California 69

Tre Simmons scored a career-high 29 points and Jamaal Williams added 21 to lead No. 13 Washington to a victory over Southern California on Thursday night, giving the Huskies their best start in nearly three decades.

Washington (18-3, 8-2 Pac-10) is just off the pace of the 1975-76 team that started 19-2.

Simmons scored from the outside, on the fastbreak and by driving down the lane. He was 11-of-21 from the field and hit six 3-pointers. He had six rebounds and three assists.

Williams was effective inside and finished 9-of-10 from the field. Will Conroy posted his second career double-double with 13 points and 10 assists for the Huskies, while Mike

Jensen scored 10 points.

Lodrick Stewart had 13 points for the Trojans (9-12, 2-8), who have lost three straight.

Aggressive pressure defense forced Southern Cal into 24 turnovers.

The Trojans led by five points when Williams took over in the paint and led the Huskies on a 21-5 run. He had nine points in the spurt that gave Washington a 31-20 lead with 6:25 to play in the half.

Southern Cal cut the lead to four points, but Washington ended the half with a dunk-filled 16-2 run that made it 47-29 at halftime.

No. 17 Gonzaga 68, Saint Mary's 64

Adam Morrison listened to what was said in Gonzaga's locker room at halftime. Then went out and did it.

Morrison scored the first six points of the second half and No. 17 Gonzaga wiped out a 12-point deficit on the way to a victory over Saint Mary's on Thursday night.

The Gaels' 38-26 halftime lead didn't last and neither did the way both teams were shooting. Gonzaga held Saint Mary's to two field goals over the final 12 minutes and avenged an earlier loss to the Gaels.

"Don't hang your heads," Morrison recounted when asked what was said at halftime. "We're playing pretty good 'D.' We need to rebound and play smarter."

Morrison and point guard Derek Raivio each scored 19 points for the Bulldogs (16-4, 6-2 West Coast Conference), who were 15-for-25 from the field in the second half while holding the Gaels to 7-for-29 shooting over the final 20 minutes.

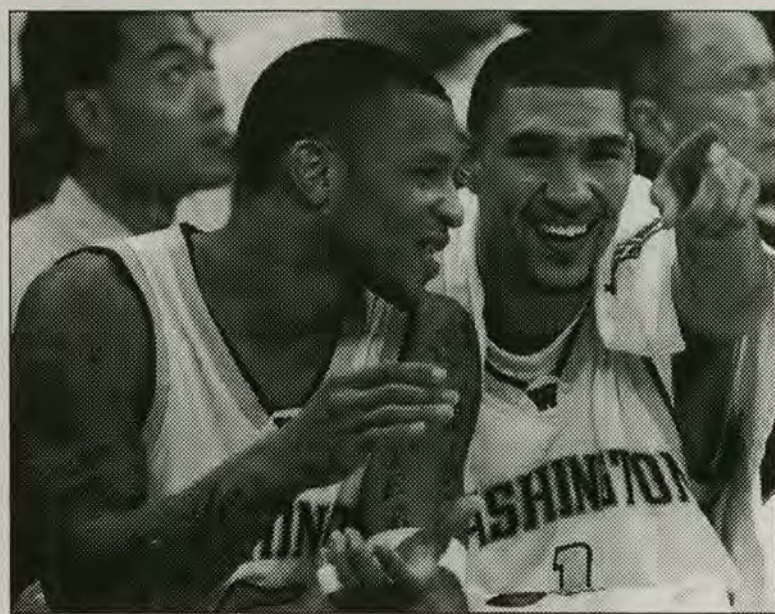
"We had to prove to them they were not going to beat us at home," Morrison said.

Saint Mary's (19-6, 6-2) was trying to become the first WCC team to beat Gonzaga twice in a season since San Diego in 1997.

"I hope we understand that defense is the key to having a great year," said Ronny Turiaf, who had 14 points and nine rebounds for Gonzaga.

Paul Marigney, who scored 30 points in Saint Mary's 89-81 win over Gonzaga on Jan. 8, picked up his fourth foul early in the second half and finished with 10 points before fouling out.

"I think we got up a bit and felt comfortable and relaxed a bit," Marigney said. "And we



Washington guards Tre Simons, right, and Will Conroy celebrate late in the second half of their win over Southern California.

didn't make shots down the stretch."

E.J. Rowland, who led Saint Mary's with 18 points, said he knew it was only a matter of time for the Zags to make a run in the second half.

"Morrison made a couple of baskets and got them going," Rowland said. "We had some lapses."

"It came down to we let them get back in it too easy," Saint Mary's coach Randy Bennett said. "We didn't do a good job of handling their press."

Saint Mary's led most of the game until a late 12-3 run by the Bulldogs gave them a 65-59 lead they did not relinquish.

Sean Mallon's putback and free throw for Gonzaga tied the game at 56 with 6:01 left. Gonzaga stole the ball on the next play and Turiaf's layup gave the Bulldogs their first lead.

No. 14 Arizona 97, California 76

Channing Frye had 20 points and seven rebounds and No. 14 Arizona beat California on Thursday night.

Salim Stoudamire contributed 17 points, Hassan Adams had 15 and Mustafa Shakur added 10 for the Wildcats (18-4, 8-2), who kept pace with Washington atop the Pac-10 standings. Arizona won for the 15th time in 17 games, but the previous outing was one of its worst in decades — a lead-blowing debacle at home against Washington State, which had lost 38 in a row to the Wildcats.

The Wildcats came in with an edge, and it showed as they improved to 9-0 when scoring at least 80 points.

Richard Midgley led the Golden Bears (11-9, 4-6) with 18 points and six rebounds. Rod Benson had 12 points and Martin Smith 11 for Cal, which had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Reserves played the final 5 minutes after Jesus Verdejo, who had just entered the game, made a 3-pointer with 5:22 to go, giving the Wildcats an 86-58 lead, their biggest of the game.

The Bears got as close as they were going to get 23 seconds into the second half, when Benson's layup cut their deficit to 46-35.

But that triggered an 18-4 run in which the Wildcats scored the last 11 points to take a 64-39 lead with 13:48 to go on a 3-pointer by Stoudamire.

Martin Smith made two 3-pointers during a 12-1 surge that got Cal within 65-51 with 10:07 left while Arizona coach Lute Olson mixed younger players and starters.

But Arizona came out of it with Frye, Shakur and Adams back on the floor. Frye and Shakur scored off fast breaks, and Adams, the Pac-10 steals leader, had one of his four and dunked to open a 73-53 lead with 8:31 to go.

Cal struggled early against Arizona's zone defense, missing its first seven shots while the Wildcats raced to an 11-0 lead over the opening 4:06.

Stoudamire, anxious to redeem himself after missing all five 3-point attempts during a 4-of-14 night against Washington State, had 12 points in the first half as the Wildcats took a 46-33 lead.

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NFL

T.O. is key, but no turnovers is crucial

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — To win the Super Bowl, the Philadelphia Eagles need lots of T.O. and no T.Os.

Of course, with All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens coming off six weeks on the sidelines with a leg injury and the Patriots' penchant for forcing turnovers, that's not such a simple formula.

At least Owens will be available for the first time since Dec. 19 and was listed as a starter for Sunday's title game. He even caught several long passes in practice Thursday.

Now he has to be a contributor, because T.O. as a decoy isn't likely to work against the Pats for more than, say, one play.

"That is just like putting Shaq on the court and not giving him the ball," Owens said.

"First of all, T.O. IS going to be a decoy," Donovan McNabb added, smiling broadly. "We are not going to throw him the ball, so that makes me Allen Iverson."

Not quite, McNabb, who also played basketball at Syracuse, won't be ignoring his prime target anymore than the Patriots will. While Freddie Mitchell, Todd Pinkston and Greg Lewis have performed relatively well in Owens' absence, they could be overmatched by the Patriots' defensive alignments that tend to hide any weaknesses.

So T.O. will need to be a strong semblance of, well, T.O.

"I am excited to see that he still has that drive, that determination to get back out there on the field," McNabb said. "I am not saying he is going to be fully at 100 percent, but when you get so close to this ultimate dream and know that you are at 85-90 percent, the first thing that comes to mind when you get out there is calming yourself down. I am sure his adrenaline is going to be at a high. He will probably be bouncing around the locker room. But if he can control that and have the full confidence in the ankle, as well as the mind-set, T.O. will be back to the old T.O."

Which means a playmaker. Owens, acquired from San Francisco to be the gamebreaker the Philadelphia offense lacked, was just that for almost 14 games. He had 77 recep-

tions for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs. He required double and even triple coverage.

If that is the Owens who shows up in Alltel Stadium, it significantly multiplies Philly's chances to win its first NFL crown since 1960. And even if he isn't fully healthy, he could still be a factor.

Indeed, T.O.'s mere presence on the field should give the Eagles a lift.

"When I'm in there, I am going to play 100 percent. Anytime I am on the field, I expect to have an impact," he said.

Not surprisingly, the Patriots are preparing for a fully fit, ultradangerous Owens. They certainly won't be intimidated by him, not after the way they shut down MVP Peyton Manning and the Colts in the playoffs.

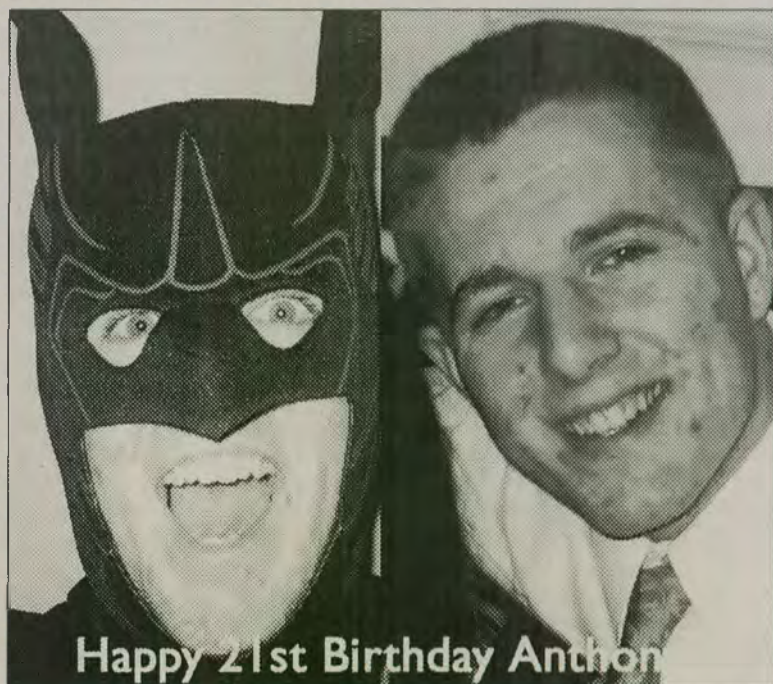
New England, despite being without its top two cornerbacks (Ty Law and Tyrone Poole) for months, tends to get the best of any matchups because of the brilliance of coach Bill Belichick's schemes.

So don't be surprised to see linebacker Tedy Bruschi or safety Rodney Harrison or perhaps a lineman dropping into coverage during a zone blitz to help cornerbacks Asante Samuel or Randall Gay — or even wideout Troy Brown, who had three interceptions as a fill-in nickel back.

"Players make plays," Harrison said. "If you don't make plays, what is a scheme? You can engineer a great car, but if you don't have the people putting it together, the car won't turn out to be anything. I think the main thing that our coaches have is a great awareness of our strengths and weaknesses and they play to that."

Whether Owens has a major role Sunday or is a minor player, the Eagles can't afford to hand the ball to the Patriots. Philly's 22 giveaways during the season were five fewer than New England's, which is encouraging for the Eagles. But the Patriots had 36 takeaways to their 28.

In the playoffs, New England already has seven takeaways. In winning two of the last three Super Bowls, the Pats committed only one turnover and forced four.



MLB

Sosa ready to start over in role with new team

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — He signed autographs, praised manager Lee Mazzilli and took great care in avoiding use of the word "I" when discussing his goals for this year.

Still smarting from the backlash of his final days with the Chicago Cubs, Sammy Sosa was determined to make a good first impression with the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday. He really didn't have to try so hard, because the Orioles clearly were delighted to have him on their side.

The trade that sent Sosa from the Cubs became official after commissioner Bud Selig approved the deal and the slugger passed his physical. Chicago received second baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. and two minor leaguers, second baseman Mike Fontenot and right-handed pitcher Dave Crouthers.

Sosa has 574 home runs, seventh on the career list, and will almost certainly join the exclusive 600-homer club this season. He insisted that reaching the milestone is secondary to becoming an integral part of his new club.

"The 600 is going to come. What's important to me is to have a great relationship with my manager and the whole team," he said. "I'm not thinking about 600. I'm thinking about being comfortable, relaxed and to be loved again."

Sosa was once revered in Chicago, but the relationship between him and the fans began to deteriorate two years ago when he was caught using a corked bat. Last season was worse — Sosa complained about being dropped to sixth in the batting order by manager Dusty Baker and walked out on the team before the conclusion of the final game.

The Cubs didn't want to go through more of the same this year, so they literally paid the Orioles to take him off their hands.

"I feel sad that it had to end the way that it did," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "Obviously, he made some mistakes late in the year. But he really deserves a better fate than has been cast upon him the last couple of months."

Hendry hopes Cubs fans remember Sosa for his bright smile, boyish enthusiasm and potent bat.

"I'm hoping he will not be viewed as someone who did a lot of wrong things in his last few months on the job," Hendry said. "He was great to the fans for a lot of years, and that's how he

should be viewed. When he's done, we're going to talk about 600, maybe 700 home runs, and certainly a place in Cooperstown. He did a lot of good things."

Sosa loved his 13 years with the Cubs, yet he happily put all that behind him upon joining the Orioles.

"I gave Chicago everything that I have. It was a beautiful experience for my wife and family," he said. "I had a great time in Chicago, but you have to move on. This is my new house, and I love it."

Sosa enjoyed his time in Chicago, but is eager to start anew.

"My legacy is there, but I haven't finished yet. The best of Sammy Sosa is coming now," he said. "I wanted to finish my career there, but it didn't happen. I'm here now in Baltimore and I'm going to win the crowd."

The Cubs will pay \$16.15 million of the \$25 million Sosa was still owed under his \$72 million, four-year agreement, according to details obtained by The Associated Press. Baltimore is responsible for just \$8.85 million of Sosa's \$17 million salary this year, with the Cubs paying the rest.

The Orioles have him under contract for only one year, but Sosa said he wants to finish his career in Baltimore. If he performs up to expectations, an extension is a distinct possibility.

"He's got the drive, the determination, the will to win," Mazzilli said. "I think the people of Baltimore will be very excited this summer. It's a good time for us."

And for the Cubs. "It's a good situation for Sammy, it's a good situation for the Baltimore Orioles and it's also something we feel is in our best interests," Hendry said.

Chicago made an immediate move to shore up its lineup, agreeing to a one-year contract with Jeremy Burnitz that guarantees the outfielder \$5 million.

Even though his bat isn't as potent as it was five years ago, the 36-year-old Sosa hit 35 homers in only 126 games last season.

"A lot of people say my numbers are down," he said, "but I was out for almost 40 games and I hit 35 home runs. C'mon."

The Orioles entered the off-season looking for a right-handed power hitter, and Sosa should provide some pop in the cleanup spot batting behind Miguel Tejada and ahead of Rafael Palmeiro.

"It's one of the best lineups in the game," Orioles vice president Mike Flanagan said.

Burnitz going to Chicago

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Don't look for Jeremy Burnitz to go sprinting out to right field at the start of the game or hop when he hits a home run.

He may be the man replacing Sammy Sosa, but he's not going to try and be Sammy Sosa.

"If we play well and everybody does good, it'll all be fine," the outfielder said Wednesday after agreeing to a \$5 million, one-year contract with the Cubs.

The Cubs finally completed their deal that sent Sosa to the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday afternoon. Chicago is paying \$16.15 million of the \$25 million Sosa was still owed under his \$72 million, four-year agreement, according to details obtained by The Associated Press.

In return, the Cubs get Jerry Hairston Jr., second baseman Mike Fontenot and right-hander Dave Crouthers.

But that still left them with a hole in the outfield. Though general manager Jim Hendry said he considered Magglio Ordonez, the former White Sox All-Star was looking for more money and a longer contract than the Cubs were willing to give.

So Hendry focused on Burnitz, a player he'd tried to get in 2003. Burnitz is a career .254 hitter with 275 home runs and 845 RBIs in 11-plus seasons in the majors, and he's hit at least 30 homers in six of the last seven years.

He had one of his best years in 2004, leading the Colorado Rockies with 37 homers and finishing second with 110 RBIs. He also hit .307 with runners on base.

"We changed the complexion of our ballclub a little bit," Hendry said. "It makes our club more left-handed, more versatile. It gives Dusty a variety of things to do in the outfield, gives us a lot of balance."

We got better defensively in a lot of ways.

"We feel good about the changes that were made."

Under terms of the deal, Burnitz will make \$4.5 million this year. There is a mutual \$7 million option for 2006 that includes a \$500,000 buyout. Burnitz doesn't get the buyout if the team exercises the option and he declines it.

The contract also includes \$250,000 per year in performance bonuses based on games started.

The Cubs had been looking to deal Sosa since the end of the season, when the slugger skipped out on the final game. Sosa then lashed out at manager Dusty Baker the next day, saying he'd been made the scapegoat for the Cubs' failings.

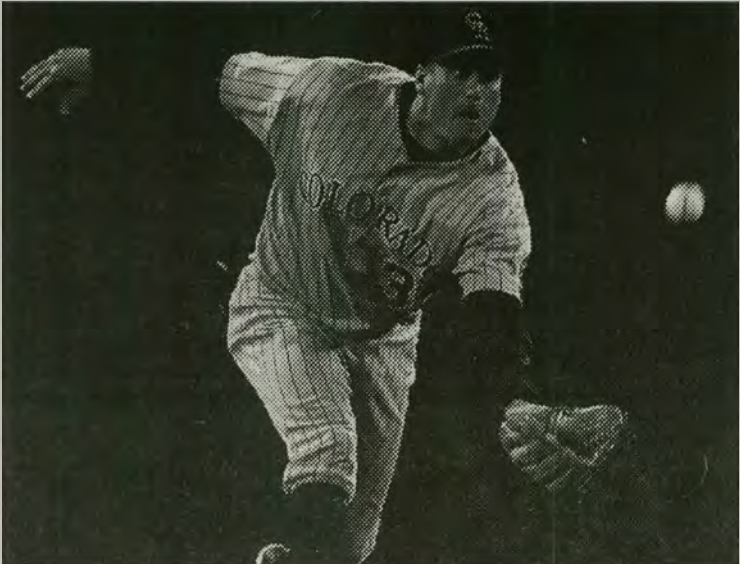
Though everyone said the bad feelings could have been repaired with a good heart-to-heart at spring training, it was a distraction the Cubs didn't need.

"I just really hope Sammy does well and I just hope he's happy," Baker said. "I hope it helps us. I hope it helps everybody."

The Cubs don't have to worry about getting attitude from Burnitz or Hairston. Burnitz is known as a good clubhouse guy, a friendly, laid-back sort who will fit in well. Hairston is young and personable, and thrilled to be returning to his hometown.

Hairston's father and grandfather played for the crosstown rival White Sox, and he grew up in suburban Naperville.

"I have a lot of friends and family in Chicago," he said. "I'm really excited, but I think they might be more excited — if that's possible."



Jeremy Burnitz reaches for a ball in a game last season. The Cubs signed him to a one-year deal Thursday.

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ITA Men's Tennis Poll

	team	record	points
1	Baylor (9)	3-0	675
2	UCLA	6-0	666
3	Florida	1-0	657
4	Georgia	2-0	648
5	Illinois	2-0	639
6	Mississippi	1-0	630
7	Stanford	2-0	621
8	USC	3-1	612
9	Duke	2-0	603
10	Virginia	2-0	594
11	Ohio State	2-0	585
12	LSU	3-0	576
13	Kentucky	2-0	567
14	VCU	7-0	558
15	Texas A&M	2-0	544
16	TCU	1-0	541
17	Tulane	2-0	532
18	Washington	4-0	515
19	Vanderbilt	4-0	507
20	Arkansas	2-1	504
21	Auburn	0-0	492
22	Tennessee	3-0	474
23	Harvard	2-0	467
24	Pepperdine	3-1	464
25	NOTRE DAME	6-0	454

ITA Women's Tennis Poll

	team	record	points
1	Stanford (8)	1-0	600
2	Florida	2-0	592
3	Clemson	1-0	584
4	UCLA	3-0	574
5	Northwestern	3-1	570
6	Vanderbilt	4-0	567
7	USC	2-0	566
8	Duke	2-0	544
9	Texas	1-0	536
10	Tulane	1-1	528
11	Washington	5-0	520
12	Miami (Fla.)	1-0	518
13	Georgia	3-0	498
14	Kentucky	3-1	490
15	North Carolina	4-0	485
16	Texas A&M	1-2	472
17	California	2-0	460
18	Tennessee	2-2	450
19	TCU	0-0	449
20	NOTRE DAME	3-1	440
21	Michigan	2-2	432
22	Fresno State	1-0	422
23	LSU	4-0	410
24	New Mexico	0-1	402
25	BYU	5-1	394

Men's College Basketball Big East Standings

team	conf.	overall
Boston College	8-0	19-0
Syracuse	7-1	20-2
Pittsburgh	5-2	15-3
Georgetown	6-3	14-6
Connecticut	5-3	13-5
NOTRE DAME	5-3	13-5
Villanova	4-4	12-5
Seton Hall	2-5	10-8
West Virginia	2-6	12-7
St. John's	2-6	8-10
Rutgers	1-7	7-11
Providence	0-7	10-11

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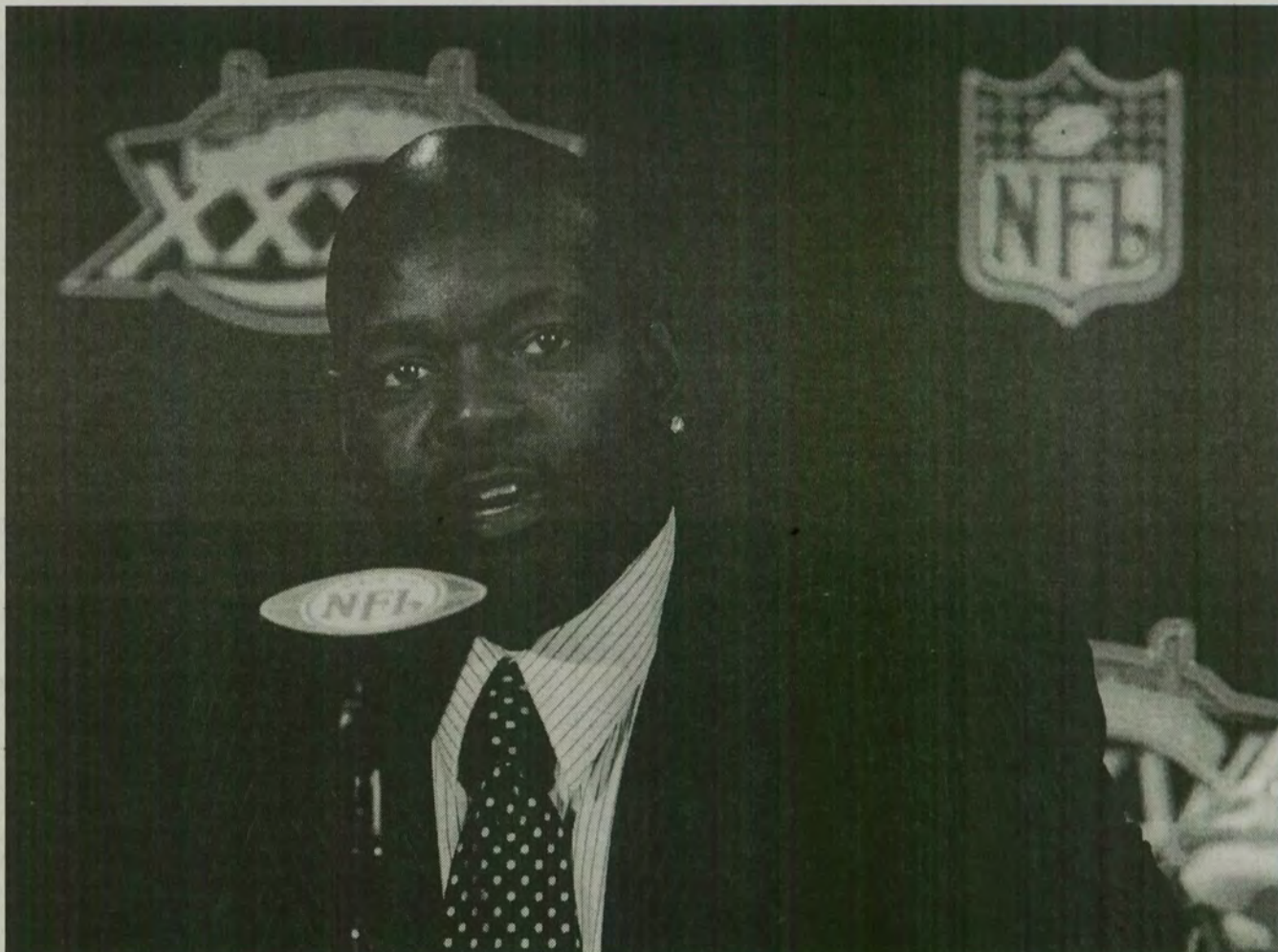
Houston at Minnesota 9:30 p.m., ESPN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (SATURDAY)

Kansas at Nebraska 12:00 p.m., ESPN

NOTRE DAME at Syracuse 9:00 p.m., ESPN

NFL



Arizona running back Emmitt Smith announced his retirement Thursday. The 15-year veteran, who had his best seasons with the Dallas Cowboys, leaves the game as the NFL career rushing leader.

Smith announces retirement from NFL

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith retired Thursday, calling his 15-year career "a tremendous ride."

Smith, who starred for the Dallas Cowboys for 13 seasons and spent the last two years with Arizona, made the announcement at the Super Bowl — a fitting spot for a three-time champion.

"I've given everything I can possible to the game, on and off the field," Smith said.

Wearing a pinstripe suit — blue, of course — Smith thanked dozens of people from Pee Wee football to the Cardinals and every stop in-between. He broke down several times and had tears streaming down his face as

he clutched his wife's hand.

"The memories that I have, the relationships that I'm taking away from the game are something dear and something I will take with me for the rest of my life," he said. "I'm moving on to another chapter in my life and that's a chapter I'm looking forward to."

Smith said he planned to pursue some business opportunities but vowed to stay close to the game and give something back to the fans.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, one of the many Smith thanked through tears, gave the best reason for the long list of salutations.

"When you've established yourself as royalty, then you have to mention everybody," Jones said. "That's the price you pay."

The 35-year-old Smith ran for 18,355 yards and 164 touchdowns in his career, both NFL records. He rushed for 937 yards and nine touchdowns for the Cardinals this season.

Smith said the Cardinals had decided not to re-sign him for next year.

"That made my decision a whole lot easier," Smith said, adding that he turned down offers to continue his career elsewhere. "I have a home. It's with my family."

Smith was more consistent than he was spectacular, a running back who could be relied on to get tough yards when tough yards were needed.

He rushed for 1,000 yards or more every year between 1991 and 2001. He led the NFL in rushing in 1991, 1992 and 1995 and in touchdowns in three different seasons.

IN BRIEF

Titans interested in Chow

NASHVILLE — Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher wants to talk with Southern California offensive coordinator Norm Chow about the Titans' coordinator job.

Fisher, a USC alumnus, is looking for a new offensive coordinator after losing Mike Heimerdinger to the New York Jets last month.

He has interviewed assistant head coach George Henshaw and quarterbacks coach Craig Johnson off his own staff.

But Fisher had held off talking with college coaches until national signing day passed on Wednesday.

Fisher said on radio Thursday morning that he is trying to talk with Chow and a Titans spokesman said Chow is one of many coaches Fisher is interested in.

Chow, 58, has helped groom Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart into Heisman Trophy winners at USC where the Trojans have won the national title the past two seasons.

He spent 27 years at Brigham Young working with quarterbacks such as Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer, Steve Young and Jim McMahon — a former teammate of Fisher's.

Jackson suspended one game without pay

NEW YORK — Indiana guard Stephen Jackson was suspended for one game without pay by the NBA on Thursday for verbal abuse of a game official at the end of the Pacers' 98-97 home loss to Toronto on Wednesday night.

Jackson, suspended for 30 games earlier this season for his role in the brawl in Detroit, will miss the Pacers' home game against Dallas on Friday night.

Jackson was called for a foul against Toronto's Jalen Rose with 0.4 seconds left, leading to Rose's winning free throws.

World Series ball on display in Boston

BOSTON — The ball used for the final out of the Boston's first World

Series title in 86 years got star treatment when it was brought to Fenway Park on Thursday.

With a nearby meter maid ticketing cars but few fans, if any, looking on, two armored guards carried the ball in a black canvas bag down a red carpet that had been laid out along Yawkey Way — and brought it inside the ballpark.

The ball has been the subject of a tussle between the team and its former first baseman, Doug Mientkiewicz, who caught the final out and kept it. While ownership hasn't been resolved, he agreed last week to loan the ball to the Red Sox for at least one year.

"I want the fans to see it, and that's what both the Red Sox and I agreed on," Mientkiewicz said last week after he was traded to the New York Mets. "They waited a long time to see that ball and to live it. The fact that I had it was just so we could keep it and give it to the fans and let them see it."

SMC BASKETBALL

Flying Dutch will be a challenge for Belles

Hope is No. 1 team in the MIAA in most categories

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Coming off two disappointing losses, things do not get any easier for Saint Mary's on Saturday. The Belles take on perennial MIAA power Hope College at the Angela Athletic Center at 3 p.m.

Saint Mary's has struggled in its last two games against two of the best teams the conference has to offer. On Jan. 26, the Belles fell at home to first-place Albion 73-59. On Wednesday, Saint Mary's got down early at Calvin and never recovered, losing 62-46.

Coach Suzanne Bellina believes that a lack of on-court chemistry is at the root of her team's recent problems.

"We haven't been connected as a team as much as we need to be out there on the court," Bellina said. "The effort is there, but it's just not clicking right now."

The Belles better hope to get things straightened out in a hurry. Hope has won four of the last five MIAA conference titles, and the team has been nothing short of dominant this season.

Coming into the game, the Flying Dutch have rattled off 11 straight wins, and sit atop the conference in a tie for first place with Albion. The team ranks second in the MIAA in scoring, averaging 74 points per contest. Hope also tops the conference in team defense, limiting opponents to only 53.8 points per game. In their last game, the Flying Dutch smoked Adrian by 40 points.

"They are very athletic and always very deep," Bellina said of Hope. "They also can throw a lot of different looks at you defensively."

However, Saint Mary's does have some reasons for optimism heading into the game. Senior guard Katie Boyce will return to the lineup well ahead of schedule. Boyce had been sidelined for the past six games with a torn tendon in her foot.

"I am definitely playing on Saturday," Boyce said. "[The injury] takes six weeks to heal. I was out for three, and I am

basically going to come back and play through it for now."

Last year's MIAA Defensive Player of the Year, Boyce will provide a boost for Saint Mary's with her quickness and tireless defensive effort. Her comeback also lends some much needed depth to the recently thin Belles rotation.

Saint Mary's takes further encouragement from its last meeting with the Flying Dutch. Although the Belles did lose to Hope by 14 points on Jan. 8, the game was on the road and fairly competitive. The Belles feel that the outcome could very well be different on Saturday.

"They are top in the conference right now. I think it raises

"I think it raises our level of play when we play [Hope]."

Katie Boyce
Belles guard

our level of play when we play them. You step it up to the next level. This is the second time that we are playing them. I think we know what to expect. We have a good chance," Boyce said.

Saint Mary's realizes how important a victory over Hope would be at this point in the season, as the Belles continue to pursue the coveted fourth spot in the conference and look towards the tournament.

"A win would be huge. It would give us some confidence," Bellina said. "If we want to make some noise in the tourney, we need to learn how to win against these top teams."

Boyce sees Saturday's game as an opportunity to make a statement about the Saint Mary's program.

"It would kind of seal the deal for what we have been trying to do as the senior class in getting more respect for Saint Mary's around the conference," Boyce said.

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Irish face tough opponents in the Meyo Invitational this weekend

Cowan will finally be challenged in the high jump Saturday

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The "preseason" has ended for the Notre Dame women.

After dominating the competition in their first three non scoring meets, the Irish take to the Loftus track this weekend for their first major test of the season, the Meyo Invitational.

Four of Trackwire.com's top-25 teams will compete this weekend including No. 7 Michigan, No. 12 Notre Dame, No. 18 Georgia Tech and No. 25 Mississippi.

A bevy of talented athletes will provide the Irish with the competition they have lacked to this point in the season. The signature event, the Meyo Mile, will feature two of the top four milers in the NCAA, both from Michigan.

Stacey Cowan, Notre Dame's All-American high jumper, who has not been threatened this year, will also face stiff competition. Georgia Tech's Chaunte Howard, is thought by some to be the best high jumper in the nation.

When asked if his team was ready for the increased level of competition, coach Tim Connelly was confident and his response reflected his team's anticipation.

"We are looking forward to



BRAD CARMEAN/The Observer

An Irish pole vaulter competes last weekend at the Notre Dame Invitational.

[the meet]," Connelly said. "I'm especially excited for our kids that have already accomplished a great deal this season. They'll get a chance to compete against some of the top athletes."

With the high level of competition expected, much of the lineup juggling that has occurred in the passed two weeks will come to an end. Athletes will be competing in events with which they are most comfortable and familiar. Stephanie Madia, for example, will be running the 3,000 meters a week after running the 800 meters. She and freshman Sunni Olding will anchor an Irish distance team that is

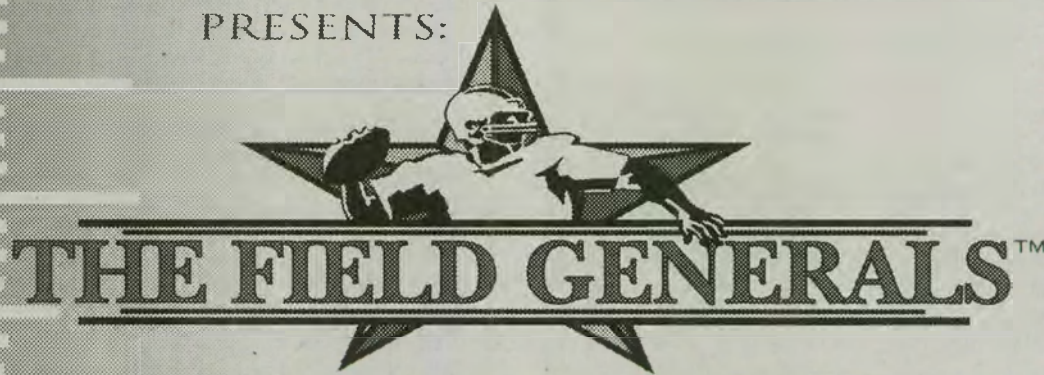
still without two of its star runners in Molly Huddle and Lauren King.

Despite having two of his top runners on the sideline, Connelly felt confident that his entire team could succeed in and benefit from this meet.

"Our goal is simply to improve," he said. "Even our runners who aren't quite in top form yet will get a chance to compete and succeed in the secondary heats. Hopefully with a little more intensity, all of our runners can step up to the level of competition this weekend."

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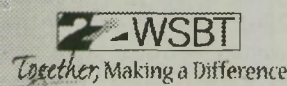
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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish square off with 'Horns

No. 25 Notre Dame hosts No. 34 Texas this afternoon

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's tennis team, now ranked No. 25 after a 6-0 start to the spring season, is set for another challenging weekend of action, as it plays host to No. 34 Texas (1-0) today at 4 p.m. and No. 9 Duke (2-0) on Sunday at noon in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Last weekend, Notre Dame claimed its 1,000th all-time victory Saturday by upsetting No. 18 North Carolina 5-2 before edging No. 41 Florida State 4-3 Sunday. The Irish won the doubles point and three of the four straight-set singles matches against the Tar Heels to register their first win against a top-25 team since 2002. They won at the bottom two spots in doubles, and then senior captain Brent D'Amico and sophomore Ryan Keckley almost pulled off an upset of the No. 9 team in college tennis, Geoff Boyd and Brad Pomeroy. Neither team could break serve in the entire match, and the North Carolina duo eventually won 9-8 (7-5). In singles, the Irish got two-set wins at Nos. 6 and 4 before sophomore Barry King won a tight two-setter — 6-4, 7-6 (7-0) — against Boyd at No. 3 to clinch the victory. Notre Dame then got a three-set win at No. 2 and appeared to be on the verge of another one at No. 5, but North Carolina's Derek Porter fought off two match points and rallied to win the final four games of the match in taking the third set 7-5.

On Sunday, the Irish led 3-2

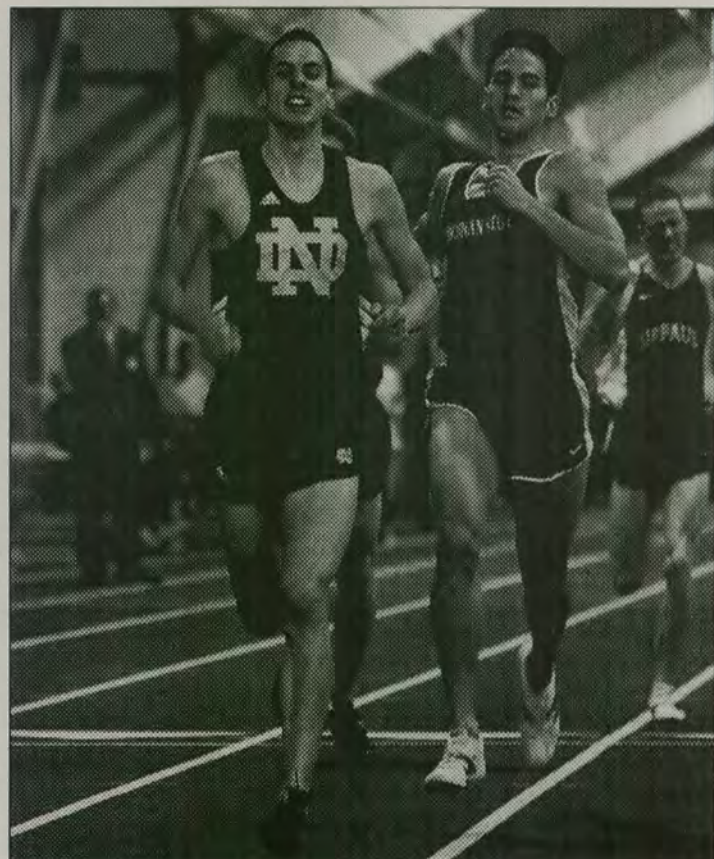
with the No. 3 and No. 4 matches left on the court. In what turned out to be the decisive match, Notre Dame freshman Sheeva Parbhu broke serve three times in the final set for a 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 triumph against Chris Westerhof at No. 4, clinching the Irish triumph. In the other match, 91st-ranked Jeff Groslimond eventually outlasted 112th-ranked King 6-7 (1-7), 7-5, 7-6 (7-5). Notre Dame won at the top two spots to win the doubles point, with Parbhu and junior Eric Langenkamp upsetting the 32nd-ranked team of Groslimond and Westerhof 8-4 at No. 2. In singles, the Irish got straight-set victories at Nos. 6 and 2, while North Carolina won in two sets at Nos. 5 and 1 to set the stage for the final two contests.

The Longhorns, No. 34 in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association national rankings, opened their spring slate last weekend with a 5-2 road victory against No. 33 Southern Methodist. After playing the Irish, Texas will head to No. 5 Illinois for a Saturday evening contest. The Longhorns returned two starters from last year's squad that finished 15-12 and 36th in the national rankings after beating Auburn (4-3) in the opening round of the NCAA Championship and then losing at Georgia (4-2). Texas finished third in the Big XII Conference (5-2 record) and lost to Texas Tech in the quarterfinals of the league tournament. Gone from that

team are Antonio Ruiz, an NCAA singles qualifier who ended 36th in the rankings, and Jose Zarhi, who earned a trip to the NCAA Doubles Championship with Ruiz, and finished ranked 12th. Nonetheless, the Longhorns come to Notre Dame with three players in the national singles rankings, as well as one ranked doubles team. Leading the way is junior Roger Gubser, who is 53rd with a 17-5 record, including a 7-5, 7-5 win against SMU's Paul McNaughton — who played two seasons at Notre Dame — at No. 2. One of his fall victories was a 6-4, 6-2 decision against Notre Dame's Parbhu in the semifinals of the Midland Invitational. Freshman Travis Helgeson — whose younger brother Brett Helgeson has signed a national letter of intent to play for Notre Dame next season — is ranked 69th with an 11-3 record, while junior Callum Beale of Australia is 93rd but playing No. 1 for the Longhorns. In doubles, Beale and Helgeson are 45th with a 6-1 record, though they are not playing together any longer. Beale and Gubser, who registered an 8-5 win against Parbhu and D'Amico en route to winning the Midland Invitational title, are now playing No. 1 for Texas. Head coach Michael Center is in his fifth season leading Texas, having compiled a 76-29 (.724) record there and a 235-97 (.708) career mark in 15 years as a head coach (previously at TCU and Kansas).

MEN'S TRACK

Two Irish athletes to run Meyo Mile



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Notre Dame has two runners competing in the Meyo Mile this weekend hoping to break the four-minute mark.

Former Irish runner Luke Watson to run the mile Saturday

By NATHAN DYER
Sports Writer

Every sport has the one milestone that separates the good player from the great player — a milestone that has been reached by only a handful of athletes. Football has the 2,000-yard rushing season, baseball has Joe DiMaggio's 56-consecutive game hit streak. Track has the four-minute mile.

This Saturday, athletes from around the country, from Michigan to Ole Miss, will gather at the Loftus Sports Center to attempt to break four minutes in the 15th annual Meyo Invitational. Two Notre Dame athletes, senior Eric Morrison and sophomore Kurt Benninger, will lead the Irish men's team in pur-

suit of victory, and the ever-elusive four minutes.

Benninger had a breakout day Saturday at the Notre Dame Indoor Invitational, scorching the field in the 3,000 meters with a 7:59.39. Breaking the eight-minute mark was, for Benninger, a great accomplishment, an accomplishment he looks to better this Saturday.

"I was really happy to break eight minutes," Benninger said. "[But] to break four minutes in the mile has always been a huge goal of mine."

For the senior Morrison, a sub-four-minute mile has been an elusive goal, but one which is well within his reach. Having already posted a 4:01 mile during his career, Morrison is very close to breaking that barrier.

Just breaking four minutes, however, might not be enough for the Irish athletes to claim victory, as this year's race is expected to feature the defending NCAA mile champion and half a dozen runners with personal best times under 4:05. Just last year, the top-five finishers in the Meyo Mile all broke four minutes. Returning champion and Notre Dame graduate Luke Watson will return to attempt to defend his title.

The mile is not the only attraction at the Meyo Invitational, however, as senior hurdler Selim Nurudeen looks to continue his dominance in the 60 meter hurdles, and the rest of the Irish squad take to the field in pursuit of Big East and NCAA qualifying. Events start tonight, but all of the finals will take place Saturday between 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 with the Meyo Mile starting at 2:30 p.m.

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FENCING

No. 2 Irish won't face No. 1 OSU

Teams can't dual because of NCAA competition rules

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

When the No. 1 and No. 2 teams are in the same gym at the same time, the sporting world expects a great athletic contest.

That world will be sorely disappointed this weekend, as the Irish, who are No. 2 in the women's polls and No. 4 in the men's, will not line up against consensus No. 1 Ohio State this weekend, despite traveling to Columbus to compete in the Ohio State duals.

According to NCAA fencing rules, teams are not allowed to face each other more than twice during the regular season, and the two teams have already squared off in both the NYU Duals and the Notre Dame Duals, and while the women exacted revenge with a 16-11 win at their host tournament a week after falling 14-13, the men lost 16-11 in both matches. Since the Irish and Buckeyes have already maxed out their time together, Saturday's duals will be without a marquee matchup.

Irish head coach Janusz Bednarski is glad that at least one of his teams got their vengeance against their rival at the top.

"Most teams we will fence only once, but Ohio [State] demanded revenge, and we beat them [last weekend]," he said.

Because his team will not see Ohio State, Bednarski does not expect the weekend to be challenging for his squads.

"It is another encounter, and we always have to be serious; but it looks as though it will be easy because the teams aren't highly ranked," he said.

The teams that make up this unimposing field include Bowling Green, Case Western, Cleveland State, Detroit, Michigan, Michigan State, Oberlin, Purdue and Wayne State. The highlight bouts for the Irish will likely come



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Notre Dame's Alicja Kryczalo fences Jan. 29 at the Notre Dame Duals. The Irish travel to Ohio State Saturday.

against Wayne State, as Irish fifth-year Kerri Walton and sophomore Amy Orlando, both of whom were extremely successful last weekend, will face defending NCAA champion Anna Garina of Wayne State.

The Irish will also be rejoined by Olympic Gold Medalist and freshman sabre Mariel Zagunis, who missed all but two matches in last Sunday's duals to fly home to take part in the annual Oregon Sports Awards. Zagunis won the 2004 Bill Hayward for the Amateur Female Athlete of the Year and despite the accomplishment and the length of travel, Zagunis was back at Notre Dame by Monday afternoon.

"I was really only home about 12 hours," she said.

The men's team will be led by senior Michal Sobieraj and sophomore Aaron Adjemian, the backbone of a men's epee unit that has yet to be beaten this season, winning all 16 of their matches and a primary

source of the men's team's success.

While the event may not have the competition the Irish have grown accustomed to in the last few weeks, Bednarski is quick to point out that it should under no circumstances be overlooked.

"It's important to get a good rank for the Midwest Conference, and this [weekend's event] has tournament seeding implications," he said.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish face Oakland in final dual meet

Home team has won every time in series

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

In the series history between Notre Dame and Oakland, the home team has won every meet, a trend that doesn't bode well for the Irish on this weekend's road trip. But if Notre Dame has proven anything this year, it's that past history means nothing when it comes to present success.

"We're ambitious about changing that history," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "This has been a season full of great improvement. A win Saturday would give us a 10 win season, and those are quite rare."

This weekend's meet in Rochester, Mich., represents a key opportunity for the Irish to fine-tune their performances.

"We have high expectations — this is a very important competition for us on Saturday. Some of us see it as the last meet of the season; others, as the last chance to prepare for the Big East championships," Welsh said. "Every event we're swimming Saturday, we'll also swim at the Big East championships. That's why we're not looking past Saturday, because we're not going to be good in New York unless we're good now. We need to be good now so we can be better in New York."

With the progress the Irish have made this season, the

team is optimistic for the approaching Big East competition.

"We know we've trained well and raced well; the focus, energy and commitment have been there," Welsh said. "To their credit, this team has been incredibly focused. They've done a great job of taking one game at a time, one meet at a time and still focusing on the final goal."

The Irish enter the match with plenty of momentum after wins on the road last weekend against Cleveland State and St. Bonaventure, and hope to extend that into the Big East championships with a victory this weekend.

"We feel the momentum and energy after last weekend, and our spirits are pretty good right now," Welsh said. "We've focused all year on being our very best at the end of the year, and we're getting very close to that."

For the seniors on the team, Saturday's meet will mark the final dual meet of their careers.

"The seniors have been absolutely instrumental in our success this year; great seasons only come with seniors racing at their best," Welsh said. "This time, there's no next time. They're going to be alumni after this, so whatever they want to get done, they have to get done now. We hope that brings out their best and causes some good things to happen."

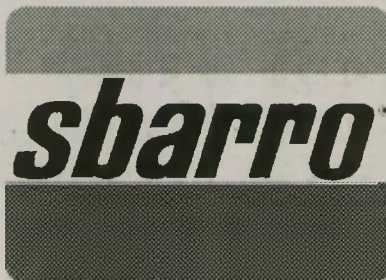
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70-61 the last time the teams met Jan. 10. The Irish led by eight points with 14:12 to play, but the Orange outscored Notre Dame 27-10 the rest of the way. Syracuse shot 50 percent from the field, cruising behind 22 points from Gerry McNamara and 16 points on 8-of-11 shooting from Josh Pace.

Though Notre Dame did not establish an inside presence against Syracuse's trademark 2-3 zone, Brey said the Orange also were a handful on the other end of the court.

"What's lost in the whole thing is how good they are offensively," he said. "They shoot 50 percent from the floor and they put numbers up. Our transition defense is as important against Syracuse as it was the other day against Connecticut. They really run."

Brey said Syracuse thrived in transition off the 17 Irish turnovers in their last meeting.

"We have to be better there," he said. "I thought we did play pretty well for about 35 min-

utes, but we turned it over a little too much."

Notre Dame hopes to continue improvement at the high and low post positions, as well.

Center Torin Francis exploded — visibly — on the Joyce Center court Sunday, going for 19 points and seven rebounds against Connecticut's heralded frontcourt. Forwards Dennis Latimore and Rick Cornett have also played well of late.

"I would hope we can get some inside touches even against their zone, since I think our big men are going into this game more confident than they did last game," Brey said.

Notre Dame was still in its one-dimensional offensive mode when it met Syracuse first. The team attempted 30 3-point shots, making nine as Chris Thomas converted on only 1-of-11 from behind the arc.

Pace, McNamara and Orange guard Billy Edelin defend the top of the Syracuse zone, with Hakim Warrick, Craig Forth and Terrance Roberts primarily playing the baseline.

The Orange have length that prevent easy entry passes inside and encourage teams to

shoot from deep.

Back on Jan. 10, Notre Dame's outside shooting was a huge problem. Now, after the Connecticut win, the Irish have a hope that poor 3-point shooting won't be alone in determining the outcome of a game.

"I think just because we've been shooting the ball well, the guards have really been hitting on all cylinders," Thomas said. "So when we're not on, we need to rely on them every night."

Nevertheless, Thomas — along with guards Chris Quinn and Colin Falls — will look to improve shooting from the outside to once again spread the Syracuse zone and make the Orange pay from the inside-out.

Syracuse leads the all-time series with Notre Dame, 19-15, but the Irish are 8-8 in the Carrier Dome.

The game will be broadcast on ESPN at 9 p.m. It will be the ninth of 15 nationally-televised games for the Irish this season. Notre Dame is 3-5 on national TV thus far.

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ence in the team's play at home this year. "At practice today we decided to go through our entire pre-game warm-up, because we've got to start better."

"You'll look at some of our games and say that we played well, but it's tough because you're playing from behind most of the time in those games. I want to play with a lead and see the other team have to fight from behind and take some chances."

The Irish dropped both games of a home-and-home series against Bowling Green last weekend, and have not won a CCHA game since Dec. 10 against Michigan State. Notre Dame currently sits in last place in the 12-member CCHA, while Nebraska-Omaha is in fourth with 22 points, three behind third-place Northern Michigan.

Notre Dame has five of its last eight games at home, and the Irish are looking to finish out the year strong.

"Right now we just want to win a game," Poulin said. "That's what we've got to do. I think winning a game reinforces what you're doing — all the little details. And then you play your next game and it's our chance to finish on a strong note going into the CCHA playoffs."

In Nebraska-Omaha, the Irish are hosting one of the most-improved teams in the conference.

After the 2003 season, the Mavericks finished the CCHA

regular season in 11th place, but this year they started the season 4-0 and come into the Joyce Center as one of the most consistent teams overall in the conference.

"They've done a nice job of getting the right kids in there," Poulin said of Nebraska-Omaha's turnaround. "They do a lot of damage especially on the power play and have gotten consistent goaltending all year."

One of the Mavericks' key elements to their turnaround has been the play of freshman forward Bill Thomas. Already the prohibitive favorite for CCHA rookie of the year, Thomas leads all conference players with 17 assists and is currently second overall in scoring with 26 points.

Sophomore Scott Parse is right behind Thomas with 25 points, but the rest of the Mavericks are equally prolific at scoring. Nebraska-Omaha's average of 3.40 goals per game is third best in the conference — compared to Notre Dame's 1.55 goals per game average.

Maverick goalie Chris Holt was one of the better freshman netminders in the conference last season, and has seemed to avoid any sophomore slump this year. His 2.63 goals-against average and .913 save percentage are both in the top-10 among CCHA goalies.

Notre Dame faces Nebraska-Omaha at the Joyce Center tonight at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday night at 7:05 p.m.

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ROTC

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Sunday afternoon, directly following the women's final. The ROTC units from Purdue, Marquette and Colorado have been putting together quality teams for years, and have all come with the same goal — victory.

"Colorado has a solid and physical team," Kogge said.

Before thinking of the championship, each team has to make it out of its respective bracket, all of which have been named for famous people in Notre Dame history. Teams play 3 bracket games today and Saturday, with the

playoffs being played on Sunday leading up to the final.

While the finished product is what the teams have come for, the production behind the scenes may be the most remarkable part of the weekend.

"I am always impressed by the professional organization skills of the cadets setting up [for the tournament]," Kogge said.

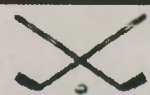
Whether or not they win, the cadets have made the journey to South Bend to make some new friends and above all enjoy themselves for a few days.

"I love basketball, and [the event] is a lot of fun," Kogge said.

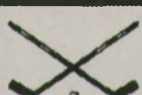
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weekend.

"It was a really close game last year, so I think we'll bring out that film and talk about that a little bit," McGraw said. "They're the kind of team that rebounds the ball well, they're pretty athletic in the post. So they're going to give us some trouble inside."

Pittsburgh (11-9, 3-6) has lost its last three games to three tough conference opponents. The Panthers lost to Connecticut on Jan. 26 89-53, Boston College on Jan. 29 72-55 and Villanova Wednesday 70-49.

Six-foot-three freshman center Mercedes Walker paces Pittsburgh by scoring more than 13 points per game, and teammate Katie Histed adds 12 for a team that scores 65 points per contest. The Panthers also outrebound opponents 42.5 to 39, which could pose a major problem for a Notre Dame team whose biggest weakness is controlling the glass. In Wednesday's win over No. 16 Boston College, the Irish scored 44 points in the paint, but were still outrebounded 45-32, including just nine offensive boards.

"I apparently haven't been able to get [rebounding] across to them," McGraw said. "We talked about it all year long. They're just simply not doing it. One night the post rebound well and the guards don't. Then the guards rebound, and the post doesn't. It's really frustrating that they're just not doing their job."

Notre Dame also has the challenge of playing another game with short rest. Since Jan. 2, the Irish have not had more than three full days off between games, and that doesn't include travel to away contests. McGraw said her team is much more mentally fatigued, than physically at this point.

"Mentally it's a grind. That's the problem," McGraw said. "We just haven't had that break yet. We've played every Sunday so we haven't had a day off on the weekend. Mentally it's really draining and so I just got to hope the upperclassmen have the mental toughness and can sustain it to bring the freshmen along."

McGraw said All-American Jacqueline Batteast, who led Notre Dame with 15 points in 24 minutes Wednesday, is feeling better and should be healthy for Saturday after struggling with the stomach flu for the last two games. Forward Crystal Erwin has the same illness, and her status is more uncertain in terms of how many minutes she'll be able to log. Erwin was limited to just 12 minutes against Boston College.

A win Saturday keeps the Irish near the top of the Big East rankings. While winning a Big East regular season title would be nice, McGraw said she and the team are more concerned with earning one of four first-round byes in the conference tournament.

"We need to get a bye," McGraw said. "So that's something that makes every game so important."

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Final dual meet awaits Irish

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

As the regular season winds down, the Irish appear to be winding up and have their sights set on a strong finish to the year.

Notre Dame travels to Rochester, Mich., to take on the Oakland University Grizzlies Saturday for its final dual meet of the season.

Notre Dame head coach Bailey Weathers said this meet is mainly in preparation for the Big East Championships.

"We set it up this way to give some kids a chance to make Big East cuts with a little rest," Weathers said.

The Grizzlies are coming off a 159-144 victory over Michigan State and are undefeated this season. They are a relatively new Division I team, and were previously exceptional at the Division II level.

"They're usually strong one person in each event," Weathers said. "I think in most of our spots we're at least as good as they are."

Maria Musialczyk, Melissa Jaeger and Amanda Burwell lead Oakland, and each has won two events against Michigan State.

The Irish, meanwhile, are led by senior All-American diver Meghan Perry-Eaton and swimmers Katie Carroll and Christel Bouvron.

Perry-Eaton has won 17 of



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A Notre Dame swimmer dives into the pool during a November meet. The Irish wrap up dual meet play Saturday.

the 18 events she has entered this season and has not lost off the 3-meter board in her last 21 dual meets, dating back to November 2002.

Carroll has already posted a NCAA "B" cut in both the 200 and 400-yard individual medley, and is the defending Big East Champion in the 200. Her time of 2:03.75 against Michigan last week was the fastest 200 individual medley time in the Big East this year.

Bouvron fell just short of a NCAA "B" cut against Michigan in a dominating 200 butterfly performance that left her about five seconds ahead of the pack. Bouvron also notched a victory in the 100-yard butterfly.

The junior is a two-time Olympian for her native

Singapore and finished 32nd in the 200-meter butterfly at the 2004 games in Athens.

Despite the Big East Championships being less than two weeks away, Weathers is confident the Irish will be focused on the task at hand Saturday.

"I think we'll be pretty focused because a lot of people are swimming things they haven't in the last two dual meets, and the rest are swimming events that are pretty important to them in terms of making their cut for the Big East," Weathers said.

The swimming will begin at 2 p.m.

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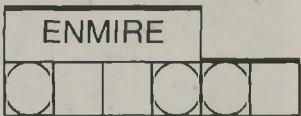
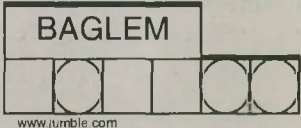
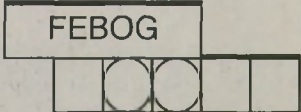
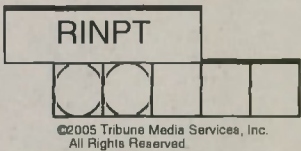


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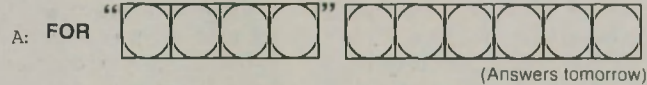
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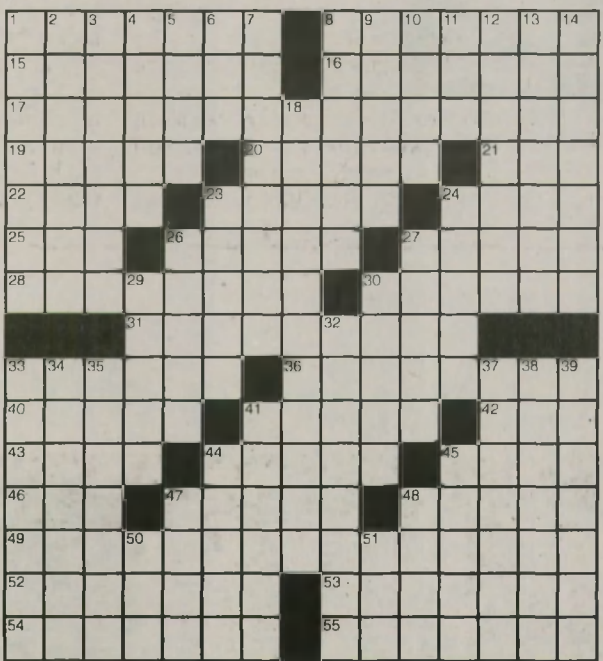
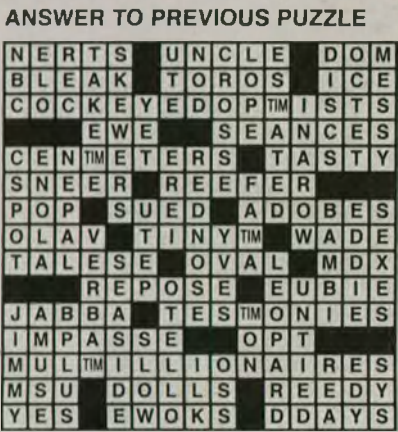


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 - 3 Terse R.S.V.P.
 - 4 Victim of Hermes
 - 5 They're pitchfork-shaped
 - 6 "Talk to ____," 2002 Almodóvar film
 - 7 Drudge's place
 - 8 Types
 - 9 "Where ____ from ____"
 - 10 Dog of literature
 - 11 Some income: Abbr.
 - 12 Document seals
 - 13 Magazine publishing info
 - 14 What some celebrations are centered around
 - 18 Didn't really hit
 - 23 Automaker Citroën
 - 24 Rotten
 - 26 Ink, in Isère



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- 27 Puts on an unhappy face
- 29 Together
- 30 ____ David
- 32 So-o-o scrumptious
- 33 Station slot
- 34 White guys?
- 35 Home
- 37 Lead ceremoniously
- 38 Together
- 39 Ruin
- 41 Used weasel words
- 44 Her "Collected Poems" won the 1952 Pulitzer
- 45 Start
- 47 See the sights
- 48 1912 painter of Picasso
- 50 Suffix with malt
- 51 Underground wealth

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Eliza Schneider, 27; Kathleen Kinmont, 40; Morgan Fairchild, 55; Blythe Danner, 62

Happy Birthday: There is plenty happening this year, but you may feel a little bogged down or overwhelmed if you aren't prepared. Emotional matters may take over if you aren't steadfast about sticking to your game plan. There is too much at stake to risk losing time or sleep over something that you can do nothing about. Your numbers are 9, 21, 23, 38, 42, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll have plenty of chances to show your worth today. The coast is clear, and if you are confident, you will get your point across and grab the attention of someone interesting. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may want to watch what you say today. You are likely to start a small feud unintentionally. Work by yourself and you will get far more accomplished. Someone will oppose your ideas. **
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have the drive and the ability to be sensational in all that you do. Love and advancement are evident. A unique proposal will be presented that you won't want to miss. ****
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will have plenty of chances to let someone you care about know exactly how you feel, so don't chicken out. It's time to lay your cards on the table so that you can move forward. *****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've been too much on the go and have too much at stake. Take a second look before you make a mistake that you can't reverse. Time is on your side so don't rush. Secrets may be revealed. **
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There won't be too much that you can do about the changes going on around you, but you can hold tight and not instigate any additional moves. Someone engaging will enter your world. ****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will get the recognition you've been waiting for if you present your ideas. Both business and personal partners will be accommodating and helpful. Focus on your goals. *****
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What you see and what you get will be two different things. Don't be fooled by someone who is making extravagant promises. Hard work is what will pay off in the end. **
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Nothing will slow you down or hold you back today. New relationships will develop, and old ones will play an important role in the people you meet. Fit as much in as possible. ***
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You should be putting everything you've got into work and getting ahead. Someone in your personal life may try to hold you back. You have to act on your own instincts and knowledge. ****
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may be emotionally drained because someone has been playing games with you. Don't let your heart rule your head, or you will end up making the same mistake over again. **
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There is so much going on in secret that it is hard for you to know where you stand. Ask direct questions and don't give up until you are satisfied with what you hear. You can get ahead. *****

Birthday Baby: You are a thinker. You ponder over this and that, and some might consider you a dreamer, but in reality you can turn your ideas into something that will astound others and please you. You are the consummate inventor.

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ND BASKETBALL

Road warriors

Men face No. 8 'Cuse at the Carrier Dome Saturday evening

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

If the Irish wanted to repeat anything they did last season, they would want to do it now.

Coming off a 78-74 win over No. 20 Connecticut, Notre Dame (13-5, 5-3 Big East) will take on No. 8 Syracuse (20-2, 7-1) Saturday in the middle of a fierce conference stretch.

Last season, Notre Dame lost on Jan. 17 to Syracuse, 81-70, but beat the Orange a month later in the Carrier Dome, 84-72.

Coach Mike Brey said he will remind his players of their past success on the road.

"I think I'll mention that a little bit," Brey said. "The older guys know they had success in the Carrier Dome and played freely and loose."

Syracuse beat Notre Dame

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RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer
Notre Dame's Colin Falls defends Syracuse's Josh Pace in the Jan. 10 Irish loss.

No. 6 women travel to Pittsburgh to face Panthers' big crowd

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Whenever Notre Dame comes to town, Pittsburgh gives new meaning to the words "cheap seats."

For the second straight season, the Panthers are having their "Pack the Peterson" promotional event in which tickets are just \$1 to Saturday's 2 p.m. tip against Notre Dame (19-3, 7-2 Big East). Pittsburgh tried a similar promotion last season and more than 7,800 people attended. It was the second-largest crowd ever at the Peterson Center for a women's basketball game. In that game, the Irish barely squeaked by with a 72-68 victory.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw remembers that game well, and said her team must be ready for a difficult road contest this

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer
Teresa Borton goes up for a shot against Connecticut earlier this season.

ROTC BASKETBALL

Air Force hoops come back to the Joyce Center

Notre Dame attracts teams from all over the country to play

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Some of the highest flyers in college basketball are bringing their games to the Joyce Center this weekend.

And, while Illinois, Kansas and Duke will not be coming to South Bend any time soon, 56 other teams will be here Saturday, competing for honor, respect and first place as the Notre Dame Air Force ROTC Detachment hosts the 19th annual Flying Irish Basketball Invitational. The weekend-long tournament is the largest ROTC athletic event in the nation, and 40 men's and 16 women's teams from across the country have come for the chance to win it all.

With all the traveling to get

to the event, the two teams with most to prove and the most to lose won't have to go anywhere in order to get to their games. Representing the ND Air Force detachment, the men's and women's A-teams are both defending tournament champions.

With regards to this weekend, the Air Force teams are very clear about their competitive expectations.

"I want a repeat," men's A-team co-captain Tim Kogge said.

Based on his evaluations of his team's talents, Kogge is confident that his goal will become tournament reality.

"We've got a solid team," he said. "We have a solid core group of guys, and I think we are the perennial favorite."

However, the A-team may face some tough challenges on the road to defending their title in the championship game, which will be held at 12:30

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HOCKEY

Irish in dire need of a win

ND faces much-improved team in two-game series

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Home hasn't been sweet for the Irish lately.

Notre Dame (5-18-5, 3-13-4) will try to snap a four-game losing streak at the Joyce Center — and eight-game losing streak overall — when they face Nebraska-Omaha (14-10-2, 10-8-2) in a two-game series this weekend.

The Irish have been mired in a difficult stretch of the season, going 1-9-1 in the month of January including 1-4 at the Joyce Center. Last season, Notre Dame lost only one game at home during the regular season.

"I think our starts have changed more than anything," Irish coach Dave Poulin said about the differ-

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JOANNA PAXTON/The Observer
Irish defenseman Chris Trick looks to pass the puck earlier this season. Notre Dame hosts Nebraska-Omaha this weekend.

SPORTS

AT A GLANCE

FENCING

Ohio State Duals

Saturday, 11 a.m.

The Irish won't dual No. 1 Ohio State, but they face many other teams.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame at Oakland

Saturday, 2 p.m.

The Irish travel to Rochester, Mich., for last dual meet of the year.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame vs. Texas

Today, 4 p.m.

The men face the Longhorns at the Eck Center this afternoon.

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MEN'S TRACK

Meyo Invitational Today, 7 p.m.

Eric Morrison and Kurt Benninger will run in the Meyo Mile Saturday.

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SMC BBALL

Saint Mary's vs. Hope

Today, 3 p.m.

The Belles face the No. 1 team in the MIAA.

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Meyo Invitational Today, 7 p.m.

All-American high jumper Stacey Cowan leads the Irish.

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