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Freedom debates not new at ND

By MARY KATE MALONE
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Debated in dining halls, dorm rooms and faculty offices for decades, the issues of academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame — spotlighted in three widely-publicized presidential addresses last week — have long engaged the University community.

The contentious dichotomy of free inquiry at a Catholic university has surfaced and re-surfaced throughout Notre Dame's modern history — confronted as early as 1960 following a campus conference dealing with pornography and censorship, and emerging again at the end of the 20th century following Pope John Paul II's statements in the papal document Ex Corde Ecclesiae.

The debate was reignited last week when University President Father John Jenkins spoke to faculty, students and alumni about the presence of "The Vagina Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival at Notre Dame.

In his addresses, Jenkins said academic freedom will not be without restrictions at Notre Dame. He did not issue a formal policy, but instead encouraged the University community to engage in discussion and offer him feedback about the interaction between academic freedom and Catholic character — adding the latest chapter to an

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

University President Father John Jenkins addresses students Jan. 24, furthering discussion of academic freedom at Notre Dame.

SMC dean takes job at Wabash

White leaves College for presidential role

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

After 17 years as an administrator at an all-women's college, Saint Mary's vice president and dean of faculty Pat White will find himself working in a drastically different setting next fall.

White

White announced Saturday he has accepted the position of president at Wabash College, one of only three men's colleges remaining in the United States, and will take over on July 1. The nationally ranked liberal arts school, located in Crawfordsville, Ind., was founded in 1832 and has an enrollment of 871 students.

"The opportunity to lead at a college of Wabash's history and Wabash's potential is really exciting to me and it is a great honor," White said. "I am very lucky."

White is the second Saint Mary's administrator to be named president of another college in the past three weeks. Linda Timm, vice president for student affairs, was hired on Jan. 11 to head Mount Mary College in

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SMC celebrates heritage with historic dinner

KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Students engage in lively discussion with Sisters of the Holy Cross before the Saint Mary's Heritage dinner Friday night.

By NICOLE ZOOK and MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writers

The dress and conversation were different from events held in Stapleton Lounge centuries ago, but the atmosphere was the same as members of the Saint Mary's community gathered there Friday night to celebrate the culmination of the College's first Heritage Week with a dinner reminiscent of days gone by.

Stapleton Lounge — the room where famed former College president Sister Madeleva used to gather students to read poetry by the fire, where the College community waited for her body to arrive and held her wake and where the 1971 agreement to merge between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame was signed — proved to be the perfect historical setting for the event.

Students, alumnae, faculty, administrators and Sisters of the Holy Cross mingled and dined together in Stapleton during the event, which both showcased the rich history of the school and connected students of today to Saint Mary's women of the past.

The dinner was one of several events held for Heritage Week, including a scavenger hunt, two lectures, tours of historical campus landmark Reidinger

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Gilloon elected 2006-07 Observer editor in chief

Observer Staff Report

The Observer General Board elected sports editor Mike Gilloon as the 2006-07 editor in chief on Saturday.

Gilloon

Gilloon, a junior English major from Omaha, Neb. who lives in Stanford Hall, joined The Observer as a sports reporter during his freshman year. Since then, he has covered a wide variety of beats, including Notre Dame football, football recruiting, volleyball and men's lacrosse.

"I look forward to the opportunity to use the experience I've gained with the sports department to improve the paper as a whole," Gilloon said. "It is a challenge, but one I am honored to accept."

During Gilloon's term as sports editor, he coordinated special sections on each Notre Dame football game and various other Notre Dame and interhall teams.

He is the third editor in chief in the past four years to come from the sports department.

"I have confidence in Mike's ability to lead The Observer

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Forum covers drinking, date rape

Police, sex assault experts advise Saint Mary's students how to be safe

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Security investigator Patty Rolens stood on stage in O'Laughlin Auditorium Sunday night and asked her audience members — all of whom were given a drink spike detector when they entered the evening's event — how many had highlighter marks on their devices. Roughly one-fourth of the audience rose to its feet.

"Twenty-five percent of college women have been the victim of rape," Rolens said. "That is one in every four of you that will be a victim someday."

Rolens' effort to make an abstract statistic a visual reality was just the beginning of "Wasted and Wounded: Sex, Alcohol and You," an event that brought sexual assault experts from the St. Joseph County Family Violence and Special Victims Unit, the South Bend Police Department and Sex Offense Services among others to Saint Mary's to discuss rape and how to avoid becoming a victim.

Brent Hemmerlein, commander of the St. Joseph County Family Violence and Special Victims Unit, said he had 44 cases of sexual

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Speaker Lynn Bradford gives students a number to call in case of assault.

Inside Column

Good cause, bad name

Chris Khorey

Sports Writer

With Father Jenkins' speech on academic freedom earlier this month, it seems like the annual "Vagina Monologues" Month debates have begun a little early this year.

So before all that fun gets into full swing, I'd just like to say this: This year, let's remember one thing — the battered women.

Every year we go through this and every year the radical feminists fight the staunch conservatives and every year everyone gets caught up in their side and people completely forget about those who need help.

That said, I'm going to give a list of suggestions to both sides of things to keep in mind while this month runs its course.

To the feminists:

Remember who you're fighting for. Women who have been attacked need shelter and counseling, among other things. These causes need money, and this campus is willing to give, as you have already seen in past years I'm sure. However, when, for whatever reason, you put up a controversial front, people are less inclined to give.

Remember who the enemy is: The enemy is not Father Jenkins and it's most certainly not the guys you see walking to class every day. The average man is not a rapist or spousal abuser, so don't treat him like one by lecturing him. Odds are he realizes violence against women is a problem and he would help out if he didn't feel like he was being accused of something.

Your enemies are the sociopaths who are so out-of-control that they take no qualms in hitting their wives or raping a woman off the street. The answer to this problem is not "awareness." Rapists and spousal abusers are unlikely to see what color t-shirt you're wearing. They are more likely to respond to extra police and more well-lit sidewalks.

Remember what the "Vagina Monologues" is. It is a play, and a vulgar one at that. If you want to put it on, fine. But don't claim that people who are offended by or not particularly interested in it are unenlightened or not interested in the plight of battered women. The "Monologues" may include stories of battered women, but that does not mean that people have to like them to be sympathetic to that cause.

And to the conservatives:

Remember who you're fighting for. Battered women need support and the organizations that help them need money and help. Protesting the "Vagina Monologues" does not achieve this goal and only makes those involved look intolerant and prudish. Raising money for battered women, possibly through Catholic charities, works with the feminists while helping out a good cause.

Remember who the enemy is: The enemy is not your liberal professor in a red shirt on Valentine's Day or the girls performing the "Monologues". The enemy, as I said before, is the sociopaths that would do such horrible things to women. Again, this is an opportunity to work with the feminists by encouraging Safe Walks/Rides, better lit sidewalks and fast reactions by authorities.

Finally, remember what the "Vagina Monologues" is. It is a play, and a vulgar one at that. But some people want to put it on and that is their right. If you don't think you'd enjoy it, don't go see it. University sponsorship in light of Notre Dame's Catholic identity is a different matter, for another column and another day, but whatever form the "Monologues" take, they are what they are, and that is someone's idea of what would make an entertaining performance.

So, with all that in mind, let the games begin, and let's see if we can't help out some victims of violent crimes in the process.

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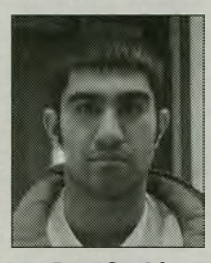
The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author ,and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Corrections

Due to an editorial error in the Jan. 26 edition of The Observer, an In Brief item incorrectly stated the band Nice Save! would be playing at Corby's that Friday. The band will actually be playing Friday, Feb. 3.

The Observer regrets the error.

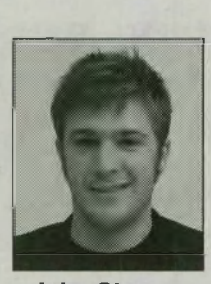
Question of the Day: *If you could add any major, what would it be and why?*



Dev Sethi

senior
off-campus

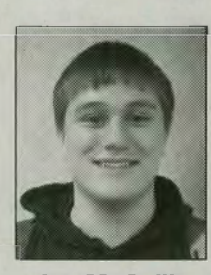
"Communications ... I don't know why, I just feel like most schools have that."



John Strong

sophomore
Alumni

"I think I'd add a music-business combination, like the music industry you know, strong."



Jon McCallie

freshman
St. Ed's

"Sex-ed. That's it."

Mary Morales

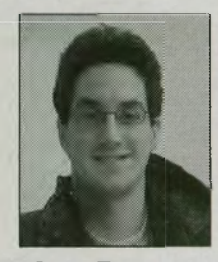
senior
off-campus

"The fundamentals of baking, because why not? Sounds good to me."

Okechi Ogbuokiri

junior
Cavanaugh

"Marine biology, because it sounds fun."



Ryan Emptage

sophomore
O'Neill

"How about ND-ology?"

JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Cavanaugh Hall residents Meghan Johnson, left, and Megan Marsh make masks last Thursday for their masquerade Snow Ball during their dorm craft night.

Offbeat

And the most important trait in a mate is ...

TORONTO — When it comes to romance, women prefer someone who tickles their funny bone while men opt for those who catch their eye, according to an international survey released on Wednesday.

The survey, conducted in 16 countries by Canadian romance publisher Harlequin Enterprises, asked men and women on six continents about traits they liked or disliked.

Physical attraction was the top priority for men in France, Brazil, Greece, Japan and Britain. And while 40 percent of Portuguese men rated intelligence over looks in a first encounter, no Australian men did so.

Twins detained for loincloth outrage

HARARE — Zimbabwean twins who became media celebrities for appearing in public wearing nothing but traditional African goatskin loincloths have been detained pending trial for indecent exposure.

Harare magistrate Mishrod Guvamombe also ordered the 22-year-old brothers, dubbed the "Terrible Twins" by local newspapers, to undergo psychiatric evaluation, the official Herald newspaper said Friday.

The men raised eyebrows last month when they went to an upscale Harare shopping mall clad only in brief loincloths.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Three **panelists** will address the question: **"Iraq: What now?" tomorrow** at **4:15 p.m.** in the auditorium of the **Hesburgh Center for International Studies**.

Author **Kirsten Sundberg Lunstrum** will give a **reading** from her debut book, **This Life She's Chosen, Wednesday** at **7:30 p.m.** in South Dining Hall's **Hospitality Room**.

The **2006 Winter Career and Internship Fair** will take place **Wednesday** from **4 to 8 p.m.** in the **Joyce Center fieldhouse**. The event is free and sponsored by the Career Center.

The College of Arts & Letters will present **"You Don't Really Have to be a Rhodes Scholar to Land a Fellowship for Post Graduate Study" Thursday** at **7 p.m.** in the **Hammes Student Lounge** of **Coleman-Morse**.

Legendary rap artist **Chuck D** from the critically acclaimed Public Enemy will present **"Rap, Race, and Reality" Thursday** at **8:30 p.m.** in **DeBartolo Hall, Room 141**. A Jimmy John's reception will follow at 10 p.m.

The band **Nice Save!** will play **Friday at 10:30 p.m.** at **Corby's**.

RecSports' **Late Night Olympics** will take place in the **Joyce Center** from **10 p.m. Saturday** to **4 a.m. Sunday**. Donations of **$1** are taken at the door. Proceeds benefit **St. Joseph County Special Olympics**.

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

Local Weather

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HIGH	37	30	36	40	40	38
LOW	30	26	24	28	28	27

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Heritage

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House and a showing of "The Bells of Saint Mary's."

Student body president Kellye Mitros — who along with several other students was decked out in a vintage dinner dress — was one of the chief forces behind the initiation of Heritage Week, and during the event's opening said she was pleased with the week's success and the dinner itself.

"I cannot believe this week has come together so well," Mitros said.

After the family-style dinner — served by student hostesses, just as in the past — College missions commissioner Jenny Robbins invited several Sisters to share their favorite memories of their time both studying and teaching at Saint Mary's.

"It is really a joy for me to be here and see so many people celebrating the heritage of Saint Mary's," Sister Ruth Marie Knickerson said. "The heritage of Saint Mary's is really the heritage of the Sisters of the Holy Cross."

"We feel a connection to the women before us, because obviously a women's college isn't for everybody, especially nowadays."

Jenny Nugent
senior

Having joined the convent in 1961 straight out of high school, Knickerson was not permitted to speak with the undergraduates with whom she shared the Saint Mary's campus. She recalled seeing Sister Madeleva tending flowers while on her way to class, and how the entire student body gathered in Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans hall following the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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Sister Ruth Marie Knickerson

Despite the tight rules, Knickerson said, she and the other novitiates enjoyed some humorous times — including throwing parties in the old College clubhouse and enduring pranks from Notre Dame men.

"My first fall here we had about three panty raids," Knickerson said. "You would hear this roar coming up The Avenue and they would decide what they were going to do with us and they decided to put us in the chapel."

Other sisters shared stories of the Saint Mary's/Notre Dame merger that almost was, student-Sister relations and student pranksters — including themselves.

"I didn't enter the Sisters of the Holy Cross until after I graduated [from Saint Mary's], and until the day I die I will be grateful because I had four very wonderful years and I loved it all," Sister Elena Malits said.

Malits recounted how she and a group of classmates wrote and produced musical comedies at Saint Mary's in the early 1950s. Her senior year she was responsible for the choreography and invited friends to a dress rehearsal to get feedback on the show. After being told the second act fell a bit flat — with only 24 hours to makes changes —Malits took matters into her own hands.

"I decided the easiest thing was to do it [myself]," she said. "So — I don't know where I made this up — but it was to be a sort of wild Indian dance."

In full native garb and gritting a rubber Indian knife in her teeth, Malits leapt onstage in a mid-air split and performed an energetic but "respectable" dance that "brought down the house."

"The next morning I had a telephone message from Sister Madeleva's secretary saying that Sister Madeleva would like to see me in her office," Malits said. "And as a senior, I knew Sister Madeleva did not invite you to her office to compliment you."

After berating her for the dance, which Sister Madeleva thought was unbecoming of a Saint Mary's woman, the College president paused to give Maltis an opportunity to apologize. The student, however, wanted to stand her ground for what she thought was a respectable performance.

"Sister Madeleva, I am sorry — and I paused — that you didn't like the dance," Malits said to a roar of laughter from the guests.

The last speaker of the evening was 2004 graduate Kym Dunlap, who recently published "Her Memories Beyond the Avenue," a collection of stories by Saint Mary's women throughout the years.

Dunlap, who signed copies of her book earlier in the day during the Reidinger House tours, read excerpts of the book to the dinner crowd — including one poem written by a Saint Mary's senior in 1946 that asked future students to remember those women who had gone before them.

Many seniors attended the event and remarked that the poem and dinner resonated with them.

"We feel a connection to the women before us, because obviously a women's college isn't for everybody, especially nowadays," senior Jenny Nugent said.

"As a senior, [the dinner was] a nice time to gather with friends," senior Mary Buell said. "It just really solidifies us as Saint Mary's women."

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Student body president Kellye Mitros, right, decked out in period garb, chats with Vice President for Student Affairs Linda Timm at Sunday's dinner, which brought students, alumnae and administrators together.

Congregation of Holy Cross

CORBY NIGHT

If God is calling you . . .
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men who had made and lived by their vows,
men who had walked side by side
in their following of the Lord. . ."

Think you might have a vocation
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Join the Holy Cross
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for an hour of prayer, pizza,
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Wednesday, Feb. 1, 8:30pm
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extensive history of weighing the two at Notre Dame.

The year was 1967. Father Theodore Hesburgh was president of the University and at stake was the direction of the nation's Catholic institutions.

Hesburgh met with a group of prominent university presidents and administrators from around the country to draft a statement about an increasingly sensitive subject — the role and responsibility of Catholic universities in the United States.

The fruit of their discussions was known as the "Land O' Lakes" statement — and its thesis, which promoted the idea of an independent spirit guiding Catholic universities, would eventually contribute to the Vatican's fear that Universities were drifting too far away from Church teaching.

Throughout the 1990s, Vatican officials began creating and revising a document that would address the role and responsibility of Catholic universities around the world. Throughout that decade, the issue swirled around Notre Dame's campus, as students and faculty clashed about Notre Dame's future direction and national identity.

In a two-part series in the Viewpoint section of The Observer in April of 1991, law professor Charles Rice criticized the University for being too concerned with political correctness.

"In the fall of 1989, Notre Dame sponsored a public showing of a blasphemy of Christ, in the film, 'The Last Temptation of Christ,' he wrote. "That event remains crucial in the history of Notre Dame. The University decided there that the First and Second Commandments were superceded by the authority of the secular establishment."

Rice wrote that such sponsorship was a result of the "Land O' Lakes" statement, which he called "an institutional renunciation of the duty to affirm religious truth."

A year later, The Observer published a lengthy essay by a Protestant alumnus that spanned two full-size pages. David Lutz wrote he feared Notre Dame might become "merely one more secular university" and that "there should be no hesitation on the part of its leaders to state that ... the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church will not be compromised on the Notre Dame campus and that anyone not interested in teaching at a Catholic university should teach elsewhere."

"If positive action to halt and reverse the secularization of the University of Notre Dame is not taken soon, the question will not be whether, but when. Notre Dame will be a Christian [u]niversity in the same sense that Northwestern University is now Christian," Lutz wrote.

Lutz's comments drew strong opposition and a debate ensued regarding restrictions on academic freedom, as students and faculty questioned whether those restrictions could affect a student's pursuit of the truth. Assistant philosophy professor Paul Weithman wrote in a Viewpoint letter that "restrictions on academic freedom are restrictions on the pursuit of truth" — a belief expressed by many in the Notre Dame community since Jenkins' addresses.

The debate on academic freedom quieted somewhat until the 2000s — when two highly controversial and publicized events made their debuts on campus.

"The Vagina Monologues" debuted in 2002, the Queer Film Festival in 2004. As the most recent additions to Notre Dame's decades-long debate on academic freedom, both events entered the campus conversation amid a flurry of fervent support and equally loud dissent.

The strong reactions to the events have come from within the University and from far beyond its campus boundaries. Though University President Emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy permitted both controversial events with little public comment, Jenkins has exerted a new leadership style — one he said last week he hopes will result in a formal policy on academic freedom and Catholic character.

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White

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Milwaukee, Wis.

"Dr. White's unanimous selection by Wabash's Board of Trustees is a great personal achievement for him and a wonderful outgrowth of his many years of service in academic administration," said Saint Mary's President Carol Mooney in an e-mail to members of the College community. "His loss will be felt deeply at Saint Mary's, but his appointment makes clear to all the superb quality of the people who work at Saint Mary's."

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Carol Mooney
College president

The vice president announced in August he would step down from his administrative position to take a year sabbatical and then return to the Saint Mary's English department as a faculty member. Not long after, however, he was contacted by a search consultant working with Wabash College to replace outgoing president Andrew Ford.

After submitting an application and letters of recommendation, White went through three rounds of interviews. The first, which took place in early December in a hotel in Indianapolis, included meetings with and answering questions from the 16 members of the presidential search committee. On Jan. 6 three committee representatives visited White and his family in their home. Then, as one of three finalists, White traveled to Crawfordsville to visit the campus and meet with trustee members, faculty, students and alumni from Jan. 11-13.

White said he found Wabash students to possess many of the same characteristics as Saint Mary's students.

"Aside from the very big difference of the student bodies ... they have many similarities," White said. "[Wabash students] are very committed to the college, they are committed to the possibility of their college, they are excited to be at Wabash."

The students were interested in the presidential search process, White said, noting that the student newspaper The Bachelor provided detailed coverage of each of the candidates. He was ultimately endorsed by one of the paper's opinion writers.

"I have always been a big champion of student leadership here at Saint Mary's and I think the students recognized that," he said.

White said he had known about Wabash and its strong reputation as a liberal arts institution for many years.

"It is an interesting story," White said. "I have known about Wabash for a long, long time in part because one of my favorite professors when I was an undergraduate at the University of Chicago [departed for] Wabash and I was very upset."

That professor, Don Herring, still works at Wabash today.

In addition to a large endowment of $320 million, White said he sees two major differences between Saint Mary's and Wabash.

"[I hope to] help articulate what's special about the liberal arts education at Wabash."

Pat White
SMC vice president and dean of faculty

"Wabash has a strong fraternity system and also of course a strong commitment to the liberal arts — which Saint Mary's also has but Saint Mary's College has a more professional program," he said.

While enrollment at Wabash has been steady, White said the select number of high school students who actually consider a single-sex school means it will be something he plays close attention to.

The small size of Wabash was attractive to the academic, who has committed himself to educating in a liberal arts setting.

"Saint Mary's is the biggest college I have ever worked at," White said. "I've always wanted to be at a small college where I could be close to students, and where the college would be a community of learning, and where there could be a close connection between what is going on inside the classroom and what is going on outside the classroom, and in that respect Wabash is a perfect fit for me."

While Saint Mary's is proud of its identity as a women's institution, the college wants to be recognized as much more than that, White said. Similarly, Wabash has an outstanding academic character that he hopes to get to know and to share with others.

"[I hope to] help articulate what's special about the liberal arts education at Wabash," White said. "Wabash has a Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts which is somewhat of an analogue to our CWIL [Center for Women in Intercultural Leadership]."

The Wabash Center recently received an additional $12.5 million in grants in December, and White said he looks forward to putting those resources to good use.

Before being named vice president and dean of faculty in 2002, White served as associate dean of faculty at Saint Mary's from 1988 to 2002; first under Dorothy Feigl and then under Karen Ristau.

White was responsible for several academic milestones at Saint Mary's, including the founding of the Center for Academic Innovation in 1993 and CWIL in 2000. His twin daughters, Katie and Molly, are currently juniors at the College.

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next year," outgoing editor in chief Claire Heininger said. "He has a wealth of great ideas and an excellent relationship with the staff."

Gilloon hopes to undertake projects during his tenure that include improving writing throughout The Observer, upgrading technology and streamlining the process by which the paper is produced.

"I am excited to see what I can do to see The Observer improve next year," Gilloon said. "And I'm extremely eager to work with a very talented staff."

Gilloon will assume the position as editor in chief on March 6.

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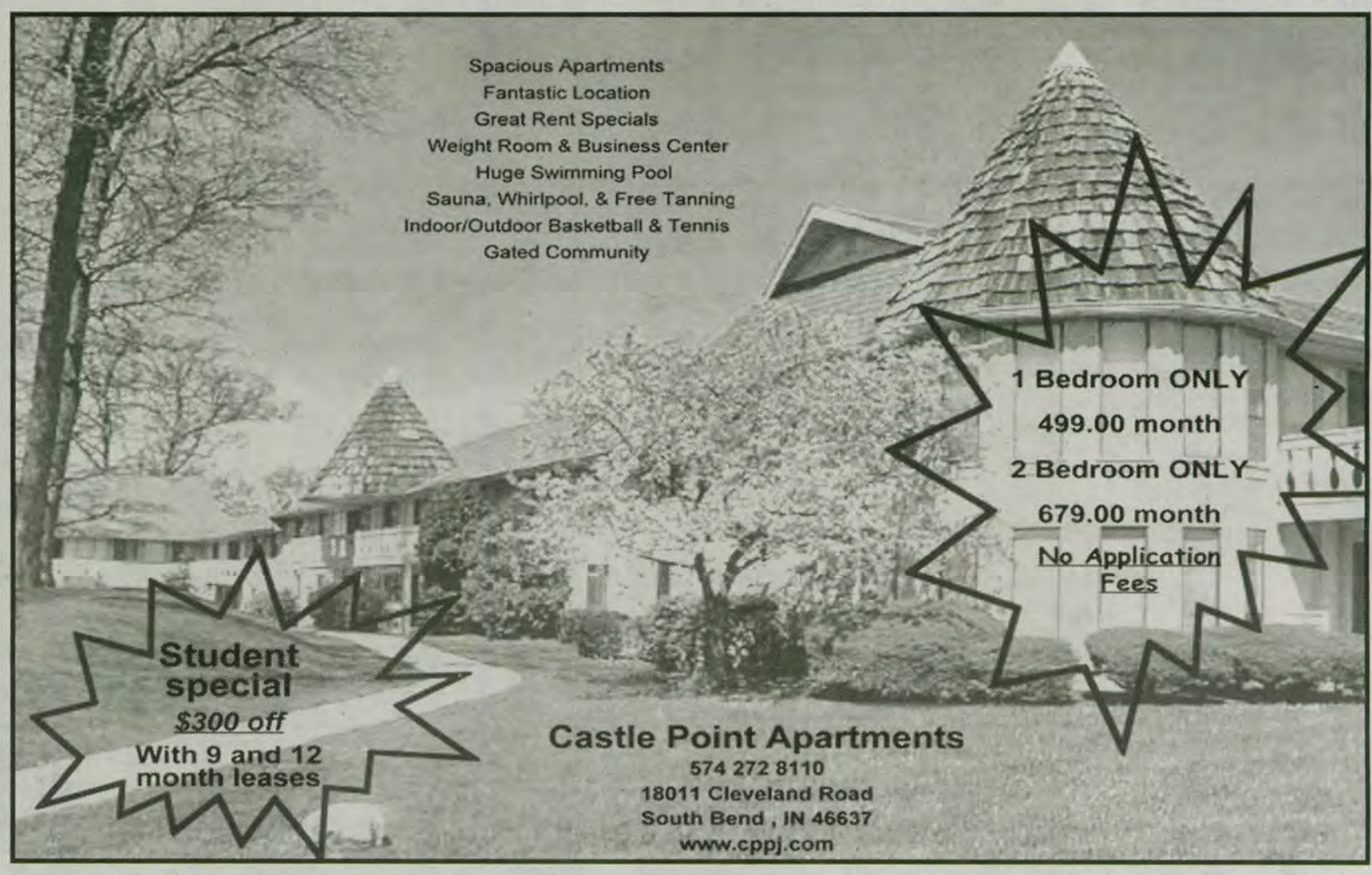

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pope asks for unity to fight poverty

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI called on world leaders to unite in the fight against poverty Sunday and sent two doves flying into St. Peter's Square in a symbol of peace, continuing a tradition begun by his predecessor, John Paul II.

From his studio window overlooking the square, Benedict offered a special greeting to those who suffer from leprosy, a disfiguring condition also known as Hansen's disease that affects hundreds of thousands of people worldwide.

Noting that Sunday was World Day of Leprosy sufferers, the pontiff encouraged missionaries, health care personnel and volunteers working in the field against the scourge.

"Leprosy is a symptom of a more serious and vaster ill, which is poverty," Benedict told pilgrims, tourists and a group of Italian Catholic children in the square.

"For this reason, following in the wake of my predecessors, I renew the appeal to leaders of nations so that they will unite their efforts to overcome the grave imbalances that still penalize a large part of humanity."

Parliament involved in emir choice

KUWAIT CITY — Kuwait's parliament voted unanimously on Sunday to name Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah as the new emir of the oil-rich U.S. ally, ending an unprecedented leadership crisis that saw the legislature vote to oust the former leader.

The new emir, the former prime minister, was not present for the 64-0 vote — the first time in Kuwait's history that parliament has had a role in choosing the emir, a matter that has been the business of the ruling family for hundreds of years.

NATIONAL NEWS

Journalists injured in attack in Iraq

NEW YORK — ABC "World News Tonight" co-anchor Bob Woodruff and a cameraman were seriously injured Sunday when the Iraqi Army vehicle they were traveling in was attacked with an explosive device.

Both journalists suffered head injuries, and Woodruff also has broken bones. They were in stable condition following surgery at a U.S. military hospital in Iraq, and due to be evacuated to medical facilities in Germany, probably overnight, said ABC News President David Westin.

"We take this as good news, but the next few days will be critical," Westin said.

Woodruff and Doug Vogt, an award-winning cameraman, were embedded with the 4th Infantry Division and traveling in a convoy with U.S. and Iraqi troops near Taji, about 12 miles north of Baghdad.

Questions arise about lack of aid

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of available trucks, boats, planes and federal officers were unused in search and rescue efforts immediately after Hurricane Katrina hit because FEMA failed to give them missions, new documents show.

Additionally, the Federal Emergency Management Agency called off its search and rescue operations in Louisiana three days after the Aug. 29 storm because of security issues, according to an internal FEMA e-mail given to Senate investigators.

LOCAL NEWS

Hog operation expansion planned

PORTLAND, Ind. — Three eastern Indiana counties have attracted 21 formal state applications to build or expand confined or concentrated hog-feeding operations in just over a year, a report Sunday said.

Applications have been filed with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to build or expand four confined feeding operations and 17 concentrated animal feeding operations to create new capacity for more than 100,000 sows, nursery pigs and finishing pigs in Jay, Randolph and Wayne counties.

IRAQ

Chaos erupts at Hussein trial

Defense team argues for trial to move out of the country to less hostile environment

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Saddam Hussein's trial turned chaotic shortly after resuming Sunday, with one defendant dragged out of court and the defense team walking out in protest. The former Iraqi leader was then escorted from the room minutes after shouting "down with America!"

Seeking to assert tight control, the new chief judge Raouf Abdel-Rahman pressed ahead with the proceedings even after the opening drama, hearing three prosecution witnesses before adjourning the trial after 4 1/2 hours.

Abdel-Rahman said the trial will continue Wednesday or Thursday, depending on the date of the Islamic new year, which is set according to the sighting of a new moon.

Abdel-Rahman was installed as chief judge after his predecessor resigned amid complaints he was not doing enough to rein in Saddam's frequent courtroom outbursts.

Defense lawyers said the stormy session showed the trial was not fair — a vital concern in a nation that is trying to reconcile its Sunni Arab minority, which dominated Iraq under Saddam, and the Shiite Muslim majority that now controls the government.

Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who is part of Saddam's defense team but did not attend Sunday's session, denounced the court as "lawless" and repeated calls for it to be moved out of Iraq.

"Now the court is seated without the defendants' counsel of choice. This is wrong. They have the right to their own counsel and for that counsel to hear and question testimony made against the defendants," Clark said, speaking from New York.

AP Photo

Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein argues with chief judge, Raouf Abdel-Rahman after his half brother, Barzan Ibrahim, was forcibly removed from the trial.

Saddam and his seven co-defendants are charged in the deaths of about 140 Shiite Muslims following an assassination attempt against the former Iraqi leader in the Shiite town of Dujail in 1982. The defendants could face death by hanging if convicted.

Sunday's proceedings, the first in over a month, disintegrated almost immediately into shouting and insults.

First, co-defendant Barzan Ibrahim, who is Saddam's half-brother and former intelligence chief, was dragged out of the room by guards after he stood and called the court "the daughter of a whore." Saddam shouted "down with traitors" and "down with America!"

Then Abdel-Rahman, a Kurd, threw out a defense attorney for arguing with him. The rest of the defense team stormed out in protest as the judge shouted after them, "Any lawyer who walks out will not be allowed back into this courtroom."

Abdel-Rahman appointed four new defense lawyers. But Saddam stood to reject them and demand to leave the courtroom, holding a copy of the Quran and other papers under his arm.

"You do not leave, I allow you to leave when I want to," Abdel-Rahman said.

"For 35 years, I administered your rights," Saddam replied, referring to his time in power.

"I am the judge and you are the defendant," Abdel-Rahman responded. Two guards pushed Saddam back into his chair, before they were ordered to lead the ousted ruler from the room.

Two other defendants also rejected their new lawyers and were allowed to leave.

The proceedings then resumed with the four remaining defendants — and none of their original lawyers.

POLAND

Roof collapses at pigeon exhibit

Associated Press

KATOWICE — Rescuers said they did not expect to find any more survivors or bodies Sunday under the twisted wreckage of an exhibition hall in southern Poland that collapsed during a racing pigeon show, killing at least 66 people and injuring 160.

Rescue crews used hand tools for 20 hours in bitterly cold temperatures to carve through the sheet metal and snarled poles of the collapsed building so as not to risk harming any potential survivors.

But Katowice fire chief Kazimierz Krzowski said Sunday that large machinery was being called in to tear down the rest of the building.

"There is a low possibility that people are still trapped under there," Krzowski said after surveying the site. "The parts of the structure that are not lying on the ground are a threat."

Some 1,300 firefighters, police officers and mine rescue workers from around the region were brought in to help in the effort.

The snow-covered roof collapsed Saturday afternoon when about 500 people were in the hall. People trapped in the wreckage used cell phones to call relatives or emergency services and tell them where they were.

One survivor, Tadeusz Dlugosz, climbed his way out of the rubble only to find out his 26-year-old son, who was visiting another exhibit when the roof collapsed, had been killed.

Ark. mother accused of smothering 3 children

Associated Press

DE QUEEN, Ark. — A mother accused of smothering her three young children left notes that officials say could help determine what led to the killings, and her priest said Sunday that she had expressed "tremendous remorse."

Paula Eleazar Mendez, 43, was in a county jail Sunday after being hospitalized for swallowing a toxic substance.

She had collapsed as officers arrived at her southwestern Arkansas home Saturday morning in response to a telephone call from the children's father in New York. Inside the home, the officers found the bodies of the children, ages 6 to 8, lying side by side on a bed, said Chris Brackett, an investigator with the Sevier County Sheriff's Office.

"I do not believe there is any dispute as to who killed these three children, and therefore who will be charged," prosecutor Tom Cooper said. "However, we have not determined at this time the particular homicide charge or punishment we will be seeking."

De Queen Police Chief Richard McKinley said investigators needed a translator to read the notes that were written in Spanish.

A family priest who visited Mendez in a hospital Saturday night described a woman experiencing profound sorrow.

"She has tremendous remorse. She is deeply sorry," the Rev. Salvador Marquez-Munoz said Sunday before entering St. Barbara Catholic Church for Mass. "She asked for our prayers and forgiveness because she is realizing how much she has hurt the community, as well."

He identified the children as 8-year-old Elvis and 6-year-old twins, Samanta and her brother Samuel.

Autopsies were planned to determine whether the children had been poisoned or smothered, as their mother told police, Cooper said. The children's faces were not covered when police found them.

Cooper said an emergency room doctor told him Mendez had not ingested enough of the toxic substance to kill herself. Her arraignment was expected Monday, McKinley said.

A neighbor said Mendez was distraught because her husband wanted a divorce, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported for Monday editions.

"She was depressed," Javier Garcia said through an interpreter, explaining that she wept often for several weeks after learning the news during a trip to New York City.

In the house's yard Sunday was a 7-foot-wide pile of burned papers. A page in a religion book bore the words "vamos a celebrar" — Spanish for "let's celebrate." A child's handwriting was scrawled in blue ink across some papers, and there were charred letters from a labor union in New York City.

The priest said Mendez, who moved to the United States from Mexico 10 years ago, had lived in New York until last summer, when she moved with her children to De Queen.

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assault last year, and estimated 15 of those cases involved students at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, IUSB and Bethel.

A perpetrator of sexual assault is rarely a stranger, Hemmerlein said. In fact, he estimated that 85-90 percent of the cases he has worked can be traced back to an acquaintance or friend of the victim.

"It may be someone you least expect," Hemmerlein said. "It may be someone you would never believe would physically attack you."

Alcohol consumption can play a role in increasing the risk of becoming a victim of sexual assault, Hemmerlein said. Women who have had several drinks can lose their inhibitions and also their judgment.

The level of intoxication can also be detrimental to piecing together the facts of an incident and subsequently building a case, Hemmerlein said. If a victim is so drunk she cannot remember the name of the person she was with or where the assault took place it can be difficult for prosecutors to pursue her attacker.

"It is not a pleasant situation to sit with a victim and family and to tell them there is little that we can do when the real desire is to go after someone like that and lock them up for a long time," Hemmerlein said.

St. Joseph County chief deputy prosecutor Kenneth Cotter reemphasized Hemmerlein's warning that a sexual assailant is not the stereotypical creepy man in a trench coat and dark glasses.

"What's a rapist look like? Anybody?" Cotter asked the audience. "It can look like me, it can look like Brent, it can look like your father, it can look like your brother, it can look like your boyfriend."

Cotter offered the audience statistics stating that 67 percent of victims are raped by someone they know. Further, only three percent involve a gun and six percent involve a knife, he said.

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A woman who has been the victim of a sexual assault needs to be examined at a hospital so that physical evidence, such as DNA, can be collected and used to prosecute the assailant, Cotter said.

"If you are assaulted ... you go to the hospital," Cotter said. "Don't wait until two days later. You can decide later on if you want to cooperate, you can decide later on if you want to pursue it. We need that evidence now."

Rape victims are often embarrassed to discuss incidents in detail, Cotter said, especially if they feel they might somehow be at fault. Women sometimes hesitate to say whether they went home with their assailant or whether they permitted him to kiss them prior to the rape.

It is crucial that a victim tell investigators exactly what happened leading up to the assault, Cotter said, so they know the whole story and the victim can keep her credibility in the eyes of the jurists.

Sgt. Bill Kraus of the South Bend Police Department warned the audience about the dangers of drinking and driving and showed images of two vehicles that had been involved in alcohol-related incidents. One was that of a Saint Mary's student who struck and killed a man during a Notre Dame football game weekend. The other was a vehicle that burst into flames after rolling over — killing its 18- and 19-year-old female occupants.

"One of the hardest things is to knock on that door and tell somebody you're not coming home," Kraus said. "I don't want to do it, I have done it too many times. I know I am going to have to do it again before the year is over."

At the end of the event Rolens, who said she herself was a victim of sexual assault at 14, encouraged students to turn to the resources available on campus in case of a sexual assault. She explained why it is important for victims to notify campus security and local officials.

"It is something other people need to know," Rolens said. "If it was a date rape type of situation, if it [was] someone from here in town, there is going to be someone else who is going to be a victim."

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70 Canadian miners trapped underground

Associated Press

ESTERHAZY, Saskatchewan — Fire broke out Sunday in a mine in central Canada, forcing some 70 miners trapped underground to retreat to emergency refuge rooms stocked with oxygen and supplies, a mine official said.

Late Sunday, a rescue team reached one of the rooms, made sure everyone was safe, then closed them back inside until the air inside the mine could be cleared of toxic gases, said Marshall Hamilton, a spokesman for Mosaic Company, the Minneapolis-based firm that operates the potash mine.

"In those refuge stations, they can seal themselves off and there's oxygen, food and water," Hamilton told CBC Radio. "And they can stay in there for at least 36 hours."

Hamilton said the fire broke out around 3 a.m. nearly a mile underground in the province of Saskatchewan. The miners reported smoke and quickly headed for the safe refuge rooms.

Hamilton said company officials could not establish a radio link with 30 of the miners but a team was able to enter one of the refuge rooms late Sunday and talk to the workers.

"I won't kid you, there was a lot of relief in that," Hamilton said.

He said the rescue team took a roll call of all the miners, checked their health and then helped them seal up the room again before leaving.

Hamilton said they believed they had found the source of the smoke and were working on extinguishing the fire. He said the mine would be cleared of smoke and toxic gas before miners were evacuated, adding "we'd rather do this safely than quickly."

"We'll go get them when we're absolutely confident that the fire is out and the smoke and the toxic gases that are associated with fires have left our operations and the air is safe for them to breathe," he said. "They're safe where they are, they're safe in there for many, many hours, potentially even days."

He said that some of the miners' families had gathered at the mine.

"They're a little bit tired. They're a little bit anxious. They have confidence that we're going to safely bring them up," he said. "Nevertheless, they'd like to see them sooner rather than later."

Potash is a pinkish-grey mineral used in the production of agricultural fertilizer.

The mine, which was Saskatchewan's first potash operation when it opened in 1962, is located near Esterhazy, about 130 miles northeast of Regina.

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10-YEAR NOTE	-0.44	-0.20	45.(
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IN BRIEF

Johnson & Johnson plans takeover

MINNEAPOLIS — Johnson & Johnson's next takeover target could be 30-year-old St. Jude Medical Inc., a quiet leader in implantable heart technology with a foothold in the promising business of implantable neurological devices.

The company has about 20 percent of the market for implantable heart defibrillators, which regulate hearts that beat too fast or chaotically. That's a multibillion market expected to grow nearly 20 percent annually for the next several years.

"These lend themselves to an ideal demographic of an aging worldwide population," said Steve Brozak, an analyst for WBB Securities LLC.

Speculation that J&J would target St. Jude intensified last week when it lost out to Boston Scientific in the battle to acquire Guidant Corp.

Toyota taking over U.S. auto industry

DETROIT — Asian automakers will gain more U.S. market share this month despite General Motors Corp.'s decision to drop prices on most vehicles, analysts predicted on Friday.

It's a familiar pattern, and one that has helped drive U.S. automakers to declining profits, restructurings that will cost GM and Ford at least 64,000 jobs in the next six years, and the possibility that Japan's Toyota Motor Corp. could topple GM as the world's largest automaker.

FDA passes new inhalable insulin

WASHINGTON — The first inhalable version of insulin won federal approval Friday, giving millions of adult diabetics an alternative to some of the regular injections they now endure.

The Food and Drug Administration said the Pfizer Inc. insulin, to be marketed as "Exubera," is the first new way of delivering insulin since the discovery of the hormone in the 1920s. Pfizer jointly developed the drug and dispenser with Sanofi-Aventis and Nektar Therapeutics.

Use of rapid-acting inhaled insulin will not replace the need to occasionally inject the hormone, according to the FDA. And diabetics will have to continue pricking their fingers to test blood sugar levels.

Deal threatened by regulations

Guidant depends on Boston Scientific to restore investor confidence in the company

Associated Press

BOSTON — Just a couple days after Guidant Corp. chose Boston Scientific Corp. as the winning suitor in a bidding war, the Massachusetts medical device maker has been hit with ill-timed regulatory troubles as it tries to quickly close the deal.

In the meantime, product recalls have eaten away at Guidant's profits.

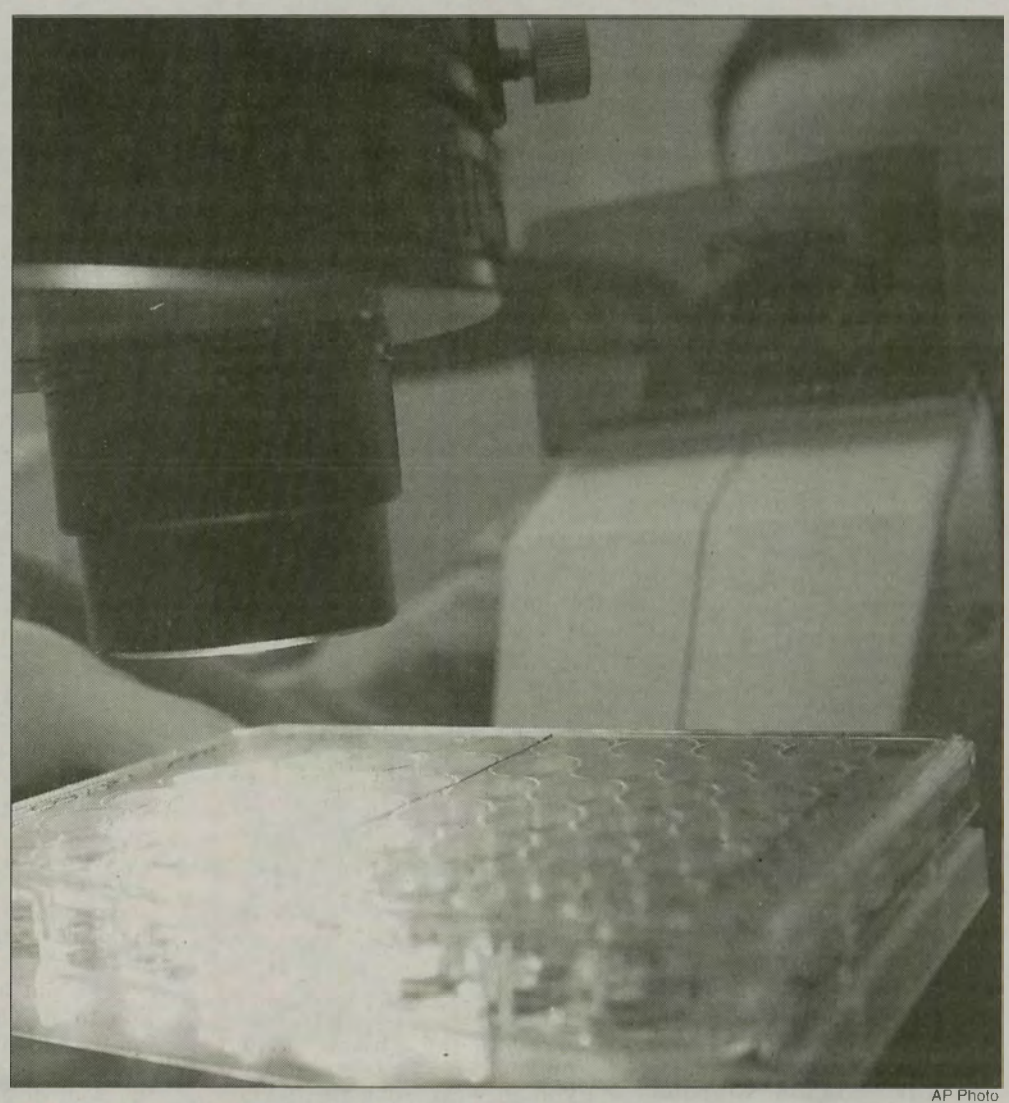
Boston Scientific's stock sank about 6.6 percent in heavy trading volume Friday, deepening the risks for Guidant shareholders who will vote on a deal with a $27 billion offering price tied to the fluctuating value of Boston Scientific's shares.

Unless Boston Scientific can quickly restore investor confidence by fixing quality control problems cited by the Food and Drug Administration after markets closed Thursday, the company could again face the prospect of sweetening its offer to close the deal, analysts said.

"These guys are already being stretched by all the things they're trying to do, but they have to fix this FDA situation because it jeopardizes the deal," said John Putnam of Stanford Group Co. "If they can resolve this quickly, a lot of the problems will go away, and this deal will get done without a whole lot of change."

At issue is a stock "collar" in the Boston Scientific offer that Guidant accepted Wednesday to end Boston Scientific's nearly two month bidding war with Johnson & Johnson. The provision is designed to compensate Guidant shareholders if Boston Scientific's shares remain below an average $22.62 in a 20-day trading period before the deal's planned closing date of March 31.

On Friday afternoon, Boston Scientific's shares fell $1.52 to close at $21.63 and traded at about four times the stock's normal volume on the New York Stock Exchange.



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A couple days after Guidant Corp. chose Boston Scientific Corp. as the winning suitor in a bidding war, new regulatory troubles have emerged for the Massachusetts company.

The further the price goes below the $22.62 threshold, the less Guidant shareholders would get because their shares convert to Boston Scientific stock. Guidant shareholders could then be more inclined to reject the deal, forcing Boston Scientific to consider increasing its price again by agreeing to a higher exchange ratio, analysts say.

The current $80-per share offer for Guidant consists of $42 in cash and $38 in stock.

Some observers believe Boston Scientific has adequate time to satisfy investor concerns about the FDA troubles.

"One day's stock market volatility isn't necessarily going to determine what is going to occur in the rest of this transaction," said merger expert Dick Langan of the law firm Nixon Peabody. 'I wouldn't be holding the edge of my seat if I were a Guidant shareholder at this point."

Boston Scientific and Guidant disclosed in regulatory filings Friday that the break-up fee either company could face for backing out of the deal is set at $800 million.

A spokesman for Indianapolis-based Guidant said his company became aware of Boston Scientific's problems with the FDA in recent due diligence talks with Boston Scientific.

"We do not expect this development to interfere with the progress of the pending merger," spokesman Steve Tragash said.

Boston Scientific and its former bidding war rival J&J sought Guidant to acquire its business in the fast-growing market for implantable defibrillators and pacemakers, and to bolster their positions in the increasingly competitive field of drug-coated heart stints.

Boston Scientific began pursuing Guidant in early December, about a year after J&J made its first offer of $25.4 billion. J&J later reduced its offer because of safety problems involving Guidant products that have led to recalls, lawsuits and regulatory investigation.

Apple to introduce new itunes

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — In its latest move to broaden its iPod and iTunes franchises, Apple Computer Inc. has introduced "iTunes U," a nationwide expansion of a service that makes course lectures and other educational materials accessible via Apple's iTunes software.

The company behind the iPod portable players, the iTunes online music store and Macintosh computers had been working with six universities on the pilot project for more than a year and expanded the educational program this week, inviting other universities to sign up.

Internet access to college lectures is nothing new, but listening to them on portable gadgets is a more recent phenomenon of the digital age, spurred in part by the popularity of podcasts, or downloadable audio files.

The University of Missouri offered podcasts of lectures through its school network before it signed up with Apple last summer as a pilot school. But "iTunes U" offered a software and service package for free, said Keith Politte, the development officer at the university's School of Journalism.

The market dominance of Apple's iTunes Music Store and iPods, which helped spawn the podcast movement, also was key.

"Our students are digital natives. We seek to meet our students where they are, and iTunes is the interface that most of our students are already familiar with," Politte said.

Apple's service offers universities a customized version of the iTunes software, allowing schools to post podcasts, audio books or video content on their iTunes-affiliated Web sites. The iTunes-based material will be accessible on Windows-based or Macintosh computers and transferable to portable devices, including Apple's iPods.

Happy 250th, Wolfie: Mozart fans celebrate in Salzburg

Aficionados gathered on Friday to honor the birthday of the musical master; Austria proves to be extravanganza hotbed

Associated Press

SALZBURG, Austria — It's a birthday bash being heard around the world.

The cobblestoned and turreted city of Mozart's birth was the focal point for Friday's 250th anniversary celebrations — but the sound of the master's music was being heard around the globe.

Orchestras halls and opera houses worldwide planned performances of his works. Piano students scheduled Mozart marathons and puppeteers were planning jubilee performances as hundreds of cities across five continents toasted the musical genius.

"For us, Mozart came with mother's milk."

Andrea Gautsch
Salzburg cab driver

For mezzo-soprano Angelika Kirchschlager, Mozart is "a gift from God" and "the light I orient my life around."

Salzburg cabbie Andrea Gautsch put it more simply Friday: "For us, Mozart came with mother's milk."

Too much hoopla? Consider this: Mozart wrote his first symphonies before turning 10 and his first significant opera at 12. He was instrumental in changing opera into the form we enjoy today.

He was prolific like few others, creating at least 626 musical works despite living to only age 35. Other greats like Beethoven and Wagner publicly recognized their debt to him.

But he had plenty of detractors in his day.

Some history books depict his tenure in Salzburg ending ingloriously in 1781 with a kick in the bottom from a servant of a patron, the city's imperious archbishop, after Mozart refused to follow orders on how to compose.

Still, the town where he was born on Jan. 27, 1756, was Mozart Central on Friday.

Always a trove for Mozart kitsch, Salzburg has outdone itself. Stores are stocked with Mozart beer and wine, Mozart baby bottles, Mozart milkshakes, Mozart knickers and Mozart jigsaw puzzles — along with the usual T-shirts, calendars and coffee mugs.

Salzburg was sprinkled with posters proclaiming "Happy Birthday Mozart" on Friday and the daily Salzburger Nachrichten displayed a full-page portrait of a serious-looking "Wunderkind" sitting at the harpsichord, as it proclaimed: "Salzburg celebrates its great son."

On the Salzburg schedule were Nikolaus Harnoncourt and the Vienna Philharmonic with Mozart's Piano Concert No. 18. Later, Riccardo Muti was to lead the orchestra — and renowned singers — through their paces in a collage of his works. Many of the 12 main events, including outdoor parties complete with mulled wine, were to start in the evening.

Salzburg visitors were advised to watch the calories. One of the attraction at an open-air event was a gargantuan birthday cake weighing in at more than 300 pounds.

In Salzburg's ornate Neue Residenz museum, visitors eyed Mozart's clothes brush and tobacco tins as they scurried through the "Viva Mozart" exhibit. Others at the interactive presentation joined in a minuet, under the watchful eyes of a dancemaster, dressed in 18th century garb.

"Front step, back, step, now back to your places," she intoned, as a group of Japanese tourists attempted to curtsy and pirouette in a clumsy copy of the bewigged and corseted dance troupe going through the movements in a live telecast behind them.

Vienna, which claims Mozart in his later years, was staging a new production of his "Idomeneo" in one of the city's three opera houses and reviving "The Magic Flute" in another.

Mozart ruled elsewhere as well.

Public broadcaster Swedish Radio set up an Internet radio station broadcasting Mozart music for 24 hours. The station will be up for at least five days, playing what Swedish Radio called "Wolfie's hits & misses." Public TV also honored Mozart with a 12-hour special.

Performances of his works were planned by orchestras or opera houses in New York, Moscow, Washington, Prague, London, Paris, Tokyo, Caracas, Quito, Havana, Mexico City, Taipei, Budapest and scores of other cities worldwide.

America's oldest orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, got a jump on the birthday by performing an all-Mozart program on Thursday night. The program, being repeated Friday and Saturday, included the orchestra's first ever performance of the uplifting "Coronation Mass," which Mozart wrote in 1779.

Even Nashville, more famous for country than classical, scheduled a musical tip of the hat to Amadeus, with the city's symphony orchestra performing his Piano Concerto No. 21.

AP

A German tourist screams as she dances with Andreas Roja, known by the name Skeleton Man, who performed the revival Mozart on Saturday in Salzburg, Austria.

Many classical radio outlets worldwide were reprogramming for the day to play only Mozart. Hundreds of marionettes were to take to the stage in excerpts of his operas in the German city of Augsburg, where his father was born.

Back in Salzburg, not everyone was in all-Mozart-all-the-time mode. Breakfast at the Hotel Auersperg was accompanied by the soft piped-in sounds of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. But the seeming protest against too much Mozart was short-lived.

"Oops, how did that happen?" tittered waitress Anna Santiago, when asked about the choice of music. Within minutes, a Mozart concerto was wafting through the air.

Poll proves Jessica Alba is more than 'eye candy'

AskMen.com survey shows actress as top choice for 'long-term girlfriend' material, followed by Miller and Jolie

Associated Press

NEW YORK — More guys want Jessica Alba for their girlfriend than any other woman, according to AskMen.com's top 99 list for 2006.

The 24-year-old actress tops the Web site's list ranking female celebrities on their "long-term relationship material." Alba is followed by "Alfie" star Sienna Miller and the ubiquitous Angelina Jolie.

The list will be posted Tuesday.

James Bassil, editor-in-chief of AskMen.com, told The Associated Press the list was determined by the rankings of 2.5 million readers and by the site's staff.

Readers of the online magazine were asked to vote according to the woman they would most want a relationship with, would consider marrying or thought best-suited to be the mother of their children.

Of course, few have ever accused Alba, Miller or Jolie of being short on movie star glamour.

"We encouraged readers not to go on looks alone," Bassil said. "I don't believe it's an entirely accurate reflection of what a reader strives for in their long-term relationships, but at the same time, it's not a sheerly surface appreciation."

The rest of the top 10, in order, is Brazilian model Adriana Lima (No. 1 last year), "Access Hollywood" correspondent Maria Menounos, Charlize Theron, Jessica Biel, singer Amerie, Natalie Portman and Eva Longoria.

Britney Spears — a mainstay of such lists in previous years — failed to chart.

AP

Actress Jessica Alba arrives for the 63rd Annual Golden Globe Awards on Jan. 16 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Wed., Feb. 1
7 p.m.
State of Fear
Pamela Yates, Paco de Onís, and Peter Kinoy, USA/Perú, 2005, 94 min.
In English and Spanish with English subtitles.

Thur., Feb. 2
7 p.m.
The Education of Shelby Knox
Marion Lipschutz and Rose Rosenblatt, USA, 2005, 76 min.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ad suggests false association

I write in response to an advertisement on page 9 of The Observer on Friday, Jan. 27. Earlier last week I was invited by phone to speak at a dinner/panel on race and terrorism this upcoming Wednesday. As I enjoy speaking about terrorism and with students, I readily agreed and was promised a follow up e-mail with details on how to focus my remarks. This e-mail never arrived. Today, whatever group is sponsoring the talk placed an ad in The Observer equating Sept. 11 and its "presumed" leader with the Iraq War and President George W. Bush. Indeed, Bush comes out looking about 10 times worse given the body counts provided.

As my name is also in the ad, the ad may be taken by some or many that this comparison is one that I would make and one I believe in.

I write to tell the Notre Dame community that I would not make such a comparison, and that I do not believe that comparison holds in almost any dimension. While I lament and mourn anyone's violent death and welcome debates about public policy, in my view the educational benefit of this comparison comes from dissecting and debunking it. But as I appear to be linked to the argument this ad is trying to make, I am dismayed and insulted by this ad.

I call for a public apology by whoever placed this ad. I critique the professionalism of any group that would place a surprise ad with such injurious implications to my reputation and that would not clearly identify themselves in such a politically charged ad. Moreover, I urge The Observer to not accept essentially anonymous political ads in the future.

Although I have been blindsided and insulted, I will not flinch or boycott. I look forward to debating and critiquing this ad and its implications on Wednesday.

Dan Lindley
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Jan. 27

Interrace Forum to discuss terrorism

The February Interrace Forum sponsored by Multicultural Student Programs and Services titled Terrorism: Then and Now is addressing the perspective on domestic terrorist acts inflicted by supremacist groups such as the KKK and Arian Nation. Pro-nationalist groups like the Black Panthers have been labeled as such because of their tactics. Hence the discussion Wednesday will broaden the definition of terrorism to include those implemented by American citizens toward other Americans based on ethnic, racial and religious differences.

The Feb. 27 advertisement in no way reflects the beliefs of Professor Daniel Lindley nor the Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services. An apology was extended for this reason and for those who may have been offended by the cutting edge approach.

Iris Outlaw
Director
Multicultural Student Programs and Services
Jan. 29

New approaches for feminists

I feel that those who are ardently in support of the "Vagina Monologues" are making an egregious error when it comes to their approach of dealing with Father John Jenkins. It seems that they have chosen the "Vagina Monologues" as the sole medium in which the abolition of violence against women is to be advanced. It appears that they believe that if the "Vagina Monologues" are banned, that this is tantamount to banning the advancement of such a worthy cause. Even feminists question the goals of the "Vagina Monologues." Pro-sex feminist Betty Dodson, author of "Our Bodies, Ourselves," saw the play as having a negative and restrictive view of sexuality and an anti-male bias. She called the play a blast of hatred at men and heterosexuality. If the play is so contentious, why not explore other mediums that will allow them to gain the public's attention?

Furthermore, why not turn all of the attention now focused on the "Vagina Monologues" into something that will benefit their cause? There's a saying in marketing, "Any publicity is good publicity." If Jenkins does decide to scale back the event, why not set up a conference on violence against women? If Jenkins decides to cut off their ability to collect funds, why not set up a dinner to benefit the victims of domestic violence instead? Judging from the public outcry, I'm sure these events would be well attended.

One thing cannot be denied: those who are strong supporters are passionate about their cause. I hope that this passion will not be wasted debating whether the "Vagina Monologues" should be allowed the full support of University facilities. If Jenkins does decide to scale back the event, I hope that their passion can be redirected into other mediums that will achieve the abolition of violence against women and the betterment of our society.

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Academic freedom or conservative Catholicism?

I am appalled by Father John Jenkins' speeches concerning the scope of academic freedom. Hearing him speak of limiting this indispensable right makes me worry about the direction in which this institution is headed.

Allowing a dialogue to occur doesn't mean the University endorses what is contained within the discourse and materials presented to spark it. If a professor assigns his/her students to read a speech given by Adolf Hitler to inspire discussion, does this mean that the University or the professor is endorsing the content of the speech? I think it is obvious that the answer to that question is an emphatic "No." The same allowance should apply to the "Vagina Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival, especially since they both promote acceptance and diversity, as opposed to Hitler's hate-filled words.

Why is Jenkins so afraid of these topics being discussed? Does he not think that the foundation of this University is strong enough to deal with differing opinions? In order for an individual's values to develop, he/she must be exposed to and seriously consider all that is available. In Amish communities, the elders send young adults into the world for one year to experience all that it holds. They are then given the choice to return or remain a part of outside society. The elders embrace the idea that questioning leads to the strengthening and expansion of one's beliefs. No justice is done for faith when those who have it are blind as to why they believe what they do.

The most vital question remains. Is the primary goal of Notre Dame to promote, among its students, the freedom to learn and develop an identity, or is the chief objective a surreptitious indoctrination of conservative Catholicism under the guise of allowing academic freedom? This requires serious discernment by University administrators. Even Du Lac states, "The intellectual interchange essential to a university requires, and is enriched by, the presence and voices of diverse scholars and students. The University is committed to constructive and critical engagement with the whole of human culture."

I couldn't have said it better myself.

Joanna Basile
Center for Social Concerns
Jan. 25

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"Without freedom of thought there can be no such thing as wisdom, and no such thing as public liberty without freedom of speech."

Benjamin Franklin
diplomat

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ACADEMIC FREEDOM & CATHOLIC CHARACTER

More than just the heterosexual male point of view

Through the heterosexual male gaze, I learned about my sexuality at Notre Dame. With the help of one male professor, I learned how it feels to be sexually harassed. With the help of many male students, I came to understand that pictures of nude girls in dorm rooms would be a reality I would have to accept.

It is acceptable for the heterosexual male to express his own sexuality on campus and for him to gaze at, harass and mock women's and homosexuals' sexualities. With the prohibition of the "Vagina Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival, the new president is explicitly saying that women and homosexuals should not be able to express their own sexualities on campus. Their voices, their gazes and their introspections into their own sexual identities must remain quieted, and left to the heterosexual male gaze.

Let's be critical of the "Catholic values" the new president is advocating: they are "Catholic views" as defined from a heterosexual male point of view. This point of view targets those who are different from it; it targets non-males and non-heterosexuals. These happen to be heterosexual women and homosexual women and men.

Like I mentioned above, I was sexually harassed by a professor at Notre Dame. I complained, and a couple of years later, discovered that the male counselor had not filed my complaint as a "formal" one. Two years after my incident, the same professor harassed another student. The student complained and yet, the professor remains at the school. My senior year, I participated in the "Vagina Monologues" and started hearing my own voice again; it was very empowering. When the president is speaking of "Catholic values," he is speaking of the disempowerment of women and homosexuals to speak about their minds and bodies, about their entire selves as complete human beings.

Let's explore the interpretative powers of this new leader at Notre Dame. If Mother Theresa, instead of Father John Jenkins, had posed a talk to the Notre Dame campus about "Catholic values," do you think she would have focused on quieting the sexual voices of non-heterosexual and non-male students? Or do you think that her "Catholic values" would have included the voices of the entire community, exploring a dialogue between our minds and bodies, between our thoughts and emotions?

Mother Theresa wrote, "I pray that you will understand the words of Jesus, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' Ask yourself, 'How has he loved me? Do I really love others in the same way?'"

When we discuss and define "Catholic values," let's not forget that a religious priest is interpreting the community's values. My example of Mother Theresa and Father Jenkins illustrates this divide in Catholicism: We can interpret "Catholic values" to reflect the inclusive values of social justice theology or the exclusive values of a doctrinal faith. Do we want to draw on those public figures, like Jesus, Mother Theresa, Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., who embraced all those around them, or on those figures who have sought to exclude women, blacks and homosexuals' voices from any possible public dialogue?

Let's question our identity. Do we, the Notre Dame community, want to base our values on the tradition of social justice theology, or are we embracing the doctrines of the Vatican? It is this same Vatican that excludes women and gays from the priesthood. These priests are those who create religious doctrine and interpret our "Catholic values" while purposefully excluding women and homosexuals from this process. Yet, it is this doctrine and these values that Jenkins draws on. How can these doctrines bind me if, as a woman, I am not represented in this governing body of priests? How can women and homosexuals empower these priests, like Jenkins, to interpret "Catholic values" when these same priests are not even allowing women and homosexuals to help define the "Catholic values?" By requesting the exclusion of women's and homosexuals' sexual voices from Notre Dame's campus, Jenkins is seeking a gag order without representation. Perhaps another Boston Tea Party is in order.

OK, fine, Father Jenkins, I see the bright side. At least you're offering academic freedom for those just like you: Those who perform as heterosexual males in the public sphere, and who do not challenge the heterosexual male Vatican's interpretation of the biblical text and Catholic tradition.

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Jan. 27

Allow 'Vagina Monologues' without endorsement

One concern of President John Jenkins about the "Vagina Monologues" at Notre Dame is, he tells us, the "appearance of endorsement" of some of the values he and others find in the play. As he said, "The repeated performance of the play and the publicity surrounding it suggest that the University endorses certain themes in the play, or at least finds them compatible with its values." As Jenkins clarified in his talk, the University does endorse some values he finds in the play but does not endorse others. This seems to be moving Jenkins toward the conclusion that he must not allow the event on campus in any way that permits heavy advertising.

I offer the following alternative. If there is indeed confusion about what values from the play the University does and does not endorse, Jenkins and others authorized to speak officially for the University can speak out forcefully about these issues. Jenkins did this in his talk when pledging that the University stands against, for example, violence against women but also stands against views of sexual freedom divorced from Catholic moral teaching. Surely high profile statements from the president such as these, reported widely in both campus and South Bend media, can combat the mistaken "appearance of endorsement." If needed, reminders of what values the University officially endorses and rejects can be provided, for example, during the week of the play. This educational step would contribute to a healthy dialogue about Catholic values, alternative perspectives, and the role of Notre Dame in a pluralistic society. Adding the voice of Notre Dame to these discussions seems preferable to both the limitations on academic freedom hinted at by Jenkins and the silence on these matters from Father Edward Malloy (which apparently Jenkins believes allowed the mistaken "appearance of endorsement" to continue).

I fear, however, that other remarks from Jenkins show that he has broader objections to the understanding of academic freedom at the heart of higher education today. These deeper misunderstandings of Academic Freedom displayed by Jenkins are, I predict, what will eventually lead to serious conflict on campus. I offer two examples of what appear to be these deeper misunderstandings.

The first emerges most clearly in his distinction between academic freedom for individual faculty and academic freedom for departments. In addition to displaying an apparent lack of familiarity with the centrality of collaborative work in many academic disciplines, Jenkins apparently fails to realize that exactly the same principles of dissociation are in play in both of these cases. Neither individual faculty nor individual departments are generally authorized to speak on behalf of the University. Departments, just like individual faculty, cannot and therefore do not speak for the University in, e.g., hosting speakers, workshops or other activities unless explicitly granted permission to do so. Where there is a lack of clarity, involved parties have a duty to explicitly note that they do not speak on behalf of the University. And if in some cases there is any improper "appearance of endorsement" that Jenkins believes damages the University in any way, clarifying statements of the kind suggested above are entirely appropriate. It is amazing to me that Jenkins showed no familiarity with these central components of academic freedom in his talk.

The second, deeper misunderstanding is this. Jenkins seems to think that the view that his judgment as president ultimately grounds proper inquiry by groups of faculty on campus is compatible with the recognition of the need for "vigorous defense" and recognition of the "sacred value" of academic freedom. These views are not compatible. Within the well defined limits of mutual dissociation, it is individual faculty and groups of faculty who are trusted to pursue and disseminate knowledge as we see fit, subject only to dismissal on grounds specified in our contracts. These principles are clearly articulated in foundational higher educational documents and endorsed almost unanimously in American higher education. If in the end Jenkins abandons these commitments, he is not vigorously defending academic freedom, he is abandoning it.

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Open dialogue won't make University any less Catholic

Growth does not mire tradition; it enhances it. As a Notre Dame alumnus, I have seen Notre Dame evolve over the years, none of which has made the university any less Catholic. I am encouraged by the growing number of students and faculty who realize that fear of change is what drives some at Notre Dame to censor honest discourse, just because they are not use to talking about "difficult issues." This fear must and can be overcome.

Notre Dame has changed for the better. Though certain issues at Notre Dame have traditionally had a limited forum for dialogue, including gay rights and the exploitation of women, the University has come a long way in giving voice to the underrepresented. The annual Queer Film Festival and "Vagina Monologues" have started conversations about what it means to be gay and Catholic and what it means to be a woman who embraces her sexuality. These forums, in all their artistic diversity, foster conversation about the larger societal questions of human rights, diversity, and morality — isn't that precisely what a Catholic university environment should foster? With open and free forums in which to discuss complex issues and diverse viewpoints, students will have a more authentic educational experience, making them increasingly prepared for the real world.

I am proud of Father John Jenkins' decision to host an open forum with faculty and students to discuss academic freedom in a Catholic university environment. Open dialogue is the greatest tool to finding common ground, and it is through such discussion that people strengthen their convictions and better understand their belief systems. Notre Dame must allow for this artistic and academic freedom, particularly as it relates to the Queer Film Festival and "Vagina Monologues," so that light might continue to shine through clouds of fear and ignorance.

I remember a former Notre Dame Theology professor who once taught us that tradition must evolve in order for its meaning to be preserved. Fostering open and free dialogue about gay rights and other issues that relate to minorities will strengthen, not weaken, Notre Dame's mission of inclusiveness, making our University truly Catholic.

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A look into the inspiration beh

SHOW REVIEW

American 'Office' makes British formula its own

By CASSIE BELEK
Scene Critic

After NBC destroyed "Coupling," a wildly popular British sitcom that was shipped over the pond with the same scripts but fresh faces, fans of the BBC show "The Office" were anything but pleased to hear that NBC had made a new conquest with this beloved gem of office satire. Their uneasiness was justified. "The Office" was just that amazing, and the possibility of seeing it crash and burn in an Americanized version was unbearable.

Even though fans were expecting the worst, developments offered hope for the American "Office." Steve Carell, a comedic talent who appeared as Brick Tamland in "Anchorman," signed on to star in the series. Ricky Gervais gave his stamp of approval to the project. NBC's "The Office" was to keep the same types of characters and similar plot threads, but only the pilot would be the same script from the original series.

The BBC version of "The Office" is a mockumentary that follows the exploits of workers in a paper company in a dull industrial town in Britain. The beauty of the concept is that it tries to stick to reality as much as possible and makes it funny. People really live in boring British cities, work for paper companies, and often wonder how they got there in the first place.

Gervais stars as office manager David Brent, who believes that he is the funniest boss ever. His scenes are excruciatingly painful to watch because he embarrasses himself over and over again without realizing it. He firmly believes that, "Those of you who think you know everything are annoying to those of us who do."

His self-appointed right-hand man is Gareth (Mackenzie Crook), who is possibly even more clueless than David. He is also obsessed with the military and giving himself authority.

Tim (Martin Freeman), Gareth's rival in the office, is over-qualified for his job and survives through the day only by teaming up with Dawn (Lucy Davis), the receptionist, to play practical jokes on Gareth and to make fun of David. The romantic tension between Tim and Dawn is heart wrenching because Dawn is engaged and has been for five years.

The American version of "The Office" takes these situations and gives the characters new names. Michael Scott (Carell) is the new David, Dwight (Rainn Wilson) is the new Gareth, Jim (John Krasinski) is the new Tim, and Pam (Jenna Fischer) is the new Dawn. Even with the same basic plot, the American version makes the show its own.

The Office
Network: NBC
Time: Thursdays at 9:30 p.m.
Starring: Steve Carrell, Rainn Wilson, John Krasinski, Jenna Fischer, B.J. Novak

It has already surpassed the original in number of episodes — the BBC version had only two 6-episode seasons and one two-hour special — and therefore must keep itself fresh with even more zany office events.

The characters from the two versions are similar to each other, but the American version has deviated from the original in some ways. Michael is slightly more aware of the world than David. When he isn't faking for the documentary crew or trying to be everyone's best friend, he actually becomes a straight-headed human being with feelings. Dwight on the other hand is less believable than his counterpart Gareth. His character is exaggerated for comedic reasons, but when putting the two side by side, Gareth is a better character because he is more real.

Fans of both series continue to debate which show is better. It may be impossible to find an answer, especially when the American version is still taking shape.

Fans of both series continue to debate which show is better. It may be impossible to find an answer, especially when the American version is still taking shape in its second season. It's doubtful that the new version will ever be able to match such moments as David performing "Free Love on the Free Love Freeway" at an office in-service, but the new series isn't trying to be the BBC version. It's trying to be its own distinct series, and it has thus far been successful.

The beauty of the concept is that it tries to stick to reality as much as possible and makes it funny.

David and Michael are the driving characters of both series and they can be summed up in one quote from Michael: "Would I rather be feared or loved? Um ... Easy, both. I want people to be afraid of how much they love me."

Viewers might be afraid of how much they love both series and will find that each are distinct and continuously hilarious.

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'THE OFFICE': AN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Writer

Britain and America may share a common language, but they have very different senses of humor. NBC's decision to remake the BBC's show "The Office" for American audiences has caused a great debate about which type of humor is better and, ultimately, which version of the show is funnier.

For those interested in some quirky British humor (think exceedingly dry wit, usually followed by vigorous golf clapping, a round of tea sipping, and hearty cries of, "Cheerio!"), the DVD box set of the first two seasons of the British version is clearly the way to go. However, for people whose preferred adjective for their comedy is "hilarious," the American version of the show is the better option.

The basic premise here is much akin to the relationship between the Magna Carta and the United States Constitution: the Americans have taken a good idea and made it their own. Airing on Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. on NBC, "The Office" is an uproarious take on the exceedingly banal minutiae of cubicle life in the corporate sector.

Front man Steve Carell, the star of last year's "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," plays egomaniacal boss Michael Scott. Employing both over-the-top narcissism and self-delusions of grandeur, Carell manages to convey just how pathetic Scott's life is and how he leans so heavily on his surrogate "family." Carell won a 2006 Golden Globe award for Best Actor in a Television Comedy for his performance in "The Office."

Surrounding Michael Scott is a cast of tremendously funny characters, including Dwight Schrute (Rainn Wilson), the resident office brainiac with aspirations of corporate domination. Especially amusing are Dwight's various schemes at corporate collusion aimed at bettering his own position within the ranks of Dunder-Mifflin.

Jenna Fischer plays Pam Beesly, the deadpan secretary who spends much of her time humoring her boss' various ridiculous antics. In between receiving calls, Pam often conspires with sales rep Jim Halpert (John Krasinski) to come up with new and entertaining ways to torture Dwight.

One of the show's consistent themes is Pam and Jim's forbidden romance. This match is prevented by Pam's engagement to the markedly insensitive Roy, an archetypal man's man who works in the company warehouse. Rounding out the crew is Ryan Howard (B.J. Novak), the office "temp" who, despite the transitive nature of his profession, has somehow managed to stick around well into the show's second season.

Some highlights from the first season include:

◆"Diversity Day," an episode in which a diversity educator is brought in after Michael does an ill-advised rendition of a Chris Rock standup routine. However, after displaying extreme ignorance, Michael decides to hold his own version of "diversity day" and educate his coworkers.

◆Unwilling to make cuts in benefits himself, Michael delegates responsibility for downgrading health care packages for Dunder-Mifflin employees to Dwight, in the episode "Health Care." Dwight, relishing his newfound power, proceeds to makes slashes beyond what is necessary "for the good of the company."

◆In "Hot Girl," a corporate saleswoman stops by the office peddling pocketbooks, and Michael (in addition to the entire male staff) is instantly smitten with her. After noticing her resemblance to Pam, Michael proceeds to remark, "You're like the new and improved Pam. Pam 6.0."

The show's brilliance lies in the often-absurd interaction between Michael and his employees. Filmed as a documentary, Steve Carell is perfectly ridiculous as the regional manager of Dunder-Mifflin's Scranton branch. Well-written and smart — after its first season, the show was nominated for three Writer's Guild of America Awards — Steve Carell makes it well worth the time to head in to "The Office."

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Clueless office manager David Brent (Ricky Gervais), left, and his right-hand man Gareth (Mackenzie Cook) are two of the stars of the BBC version of "The Office."

hind The Desk

ind NBC's hit comedy "The Office"

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'The Office' and Beyond: Corporate Humor

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
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Working in an office is hard, but, ironically, the work itself is often the easiest part of the job. The invented lingo, forced fraternization with co-workers, incompetent bosses and increasing bureaucracies, have made corporate culture the hardest part of many jobs. Naturally, these elaborately constructed and often illogical business realms have become a major source of comic material.

The comic strip, "Dilbert," which was syndicated in 1989, was an early foray into parodying office culture in America. The comic focuses on Dilbert, an engineer, and his daily struggles in an office world dominated by cubicles and incompetence. "Dilbert" makes fun of everything from clueless bosses to labyrinthine bureaucracies and laughs at how rarely real work seems to be rewarded at big companies.

In 2001, the strip appeared in over 2,000 newspapers in 50 countries and was translated into over 19 languages, revealing the universality of office culture around the world. Dilbert's creator, Scott Adams, was inspired to start the strip while working at Pacific Bell in various engineering groups. The comic emerged from his doodling, and the characters took on attributes of his co-workers and bosses.

The comic created many spin-offs, including a number of best-selling books, calendars, apparel and even an ill-fated 1999 cartoon featuring the voices of Daniel Stern and Chris Elliot.

A classic example of poking fun at life in the business world is the film "Office Space." The movie parodies every aspect of office culture, including the commute, the paper work, the annoyances of micro-management and the annoying behavior of co-workers.

At the center of the film is Peter Gibbons (Ron Livingston), who undergoes hypnosis and completely stops caring about his job. This, ironically, makes him more valuable to the company. After his friends are fired, though, they conspire to exploit the company's inner bureaucracy and to steal from it.

The film was written and directed by Mike Judge, who is well known for his animated series "Beavis and Butthead" and "King of the Hill." The film didn't enjoy immediate success at the box-office, but has slowly become a cult hit on DVD.

The movie managed to nail many of the most frustrating aspects of corporate life, but its popularity might actually stem from the fact that it allows its characters to live out the fantasies of many office workers, including telling their bosses exactly how they feel and destroying office equipment with a baseball bat.

The British television show "The Office" revealed that making fun of "corporate America" was not limited in any way to America. The show is essentially a fake documentary about daily life in a small British paper company in the industrial town of Slough. At its heart is David Brent (Ricky Gervais), a horrible boss made worse by the fact that he thinks that he's the smartest, funniest boss ever.

While the show watches him make a fool of himself in a variety of ways, it also reveals how his staff copes not only with an incompetent boss but also with the inanities of daily life in the office.

"The Office" is, at times, a painful show to watch. It is rife with lengthy, awkward pauses, horribly uncomfortable moments and people saying instantly regrettable things. This high level of discomfort, though, makes the show all the more real and allows it to show the true pain that life among the cubicles can be.

The cult success of the British version of "The Office" made it natural fodder for an American remake. The NBC version moves the show from Slough to Scranton and swaps Ricky Gervais' David Brent for Steve Carrell's Michael Scott.

The American version of "The Office" began with episodes that were remakes of the British version, but after that it began to take its own trajectory. The show is closer to American corporate culture than the British version, but the awkward nature of the show remains.

Initially, audiences weren't very moved by the American remake of "The Office." Between die-hard fans of the British version and people who didn't "get" the concept of the show, it had a hard time winning over viewers. The show got a boost when its star, Steve Carrell, best known for his work on "The Daily Show" and in supporting roles in films like "Bruce Almighty," had a huge hit with the film "The 40-Year-Old Virgin." It has since moved to a new time slot and has slowly accrued a wider audience and greater popularity.

Parodies of office culture run the gamut from comics to movies to television shows, and while they have their differences, they're united in that they show how work can be horrible. Fortunately, they've found ways to make us laugh — and cringe — at life in the corporate world.

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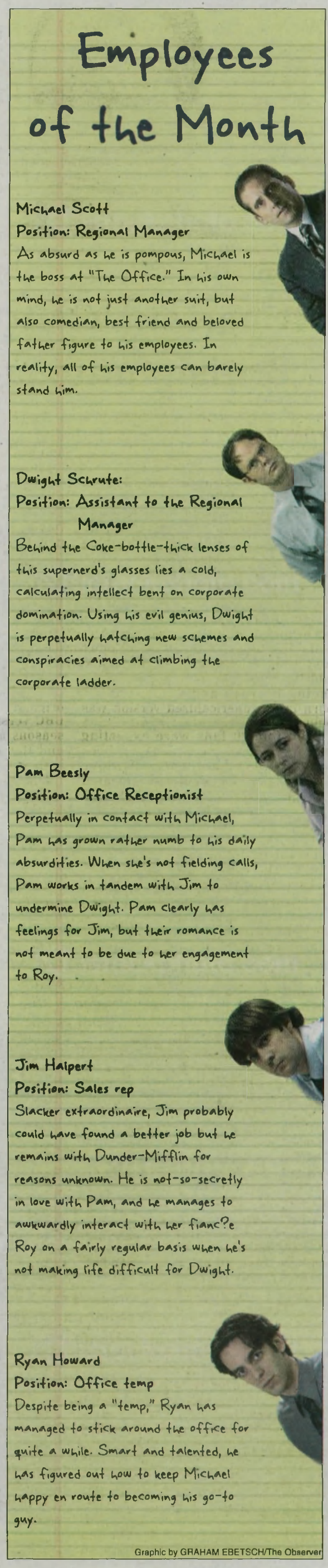
The American version of "The Office" moves the series from the British town of Slough to Scranton Pennsylvania. Early episodes came directly from the BBC show, but the show has gradually created its own unique niche on NBC.



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NBA

James' heroics lead Cavs over Suns, 113-106

Wade scores 32 in 101-95 Miami victory over Houston; Bucks beat Celtics despite 20 from newly-aquired Szczerbiak

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — In 6 shining seconds, LeBron James made a block at one end, a dunk at the other and left a lasting memory of greatness.

"It was unbelievable," said Phoenix guard Leandro Barbosa.

James scored 32 of his 44 points in the second half, and brought Cleveland back almost all by himself as the Cavaliers rallied for their fifth straight win, 113-106 over the Phoenix Suns on Sunday.

James added 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Cavs, who trailed by 17 midway through the third quarter when their third-year superstar took control of the game.

And, in a stirring 6-second sequence of the fourth, James made one of the best plays of this NBA season — or any other.

First, he hustled back on defense and blocked a floating layup by the speedy Barbosa, whose shot would have tied it. Then, James quickly retrieved the ball, sped down the floor, eluded Boris Diaw with a head fake and delivered a vicious, right-handed dunk that gave the Cavaliers a 97-93 lead.

Two plays. Six seconds. Over 100 feet. Thousands of dropped jaws.

"I was like, 'Holy Moley!" Cavs coach Mike Brown said. "That was one of the most athletic plays I've ever seen."

The Suns were stunned.

"He made a million highlights in a very short time," said reigning league MVP Steve Nash, who led Phoenix with 24 points.

James scored 16 points in the third and added another 16 in the fourth when Cleveland's defense finally slowed the Suns, holding the NBA's highest-scoring team to 19 points on just 6-of-20 shooting.

During the Cavs' winning streak, James is averaging 37.2 points, 7.8 rebounds and 7.6 assists, and his 44-point, 11-rebound, 7-assist effort has only been matched by Michael Jordan, Larry Bird and Hakeem Olajuwon since 1991-92.

AP

Dwayne Wade of the Miami Heat drives past Houston Rockets guard Luther Head in Miami's 101-95 win Sunday.

Heat 101, Rockets 95

For a while, Shaquille O'Neal couldn't miss a free throw against the Houston Rockets on Sunday.

When the percentages caught up to him, Dwyane Wade took over.

Wade sank 12 of 13 foul shots in the final quarter and scored 32 points to lead the Miami Heat to a victory over the Rockets.

"I got a rhythm going," said Wade, who also had nine assists. "The guys just did a good job of putting the ball in my hands."

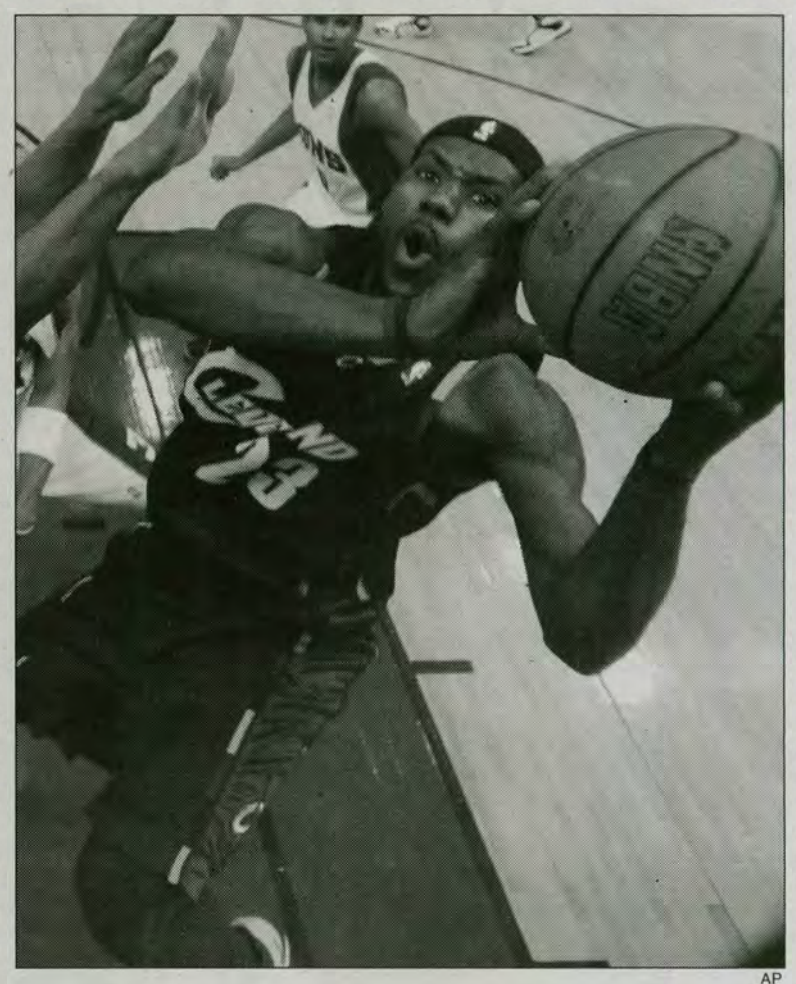
O'Neal, a 46 percent shooter from the line this season, sank 11 of his first 12 free throws, including 10 in a row. He also had 14 rebounds for Miami. After his good start, O'Neal missed five of his final six free throws, more on par with his season average.

Early on, his teammates could see how comfortable Shaq was when he stepped to the line.

"He wasn't missing and he was looking good," Wade said. "He had that confident look. His eyes were real big and when that happens, you know he's confident."

O'Neal went 6-for-6 from the free-throw line in the third quarter, when the Heat finally started exploiting the absence of 7-foot-6 Yao Ming, who missed his 21st game since undergoing toe surgery on Dec. 19. Yao is expected back this week, but missed the chance to face the 7-1 O'Neal on the first day of the Chinese New Year.

"That was a positive note," Miami coach Pat Riley said of O'Neal's foul shooting. "You could tell he was comfortable."



AP

LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers takes a shot in the Cavs' 113-106 win over the Phoenix Suns Sunday.

Bucks 83, Celtics 79

Michael Redd went with the only cure he knows for shaky shooting after he made only of his first nine shots Sunday.

"Just keep shooting," Redd said. "That's what I do — keep shooting."

Redd's shots finally began to fall and he scored 15 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a victory over the Boston Celtics.

Redd sat out much of the first quarter with two fouls, and scored only six points in the first three quarters.

"I needed some divine intervention," said Redd, whose father is a pastor in Columbus, Ohio.

Redd's layup gave Milwaukee a 76-72 lead with 2:53 remaining in the game, and his 3-pointer with 1:28 left extended the lead to seven.

"We were doing a great job on him defensively and then he hit two shots that, boy, were quick-trigger," Boston forward Wally Szczerbiak said. "You have to be ready for him at all times."

Szczerbiak, who was traded to the Celtics in a seven-player deal with the Minnesota Timberwolves on Thursday, converted two layups to get the Celtics within three and Paul Pierce hit a 3-pointer to cut it to 81-79 with 5.2 seconds left.

But Boston wasn't able to foul the Bucks on the inbounds play, and T.J. Ford got the ball to Charlie Bell for a fast-break dunk at the buzzer.

Redd finished with 21 to lead the Bucks, but coach Terry Stotts said his team's defense made the difference.

"It's easy for people to remember Michael making a three, but the way we competed defensively kept us in the game," Stotts said.

The Bucks held Pierce scoreless into the second quarter — he finished with 18 — and both teams shot 40.3 percent from the field.

"Our defense got us over the hump," Stotts said. "It was one of those games. Boston did a nice job defensively and both teams struggled to score. We stayed with our defense and fought through."

Even on an off night, Rivers said, Redd is going to make open shots. "You knew he would eventually," Rivers said.

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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	OT	points
Philadelphia	30-12	8	68
NY Rangers	28-15	7	63
New Jersey	26-20	6	58
NY Islanders	21-25	3	45
Pittsburgh	12-29	10	34

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Ottawa	34-10	4	72
Buffalo	31-15	3	65
Toronto	24-22	3	51
Montreal	22-20	6	50
Boston	12-29	8	50

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Carolina	35-11	4	74
Tampa Bay	27-21	4	58
Atlanta	23-22	6	52
Florida	20-24	8	48
Washington	18-27	5	41

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	OT	points
Detroit	33-13	4	70
Nashville	31-13	6	68
Columbus	19-30	2	40
Chicago	17-28	6	40
St. Louis	11-30	8	30

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	OT	points
Calgary	30-16	5	65
Vancouver	29-18	5	63
Colorado	28-19	5	61
Edmonton	27-18	6	60
Minnesota	25-22	4	54

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	OT	points
Dallas	33-15	2	68
Los Angeles	30-20	3	63
Phoenix	26-24	2	54
Anaheim	22-17	10	54
San Jose	23-19	6	52

Men's College Basketball
AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Connecticut	16-1	1790
2	Duke	17-1	1711
3	Memphis	17-2	1579
4	Texas	16-2	1541
5	Florida	17-1	1530
6	Villanova	13-2	1429
7	Gonzaga	15-3	1395
8	Illinois	17-2	1209
9	West Virginia	14-3	1157
10	Washington	16-2	1140
11	Michigan State	15-4	1101
12	Pittsburgh	15-1	1005
13	Indiana	12-3	1001
14	George Washington	14-1	845
15	NC State	15-3	812
16	Ohio State	14-2	738
17	UCLA	15-4	486
18	Maryland	13-4	449
19	Tennessee	12-3	420
20	Boston College	14-4	399
21	Georgetown	12-4	231
22	Louisville	13-5	219
23	Wisconsin	14-4	186
24	Oklahoma	11-4	166
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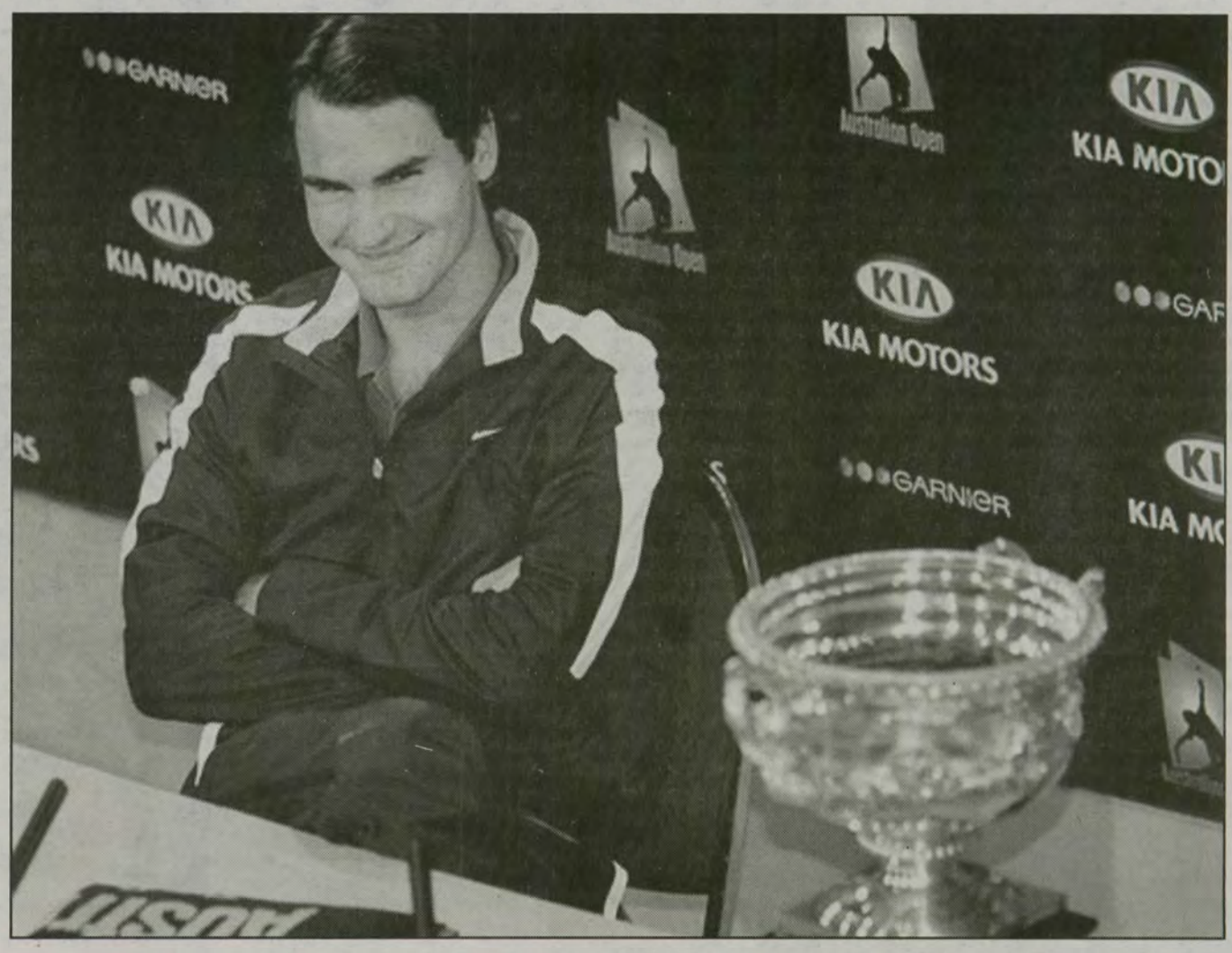


Switzerland's Roger Federer smiles at a press conference Sunday following his win in the men's singles final match against Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, Australia.

Top-ranked Federer wins Australian Open

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Always in control on the court, Roger Federer was overcome with emotion while accepting his Australian Open trophy from one of the few people he's still trying to match.

The top-ranked Federer fulfilled overwhelming expectations by beating unlikely finalist Marcos Baghdatis 5-7, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2 in Sunday's final to claim his seventh Grand Slam title and third in succession.

He tearfully embraced tennis great Rod Laver while receiving his trophy. Laver twice swept the Grand Slams, a feat Federer will try to emulate this season — if he finally can win a French Open.

Federer wept and was stuck for words at the award presentation.

"I was so happy," he said. "Then I had to go up on stage and speak. This is really too much for me sometimes. It's just a dream come true every time I win a Grand Slam.

"I can't block it out — I'm also just human."

Federer maintained his perfect record in seven major finals. And, at 24, he's halfway toward Pete Sampras' all-time record of 14 Grand Slam titles. Sampras also was 24 when he won his seventh.

Federer, who is the first since Sampras to win three consecutive majors, said he was unusually nervous as an overwhelming favorite against the 54th-ranked Cypriot, a former junior world champion.

"The whole fact of being such a huge favorite. And if I lose, a huge upset since I don't know when," Federer said. "The whole thing was building up and waiting all day for the night session— that is nerve-racking on top of it. It was really tough for me mentally."

An 11-game winning streak from 5-5 in the second set eased Federer's nerves and took the match away from Baghdatis, who said his problems started when he began to think a huge upset was within reach.

Baghdatis' raucous fans, who grew in number as he ousted second-seeded Andy Roddick, No. 4 David Nalbandian and two other seeded players in the tournament, chanted between points. Dressed as if for a soccer match, they waved flags, cheered and whistled to the end.

IN BRIEF

Piazza inks one-year deal with Padres

SAN DIEGO — All-Star catcher Mike Piazza agreed Sunday to a $2 million, one-year contract with the San Diego Padres, giving the defending NL West champions a marquee player they think can still contribute.

Piazza, 37, had been interested in signing a free-agent deal with an AL team to become a designated hitter. Instead, he'll stay in the NL and return to the West Coast for the first time since the Los Angeles Dodgers traded him to Florida in 1998.

The 12-time All-Star holds the major league record for most career home runs by a catcher (374). He has 397 homers overall, and is a career .311 hitter.

The deal is expected to be announced on Monday. Piazza gets a $1.25 million salary this year, and the contract includes a mutual option for 2007 at $8 million with a $750,000 buyout. He can earn an additional $750,000 this year in performance bonuses.

Detroit sees influx of Steelers fans before Super Bowl

DETROIT — The Seahawks were fortunate to arrive in Detroit one day ahead of the Steelers. It gave them an extra few hours to get used to seeing so much black and gold in the Super Bowl city.

Even though the Lions' home jersey is a shade of blue close to what the Seahawks wear, the color of choice this week already appears to have a Pittsburgh hue. At the airport, in the shopping malls, in Greektown — wherever — the only non-Lions NFL apparel seems to sport the names Bettis and Roethlisberger.

That doesn't bother league MVP Shaun Alexander, whose best friend doesn't root for the Seahawks. He roots for, you guessed it, the Steelers.

"He is definitely coming," Alexander said. "He'll be there, probably wearing a Pittsburgh jersey, but that's OK.

"He asked me for 10 tickets. I said, 'Why do I want to give you 10 tickets and you'll bring all Steelers fans?'"

Alexander's buddy won't be alone. It takes just a bit longer to drive from Pittsburgh to Detroit as it does to fly from Seattle, and at considerably lower prices.

Germans sweep races at luge World Cup

OBERHOF, Germany — Jan Eichhorn won his first career race Sunday in men's singles to lead a German sweep of all three events at the final luge World Cup competition before the Olympics.

Tony Benshoof of the United States was fourth in 1 minute, 28.274 seconds.

Eichhorn completed his two heats in 1:28.054, with David Moeller of Germany second at 1:28.130. Albert Demtchenko of Russia was third.

"The win was also a huge surprise for me," Eichhorn said. "Now that I've got an Olympic ticket in my pocket, I'm so relieved."

NHL

Flames top Blackhawks, snap two-game skid

Washington, Zubrus defeat Tampa Bay 2-1

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Calgary Flames used a determined power-play unit to rally to victory against the Chicago Blackhawks.

Roman Hamrlik had a goal and two assists as Calgary fought back with four unanswered goals to beat the Blackhawks 5-3 on Sunday and snap a two-game losing streak.

After Hamrlik's even-strength score late in the first cut it to 3-2, Steven Reinprecht, Dion Phaneuf and Chuck Kobasew had the final three goals — all on the power-play — as the Flames went 3-for-6 with the advantage.

Phaneuf's 5-on-3 goal late in the second period snapped a 3-3 tie and stood up as the winner. Calgary's Darren McCarty scored in the first.

"The key was getting our feet moving and drawing penalties," said Kobasew, who scored on a mid-air deflection. "We knew that special teams would be the difference."

"They [Chicago's penalty killers] are very, very aggressive," Kobasew added. "Five-on-four, four-on-three, they come at you. We almost had to play it like we were five-on-five."

Flames leading scorer Jarome Iginla was held off the scoresheet for the third straight game, but was on the ice for three Calgary goals.

"I think our power play outcompeted their penalty killing," Iginla said. "They outcompeted us in the first period. Going into the second, I think everybody found another level."

Chicago's Radim Vrbata had a goal and an assist. Mark Bell and Rene Bourque also scored for the Blackhawks.

Calgary's Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 21 shots. Blackhawks rookie counterpart Adam Munro blocked 24.

"They made some pretty good shots," Munro said. "They seemed to take advantage of their power plays and they've obviously got a good power play and they showed us what it was like."

Blackhawks coach Trent Yawney wasn't so quick to give the Flames credit. Chicago has won just four of 20 overall and three of 15 at home.

"The power-play goals were all missed assignments." Yawney said. "We abandoned what worked in the first period: That was shooting the puck. We wanted to pass the puck into the net."

After taking 14 shots by 15:23 of the first period — when Bell's power-play goal made it 3-1 — the Blackhawks had just 10 the rest of the game.

The teams played the second of back-to-back games at the United Center after Chicago defeated Calgary 2-0 on Thursday. It marked the first time since 1959 that the Blackhawks played consecutive games at home against the same opponent.

On Thursday, Munro and Kiprusoff squared off in a goaltending duel. It was scoreless until Chicago's Martin Lapointe scored a power-play goal with 6:11 left in the third period.

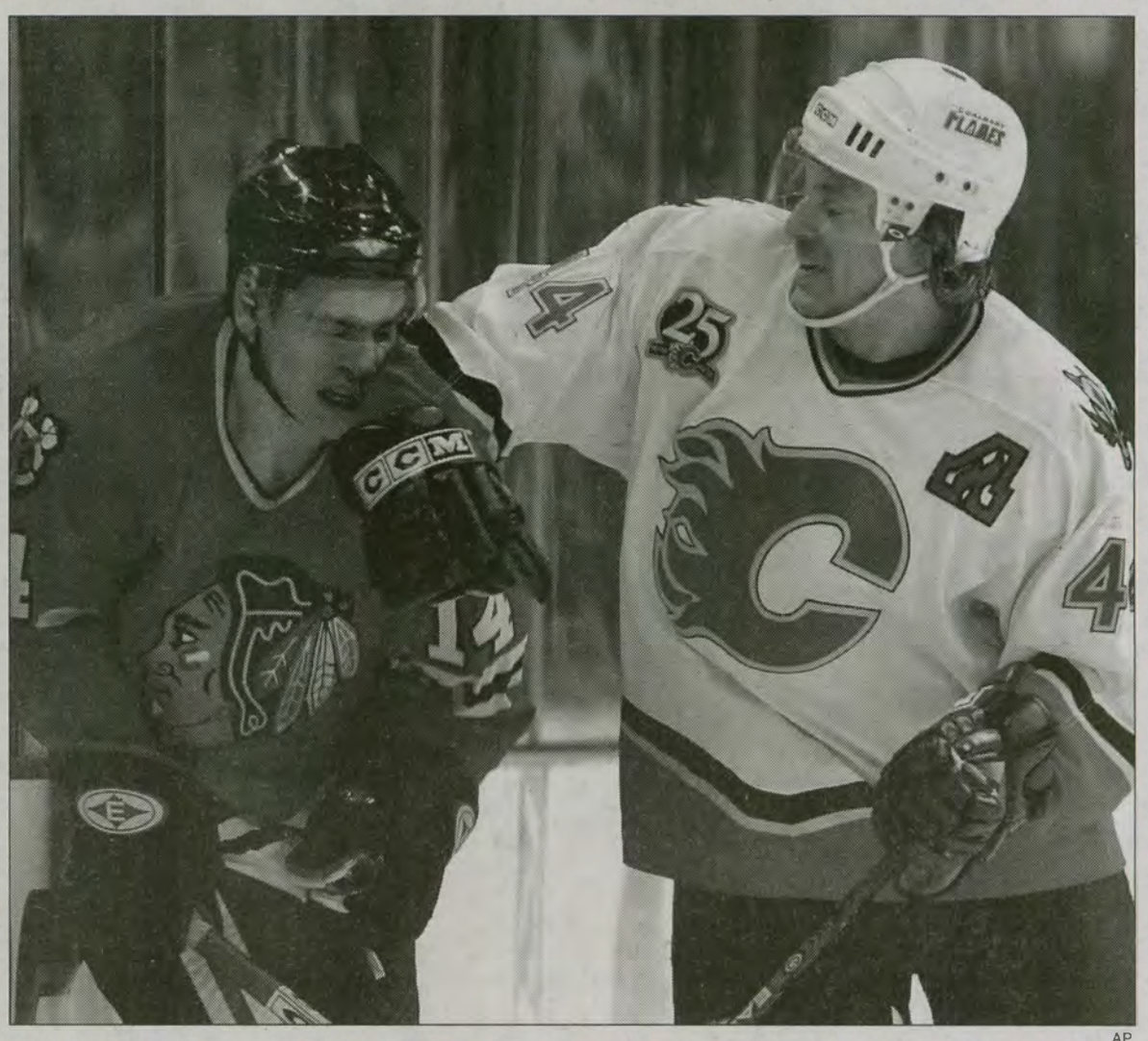
Sunday's contest, however, started with a scoring flurry, and the Blackhawks led 3-2 after the first period.

McCarty jammed in a shot from the side of the net to open the scoring just 39 seconds in.

Vrbata tied it 1-all at 1:09, and Bourque gave Chicago a 2-1 lead just 9 seconds later.

With Kiprusoff down, Vrbata fired in a shot from a sharp angle on left wing to tie it. Bourque connected from the front of the net, after taking a pass from Curtis Brown to complete a two-on-one.

Bell made it 3-1 with 4:37 left in the first with a power-play goal. He converted a rebound of Brent Seabrook's shot from the point.



AP

Calgary's Brett Warrener, right, checks Chicago's Rene Bourque during the first period of a 5-3 Flames victory over the Blackhawks at the United Center in Chicago Sunday.

Hamrlik cut it to 3-2 with 1:10 left in the period.

Power-play goals by Reinprecht and Phaneuf in the second period put Calgary ahead 4-3.

Reinprecht tied it at 3 from the slot 6:56 into the period. Following a faceoff, he turned and fired a rising shot past Munro's glove.

Phaneuf's 5-on-3 power-play goal with 4:11 left in the second gave the Flames a 4-3 lead.

Washington 2, Tampa Bay 1

WASHINGTON — Alexander Ovechkin made the Tampa Bay Lightning pay dearly for a defensive decision to double-team him.

Dainius Zubrus scored with 2:20 left in regulation and the Washington Capitals edged the Tampa Bay Lightning Sunday for their third home win in four games against the defending Stanley Cup champions.

Ovechkin started the decisive push by skating down the left boards and drawing two defenders to him. Ovechkin slipped a rink-wide pass through traffic to Chris Clark on the right wing, and Clark tapped the puck to Zubrus, who scored after splitting two defenders in the slot.

The pass was a daring but beautiful assist, showing that the rookie sensations keenly aware of where his teammates are and what the defense is trying to do to slow him down.

Doubling down on Ovechkin created extra ice that made possible an otherwise risky long pass.

"If two guys are going to go to [Ovechkin], right away as soon as he's into the zone, it means there's always going to be someone open. ... After 40 games, people are starting to realize that this is the guy they have to go to," Clark said.

Ovechkin said the game-winner helped to balance out a frustrating offensive afternoon for the Capitals, who had only four first-period shots, gave the Lightning seven power plays and were outshot 35-24.

"We played not good for two periods," Ovechkin said. "The third period, I think we played pretty well."

Jeff Halpern also scored for the Capitals, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Vincent Lacavalier had the lone goal for the Lightning, who had gone 5-0-1 in their previous six games.

"We had a chance to win," Lightning coach John Tortorella said. "We doubled them in scoring chances and we don't score. We lose a couple of battles in the neutral zone at the end there. They were bad coverages and it was in the net, game over."

The latest loss to the Capitals was Tampa Bay's final visit to Washington this season. The previous three games went to a shootout, with the Capitals winning two.

"We didn't play last year, but they're still the Stanley Cup champions," Washington defenseman Brendan Witt said. "It's a good test every time we play them."

Tampa Bay's Evegny Artyukhin almost forced overtime. With 0.5 seconds left, his shot glanced off the right post and through the crease behind goalie Olie Kolzig.

Eleven seconds after Tampa Bay's fifth power play expired, Lacavalier gave the Lightning a 1-0 lead. Lacavalier swept Vaclav Prospal's centering pass past Kolzig at 9:24 of the second for his 21st goal.

Halpern tied it with 4:40 left in the period, snapping the Lightning's shutout streak of 158 minutes, 42 seconds spread over three games. Halpern pursued his own rebound after Tampa Bay's John Grahame failed to glove the puck, poking it in after it squirted behind the goalie.

AP

Washington's Dainius Zubrus, left, celebrates with teammate Alexander Ovechkin, center, after scoring the go-ahead goal Sunday.

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There will be a meeting for any Notre Dame freshman student interested in the student athletic training program. the meeting will be held on Monday, September 12th, at 4:15 p.m. in the Joyce center athletic Training Room. We are still accepting any freshman students interested in the student athletic training program. Please contact Chantal Porter at 631-7100.

SMC BASKETBALL

Kessler hits free throws, vaults Belles to win

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

With six seconds left in the game and the Belles down one to visiting Tri-State Saturday, Saint Mary's guard Allison Kessler made two free throws to cement the win.

Late in the second half, the Thunder had made an incredible comeback, going from down as many as 13 in the second half to up four points with 25 seconds to go in the game.

The player most responsible for the comeback was Tri-State senior Kayla Cheesman, who scored seven straight Thunder points late in the second half.

However, with 12 seconds in the game and the ball in Tri-State's hands for an inbounds pass, Cheesman passed the ball out of bounds on the sideline, giving the Belles the ball with plenty of time left to win it.

"We've all got more confidence and are playing smarter basketball thanks to our experience, and it's helped us win games."

Bridget Boyce
Belles captain

The two biggest contributors in the win were forward Erin Newsom and Kessler, who has played superbly in the last two weeks.

Newsom was a huge force on the inside, scoring 10 points and grabbing nine boards. Kessler led Saint Mary's in scoring with 18 points, including the crucial game-winning free throws at the end of the game.

This game is the perfect example of the mental toughness that coach Steve Bender stress as one of the team's primary strengths.

Although the Belles may have been too relaxed in most of the second half, allowing the Thunder to come back and eventually pull ahead, the Belles regained their composure as the game was winding down.

"Mental toughness was a very big part of the win," said senior captain Bridget Boyce, who added 10 points in the win. "We couldn't have won without it. There was a way to win and we found it."

By playing sold defense and getting the shots it needed, Saint Mary's showed the kind of mental strength needed to win close games, a skill that will benefit the Belles greatly with big games against Calvin and Olivet next week and the MIAA tournament less than a month away.

The Belles have now won four of their last five games, a stretch that has also kept the Belles in the top half of the MIAA standings for the first time in five years, as well as their first .500 season in a long time.

The Belles have five regular season games remaining, and currently are 9-11 overall; however, they are 7-4 in the MIAA and fourth place in the conference.

"We have so many freshman and new players who have matured," Boyce said. "We've got more confidence and are playing smarter basketball thanks to our experience, and it's helped us win games."

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Saint Mary's guard Allison Kessler drives to the basket during the Belles' 57-55 victory over Alma Jan. 25.

SMC SWIMMING

Belles fall to Albion, Calvin in final meet

By DEIRDRE KRASULA and BECKI DORNER
Sports Writers

The Belles' regular season came to a close Saturday as Saint Mary's struggled in a dual meet against Calvin College and Albion College at Calvin in Grand Rapids, Mi. Senior captain Kelly Nelis paced the Belles, placing second in the 500-free.

After a difficult season, the Belles are still looking forward to the MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships in Grand Rapids from Feb. 9-12. And despite the lack of success, first-year coach Lynn Kachmarik is proud of the team.

"This team has gotten up at 4:30 a.m. most of the year to compete and train," she said. "It has been an amazing journey for me to be given the opportunity to coach and know our women at a different level."

The MIAA Championships are second in prestige only to the NCAA Championships, to which the winners may advance with outstanding performances. Kachmarik stressed first focusing on the upcoming championships — much more than just another meet to the Belles.

"This meet is what our team has trained for since early September," she said. "Our women came back from the holiday in late December and continued with hard training twice at day using the Rolf's Aquatic Facility at Notre Dame."

Regardless of final performances, the team will cherish its last meet together.

The Belles look to send off their seniors — Katie Dingeman, Kelly Nelis and Stephanie Hile — in style.

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PGA

Tiger starts year with bang

After taking a break, Woods returns to win the Buick Invitational

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A new decade for Tiger Woods brought back some familiar images.

Stalking the 18th green at Torrey Pines, he sized up the 8 feet of grass between his ball and the cup, a putt he simply had to make to get into a playoff Sunday. Then came that pounding of the fist when it dropped for birdie, matching the longest putt he made all weekend.

And when the Buick Invitational ended somberly, there was Woods holding another trophy.

Returning from the longest self-imposed break of his career, the 30-year-old Woods began his 10th full season on the PGA Tour with clutch shots down the stretch and two pars in a playoff to outlast two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal and Australian rookie Nathan Green.

Woods' only regret was how it ended.

Olazabal played a splendid bunker shot on the par-3 16th to 4 feet, but missed the par putt on the second playoff hole. Woods closed his eyes and briefly bowed his head, bringing back another familiar scene.

His last PGA Tour win was the American Express Championship four months ago at Harding Park, where John Daly missed a 3-foot par putt on the second extra hole.

"You don't ever take pleasure out seeing your friends do that," Woods said. "I would have felt fired up if I made the putt in the playoff for birdie on 18 and ended it right there, but not when a friend of mine misses a short one."

Still, Woods could not have asked for a better start to a new season.

Improving his playoff record to 12-1 worldwide, Woods became the first four-time winner of the Buick Invitational and won in his season debut for the fourth time in 10 years.

"You either win or lose right here and now," he said of his birdie for an even-par 72. "Either you get it done or you don't. Over my career, I've done a pretty good job of it."

So ended a dynamic afternoon along the bluffs of the Pacific Ocean, where a dozen players had a share of the lead at one point and eight players shared the lead with six holes to play.

Olazabal was the first to reach 10-under 278 with a two-putt birdie on the 18th for a 69. Green, who made two crucial par saves in only his second PGA Tour event, holed a nervy 7-footer for birdie for a 72.

Woods never expected a chance, not after three-putting three times and getting fooled by the speed of the greens on a South Course where he has played since he was 12.

But in 10 years and 47 career victories, he doesn't miss many putts with so much on the line.

"I shouldn't have even been in the playoff," Woods said, surprised that none of the other 11 players atop the leaderboard ran off with a string of birdies. "Of all the things that happened today, I kept saying, 'At least you have a chance.' I flipped it around, turned it into a positive situation. It felt good coming off the putter and found its way to the bottom."

Woods has won four times on four courses — Torrey Pines, Augusta National, Firestone and Bay Hill.

Green did all he could to pull of an improbable victory.

The 30-year-old Aussie, who once worked in his parents' crematorium, built a two-shot lead by holing a 77-yard wedge on the par-5 13th for eagle. Then, he held on for dear life by making two clutch par saves, and the birdie on the 18th hole. But he didn't last long.

The only player to hit the fairway on No. 18 in the playoff, his 3-wood went into the grandstand. After taking a free drop, his pitch didn't reach the green and he chunked the next one, moving it only inches and making bogey.

"There's nothing to be disappointed about," Green said. "I've been an overachiever for the week."

That sent Woods and Olazabal to the 16th, and the 39-year-old Spaniard appeared to escape trouble as he often does.

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ND Women's Swimming

Irish down Louisville, Oakland at Invitational

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

In its last meet before the Big East Championships, the women's swimming and diving team finished off the season in style, defeating both Louisville and Oakland in the Shamrock Invitational.

With the Shamrock Invitational following a new format this season, all three teams competed against each other, but the scoring took place as if multiple dual meets were occurring.

Notre Dame left no doubt who the best team was this weekend as it defeated Oakland 258-109 and fellow Big East competitor Louisville, 218-148.

The Irish jumped out to a quick start on Friday night as they won all five swimming competitions and took second and third place in the lone diving event.

The better sign from Friday night, though, was the fact the team is still showing signs of improvement.

With a time of 4:52.36 in the 500 freestyle, freshman Casey Wagner not only won the event, but also logged her first NCAA 'B' cut time of the season. Not wanting to be outdone, teammate Jessica Stephens posted an NCAA 'B' cut time in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:03.63.

Well ahead after Friday night, Notre Dame locked up both meets Saturday morning as it won five of eight events.

With the result already determined, head coach Carrie Nixon made a classy move by using Saturday night to allow some of her swimmers to either scratch or swim in exhibition races, which means they didn't log any points for their efforts.

"It was a courtesy thing," Nixon said. We didn't want to run up the score. It was the gentleman's thing to do."

The two wins push Notre Dame's dual meet record to 5-2 on the season, and the Irish head into the postseason with seven consecutive victories.

In addition to the final results, however, there were some other notable moments for the Irish this weekend.

Senior Courtney Choura, swimming in her final race at Notre Dame, finished in second place for the 200 breast stroke with a time of 2:21.48. Choura, along with senior manager Shannon Trevino, were honored before the meet.

Furthermore, one of the goals coming into the meet for the team was to have every swimmer qualify for the Big East Championships.

That mission was accomplished as the swimmers who had not yet qualified all achieved the necessary times this weekend.

This means the Irish will take a full team to the Big East Championships in two weeks, and the squad is very excited about the position it's in.

"We're ready to go and win the Big East," Nixon said. "The higher goal, and the one that has been the focus all year, is still scoring as many points as we can in the NCAAs and that is what we are going to continue working towards."

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ND Women's Tennis

Team dominates, shuts out both Ohio State and Xavier

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The No. 22 Irish (2-0) had little trouble securing victories in their doubleheader against Ohio State (2-1) and Xavier (1-1) Saturday.

Notre Dame shut out both opponents with 7-0 victories and took all 30 sets against its regional foes.

"We didn't lose many games and were really efficient on the court," freshman Kelcy Tefft said. "We didn't make it as long of a day."

Against the Buckeyes in doubles, the No. 1 doubles team of junior twins Christian and Catrina Thompson were first off the court with an 8-1 victory over Ohio State's Caitlin O'Keefe and Julie Blackmore.

"The Thompsons are extremely humble, and their work ethic sets the pace and tone for the rest of us," freshman Katie Potts said.

The duo was followed off the court by the No. 35-ranked pair of sophomore Brook Buck and Tefft with an 8-2 win over Angela Diastina and Sonia Ruzimovsky.

The final pairing of No. 45 seniors Kiki Stastny and captain Lauren Connelly defeated Ohio State's Ciara Finucane and Kristin Messmer 8-5.

"Our doubles team as a whole are amongst the top in the country," Potts said. "[Coach] Jay [Louderback] said it should be a rare occasion if we lose a doubles point."

Tefft agreed.

"Our team has the best doubles in the nation with all three teams ranked," she said.

The motivation and strength of the doubles matches appeared to carry over into singles, and the Irish took all six matches over Ohio State.

Playing at No. 1 for the Irish, No. 24 Catrina Thompson defeated O'Keefe 6-2, 6-3, followed by her sister No. 44 Christian Thompson in a 6-2, 6-1 win over DiPastina at No. 2. Nos. 3 and 5, Buck and Stastny, continued the trend by topping Ruzimovsky 6-2, 6-1 and Messmer 6-2, 6-3, respectively.

In their dual-match debuts in singles, No. 4 Tefft and No. 6 Potts claimed victories over Blackmore and Finucane, respectively.

"Everyone came out and played so well, and [the other teams] didn't give us much of a problem," Tefft said.

In their second match against Xavier, the Irish only lost 11 games in singles against the Musketeers — the fewest by the Irish since Jan. 30, 1999 against Kansas State.

Key matches came from Stastny — the only Irish player to compete in singles and doubles in both matches, who defeated Xavier's Kara Courtney 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3, — Connelly — her 6-0, 6-0 decision over Annie Diedalis secured the victory for the Irish — and senior Kelly Nelson. Nelson defeated Sarah Pots 6-3, 6-3 in her dual match debut in singles.

The Irish return to the court to face No. 24 Wake Forest on Feb. 11, followed by No. 11 UNC on Feb. 12.

"We are hoping to get a win against [UNC] and that will really help our confidence [as the season progresses]," Tefft

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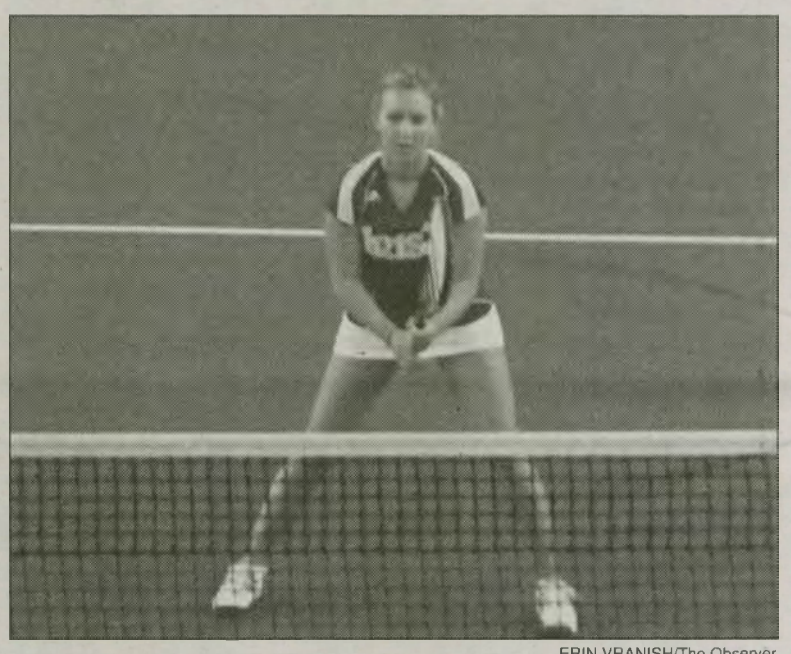

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Catrina Thompson waits to return the ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 victory over Ohio State Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

NCAA Men's Basketball

Stanford tops Washington in OT

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Chris Hernandez told himself to stay calm, refusing to think about the consequences if even one of his free throws were to miss its intended target.

One, two, three — just like in practice.

Hernandez sank three free throws with two-tenths of a second left in regulation to send the game into overtime and hit four more in the extra period, lifting Stanford to a thrilling 76-67 victory over No. 10 Washington on Sunday night.

"When you're trying to shoot, the best thing to do is not think about what you have to do," Hernandez said. "I've had that situation in high school a few times. I've been pretty successful."

The Cardinal (10-7, 6-3 Pac-10) won their third straight to extend their home winning streak to eight games. It was their 13th straight win over the Huskies at Maples Pavilion, where students charged the court after the final buzzer sounded.

"I don't think it crossed my mind we were going to lose that game," said Huskies leading scorer Brandon Roy, who finished with 25 points. "I'm still kicking myself. For the first time in basketball, I feel sorry for myself."

Hernandez finished with 15 points and four assists after sitting the final 12:16 of the first half in foul trouble, and Matt Haryasz posted his fifth straight 20-point game with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

He also made a gutsy pass to Hernandez in one crazy final minute of regulation.

Roy spun through the lane for the go-ahead basket with 1:01 left in regulation, then came up with a big defensive play when he intercepted a bad pass by Mitch Johnson with 3 seconds left. Roy converted two free throws with 2.1 seconds remaining, but Stanford had a final chance.

"I'm always confident as long as there's time on the clock," Stanford coach Trent Johnson said. "It always helps having a guy who can step up to the free throw line in that situation and keep his composure."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish lose to Virginia, top William and Mary

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Sheeva Parbhu waits to return a serve during Notre Dame's 7-0 rout of William and Mary Sunday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

By KATE GALES
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It was an up-and-down weekend for the Irish, who dropped a heartbreaking 4-3 match to No. 1 Virginia on Friday but rebounded for a 7-0 win over William and Mary Sunday.

"We were right there to beat Virginia," senior Eric Langenkamp said. "We were up 3-2 with our two most clutch players [Stephen Bass and Sheeva Parbhu] still on the courts ... we just came up a little short."

The Irish have a big weekend coming up, with matches against North Carolina and Duke preceding a Tuesday match against Illinois.

"I don't want to put too much importance on any one match," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "The season is a marathon, not a sprint ... but we need to be at our best."

Virginia 4, Notre Dame 3

The Irish and Cavaliers went down to the wire in a hotly-contested match at the Country Club of Virginia. The Irish struggled with a new lineup in doubles, as Ryan Keckley and Barry King fell No. 35 Somdev Devvarman and Trent Huey in the No. 1 doubles match. Although Bass and Langenkamp had won 8-3 at No. 3 doubles, Brett Helgeson and Sheeva Parbhu lost the No. 2 match 8-5 to give the doubles point to the Cavaliers.

"Our level was as high as I've seen it from this team in a number of years," Bayliss said.

In singles, Keckley won 6-2, 6-4 at No. 5, but captain Patrick Buchanan fell 6-3, 6-1 at No. 6. The Irish reeled off two more victories to go up 3-2 with the top two singles matches on the court. At No. 4, Brett Helgeson topped Huey, who holds the No. 6 national ranking in singles play, with a 6-7, 6-1, 6-1 score.

"Brett Helgeson looked as strong as we've seen any of our players play," Bayliss said.

At third singles, King won 6-3, 6-7, 6-1 over Rylan Rizza.

"Rizza is a tough out," associate head coach Todd Doebler said. "[The match] showed how well Barry's improved."

However, the Irish couldn't maintain the lead, as Parbhu fell 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 in the third set to tie the match at 3-3. Devvarman's win over Bass was the decisive point for Virginia.

"[Notre Dame] didn't lose — Virginia took it from them," Bayliss said. "We didn't have enough weapons to hurt them at the end."

Notre Dame 7
William and Mary 0

The Irish rebounded against a difficult Tribe team to post a dominant 7-0 victory to close out the weekend.

"I'm pleased with the results today," Bayliss said.

The Irish swept the doubles point, starting with an 8-3 win from Bass and Langenkamp at third doubles. Keckley and King clinched the point with an 8-1 win at No. 1, and Helgeson and Parbhu completed the sweep at No. 2 with an 8-6 victory.

The Tribe was known to have strong doubles, and the dominant showing there was a coup for the Irish.

In singles, Keckley was first off the courts with a 6-1, 6-3 win at No. 5. Parbhu followed with a 6-2, 6-0 win at No. 2. King clinched the match at third singles with a 6-4, 6-2 victory.

"I think Stephen Bass showed a lot of poise after losing his second set," Bayliss said. "Ryan was all over [his opponent Dominic] Pagon — he beat the ball to the net, it looked like sometimes."

Helgeson posted another win at No. 4 with a 7-5, 6-2 win, and Bass won 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 at No. 1.

"Brett had such a big win the other night ... [but] he pulled himself together pretty well," Bayliss said.

Langenkamp had a difficult match at No. 6 but pulled out a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 win at the hard-fought position.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Team sweeps Invitational

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Sports Writer

In the last meet at Rolfs Aquatic Center this year, the Irish took care of business against four quality opponents, including No. 22 Penn State. The meet was scored as four separate dual meet competitions and Notre Dame swept the other schools.

The 4-0 performance leaves the team 10-2 overall for the second straight year. Penn State came the closest to upsetting the Irish (197-173), but Missouri, Louisville and Oakland all held their own in the water.

"It was a very competitive weekend for us; the meet was not won until the next-to-last event," Irish coach Tim Welsh said.

The 100-yard butterfly was the event that sealed it for Notre Dame — the Irish grabbed two of the top five spots to pull away for good.

Junior Ted Brown came in third and Patrick Heffernan was right behind in fourth in his last race at Rolfs.

"It was a really significant and meaningful meet for the seniors who wanted to go out in a good way," Heffernan said. "We were glad to be able to rise to the level of our competition and come out on top."

This group of seniors, 10 in total, were the first swimmers to receive full scholarship support from the university.

As a group, they have faced off against 61 different colleges and universities in three different countries. They leave behind them a long list of broken records and program firsts, including a national rank and an invite to the Dallas Morning News Classic.

"If you just look at what this senior class has done, you can see they were a big part of our improvement and they always will be," Welsh said.

One of the biggest accolades the Irish have achieved in the past four years is winning last year's Big East Championship — a feat they will try to duplicate in two weeks.

With its regular season completed, Notre Dame now goes into what is called a resting period. The team will spend the next couple of weeks mentally preparing to defend its title. This means that instead of intense fitness training, practices will be much more focused on attention to detail.

Expectations remain high for the conclusion of the season, and after beating a strong Penn State squad, the Irish feel they have the ability to put up a solid performance after the two-week resting period comes to a close.

"This weekend's hard test was good for us, we know we have the talent, we just have to swim as well as we can and let the rest take care of itself," Welsh said.

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FENCING

Squad sweeps Notre Dame Duals

By DAN TAPETILLO
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The No. 1 Irish women swept the field this weekend at the Notre Dame Duals as they finished 8-0 in the tournament and improved to 18-1 on the season. The most impressive showings for Notre Dame were its 19-8 win over Duke and 18-9 victories over No. 7 Northwestern and Wayne State.

Despite their No. 1 ranking, the dominance the Irish displayed over the field came as a slight surprise to coach Janusz Bednarski.

"We have a new team and our ranking [is based off the] impression of the past and the championship that we won last year — not changes in the roster," Bednarski said. "We have big changes because we lost superstars [who] were national champions. So the new team has a much harder task."

Epeeist Amy Orlando and sabreist Ashley Serrette helped the Irish to power their way past competition.

Orlando topped two-time NCAA epee champion Anna Garina of Wayne State in a 5-4 overtime bout and Serrette recorded wins over All-American Ibtihaj Muhammad of Duke 5-4 and Annie Massart 5-3.

"[Serrette] was doing a beautiful job," Bednarski said. "She needs a little more experience, but she was bouting above expectations."

However, despite the success Serrette found against Duke, she felt several of the calls were questionable during the competition.

"The director didn't call timing, attack preps and just based it all off the lights," Serrette said, regarding the way the bout was scored. "And you can't do that. So [our team] had to adjust."

The women's foilists also needed to readjust their approach against the competition.

"A couple of teams were a little rocky like Lawrence and Duke," foilist Adi Nott said. "But we held together pretty well."

Nott finished the weekend with double-digit wins in addition to foilist Emilie Prot's impressive showing throughout the weekend.

Bednarski said the No. 2 men's team also performed higher than previously expected by defeating The men defeated No. 10 Duke 22-5 and Wayne State 22-5.

The squad dropped less than 30 bouts over the weekend in improving its record to 18-1.

"They show ambition, skill, and cooperation," he said. "They show a lot of potential. [Especially] the men's epee team, [which was] winning bouts against opponents who [were] really ranked higher and [had] a very good style."

The standouts in the men's competition came from epeeists Greg Howard (9-0) and freshman Karol Kostka (10-1). Both finished with wins over defending NCAA runner-up Marek Petraszek.

"Greg Howard was one of the heroes on the men's side," Bednarski said.

Three other epeeists finished with double-digit wins — juniors Patrick Gettings (15-1), Jesse Laeuchli (14-1) and Aaron Adjemian (10-1).

"[We are] a strong team with ability to achieve strong results," Bednarski said.

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Notre Dame goalie Dave Brown waits for a shot against Michigan Nov. 4. Brown allowed just one goal in two games as the Irish split with Ohio State over the weekend.

Buckeyes

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On the other side of the ice, Ohio State goalie Dave Caruso matched Brown save for save, holding the Irish to just one goal, which came on a power play Saturday.

"Ohio State's one of the top defensive teams in the country," Jackson said. "Part of that's Caruso, of course, but we outchanced them Friday night and couldn't score."

Ohio State took Friday's matchup, shutting out the Irish and earning its seventh straight win in the series, a streak that dated back to Nov. 2003. Caruso made 28 saves, allowing few rebounds and stifling a Notre Dame attack that had scored at least two goals in each of its last seven games.

"We were going to the net well, but Caruso didn't give up any rebounds," Jackson said. "Even if you go to the net well, if there are no rebounds it doesn't matter."

Buckeye right wing Mathieu Beaudoin scored the game's only goal at 14:28 of the second period when he blasted a shot past Brown from the right faceoff circle.

Saturday night, it was Notre Dame's turn to post a shutout victory. Senior left wing Mike Walsh scored the third game-winner of his career on the power play 3:48 into the second period.

The Buckeyes had a chance to tie as Beaudoin intercepted a pass and skated unchecked towards Brown. The Irish goalie made the save, however, ensuring a Notre Dame victory.

The games were both relatively penalty-free, with only seven power plays Friday and six Saturday between both teams. Jackson said the lack of whistles contributed to a more open, exciting game.

"We had a veteran referee in Steve Piotrowski," Jackson said. "He knows what's a penalty and what's obstruction and what's not."

The weekend moved Notre Dame's record to 9-14-3, 7-10-3 and 10th in the CCHA. Although the Irish ended their seven-game losing streak against the Buckeyes, Ohio State still leads the all-time series 25-22-6.

Notre Dame will next be in action Friday against Michigan State at the Joyce Center at 7:35 p.m.

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Mile

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that things turned out for Kurt."

While Benninger's performance certainly was the highlight of the event, two members of the women's squad also turned in record-setting efforts. Freshman Alyissa Hasan set a new Notre Dame record in the pentathlon, coming up a mere 45 points short of a provisional NCAA qualifying score.

"Kurt was especially motivated tonight."

Joe Piane
Irish head coach

Fellow freshman Mary Saxer continued to impress in the pole vault. She improved upon her NCAA provisional mark that she set at the Blue-Gold Invitational by clearing a height of 13 feet, 3.5 inches.

In the process, she set a new Notre Dame record in the pole vault, and became only the second woman in school history to clear the four-meter mark.

In the men's weight throw, all three members of the Irish squad posted season-best throws. Junior Garet Koxlien led the way with a throw of 17 meters, good enough for second place.

Kyle Annen was right behind with a throw of 16.37 meters, while junior Kevin Moffitt had a toss of 15.20 meters, qualifying him for the Big East Championship.

The women sprinters also continued to impress, with Maryann Erigha and Okechi Ogbuokiri once again leading the charge.

Erigha captured the crown in the 60 meters with a mark of 7.54 seconds, which was just off of her season best time. Ogbuokiri won the 500 meters with a time of 1:14.38, which qualified her for the Big East Championship in her second event.

After Friday's meet, the Irish have now qualified 50 athletes in 27 different events for the Big East Championships, with two more meets to go until the championships.

Benninger's time in the mile also qualified him for the NCAA Championship, which places him in the company of Saxer (pole vault) and Ogbuokiri (400 meters).

The Irish return to action next weekend with the Meyo Invitational.

The two-day event kicks off at 5 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.

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Irish miler Kurt Benninger runs in the Notre Dame Invitational Friday. Benninger recorded a sub-four minute mile for the second time in his career.

Bulls

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two 3-pointers and score seven early points and give the Bulls a 12-3 lead just 3:12 into the game.

"Every three we gave up was because somebody made a mistake, so that's eight mistakes," said McGraw, referring to South Florida's game total from three-point range.

Notre Dame eventually cut the lead back to 20-18 with 8:51 to go in the first half, but then suffered through one of the season's longest field goal-less streaks, going more than 13 minutes without a point from the floor.

"We just don't have the offensive power that we need," McGraw said. "I think we have people who are capable of it, but they're just not doing it."

In part because of the lengthy cold streak, Notre Dame fell behind by as much as 15 and went into halftime trailing, 34-21.

"We dig ourselves a big hole in every game," she said. "I don't think you can put yourself in that kind of a hole and then work that hard to come back."

In the second half, Notre Dame was able to finally end the field-goal drought with a jumper from Megan Duffy 4:04 into the half.

The senior point guard, who finished with a game-high 25 points, helped engineer yet another major comeback as the Irish erased a 15-point deficit and took a 47-46 lead with 6:23 left to play.

"I think we settled down a little bit in the offense, and I tried to be a little more aggressive in the second half than I was in the first half," Duffy said.

McGraw, however, was a bit more frustrated with the offense.

"Now, I almost feel like we got to play defense to score in the 40s, because we can't score," she said. "There's so much pressure on Megan [Duffy] to do it all. She's handling it very well, but we need those experienced players to help her."

"We just frickin' beat ourselves. It's frustrating."

Muffet McGraw
Irish head coach

McGraw was especially critical of her inside players, who have been struggling more than expected this season.

"We thought that [senior forward] Courtney [Lavere] would be a scorer for us, and it's just been really disappointing the way our posts have been playing," McGraw said. "We just cannot score."

After a pair of Duffy free throws gave the Irish a 58-55 lead with 24 seconds left to play, the team looked poised to pull off yet another come-from-behind victory.

However, a 3-pointer with two seconds left by forward Ezria Parsons, who had made only one other three-pointer all season, sent the game into overtime.

"All we had to do was not let them hit a three. It didn't matter if that was the first three of her career or what," McGraw said.

Notre Dame started the extra period well, with field goals by freshman forward Lindsay Schrader, who finished with 10 points, and sophomore forward Charel Allen giving the Irish early leads at 60-58 and 62-60, respectively. But South Florida forward Jessica Dickson, who finished with 17 points, proved why she is an All-American candidate and the nation's leading scorer. She scored three of the Bulls' seven overtime points in leading them to the victory.

"I was not confident going into overtime, because we had the game won," she said. "We had the game won in regulation."

After the game, McGraw's tone seemed to indicate that drastic changes would be coming very soon.

"The upperclassmen just put a tremendous burden on Megan [Duffy] to do it all," McGraw said. "You got to have somebody step up and have a big game, and that's what Lindsay [Schrader] is trying to do, and I'm really pleased with her."

When pressed, McGraw was even more clear of her intentions for the immediate future.

"I can change who I play, I think that's the answer," she said. "I think we just got to go with our youth, and start preparing for the future."

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Quinn said. "They started out well [in] the second half, ... got us in a hole, and we did a great job of fighting back. But once again, we couldn't close it at the end."

Quinn neared triple-double statistics with 18 points on 6-of-11 shooting, nine rebounds and eight assists. Notre Dame guard Russell Carter (14 points, 8-of-11 free throws), guard Kyle McAlarney (13) and center Torin Francis (11) also scored in double figures to help the comeback.

"When [the deficit] is at 17, I'm wondering if it's going to get ugly in our building," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I give our guys a lot of credit for giving [us] a chance to win."

The Irish had a 68-67 lead with 29 seconds to play, despite Carter's fouling out the play before on a reach-in at Foye (18 points, four assists), who made both free throws.

Quinn responded by firing and missing a deep 3-pointer from the top of the key with time remaining on the shot clock. Wildcats guard Mike Nardi (5-of-11 from three, 22 points) contested the shot, and Villanova rebounded and rushed upcourt, finding guard Allan Ray for the lay up and the foul.

Ray, who led all players in scoring with 23 points on 9-of-16 shooting, converted the free throw, putting the Wildcats up two. Quinn drove by Nardi on the ensuing possession and dished to Francis from under the basket to tie the game at 70. But Foye's drive on the final possession drew attention, and Lowry elevated toward the miss for the tip and the win.

"It'd be harder if we were getting blown out by 20 points," Carter said afterwards, "because we [would be] wondering if we're not good enough ... [But] every game, we compete."

Irish shooting guard Colin Falls, who had made 49.1 percent of his 57 three-point attempts in the past five games, attempted only two shots Saturday against the quick, guard-heavy Wildcats. Notre Dame still managed to go into halftime down only one point, 35-34, by out-rebounding (21-to-15) and out-shooting (48 percent-to-41 percent) Villanova.

But Foye, Nardi and Ray would combine to score 63 of Villanova's 72 total points, including 7-of-11 three-point shooting from Nardi and Ray in the first half.

"Foye and Ray are pros," Brey said. "Some of it's not just — when you're playing a team like Villanova — us not [getting the job done]."

Notre Dame won the tap to begin the game, but neither team scored until Carter made 1-of-2 free throws with 17:00 remaining. Francis scored on a pass from Carter next to send the Irish up 3-0, but Ray responded with a 3-pointer to tie the game going into the first timeout.

From there, Villanova recovered temporarily from an early shooting slump, making 3-of-6 to go up 11-9 with 11:56 remaining. Notre Dame then went on a 5-0 run and gained momentum on a Quinn-to-Carter alley-oop that sent a sold-out Joyce Center crowd into a frenzy.

But the Wildcats made 8-of-16 three-pointers in the first half and held the lead, coming out in the second half on a 24-8 run that finished with Cunningham's basket.

"That's how fragile the basketball game is," Brey said. "It's been a tough hump for us to get over, a tough hump ... If we can be in game situations and have a chance most of the rest of the year, that's probably all we can ask right now."

Notre Dame is scheduled to play West Virginia (15-4, 6-0; ranked No. 9/13 at week's end) in Morgantown, W.Va. on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Griffin

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Leaning back in his locker room seat after the losses, Irish guard Chris Quinn looks almost as confused answering questions as he does confident on the court. Brey sounds like a broken record making the same comments game after game.

This begs an important question. How can a team that has suffered so many tough losses continue to press on in a season that is slipping away faster than an Allen Ray drive to the basket?

Notre Dame talks about staying focused, continuing to put itself in situations where it can win games and "claw" its way to the Big East tournament.

But let's look at it realistically. Notre Dame needed this one. Brey and the Irish players can say what they want about each game meaning the same thing, but a win over 'Nova would have been big. It would have given Notre Dame a win over a top-10 opponent in the middle of a difficult conference stretch.

A victory over the Wildcats would have provided the necessary spark heading into Morgantown. If Notre Dame thought Villanova shot a lot of 3s, just wait until West Virginia opens its own clinic Wednesday. The Mountaineers have taken 519 3-point attempts this season, compared to 349 for their opponents.

It doesn't get easier from there. The Irish play road games against Louisville, Seton Hall, Connecticut and Providence. They are home against Rutgers, South Florida, Marquette and DePaul.

A murderers' row of NCAA powerhouses? Not necessarily. But aside from South Florida and DePaul, each team has a better league record than Notre Dame. And as the Irish have already learned this season, every team in the Big East is tough, anyway (DePaul defeated the Irish 73-67 on Jan. 7).

Notre Dame needs the confidence and respect that can only come with a big victory. Beating Villanova would have given Notre Dame a certain mental edge in its remaining games. It would have shown a team that truly believes in itself that they can win the close one.

And it could have saved Notre Dame's season.

But instead, the Irish need to continue to figure out how to change the script — a script that if not yet written in pen, gets closer with each devastating loss.

Brey said Saturday his team needs to create its own luck. But in order for a team to create its own luck, it needs to shoot better than 67 percent from the free throw line. It needs to box out and eliminate second-chance points. It needs to quit making dumb fouls in key situations.

Maybe a little bit of improvement in these areas will begin to rectify the situation. Maybe instead of a 6-foot-1 guard getting a game-winning tip against the Irish, a Notre Dame player will have one of his own.

The Irish insist it isn't over. And given the makeup of the Big East, they might be right. Six teams have two wins or fewer as of Sunday morning. Another four teams have three wins.

Notre Dame has a shot to make the statement in Morgantown it failed to make at home against Georgetown and Villanova. A victory would put the Irish right back in the mix and show everyone this is not a team destined for disappointment. But first Notre Dame needs to make it happen.

So don't be surprised to see a similar look on Brey's face when Notre Dame tips off against West Virginia. Sure, Brey said at the season's outset that he anticipated difficulty in reaching the Big East tournament, never mind the NCAA tournament. But with that said, a certain sense of panic must be starting to creep into Brey's mind.

One that not even a slight smile can conceal.

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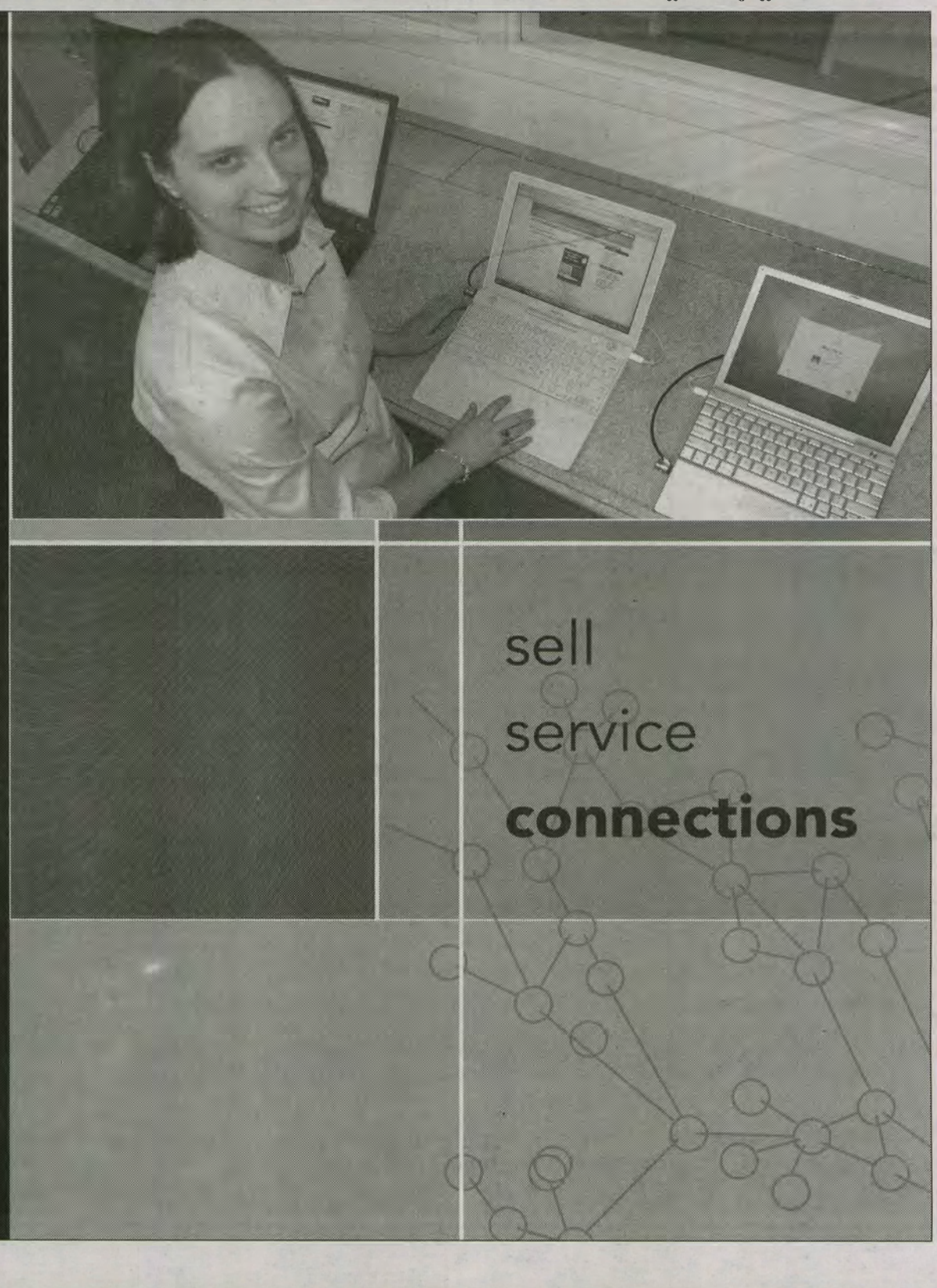

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10 Eyebrow shape
14 Oak's source
15 Former attorney general Janet
16 Hawaiian feast
17 Terrific
18 Cupid's Greek counterpart
19 Ancient Peruvian
20 Part of a famous 1897 editorial
23 Author Fleming
24 Delete
25 Christmas drink
27 Christmas trimming
30 First 007 film
31 Tree's anchor
32 Ballet movement in which the knees are bent
35 Went out, as the tide
39 "Lord, is ___?"
40 Editorial, part 2
42 Swiss river to the Rhine
43 Analyze grammatically
45 Prefix with nautical
46 Thomas ___ Edison
47 Quickly, in memos
49 Spice in Christmas cookies
51 Christmas songs
54 River around the Île de la Cité
56 Attorneys' org.
57 Editorial, part 3
62 Prima donna
64 "Things aren't looking good"
65 City NNE of Paris
66 Detail
67 Greedy person's cry
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70 Observer
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4 Most serious
5 Complete
6 Lees
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8 Ever and ___
9 More meddlesome
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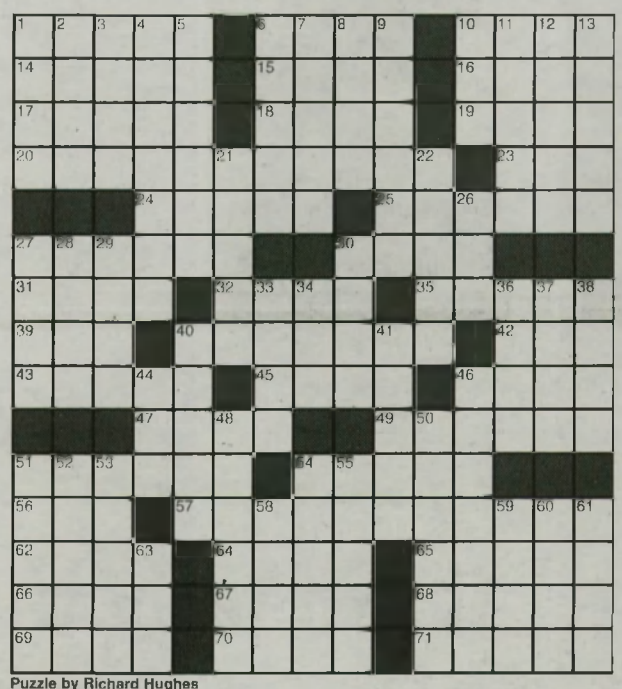

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Love, romance, travel and in general having a good time are all in the stars for you today. Gather together with the people you enjoy being around the most. A project that excites you can produce satisfying results.*****
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SPORTS
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Another day, another heartbreak

ND loses to Villanova on tip-in with 1.7 seconds remaining

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

It happened again.

Villanova sophomore guard Kyle Lowry tipped in a Randy Foye miss with 1.7 seconds remaining Saturday night, handing Notre Dame a 72-70 loss at the Joyce Center. It was the second straight loss in which the Irish recovered from a sizeable deficit, only to come up short as the clock wound down.

Wildcats forward Dante Cunningham's layup gave his team a 59-42 lead with 10:42 remaining. The Irish (10-8, 1-6 Big East) crawled back from the 17-point deficit, making 16-of-19 free throws down the stretch.

But just like Tuesday's 85-82 loss to Georgetown — Notre Dame trailed by 15 late in the first half of that game — the Irish could not finish, allowing a 6-foot-1, 190-pound sophomore to invade the lane and steal one for the Wildcats (15-2, 6-1; No. 6 at week's end).

"[Villanova has] some really explosive players and explosive scorers," Irish point guard Chris

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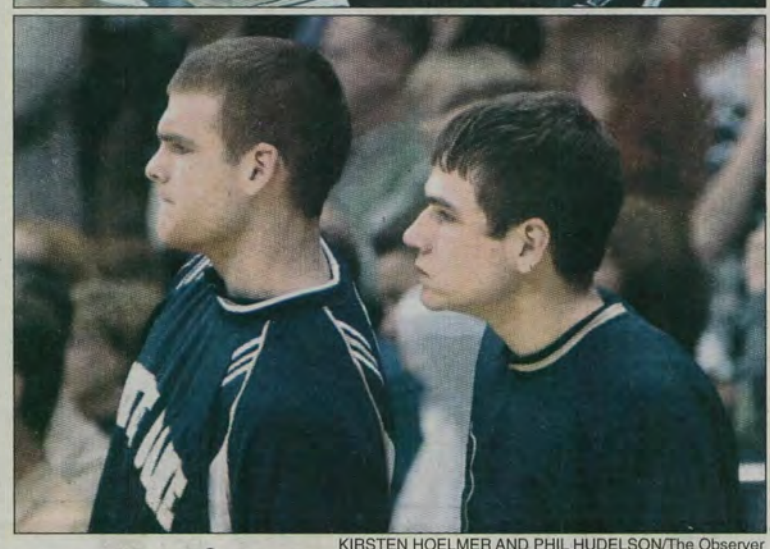

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Above, Irish guard Colin Falls defends the perimeter. Below, forward Rob Kurz, left, and guard Kieran Piller look on late in the game.

Irish try to remain positive after string of frustrating defeats

Bobby Griffin

Associate Sports Editor

Irish coach Mike Brey had a very peculiar look on his face during the opening tip of Saturday's game against Villanova. Leaned forward with his eyebrows slightly raised, Brey was smiling.

But it couldn't have been a confident grin, coming in with a two-game losing streak against the No. 6 team in the country. It was more likely one of anxiety. It's at that point for the Irish, who dropped to 1-6 in the Big East Saturday. Not even their head coach seems to know what is going to happen once the game begins.

The 72-70 loss to Villanova should help Brey understand that Notre Dame's games have played out according to the same unfortunate script all season. Play flat and fall behind, come back unexpectedly and lose a heartbreaker at the end.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Benninger runs mile in under 4

By JORDAN BELTZ
Sports Writer

There is a popular saying that records only exist so that they can later be broken. After Friday's Notre Dame Invitational, junior Kurt Benninger is an avid believer of that motto.

The All-American Benninger ran a sub-four minute mile for the second time in his careeer, becoming the first runner in the 116-year history of the Notre Dame track and field program to do so. Benninger completed the circuit with a time of 3:58.77, which is the second fastest time in the nation this year, second only to Iona's Richard Kiplagat. Benninger was less than a second off the Notre Dame record, Luke Watson's 3:57:83 set in 2002 at the Meyo Invitational.

"Kurt was especially motivated tonight," Irish coach Joe Piane said. "He ran with a purpose tonight, and we're really happy with the way

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HOCKEY

Irish, Buckeyes split pair of 1-0 contests

ND goaltender Brown allows just one score in two weekend games

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

One week after being pulled in a 4-3 come-from-behind win over Northern Michigan, Notre Dame goalie Dave Brown got his redemption against Ohio State.

The junior allowed just one goal over two games as the Irish and Buckeyes split a two-game set, each winning 1-0 at Value City Arena in Columbus, Ohio Friday and Saturday.

"David reacted pretty well to being pulled at Northern," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said. "He played more [this week] like he had been playing for the past six or seven weeks."

Brown was pulled against the Wildcats after allowing three goals in the first period and a half. He was replaced by freshman Jordan Pearce, who held Northern Michigan scoreless and allowed the Irish to erase a two-goal deficit. Jackson said the move was intended to be a wake up call for his entire team, not just Brown.

"It got him back on track, but pulling him was more for the rest of the team than for him," he said. "Dave came back with good focus and obviously played well this weekend."

Against the Buckeyes, Brown returned to his old form that has produced six career shutouts, tying him with Morgan Cey for the all-time Notre Dame lead. He made 21 saves Friday and added another 24 Saturday.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team falls in overtime, 68-64

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

If head coach Muffet McGraw's reaction was any indication, Saturday's loss to South Florida may prove to be the model of how Notre Dame's season has gone: pre-game optimism quieted by major struggles, topped by a valiant late-game effort that just wasn't quite enough.

"We just frickin' beat ourselves," said McGraw, who was visibly shaken after the game. "It's frustrating."

The Irish, who came into the game eager to bounce back from a 69-43 loss at Rutgers on Tuesday, fell behind quickly, allowing guard Shantia Grace to make

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish guard Megan Duffy drives against South Florida Saturday. Notre Dame lost to the Bulls, 68-64, in overtime.

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Alison Kessler hit two free throws with six seconds left to give the Belles the win.
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Crowe Capital Markets	*	*		*	*	*		
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Deloitte	*	*			*	*		
Deutsche Bank	*				*	*		
DHL Express	*			*		*	*	
E&J Gallo Winery	*	*		*		*	*	
Eaton Corporation	*			*	*	*	*	
EchoStar Communications (Dish Network)	*				*	*	*	
EDS	*				*	*		
Enterprise Rent A Car	*			*	*	*	*	
Epic Systems	*	*		*		*		
Ernst & Young	*	*		*		*		
ESPN	*	*		*	*	*		
Federated Insurance	*			*		*		
Fifth Third Bank	*			*		*		
FlightSafety Academy	*			*		*		
Food Bank of Northern Indiana	*				*	*		
Fund for Public Interest Research	*			*		*		
GEICO	*			*		*	*	
General Dynamics C4 Systems	*	*		*		*		
General Electric	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
General Mills	*			*	*	*		
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Grand Prairie Services Behavioral Healthcare	*	*		*		*		
Grassroots Campaigns	*			*		*	*	
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Herren Associates	*			*				*
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Hill, Holliday, Connors, Cosmopulos	*				*	*		
Hillstone Restaurant Group	*	*		*	*	*	*	
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Huron Consulting Group	*	*			*	*		
Hyatt	*			*	*	*		
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Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center	*				*	*		
Infosys Technologies	*			*		*		
Integra Realty Resources	*			*		*	*	
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Internal Revenue Service	*	*		*		*		
Johnson & Johnson	*			*	*	*		
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KONE	*	*		*		*	*	
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L-3 Communications	*	*	*	*		*	*	
Lands' End	*			*	*	*	*	
Liberty Mutual Insurance	*			*		*		
Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly	*	*		*	*	*		
Lockheed Martin	*	*		*	*	*	*	
Lutron Electronics	*			*	*	*	*	
Madison Center for Children	*				*	*		
Madison Police Department	*	*		*		*		
Marine Corps Officer Program	*			*	*	*		
McGladrey & Pullen	*	*		*		*	*	
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Microsoft Corporation	*	*	*	*		*		
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National City Corporation	*			*		*		
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Peace Corps	*	*		*		*		
Pinnacle Entertainment	*			*				*
PPG Industries	*			*		*	*	
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PricewaterhouseCoopers	*	*		*	*	*		
Procter & Gamble	*	*			*	*		
Progressive Insurance	*			*	*	*		
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Prudential Capital Group	*			*		*		
Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia	*	*			*	*		
Pulte Homes	*			*	*	*	*	
Raytheon	*	*		*		*		
RBC Precision Products	*			*		*		
Reebok International	*	*		*	*	*		
Retail Expert	*			*		*	*	
Rodale Publishing	*	*			*	*		
Rolls-Royce	*				*	*		
SCORE	*			*		*		
Sentry Insurance	*			*	*	*	*	
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Social Security Administration	*	*		*	*	*	*	
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Starcom Media Services	*			*	*	*		
State Farm Insurance	*	*		*	*	*		
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Sun Life Financial	*			*		*		
Talbots	*			*		*		
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University of Notre Dame - Human Resources	*	*	*	*	*	*		
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US Department of Justice - Anti -Trust Division	*			*		*	*	
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Protiviti

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Undergraduate, Masters

Industry: Consulting - Accounting and Technology

Full-time: Internal Audit and Technology Risk Consultant Interviewing Fall of 2006
Internship: Risk Consultant Intern Interviewing Fall of 2006

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Undergraduate, Masters

Industry: Accounting

Full-time: Various
Internship: Various

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Industry: Manufacturing

Full-time: Financial Leadership Development Program
Internship: Eaton Multicultural Scholars Summer Intern Program

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Undergraduate

Industries: Accounting, Finance, Marketing

Internship: Finance, Marketing

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Undergraduate, Masters

Industry: Accounting

Full-time: Various

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Undergraduate

Industries: Sales, Transportation

Full-time: Account Representative

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www.gecareers.com/GECAREERS/jsp/us/index.jsp
Undergraduate, Masters, PhD

Industries: Engineering, Finance, Environmental, Information Technology, Manufacturing

Full-time: Various
Internship: Various

Description: GE is a diversified services, technology, and manufacturing company. GE operates in more than 100 countries and employs nearly 315,000 people worldwide, including nearly 170,000 in the United States.

Federated Insurance

www.federatedinsurance.com
Undergraduate

Industries: Banking, Finance, Insurance, Management, Communications, Marketing, Sales

Full-time: Marketing Development Trainee, Marketing Representative

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Camp Sweeney

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Undergraduate

Industries: Education, Nonprofit

Internship: Activity Counselors, General Counselor

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Undergraduate, Masters

Industry: Sales

Full-time: Sales Representative

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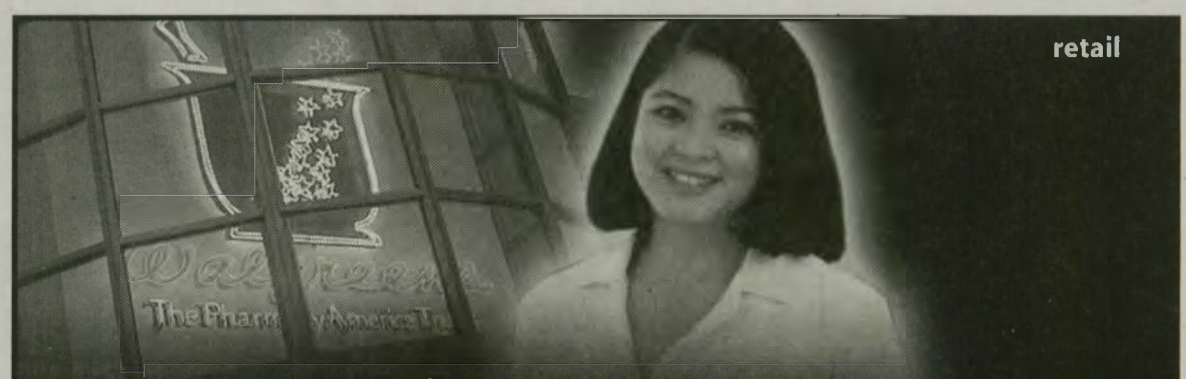
Walgreens

www.walgreens.com/careers
Undergraduate

Industries: Finance, Management, Marketing

Full-time: Retail Management Trainee
Internship: Retail Management Internship

Description: Walgreens is America's best-known, largest volume pharmacy retailer. They lead the U.S. chain drugstore industry in sales, store growth, and profits.



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Mercy Home for Boys and Girls
http://www.mercyhome.org/site/PageServer
Undergraduate

Industries: Nonprofit, Social Services

Full-time: MercyWorks Volunteer

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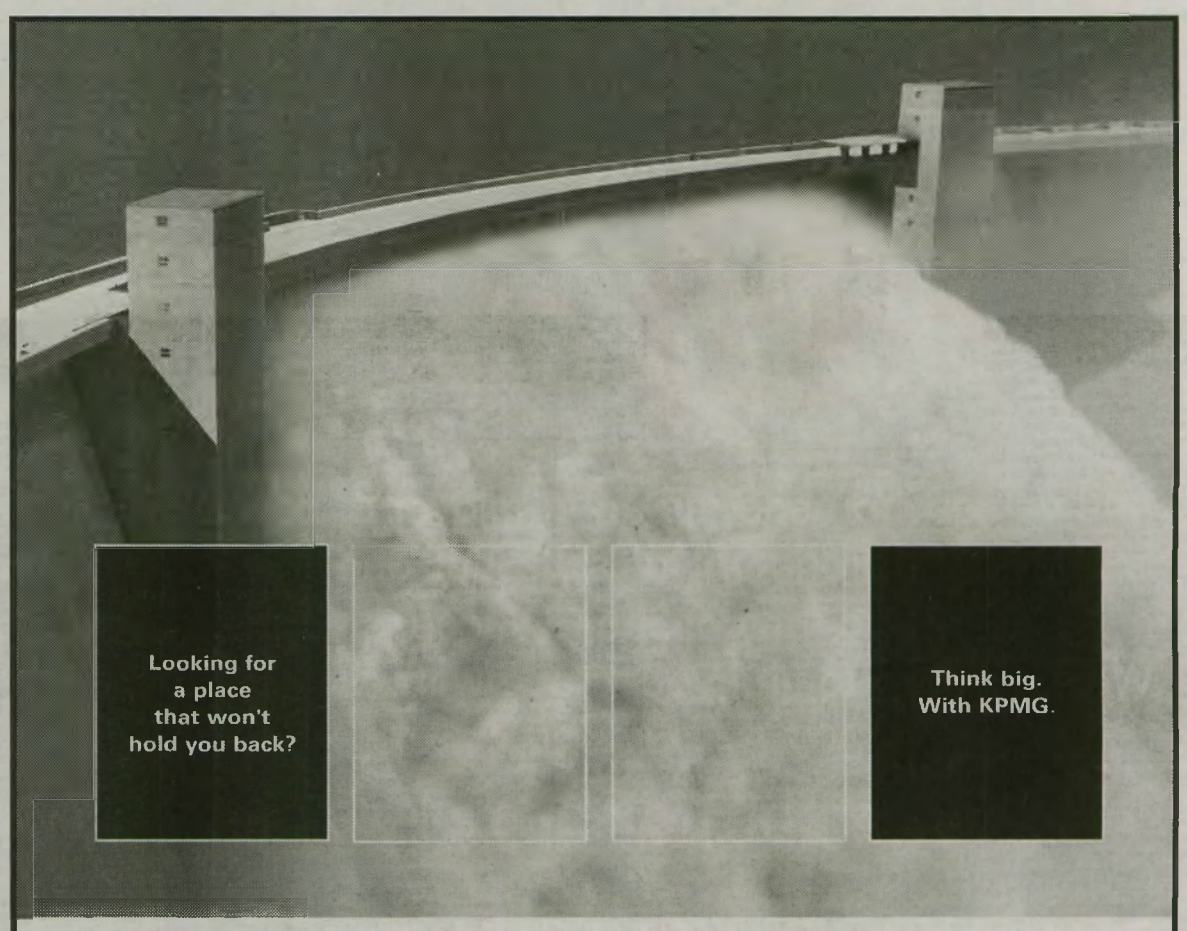

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KPMG
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Undergraduate, Masters

Industry: Accounting

Full-time: Various
Internship: Various

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Talbots
www.talbots.com
Undergraduate

Industries: Management, Marketing, Retail, Sales

Full-time: Sales Associate

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Undergraduate

Industries: Insurance, Sales

Full-time: Employee Benefits Sales Representative

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Huron Consulting Group

http://www.huronconsultinggroup.com/
Undergraduate

Industries: Accounting, Finance, Consulting

Internship: Analyst Intern

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Academy Prep Centers

http://www.academyprep.org
Undergraduate

Industries: Arts, Nonprofit, Education

Full-time: Americorps Teacher

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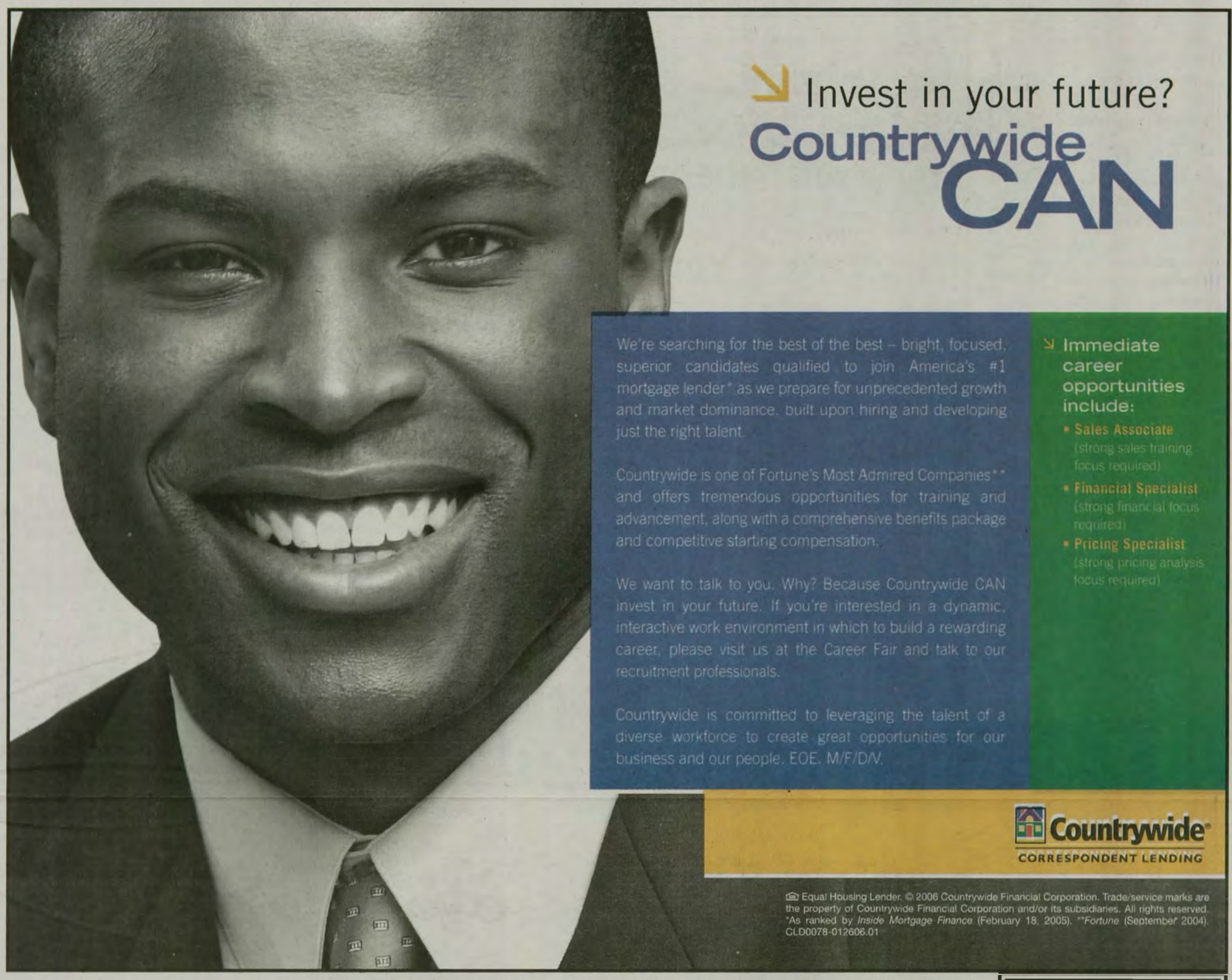

Morgan Stanley
http://www.morganstanley.com/
Undergraduate, Masters, PhD

Industry: Financial Services

Full-time: Financial Advisor

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Countrywide Financial
http://my.countrywide.com/
Undergraduate, Masters

Industries: Accounting, Finance, Sales

Full-time: Sales Associate, Financial/Margin Analyst
Internship: Financial Analyst

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