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Abroad returnees readjust to ND

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part series exploring how students make the transition back to Notre Dame from studying abroad.

"Expect life to be different," reads a sentence in the London Program's orientation handbook given to students before their semester abroad. For many Notre Dame students, cultural and linguistic differences can make re-entry into the United States — and especially into the Notre Dame community — difficult after spending a summer, semester or year abroad.

Terri Bays, associate director of the London Program — Notre Dame's

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Crowds gather outside Buckingham Palace in London, a popular study abroad destination for Notre Dame students — some of whom face difficulties in returning to campus.

Campaign exchange heats up

SMC presidential, vice presidential hopefuls vie for votes

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Midway through their campaigns, Saint Mary's student body presidential and vice presidential candidates tried to win over voters Thursday by fielding students' questions on everything from past leadership experience to the College's relationship with Notre Dame.

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The exchange between presidential hopeful and current student body vice president Susan McIlduff and running mate Maggie Seifert and opposing candidates Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis was largely congenial as the tickets outlined intended changes and highlighted personal attributes.

McIlduff emphasized her role as president of the Student Academic Counsel while saying one of her main goals if elected would be to improve students' selection of and enrollment in courses by making all course requirements available to students prior to registration. McIlduff also hopes to examine adding and dropping classes, a

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Book buyers look to new options for deals



Freshman Elleen Zander shops for books at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Thursday.

By LUISA CABRERA
News Writer

While many returning students packed the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore with seemingly endless lines during the past week, some opted to buy their books elsewhere. After semesters of purchasing costly books while receiving minimal money back for the used copy after finals, students say they are exploring less expensive ways of buying books as well as buy back programs with better incentives — despite a new Bookstore rewards program.

Senior Mary Catherine Cimino used Amazon.com for the first time to purchase and sell her books this semester.

Though she had to wait for her books to be shipped, Cimino felt that it was worth the wait.

"The tradeoff is that it takes a couple of days to receive the books, but it is worth it for the amount of money saved," she said. "I also sold many textbooks online that I had not been able to sell back to the bookstore. In the past two days, I have made \$200 just on selling books."

Students are using Web sites such as Betterworldbook.com, Amazon.com, EBay.com and Half.com (owned by EBay), which offer competitive prices on the same new and used books sold at the bookstore.

In December 2002, two

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Unique challenges confront transfer students

Patience required during class registration, housing search

By KAREN LANGLEY
Assistant News Editor

When college students open their transfer acceptance letters from Notre Dame, they may assume the hardest part is behind them. But even though transfer orientation smoothes the start to their careers as Notre Dame students, housing and class registration have proved challenging for some transfers this year.

Anne Martell, a sophomore transfer this fall, had been told she would not get

on-campus housing her first semester. Instead, she found an apartment at Turtle Creek with three other female transfer students who had met on a message board set up by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

The group had addressed all of the paperwork required to rent the apartment but had not yet signed the lease, a delay that proved fortuitous when Martell was contacted five days before she arrived on campus and informed that she could live in a dorm. Her roommates were also given on-campus housing.

"The difference between living on campus and off campus is like day and night," Martell said. "I'm so glad — I can't even imagine not living on campus."

Ryan Brennan, a senior

who transferred in the fall of his sophomore year, lived in a one-person studio apartment at Turtle Creek while waiting to receive on-campus housing. He got a place in Knott Hall in October of that year.

"That's when I met my friends," he said. "The first month a half was a little weird because there aren't a lot of ways to meet people. You go to class and then there's nowhere to go back to but your place."

Brennan had met people in class and through pickup sports, but he became more involved in the community after moving into Knott. He served as the hall's senator his junior year and is currently a resident assistant.

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During Freshman Orientation, sophomores lead new students. Transfer students must assume greater independence.

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INSIDE COLUMN

I have an iPod dream

There is nothing as blissfully anti-intellectual as the late night cartoon comedy block (because the anime it contains is to be avoided) on Cartoon Network known as [adult swim].

The most well-known show, and also my personal favorite, "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," features a genius box of French fries, a trouble-making milkshake and a lovable mentally handicapped wad of raw meat, all living under one roof in Jersey, next to the outstandingly irritable and libidinous Carl, clothed in a wife-beater and blue sweatpants.

This is basically the format of [adult swim] cartoons. There is some crazy situation with eccentric characters from which hilarity (usually) ensues. There is rarely a conventional plotline or message. The best way to describe these shows, in all truthfulness, is "dumb."

This, however, is not really the case with a show new to both [adult swim] and television itself: "The Boondocks," adapted from the politically- and socially-charged comic strip by Aaron McGruder that is syndicated in about 350 American newspapers.

Over break, I was fortunate to catch the Martin Luther King Day episode, entitled "Return of the King."

The premise of the episode is this: when MLK was shot, he slipped into a coma, but failed to die. He comes to in the present day, and moves to Chicago, where the main characters, Huey and Riley Freeman and their grandfather Robert, live.

It turns out that Robert and MLK were brothers in the civil rights movement (Robert was sitting next to Rosa Parks, but she got all the attention). Through their relationship, Riley, a politically aware "urban youth," meets and immediately accepts Dr. King as a comrade-in-arms, asking him to head up America's first black political party.

MLK, however, has been branded by the media as anti-American for believing his country should turn the other cheek to al-Qaeda. In addition, he has basically been forgotten by those he nearly gave up his life for.

The most memorable line of the show, in my opinion, is MLK saying, "I'm not sure if I need a 20 gig iPod or a 40 gig."

There is so much truth revealed about our society in that simple line. There are so many social injustices left in the world for our generation to face, yet how often do we find ourselves more concerned with the type of iPod or video game system we should buy? Even MLK's famous dream hasn't been fully realized, and not enough people seem to realize that. It is ironic that the progress we have made in the past 40 years has blinded us from the problems we have in front of us.

We are all guilty, to some extent, of not picking up where Dr. King left off.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE DO YOU BUY YOUR BOOKS?



Tom Hoffman

freshman
O'Neill

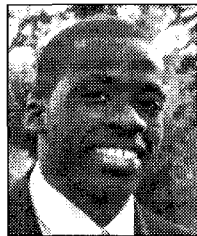
"Umm ... the bookstore."



Colin Heye

freshman
O'Neill

"Online."



Adebola Giwa

freshman
Alumni

"I compete in battles of valor."



Meghan Johnson

freshman
Cavanaugh

"Amazon and the bookstore."



Jason Vierig

freshman
O'Neill

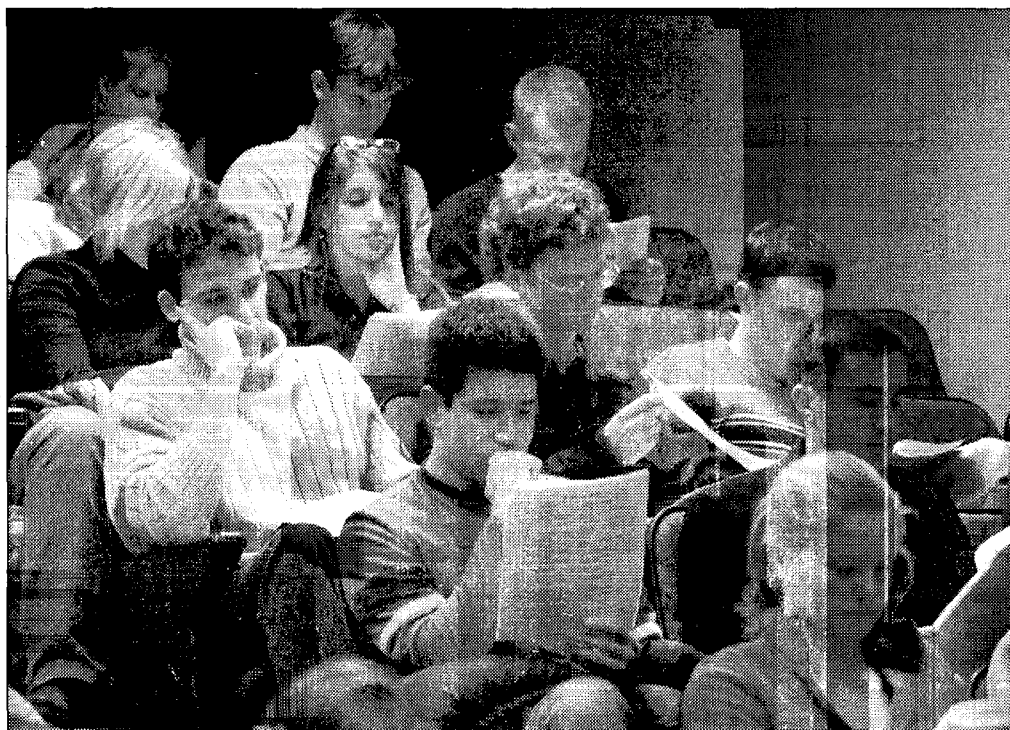
"You have to buy books?"



Mike McKenna

sophomore
Zahm

"Tibetan traders in Mongolia."



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Students look over materials for the semester while gathering at a Right to Life meeting in the auditorium of LaFortune Student Center Thursday.

IN BRIEF

Football walk-on applications are due today at the football office of the Guglielmino Athletics Complex. Forms can be picked up at the football office.

The Notre Dame Student Film Festival begins today at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The Festival will feature 12 short films made as class projects during the past year and will include dark comedies and documentaries.

Bill O'Connell's Chicago Skyliners, a swing band, will perform today at 10 p.m. at Legends.

The Saint Mary's swim team will compete against Kalamazoo College in its final home meet of the season today at 6:30 p.m. in Rolf's Aquatic Center.

The Saint Mary's first year board is sponsoring Battle of the Bands 2006 Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Mary's Student Center. The event will feature Notre Dame bands "Somersaults," "Slap Bracelet Suicide," "Robbie Hazen," "Ryan Connaughton" and "Patrick the Unlikely Genius." Proceeds benefit Riley Hospital for Children.

Tim Reynolds, a collaborator with the Dave Matthews Band, will perform at Legends Saturday at 10 p.m. ND/Saint Mary's/Holy Cross ID required.

Mission IMPROVable, a Chicago-based improv comedy group, will perform Saturday at 9 p.m. in Washington Hall. Admission is free.

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

OFFBEAT

Court upholds obscene yogurt conviction

SEOUL — The Supreme Court has upheld a lower court ruling convicting a dairy executive for an obscene event promoting his company's yogurt, a news report said Thursday.

The court upheld a lower court fine of 5 million won (\$5,000) for the executive, identified by his family name Kang, Yonhap news agency reported, citing the top court's ruling.

It also upheld fines of between 500,000 won (\$500) and 2 million won

(\$2,000) on three models for staging a nude performance with the yogurt at a crowded Seoul art gallery in 2003, Yonhap said.

The models, caked in wheat flour, used spray devices to squirt each other with yogurt, which washed off the flour to expose their bodies, Yonhap reported.

Police arrest man wearing only toga

MORGANTOWN, N.C. — Police captured a man wearing only a toga while he sped away in a car with women's underwear

inside. Michael Sean Ostrander, 33, was arrested Monday after allegedly breaking into the home of a Burke County woman and making off with some of her clothes.

The woman told police she was visiting a neighbor when she heard her burglar alarm go off and saw a man flee in a car.

The woman gave chase and called the police, with the state Highway Patrol and local officers joining the pursuit along North Carolina Highway 181.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH	43	38	35	35	40	42
LOW	38	33	25	25	25	27

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Saint Mary's transfers face minor difficulties

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Returning to school after a month-long break can be a difficult adjustment for any student, but the adjustment to Saint Mary's is much more harrowing for new spring transfer students.

With this challenge in mind, Saint Mary's tries to smooth the transition for transfers by providing an orientation with tours and other activities through the Office of Student Activities.

Transfer students are also assisted in finding housing by Residence Life and in registering for classes by Academic Affairs.

"Typically, they follow same processes for housing and registering as any student first coming to the College," said Michelle Russell, director of Residence Life.

In the search for housing, transfer students are treated the same as students returning from studies abroad, Russell said. Students fill out a housing preference form

and are then matched with roommates based on their preferences, as well as their year in school and their age, and what rooms are available, she said.

"We did have some problems this semester because there were no doubles available," Russell said. "When something like that happens, we look at what is available and place students where we can."

There are 12 students who have transferred to Saint Mary's so far, the registrar said, though that number could rise. Students still have the opportunity to decide to transfer to Saint Mary's throughout this week, Russell said.

"We won't be sure of the final number of transfer students until enrollment ends on Sunday," she said. "Until enrollment ends, there is still the possibility that more students may decide to come here."

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"When I first got [to Notre Dame], I had nothing to do but go to the library and do well in school," he said. "When I got into the dorms, there was a lot more to do. My grades got a lot worse, but it was a good thing."

Sophomore transfer Casey Bouskill was set to live in a hotel for the first week of school, but like Martell, she was told a few days before the semester's start that she would be living in Farley Hall.

"I found out four days before I came," she said. "It was pretty nerve-wracking."

Despite the stress of changing plans last minute, Bouskill was enthusiastic about living on campus.

"Dorm life is clearly an essential part of the life of an ND student, a home base per se," she said. "If I was not as fortunate as I was to be on campus, I would be missing out on all the bonds and friendships I've made at Farley. It truly has become a home, instead of a place to rest my head."

Transfer students also encounter difficulty with registering for classes, a process the rest of the student body completed months earlier. Though the transfer students — who are all admitted directly to a

college — receive advising from their deans, the students often struggle to find open classes for which they meet the prerequisites, said Associate Registrar Laura Spaulding.

"So many classes are closed now that they have a real problem with that," she said. "They'll get something, but it's probably not the best schedule around."

At such a late date, there is no way to avoid the scramble to find classes, said Associate

Director of Admissions Susan Joyce.

"I tell people, the first semester is going to be a little bit of a scavenger hunt, but they will get good counseling about what [credits] transfer," Joyce said.

Though the nature of Arts and

Letters programs lead that college's transfers to face the most problems while registering for classes, history major Martell said the process was easier than she expected, considering the late date of transfer registration.

"Professors have been really understanding," she said. "They know we get there at the last minute, if you go and talk to people they're really understanding. Everyone — faculty, advisors, students and rectors — were bending over backwards to help."

Though neither locating housing nor registering for classes went error-free, students were enthusiastic about their transfer orientation, an

event that they described as more mature and intimate than their freshman orientations.

"Our orientation was over 100 people, but everyone became pretty tight," Martell said. "It was a great bonding experience and how we made all our friends."

Orientation is run by former transfer students. Both new transfers and the Admissions Office stressed the importance of the experience their orientation leaders brought to the event.

"Who better than those who have been through it to help them make the social and academic transition?" Joyce said.

The four-day fall orientation featured events like a catered trip to the dunes, group tours and discussions held by the lakes. This lengthy adjustment period is a luxury which spring transfers do not experience, Joyce said.

"Spring semester [transfer] students have to have an extra resilience," she said.

Though seamless transitions to a new college are rare, Joyce lauded the enthusiasm and resilience of Notre Dame's transfers. She emphasized that once transfers arrive on campus, they are Notre Dame students.

"I think transfer students bring a unique perspective to Notre Dame," she said. "They tend to be the most active students, since they're fitting four years into two and a half or three years. There's no doubt in my mind that they contribute to the community."

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Saint Mary's elections 2006:

Meet the Belles who could rule the school



Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis

Who are they?

Shropshire is a junior sociology major and English writing minor who currently serves as president of Student Diversity Board (SDB). Davis is a sophomore English literature and writing major with minors in secondary education and philosophy. Davis, who serves as president of Volunteers in Support of Admission (VISA), also coordinates with the Office of Admissions to attract applicants to Saint Mary's as the Admissions Commissioner.

Fun Facts

Shropshire admitted to being obsessed with Xena the Warrior Princess. Davis said she gets most excited when she receives a piece of mail in her mailbox.

Notable Quote

"The time you are in student government doesn't make a difference if you aren't really getting down and dirty." — Amanda Shropshire

Top Priority

Attending to the small details on campus — such as laundry facilities, parking tickets and dorm furniture — that are sometimes overlooked as insignificant.

First Priority

Restructuring student government into a tighter framework and restoring excitement and respect for student leadership on campus.

In Our Words

The gritty approach of Shropshire and Davis has proven the running mates to be well in touch with Saint Mary's students' concerns. While their campaign lacks the larger specific goals presented by McIllduff and Seifert, their focus on the little aspects of campus life offers a down-to-earth attitude past administrations have lacked.

More importantly, as president of SDB and Admissions Commissioner, Shropshire and Davis present quite a powerful team. In their leadership roles during the last year, the two women have taken the helm for Saint Mary's students on the two most critical current issues at the College, enrollment numbers and diversity. Their experience as president of SDB and Admissions Commissioner could prove invaluable to student government if the two are elected.



Susan McIllduff and Maggie Seifert

Who are they?

A junior business administration and mass communications studies double major, McIllduff currently serves as student body vice president and president of the Student Academic Council. As a sophomore, she was Student Government Association Chief of Staff under then-president Sarah Catherine White. She is also a member of Volunteers in Support of Admission (VISA). Maggie Seifert is co-chair of the Student Activities Board Entertainment Committee and is the sophomore class representative for the art department. An art major, Seifert served as the 2008 class president last year.

Fun Facts

This past summer McIllduff taught politics to junior high students in Washington, D.C. Seifert has a scar on her eye, the result of a slap in the face from her older sister when she was in the second grade.

Notable Quote

"I feel that we are a strong team because she is the current vice president of the student body and she know what it takes, she knows the ropes. And she is running with me and I bring a new perspective." — Maggie Seifert

Top Priority

To enable students to better select classes each semester by making course requirements available prior to registration.

First Priority

Guaranteeing a strong student voice in the selection of two new College administrators — Vice President and Dean of Faculty and Vice President and Dean of Students — by ensuring student representation on the search committees.

In Our Words

McIllduff and Seifert head into election day with an impressive resume of student government experience between them. Having served on the Board of Governance the past two years, McIllduff is not only well-known among students but has also developed working relationship with the College administration as a member of the New Building Committee.

The McIllduff/Seifert campaign platform is very specific and offers concrete goals — such as reducing the number of daily campus-wide e-mails sent out by campus clubs — the pair intends to strive for.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Slovak plane crash kills at least 16

BUDAPEST — A Slovak military plane returning from Kosovo crashed in a mountainous region of northeastern Hungary on Thursday, killing at least 16 of the more than 40 people on board, officials said.

At least one survivor was found at the site of the crash near the Slovak border, said Tibor Dobson, a spokesman for Hungary's national disaster agency.

Interior Ministry spokesman Sandor Orodan said the aircraft was carrying Slovak soldiers, but he did not elaborate.

But a NATO officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on to the media, said in Kosovo that the plane carried homeward bound Slovak troops who had been serving in the NATO-led peace-keeping force. Officials say Slovak troops help patrol the boundary between Kosovo and Serbia.

Baghdad bombings kill over a dozen

BAGHDAD — Two near-simultaneous bombings targeted a crowded downtown Baghdad coffee shop and a nearby restaurant Thursday, killing more than a dozen people. The attacks came as a foreign assessment team reported evidence of fraud in the Dec. 15 elections, but did not endorse calls for a rerun.

The bombings occurred despite government moves to heighten security as the election commission prepares to announce the election results. The announcement, which could come Friday, sets the stage for talks on a new national unity government U.S. officials hope will help calm the insurgency and enable the United States to begin withdrawing its 140,000 troops.

NATIONAL NEWS

Unmanned spacecraft sent to Pluto

CAPE CANAVERAL — An unmanned NASA spacecraft hurtled toward Pluto on Thursday on a 3-billion-mile journey to the solar system's last unexplored planet — a voyage so long that some of the scientists who will be celebrating its arrival are just taking their first physics class.

The New Horizons spacecraft blasted off aboard an Atlas V rocket in a spectacular start to the \$700 million mission. Though it is the fastest spacecraft ever launched, capable of reaching 36,000 mph, it will take 9 1/2 years to reach Pluto and the frozen, sunless reaches of the solar system.

"God has laid out the solar system in a way that requires a certain amount of patience on the part of those who choose to explore it," NASA administrator Michael Griffin said.

College students lack literacy skills

WASHINGTON — Nearing a diploma, most college students cannot handle many complex but common tasks, from understanding credit card offers to comparing the cost per ounce of food.

Those are the sobering findings of a study of literacy on college campuses, the first to target the skills of students as they approach the start of their careers.

More than 50 percent of students at four-year schools and more than 75 percent at two-year colleges lacked the skills to perform complex literacy tasks.

LOCAL NEWS

Indy's air ranks among the worst

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis had the eighth-highest annual level of fine-particle pollution among the nation's largest metropolitan areas in 2004 — higher than even the Chicago and New York areas — according to a report released today by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

The report, based on Environmental Protection Agency data, showed that Indianapolis continued to exceed the annual federal standard for microscopic particles despite years of improving air quality.

EGYPT

Al-Qaida preparing U.S. attacks

A new tape from Osama bin Laden reveals terror plans; truce offer rejected

Associated Press

CAIRO — Osama bin Laden warned in an audiotape aired Thursday that his fighters are preparing new attacks in the United States but offered the American people a "long-term truce" without specifying the conditions.

The tape, portions of which were aired on Al-Jazeera television, was the first from the al-Qaida leader in more than a year. It came only days after a U.S. airstrike in Pakistan that targeted bin Laden's deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri, and reportedly killed four leading al-Qaida figures, possibly including al-Zawahri's son-in-law.

There was no mention of that attack in the tape, which Al-Jazeera said was recorded in January. The network initially reported it believed the tape was made in December, but later corrected itself on the air. Editors at the station said they could not comment on how they knew when it was made.

The CIA has authenticated the voice on the tape as that of bin Laden, an agency official said. The al-Qaida leader is believed to be hiding in the border region between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Beyond confirming that bin Laden remains alive, the tape could be aimed at projecting an image of strength to al-Qaida sympathizers and portray the group as still capable of launching attacks despite blows against it, analysts said.

The White House rejected the truce offer.

The United States will not let up in the war on terror despite bin Laden's latest threats, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. "We



Al-Jazeera aired an audiotape purportedly from Osama bin Laden on Thursday saying al-Qaida is making preparations for attacks in the United States.

do not negotiate with terrorists," McClellan said. "We put them out of business."

U.S. counterterrorism officials said Thursday they have seen no specific or credible intelligence to indicate an impending al-Qaida attack on the United States. The Homeland Security Department has no immediate plans to raise the national terror alert, spokesman Russ Knocke said.

In the tape, bin Laden spoke in a soft voice, as he has in previous recordings, but his tone was flatter than in the past and

had an echo, as if recorded indoors. He presented his message with a combination of threats, vows his followers can fight forever and a tone of reconciliation, insisting he wants to offer a way to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He even recommended a book for Americans to read — "The Rogue State," apparently a book of the same title by American author William Blum. He said it offers the path to peace — that America must apologize to victims of the wars and promise never to "interfere" in other nations —

though it was not clear if these were conditions for the truce.

Bin Laden said he decided to make a statement to the American people because he said President Bush was pushing ahead despite polls which showed "an overwhelming majority of you want the withdrawal of American troops from Iraq."

He said the Bush administration was lying about victories in the Iraq war. Bin Laden insisted the insurgents will eventually win the conflict, which he said is only strengthening the cause of the "mujahideen," or holy warriors.

Leahy and Salazar to oppose Alito

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two Democrats who supported Chief Justice John Roberts said Thursday they would oppose Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito in next week's Senate vote.

The conservative judge is expected to be confirmed, but with fewer votes than the 78 Roberts got in September.

Democratic Sens. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Ken Salazar of Colorado both questioned whether Alito would be independent of President Bush and the executive branch in his future rulings.

"At a time when the president is seizing unprecedented power, the Supreme Court needs to act as a check and to

provide balance," Leahy, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, said in a speech at Georgetown University's law school. "Based on the hearing and his record, I have no confidence that Judge Alito would provide that check and balance."

Added Salazar in a statement: "Judge Alito would place too much power in the hands of the president of the United States, at the cost of the protective system of checks and balances built into our Constitution."

The Judiciary Committee, which has 10 Republicans and eight Democrats — is expected to approve Alito's nomination Tuesday in a party-line vote. The full Senate is expected to debate and

vote on the nomination that same week, with its Republican majority confirming the federal appeals judge.

Leahy, Salazar and Max Baucus of Montana — who announced his opposition to Alito on Wednesday — were three of the 22 Democrats who voted for Roberts' confirmation as the replacement for the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, a conservative.

Alito is not expected to get that much support from the Senate's 44-member Democratic caucus. He was picked by Bush as the replacement for retiring moderate Sandra Day O'Connor, who was the swing vote on contentious issues such as abortion and affirmative action during her career on the court.

Grad students receive \$100,000

Council of Graduate Schools grants Notre Dame research money

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Beginning this year, Notre Dame graduate students have been taking a little time from research of their own to assist in a study of doctoral students' habits.

In 2004, Notre Dame Graduate School received a \$100,000 grant from the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) to conduct a research project to examine the socialization of graduate doctoral students.

The CGS gave 15 grants to various graduate schools that designed a project to research and develop ways to improve the doctoral experience for students in areas such as mentoring, financial support and program environment.

Notre Dame's study, led by Dr. Peter Diffley, associate dean of the Graduate School and principal investigator for the project, involves offering surveys to first-year Ph.D. students at Notre Dame and Purdue in hopes of tracking their entire doctoral experiences.

The study commenced when an initial survey was given to students at the start of the fall 2005 semester and continued with another survey during that semester. A third survey will be given at the beginning of the spring 2006 semester, a fourth during that semester and a fifth at the academic year's end. Funding for the project will continue during the next two years, with three surveys issued each year.

Approximately 300 students from 14 departments at Notre Dame and 14 departments at Purdue participated last semester. The first survey met a 41 percent response rate, and the response grew to 56 percent

for the second survey.

Surveys asked about demographic information, the challenges and the successes that students anticipate and topics such as the role of students' families in their doctoral experiences. Later surveys follow up these questions. The study as a whole seeks to observe changes in students' expectations as they encounter real experiences.

A lottery is held as an incentive for students to take part in the survey. Participants' names are entered into the lottery, and one winner is chosen to win \$1,000. The first winner of the lottery was Joseph Herzog, an electrical engineering student.

Herzog said the research project will enrich his own doctoral experience. He encouraged students to participate because "they can help other people with their research so that they can have more data."

Data gathered from the surveys will be used "to get a sense of what experience students have here, as well as at Purdue, so that the Graduate School can enhance its programming for Ph.D. students," said Cecilia Lucero, Ph.D., assistant to the dean.

A peer mentoring program has already been launched as a result of the data, as well as a "Careers for Masters Program." This program will help graduate students who are considering careers outside of academia. The Graduate School also seeks feedback on services, such as campus visitations, to see how they impact prospective graduate students and how they can be improved.

"Information will help us develop programming better to meet the needs of doctoral students," Lucero said.

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Cecilia Lucero
assistant to the dean
Graduate School

Books

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Notre Dame then-sophomores launched NDBay.com, an online textbook-trading Web site designed to help Notre Dame students save money while purchasing books. Student body president Dave Baron said student government purchased NDBay.com in April 2005 from its creators in an attempt to alleviate high book prices. The site was placed under the care of the Student Business Board, but it encountered significant technical problems and had to be taken down.

"We are continuing to pursue the issue by working with OIT and the new InsideND portal to provide the book exchange, in a format similar to the new online Rider Board that has achieved quick success," Baron said.

Freshman Meredith Rowland agreed that using other sources would help her save money, yet she acknowledged that the bookstore's location is to its advantage.

"I feel that in the long run, I can save money on buying books from other sources," Rowland said. "What you can't beat is the efficiency of being able to walk across campus and have all your books."

Sophomore Steven Dias said he prefers to spend more money at the bookstore than have to deal with the hassle of buying books online.

"My motivation for buying books from the bookstore is the relative ease compared to what I feel I would have to do if I bought them online," Dias said. "I guess I use more money than patience in

the process."

On Jan. 1 the bookstore launched a new rewards program called Bookstore Boomerang Rewards. The program offers one point for every dollar spent in the store and two points for every dollar received for selling books back. Special bonus points are added upon signing up for an account, as well as for purchasing select items throughout the year. Once a student has reached a total of 2,000 points, he or she is awarded a \$25 gift certificate to the bookstore or a \$20 gift certificate to stores and restaurants such as The Gap, Blockbuster, and Domino's Pizza.

Bookstore director Sally Wiatrowski said the program was started in order to maintain a loyalty incentive for the customers. The program will help in maintaining the bookstore's aim to keep the market share on campus and cut the competition as much as possible.

As more inexpensive and satisfactory options become available to students in buying and selling their books, sophomore Mike Hazlebeck doubted the rewards program would have much effect on students' choices.

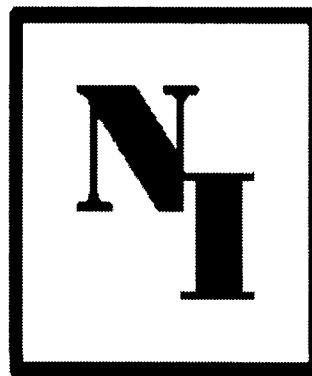
"This program is obviously just another ploy by the bookstore to expand their monopoly over milking students out of more money," Hazlebeck said. "Yes, eventually you might get a couple free pizzas, but in reality you could have saved hundreds of dollars by simply taking a couple hours online or talking to people. The Boomerang program is just another attempt to lure people into paying higher prices."

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AMEX	1,821.38	+24.34
NASDAQ	2,301.81	+22.17
NYSE	8,018.22	+65.21
S&P 500	1,285.04	+7.11
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	15,696.28	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,693.20	+29.50

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IN BRIEF

Shareholder group is against J&J

BOSTON — A proxy advisory firm is recommending Guidant Corp. shareholders reject Johnson & Johnson's latest buyout proposal, a move that comes as J&J weighs whether to sweeten its offer for the medical device maker once again to trump Guidant's favored suitor of the moment, Boston Scientific Corp.

The Massachusetts company owes its current front-runner status in part to Abbott Laboratories Inc., a third-party player whose offer of cash and other assistance to help Boston Scientific go after Guidant is fueling speculation that the new allies could themselves become merger partners someday.

Institutional Shareholder Services, a 21-year-old firm that holds a virtual monopoly on advising shareholders on proxy votes and governance issues, on Wednesday issued a recommendation against J&J's bid ahead of Guidant shareholders' scheduled Jan. 31 vote.

Stocks climb with an upbeat outlook

NEW YORK — Stocks turned higher Thursday and regained most of the ground they lost in the previous session following a bright first-quarter outlook from semiconductor maker Advanced Micro Devices Inc. and upgrades of oil services stocks.

AMD's forecast heartened tech investors who were spooked Wednesday by disappointing earnings forecasts from Intel Corp. and Yahoo Inc. Since semiconductors form the guts of much high-tech equipment, AMD is seen as a bellwether and its outlook was enough to make investors overlook a dimmer forecast from Apple Computer Inc.

"People are happy that the Intel bad news didn't translate to other semiconductor stocks," said Robert Streed, portfolio manager of Northern Trust Select Equity Fund in Chicago.

Investors also cheered oil services company Schlumberger Ltd.'s announcement of a 2-for-1 stock split and Morgan Stanley's upgrades of oil services businesses, including Halliburton Co. and Baker Hughes Inc.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 25.85, or 0.24 percent, to 10,880.71.

Google Inc. clashes with feds

A popular search engine rebuffs the White House's demands to view request history

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. is rebuffing the Bush administration's demand for a peek at what millions of people have been looking up on the Internet's leading search engine — a request that underscores the potential for online databases to become tools of the government.

Mountain View-based Google has refused to comply with a White House subpoena first issued last summer, prompting U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales this week to ask a federal judge in San Jose for an order to force a handover of the requested records.

The government wants a list all requests entered into Google's search engine during an unspecified single week — a breakdown that could conceivably span tens of millions of queries. In addition, it seeks 1 million randomly selected Web addresses from various Google databases.

In court papers that the San Jose Mercury News reported on after seeing them Wednesday, the Bush administration depicts the information as vital in its effort to restore online child protection laws that have been struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Google competitor Yahoo Inc., which runs the Internet's second-most used search engine, confirmed Thursday that it had complied with a similar government subpoena.

Although the government says it isn't seeking any data that ties personal information to search requests, the subpoena still raises serious privacy concerns, experts said, especially considering recent revelations that the White House authorized eavesdropping on domestic civilian communications after the Sept. 11 attacks without obtaining court approval.

"Search engines now play such an important part in



Attorney General Alberto Gonzales asked a federal judge in San Jose for an order to force a handover of the requested information from Google.

our daily lives that many people probably contact Google more often than they do their own mother," said Thomas Burke, a San Francisco attorney who has handled several prominent cases involving privacy issues.

"Just as most people would be upset if the government wanted to know how much you called your mother and what you talked about, they should be upset about this, too."

The content of search request sometimes contain information about the person making the query.

For instance, it's not unusual for search requests to include names, medical information or

Social Security information, said Pam Dixon, executive director for the World Privacy Forum.

"This is exactly the kind of thing we have been worrying about with search engine for some time," Dixon said. "Google should be commended for fighting this."

Other search engines already have complied with similar subpoenas issued by the Bush administration, according to court documents. The cooperating search engines weren't identified.

Yahoo stressed that it didn't reveal any personal information. "We are rigorous defenders of our users' privacy," Yahoo

spokeswoman Mary Osako said Thursday. "In our opinion, this is not a privacy issue."

Microsoft Corp. MSN, the No. 3 search engine, declined to say whether it even received a similar subpoena. "MSN works closely with law enforcement officials worldwide to assist them when requested," the company said in a statement.

As the Internet's dominant search engine, Google has built up a valuable storehouse of information that "makes it a very attractive target for law enforcement," said Chris Hoofnagle, senior counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center.

Computer error causes confusion

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shares of AMR Corp. closed up 16 cents at \$20.55 Thursday. Or were they up \$1.84?

A computer glitch at the Nasdaq Stock Market left erroneous stock price swings on major online financial news Web sites and brokerage sites all day Thursday. While nearly impossible to assess the full extent of the damage, the technical snafu created incorrect price changes for as many as 1,487 stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Someone relying on Web sites for stock data on Thursday got the correct price of the stock in the current market, but the wrong change — for exam-

ple, as in the case of AMR, up \$1.84 instead of 16 cents.

The errors created the potential for investors using the erroneous information in deciding on a stock trade — someone seeing AMR up \$1.84 could wonder whether the money-losing airline's fortunes have improved, for example.

Nasdaq spokeswoman Bethany Sherman said the errors were confined to NYSE-listed stocks, which brokers and institutions can trade on Nasdaq's electronic platforms as well as on the floor of the Big Board. Sherman said the stock market fixed the computer glitch, and was working with its vendors to correct stock price changes. She added that stock indexes and mutual fund net asset values, comput-

ed after the close of the market, were not affected by the problem.

Nasdaq is responsible for reporting NYSE-listed stock trades to a consolidated listing service so investors can see the latest price for a given stock, whether it was traded on the floor of the NYSE or through Nasdaq's computers.

Due to the computer errors, however, individual investors using popular financial sites like MSN Money or Yahoo Finance were seeing inaccurate price changes Thursday. Customers of online brokerages E-Trade and Charles Schwab also saw erroneous stock movements on those companies' home pages, though it was unclear whether logged-in customers got the same errors.

Election

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process she called frustrating and cumbersome.

"I feel that the add-drop process is very inefficient," McIllduff said. "Currently if you want to add or drop a course you have to have not only the professor sign off but also the head of the department."

Shropshire said her first priority would be to tighten student government and clarify officers' roles. She said she intends to provide guidance on details such as how to run a formal meeting.

"A lot of people this year had no idea what they were doing," Shropshire said. "It probably isn't just a product of this year. It probably has been building for a long time."

Shropshire also said she would modify Board of Governance (BOG) meetings to increase their efficiency.

"I think some people have a reason they joined BOG, and they have some things they want to get done ... One thing [I would change] would be limiting the number of questions that go on during the co-sponsorship [proposals]," Shropshire said. "There have been many times when it has gone over and people are sitting there not really interested."

When asked about how she would manage any conflict that arose between herself and Siefert, McIllduff said she would address it openly and directly.

"Even if it is going to Dalloway's and having a cup of coffee and saying what my pet peeve is with Maggie and what her pet peeve is with me," McIllduff said.

Both McIllduff and Davis high-

lighted their work with Volunteers in Support of Admission (VISA) — Davis is president and McIllduff is a volunteer — as evidence of their efforts to address the issue of enrollment at the College.

While giving tours to high school seniors, Davis said, she is often asked about the relationship between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

"What I tell them is that Notre Dame is across the street if they want it, but Saint Mary's is its own family and its own community, and we take care of each other," Davis said. "Even though Notre Dame is a great school, Saint Mary's is just as great and it always been just as great. We are just left out sometimes."

Interaction with Notre Dame has long been important to the College and will continue to be so in the future, Seifert said.

"We are the sister school of Notre Dame whether there are girls at Notre Dame or not," Seifert said. "We have to remember we are Saint Mary's and we take pride in that, but we need to stay connected with [Notre Dame]."

If elected president, McIllduff said she hopes to reach out to students and be a visible presence on campus — something she wished she emphasized more as vice president during the past year.

When asked how she would address issues of diversity, such as last year's Pride Week T-shirt, McIllduff said she would default to the best resources on campus.

"I would look to the Student Diversity Board, the president of SDB is best able to handle it ... I would also turn to Terri Johnson [in] the Office of Multicultural Affairs. She is great and she [comes] from both sides of the issue," McIllduff said.

In one of the more provocative questions posed, the candidates were asked to comment on their opponents' strengths and critique their weaknesses. McIllduff and Shropshire offered only compliments, however, lauding each other's dedication to the College.

"Amanda is a very passionate person," McIllduff said. "She is passionate about student government and constantly puts in long hours."

Shropshire praised McIllduff's outgoing nature.

"Susan is very personable ... It is probably one of her best qualities," Shropshire followed. "She doesn't hold back on getting to know people and people's issues."

During the meeting Shropshire and Davis reiterated their determination to address the "little things" on campus such as laundry prices and lounge furniture. They also pledged to take on a big student complaint, parking.

"We want to get the parking ticket issue handled," Shropshire said. "A lot of people have been complaining about how many tickets they have been getting for parking somewhere for five minutes."

When asked how she would determine or define a successful term, McIllduff said such judgment would ultimately have to be made in hindsight.

"I would look back just to see if our main goals were accomplished," McIllduff said. "If I feel I have tried my hardest, I would feel as though I had done a successful job."

Voting will take place Monday on Prism from 8 a.m. to midnight. Results will be released Tuesday morning.

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Jolie children will legally become Pitt's



A Santa Monica court granted Angelina Jolie's request Thursday for her two children to take Brad Pitt's name.

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A judge granted a request Thursday by Angelina Jolie to change the names of her two children to reflect that Brad Pitt intends to become their adoptive father.

"The court granted the name change," lawyer Evan Spiegel, who represents Jolie, told reporters outside court. He did not take questions.

Neither Jolie nor Pitt, who co-starred in the film "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," attended the hearing.

The names of the children will become Zahara Marley Jolie-Pitt and Maddox Chivan Jolie-Pitt. Zahara celebrated her first birthday on Jan. 8. Maddox, a boy, is 4.

Superior Court Judge Linda Lefkowitz approved the motion during a closed hearing about a

month after lawyers for the 30-year-old actress filed the paperwork.

Pitt's publicist, Cindy Guagenti, said on Jan. 11 that Jolie is pregnant with Pitt's child.

The 42-year-old actor accompanied Jolie when she went to Ethiopia in July to adopt Zahara.

In 2002, Jolie adopted Maddox in Cambodia where she filmed "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider."

Pitt and Jennifer Aniston were divorced last October after 4 1/2 years of marriage.

He has denied Jolie was behind the split, and for months the couple did not publicly acknowledge their relationship despite increasingly frequent sightings together.

Jolie, who won an Oscar for her supporting role in 1999's "Girl, Interrupted," is divorced from Billy Bob Thornton and Jonny Lee Miller.

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Abroad

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largest study-abroad program, with more than 130 students each semester — said information provided through the orientation handbook and orientation sessions helps students become aware of the differences they will experience in London.

"We do prepare people ... for differences in legal issues ... cultural differences ... in some ways how to stand back and observe," she said. "[We try] to take the edge off of it [getting adjusted to living in London] ... to make the process as smooth as possible so they can focus on the social issues."

Bays said the preparation is not confined to campus, as London Program students also receive a separation orientation once they arrive in London.

"They address some of these [cultural] issues, along with safety issues, and are given a walking tour of the neighborhood," she said.

Students live together in four or six-person flats, and although specific rooms are single-sex, the entire building houses both male and female students. As a result, Bays said students can have an especially difficult time transitioning back to living on-campus in Notre Dame's single-sex dorms.

"The experience with parietals, living in flats, cooking for themselves ... and gender relationships are very different," Bays said. "Relationships between males and females is more collegial [in London], and they see each other as hallmates."

Bays said moving from an urban city like London to a smaller city like South Bend can be "especially disorienting," as can differences between classes in London and those at Notre Dame.

Support services offered

Bays said both the London

Program and the International Studies Office schedule meetings with returning students to gain feedback and provide a forum for students to talk about their experiences abroad.

Anne Hayes, program coordinator for the study abroad programs in Toledo, Spain; Santiago, Chile; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil said she met Wednesday evening with her students returning from Spain and will meet early next week with students from Chile and Brazil.

"Every program has debriefing sessions," Hayes said. "[We also] have an evaluation sent out to students [returning from abroad] ... There is a new question this year asking about re-entry and what services students would like to see provided."

Hayes said she is currently working on a handbook with articles to assist students with the transition from America to their host country and vice-versa and that the Office of International Studies does "as much as we can" to help students facing re-entry difficulties.

However, Hayes said that the Office of International Studies, its program coordinators in particular, might not be the first resource that students who need to talk about re-entry difficulties use upon their return.

"It's hard because students are at different levels," she said. "Some want to process [their experience abroad] ... and some get back into their life at Notre Dame and don't have as much time or energy to process."

Hayes said Campus Ministry plans a Mass and a dinner for all returnees and International Studies Program staff, which will occur Monday.

She also said the International Studies Program holds an annual photo contest that presents returnees with a forum to share their experiences through photography.

For students contemplating careers overseas, Hayes said the Helen Kellogg Institute, in con-

junction with several other departments on campus, is organizing an International Career Workshop to be held Feb. 11 in the Hesburgh Center.

Bays said she recently sent London Program returnees an e-mail that mentioned these resources and events, and the London Program's tea also serves as a debriefing opportunity to "get students back together to activate social support groups — their friends."

"We have a debriefing for students [on] Parliamentary internships, experiential learning projects and volunteer opportunities," she said. "A side purpose of it is getting students back together to talk about their experiences and difficulties. [Debriefing] is partially to get feedback but also an opportunity for students to get together so they are not alone."

While the London Program used to hold even more events for returning students, such as teas for Junior Parents Weekend and graduation and trips to Actors from the London Stage productions, Bays said budget cuts have meant the elimination of these opportunities.

Bays said some students have also joined a student advisory council, a group that helps in recruiting London Program students but also meets to talk about their experiences while in London and offer feedback and support.

"We offer students a lot of opportunities to talk," she said.

But transition difficulties may be indicators of positive change. Both Bays and Hayes stressed that facing transition difficulties often means students have experienced significant personal growth abroad.

"Getting people to acknowledge when they are having problems is a sign of emotional maturity," Bays said. "They are not the person they were before ... Re-entry problems can be a sign of emotional health. There was an investment made."

Hayes, who studied abroad dur-

ing her years at Notre Dame, said it can be difficult for a student to re-acclimate him or herself to living in America.

"I think that the culture shock when you are coming back can be just as great [as when you go]," Hayes said. "Generally, if you have integrated yourself to a host culture, you see things through a different set of eyes ... It's only natural to experience some re-entry shock upon your return."

Counseling Center steps in

Swati Pitale, staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center, said the Center used to provide a weekly support groups for students returning from abroad, but that they are not currently being offered.

"It's not that we are not interested in possibly pursuing this in the future, but it had more to do with the schedules for students. We started the support group as soon as students re-entered the Notre Dame community from being abroad, and there is something about wrapping your brain around that," she said. "I think there is something about starting that group at that time that students are more focused on more important things. By the time that a student realizes we have a support group, they've found ways to manage."

Pitale said the group may begin again in the future and that more information needs to be known about when students feel would be the best time for a group to begin.

"Initially when students get back to Notre Dame, there are so many things on their plate that they aren't even thinking about it [the support group]," she said. "It's really two to three weeks, a month into their time here, when to get back in the routine they realize ... something feels different."

However, students facing re-entry issues have occasionally been seen through the Counseling Center via individual counseling sessions, Pitale said. The number and intensity of sessions varies

based on the individual.

"It's based on the individual and has this individual traveled in the past, has this individual moved around a lot when they've grown up?" she said. "The great thing about the Counseling Center is that we see a spectrum of issues, from mild to severe. If [someone] has a history of depression or anxiety, then re-entry difficulties can exacerbate some of that stuff."

Pitale said students sometimes discuss difficulties in communicating with friends or family who have not been abroad, as well as some identity confusion as a result of their new experiences.

"Frustration with cultural values or norms, when you have gone abroad to an environment that is ... in some ways diametrically opposite to where you are now, you are going to note that," Pitale said. "What I note more is relationships with family and friends, having friends not understanding fully what your experience has been ... Sometimes feeling a disconnect with family and friends and finding a way to negotiate them [is part of counseling]."

Pitale stressed that students don't need to feel like they are facing severe problems before coming to the Counseling Center.

"It's a continuum and we see everybody, and everybody is welcome," she said. "You don't need to have severe psychopathology to come here. You can just be having a tough time and needing someone to work through it [with]."

She also emphasized that seeing students with re-entry difficulties absolutely does not strain staff time or resources.

And experiencing difficulties re-transitioning to Notre Dame is perfectly normal, Pitale said.

"I almost worry about people when they don't have a reaction to coming back, when everything feels just fine," she said. "It is expected that there will be re-entry difficulties."

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The Observer endorses Shropshire-Davis

Saint Mary's students will be asked to choose Monday between two of the strongest student body presidential/vice presidential tickets in recent memory.

Their difficult decision is made even harder by comparable records in leadership roles, and some tickets overlap in campaign goals.

Susan McIllduff and Maggie Seifert largely represent a continuation of Saint Mary's student government as it stands now — McIllduff, currently vice president, has said she respects current president Kellye Mitros' record and hopes to build upon it.

That record, however, is somewhat mixed. Mitros' administration failed to challenge the administration's decision to drop Pride Week, nor did student leaders communicate the reasons for the decision to the student body.

This lack of initiative, along with a sometimes-unprofessional tone at Board of Governance meetings, has lowered respect for student government in the eyes of many students.

The leadership record of Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis, however, could not be clearer and makes them the stronger candidates for president and vice president. The pair pack a potent one-two punch with their specialties in diversity issues and recruiting and enrollment.

Shropshire has stated her first priority as president would be to restructure and tighten Saint Mary's student government, and her record at the helm of the Student Diversity Board has proven her capable of that.

She took what was a ghost of an organization and gave it life, defining the responsibilities of its committee members and sponsoring provocative events that drew increased attendance. Based on Shropshire's visible success with increasing

support for SDB, The Observer believes she can apply the same skills to decreasing apathy and raising the profile of student government at large.

At an institution where at times politeness seems to be valued above all else, Shropshire has repeatedly proven she will not hesitate to play an aggressive role in the face of a contentious decision.

As admissions commissioner, Davis already has a working relationship with Vice President for Enrollment Management Dan Meyer and an understanding of one of the top concerns at the College.

In recent months, Meyer has called on Saint Mary's students to help with recruiting efforts, and as student body vice president, Davis will be able to help facilitate the process.

While the Shropshire/Davis ticket does not enjoy the same glossy, businesslike image of McIllduff and Seifert, they ultimately seem more willing to pull on the gloves and fight on behalf of Saint Mary's students. Saint Mary's is an institution built for students, and Shropshire and Davis will ensure the student voice is heard and understood.

The victor of this tough matchup will exit the election rink and face the challenge of leading the student body in a time of transition for the College. They must work to unite divided opinions on tough issues facing the creation of a unified image for Saint Mary's. Shropshire and Davis have what it takes "to get down and dirty" to spark a change that will maintain traditions with a twist, boost enrollment and modernize the College image.

The Observer endorses Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis for 2006-07 Saint Mary's student body president and vice president.

The Observer Editorial

Honoring a genuine Notre Dame hero

For each generation, the road of life winds past a precious few who touch others in some valuable way. Many of those unique, noble men and women of stellar character serve as great teachers and role models at educational institutions. They define the fabric of their time, contribute to everyday life and are the pillars upon which eras are distinguished. Notre Dame has seen its share of what this column called "angels" of our time. While they have enriched the Notre Dame community throughout its history, surely more who have yet to walk the campus will follow for future generations yet to come.

Typically, it is a sad moment when we learn of the passing of such campus icons. It was particularly difficult for this writer to learn in a note with a Christmas card that one of Notre Dame's giants is battling an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an extensive protective operation. His attention towards years of public crime fighting is now focused on a personal struggle.

Rakow is a relatively quiet man, the type of person who remains calm in a crisis, but who can respond when necessary with the power of a giant. He is a man of vast common sense who cherishes the spirit of the law while deciding on the application of the letter of the law. It is not uncommon for Rakow to understand the stupidity of people's actions while shaking his head in disbelief. He displays

the perfect personality for a law enforcement manager in today's society, but could have been a successful sheriff in a frontier town or an "Untouchable" in Chicago.

During the Reagan presidency when I worked on Capitol Hill, Rakow attended a law enforcement conference in Washington and came to visit me at the U.S. House of Representatives. It was a pleasant surprise, for I was the one who usually popped unannounced into his office while on campus for an alumni meeting or football weekend. Rex has a natural ability to make anyone feel welcome, even when he is away from the university. It was the first time in my many years of unannounced travel to Notre Dame that I felt less like the noisy uncle who overstays his many visits but welcomed, almost as a part of Rakow's campus family.

This is a difficult time for Rakow and his immediate, as well as his extended family. While they search for newly emerging medical procedures in hopes of a future remission, Rakow occupies his office and performs his duties each day. Only families facing such situations can explain their enormous stress and trails of faith.

Last year, Pope John Paul II demonstrated to the world how to gracefully face mortality. We are on this earth only as long as we need be to learn our life's lessons and set examples for others.

While society seeks answers for longer, healthy lives, Catholics are reminded that Christianity was not meant to be comfortable.

Our Church teaches us that faith is not based on God correcting the ills of the just while punishing the sins of the wicked. Too often, Americans — especially televangelists with their slick gospel hours

and misinterpreted, self-serving biblical quotations — appeal to our greed rather than our spirituality. John Paul II's affliction — debilitating presumably one of the holiest among us — reminds us that one of the most primary lessons of life is actually death.

For those of us who know Rakow, we would rather he, like John Paul II, could live a healthy life well into retirement and eventually pass to a heavenly reward peacefully in his sleep. Ironically, that may be the least spiritual of ways to genuinely know our inner self, faith or purpose of life. Without facing the shock, despair or disbelief of a debilitating condition, we cannot focus on our faith with such clarity.

My thoughts, prayers and best wishes are with Rakow and his family. He, like so many of his fellow Notre Dame angels before him, have touched many lives in a valuable way. During this time, I feel helpless. I am once more an outsider for not sharing a common pain or fear with Rex. I can only admire his strength, his poise and his fortitude.

Events happen for a reason. The friends we make, the family we share and those we admire are primary elements of our journey. But the purity of our hearts is the measurement of our success. Rakow's heart is as genuine as any. It humbles me to be counted among his friends. Rex, you are a genuine hero.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it."

George Moore
English novelist

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Courage is not simply one of the virtues but the form of every virtue at the testing point, which means at the point of highest reality."

C.S. Lewis
Novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hidden danger off-campus

Reading the headlines from the Jan. 19 edition of The Observer about off-campus break-ins (namely at Kramer properties) did not surprise me. However, Mark Kramer's selective memory of prior incidents did. The Observer quoted him as saying something to the effect that he "could count on one hand how many times this has happened" in all of his years of renting houses to students in high-crime neighborhoods.

I can count on *two* hands (and maybe a foot) how many times it happened during the 2000-01 school year on Kramer properties alone. At my house on Cedar Street, we had one break-in and a man show up at a party, yelling at students and revealing his handgun. I found a security guard beaten and his handgun stolen in front of my house on my way to a party at Lafayette.

My girlfriend lived on St. Pete's Street and thieves broke in three times that year. Across the street from them, a porch full of their neighbors was robbed at gunpoint. I could go on naming other crimes at other houses on other streets, but the point is that these are not isolated incidents (as Kramer wants all of you underclassmen to believe).

I certainly do not blame Kramer for these crimes, but it makes me upset (enough to write this letter anyway) that he tries to make it seem as if off-campus crime is a rarity. Kramer wants all of his future leasers to sign binding contracts with the reassuring statistic that at most, five break-ins have ever happened on his watch. To put it simply, Kramer is misleading his tenants. Kramer once assured me that our neighborhood was safe and I believed him. I wanted to party and live the good life off-campus like

everybody else, but I had absolutely no concept of the real dangers that existed south of campus. His "see no evil, speak no evil, hear no evil" charade is irresponsible and needs to be exposed.

When those of you who rent from Kramer a year or two from now (and you will, because he owns all of the houses), be wary of the dangers in your new neighborhoods. When Kramer furrows his brow, purses his lips, holds his open hand up and tells you, "This is how many times we've ever had problems at my properties," ask him how many times each finger represents.

Ted Higgins
class of 2001
Firefighter/Paramedic
Jan. 19

U-WIRE

iPod trumps social interaction

The holiday season has come and gone. After all the leftovers have been thrown out and the relatives have returned home, only one thing remains: the iPod.

Today it is difficult to look anywhere without seeing or hearing about one of Apple Computer's top-of-the-line digital media players. Whether it is in advertisements, in the news, walking around campus or now even in the courtroom, iPods are everywhere. And why wouldn't they be?

According to an article in USA Today, Apple Computer has sold a total of 42 million iPods since first introducing the product in 2002. Of this total, 32 million iPods were sold in 2005, 14 million of which were sold during the 2005 holiday sales quarter alone.

That's a lot of iPods, and the sales show no signs of slowing down. Instead, Apple continues to increase demand of the iPod by releasing newer models that are faster and have even more capabilities.

The newest iPods on the market are the Nano and the video iPod. Now, not only can people download endless hours of their favorite songs onto their iPods, but they can also download their favorite television shows too.

But the iPod is just one of many electronic devices that have seemingly unlimited abilities these days. Cell phones, PDAs and computers are also among the machines able to perform a number of tasks never before thought possible. Oh, the technology.

While such advancements in technology are important, they do come at a cost. As a result of devices such as the iPod, conversation and human interaction are suffering. It is easy to see how communication has been drastically altered in just the last decade.

Today, it is common to see two friends walking across campus to class with one another. Sadly, it is just as common to see the two not immersed in conversation, but rather, both busy listening to their iPods.

Is it that hard to take out those little, white ear buds and actually talk to someone? It must be harder that it would appear, because I don't know how many times I've seen people talking to others with one earphone in. This is often typical of people who are ordering fast food, and it's actually quite rude.

Can't you take about 30 seconds to give the fast food employee your full attention while ordering that number one with cheese?

It's frustrating to try to get an order from someone who is only half listening to you. Meredith Dixon, a junior at the University, works in dining services at the Union and agrees.

"I never feel like I have their full attention because they're so absorbed in their tunes," Meredith said. Still, others would disagree. When asked about iPods, sophomore Adam Rosengarten said, "I don't think they're that bad."

But if you ask me, additional advancements in technology will only continue to isolate us unless we do something about it. If you disagree just answer one question for me. When is the last time you sent an instant message to your roommate who was only sitting a mere 10 feet away?

While technology is wonderful, we can't let it completely replace our personal communication with others around us. If we do, we may start thinking like a classmate of mine who was overheard saying, "Socialization is so pre-9/11." There's nothing wrong with owning an iPod. We just need to make sure that we don't get caught up in the iPod epidemic.

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Slow and steady still best

After the holidays, we are all a little bit more round and jolly — especially in the waistline. Hey, it's hard to say no to a second helping of Aunt Bertha's famous turtle cheesecake — with extra turtle. So you wanna lose the love handles? From A (Anorex) to Z (Zantrex), there are thousands of diet pills to aid you.

But just around the corner at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, there is a pill in the works called APD 356 to help you lose weight without diet and exercise. At least that's the claim made by its manufacturer, Arena Pharmaceuticals. The main goal of APD 356 is to regulate body weight by regulating appetite. Inside this little white pill is a small molecule that helps regulate hunger and metabolism.

But is this drug going to be safe? Sadly, it often takes years, if not decades, to fully comprehend the full effect of new drugs. Remember Fen-Phen? Many over-the-counter pills are not FDA approved. They can be sold without studies as long as they contain ingredients already in food supply.

Another danger of some diet pills that inhibit the absorption of fats are gastrointestinal side effects. This includes fun oil spots on your drawers, lovable infectious diarrhea, the popular rectal pain and fabulous oily stool. Mmmm. But many people simply want the weight gone. Who cares about if my heart valves leak in ten years? I just want to look uber-hot in this bathing suit!

And the obesity market knows this.

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Daily Reveille

Advertisers know the common person wants results now. But that's America, isn't it? People prefer fast food instead of meals from scratch, Cliffs Notes instead of the novel and eye lifts instead of wearing sunscreen. We need our quick fix.

Why should dieting be any different? The weight loss industry promises weight loss is simple. Just buy this product and you will not have change a thing! It can be done instantly and effortlessly.

The producers of these weight loss tools are tapping into the American mentality of the quick fix with their miracle weight loss drugs, fad diets, fitness drinks and even soaps that promise to "penetrate to the subcutaneous layer to assist in the elimination of fat layers." Only one thing works: lose weight and take in fewer calories than you use by becoming more physically active or by eating less. Okay, fine, everyone knows all that. But it seems the gap between what we know and what we do is bigger than Hasselhoff in Germany.

There simply are no quick fixes. To lose weight is not easy. It takes persistence, habit changes, sweat, hard work and perhaps a few David Banner jams to get the heart racin'. You can borrow my iPod if you need to, okay?

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Small price to pay for saving a life

What if someone told you that you can save the lives of people around the world within an hour? What if you were told that you could literally be that beacon of life for someone in a life or death situation, and you can be that beacon right before your 2:30 class?

It's possible.

According to the official Web site of the Red Cross' blood donation branch (givelife.org), someone is in need of blood every two seconds. To quote the Web site, "that's a lot of blood."

But the Web site puts a damper on the reader's mood by noting that only one out of 20 possible donors give blood in a given year. So after the ineligible donors are weeded out of the target population, only five percent are willing to help.

Even worse, certain metropolitan areas of the country (including Cleveland) have a shortage of blood and aren't always able to help to meet the needs of those who require it.

There is a large number of people who are eligible to give blood, but whatever their reservations are, won't step up to the plate and do their part.

Perhaps the greatest reservation is that the

American population suffers from aichmophobia, or the fear of needles (and other pointy objects). And we're not condemning aichmophobics, either; conquering your fear of having a needle stuck into your arm is a big step.

But two seconds of your pain could be the difference between happiness and despair for a family. You will instantly become a savior (literally) to someone who will be forever in your gratitude without ever knowing your name.

When the blood drive worker attempts to put a needle in your arm, focus on the countries or prime ministers (or anything else that you can) to take your mind on the impending agony. Memorize all of the countries in Africa or all the prime ministers in Canada. You'll hardly even notice that the needle has penetrated your skin.

Whatever your fear, whatever it takes, overcoming your reservations can mean so much to so many people. As a national community, we rely on one another for things that we can't do ourselves. It's encouraging that saving a life can be this easy.

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LEGENDS SPOTLIGHT

Behind-the-scenes star set to rock Legends

Dave Matthews Band accompanist Tim Reynolds has a unique brand of music

By BOB COSTA
Scene Writer

Around the residence halls of Notre Dame, the music of Tim Reynolds is constantly heard as one strolls through the cluttered hallways where posters of Fox's "The O.C." and the music of Dave Matthews are ubiquitous. Yet, most students don't always pick up on who's playing the ingenious chord progressions heard behind Matthews' famously staccato rhythm guitar. Although he's often times in the background of live shows and recordings of Matthews, Reynolds is as integral to DMB's unique sound as the vibe of "Ants Marching" and "Crash Into Me."

Reynolds, who played with Matthews on their multi-platinum 1999 live acoustic album "Live at Luther College," is well-known for being the jam-rock's star's longtime collaborator and guitar virtuoso. He's played on almost every Dave Matthews Band album and toured as an acoustic duo with Matthews numerous times to sold-out theaters across the country, but also built a stellar solo career.

Legends will be hosting one of Reynolds' first four stops of his winter 2006 solo tour, which will also include shows in Chicago and at college bars near schools like Penn State and the University of Dayton. Starting Saturday at 10 p.m., the show, which is free for all Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, will profile one of the guitar masters of the nineties and perhaps all time.

A longtime resident of Charlottesville, Va., Reynolds moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1997, after nearly 17 years in Virginia. Though he's content in New Mexico, he said that doesn't mean he won't move again.

"I could easily say that I could stay here forever, or leave after some time," Reynolds said. "Like anything in life, there is a progression. State to state, place to place, eventually country to country, planet to planet, universe to universe, maybe even a big bang. It's all a journey, as long as you make sure you don't let your consciousness get snuffed out."

Reynolds recently released "Parallel Universe," a two-CD album packed with eclectic forays into industrial rock and pulsating acoustic melodies. Featuring songs like the free-flowing acoustic melody "This Is How Much I Love You" and the brittle but pounding "Mercury Direct," it is a meshing of different styles and different sounds that brings together the best of his style while playing with Matthews with his own unique cultivation of sound.

"When you create an album, you're more into the music," Reynolds said. "The two CDs on the new album are a collection of home recordings that have been kind of sitting around for awhile. It's a bunch of tunes that I've really liked listening to. In a way, 'Parallel Universe' is all over the map, just like life is all over the map. I mainly use the guitar but also things like drum machines and other sonic elements so there is much contrast."

Tim Reynolds

Where: Legends
When: Saturday at 10 p.m.
Tickets: Free with ND/SMC/HCC ID

The new album lies partly between his previous electric guitar-based album "Chaos View" from 2002 and his noteworthy 1993 solo debut "Stream."

"I guess in the last five years I've been exploring the use of drum machines," Reynolds said. "I kind of got into the programming aspect of things and working on representing all aspects of sound. But now, I'm really focusing back on the acoustic guitar itself and exploring how many different ways I can represent a song."

For Reynolds, the album was a lot of fun with to experiment with different parts of studio production.

"It was full of different things, in a way like old-school Genesis and Steely Dan. It's



Photo courtesy of Erin Perri

The legendary guitarist Tim Reynolds is slated to play at Notre Dame's Legends Night Club this Saturday. Reynolds is a frequent guest member of the famous group the Dave Matthews Band.

stripped down in a way, but also features sounds from nature, even the voice of my daughter, Eura."

Such home-grown songs and personal creation, especially with the lack of a major-label's input, has allowed Reynolds to put a sense of warmth and intimacy on many of his tunes as he takes them in so many directions that listeners lose track of the normal verse-chorus-verse paradigm.

During the past few years Reynolds has spent most of his time professionally performing with his own band, TR3, and with Dave Matthews' solo project — which is often referred to as "Dave Matthews & Friends." Matthews, Reynolds, Trey Anastasio of Phish, Brady Blade and Tony Hall toured together in 2003 and 2004 to much critical acclaim, playing long, eclectic concerts covering everything from rare Dave Matthews Band songs to the Beatles.

Reynolds' career began and flourished in Charlottesville, where he was a burgeoning guitarist in the early nineties. By 1993, Reynolds was often playing acoustic sets at numerous local venues with his friend and local bartender Matthews. At that time, Reynolds was much more well-known in the region for his musicianship and Matthews thrived off playing sets with the enigmatic virtuoso. Matthews still fronted his own band, Dave Matthews

Band, but spent much time with Reynolds as he honed his own distinctive guitar sound.

As the grassroots following for Dave Matthews Band became an undeniable phenomenon, Reynolds began to carve out a role within that band that he would stick to for the rest of his career. Rather than joining DMB as a full-fledged member, Reynolds decided to help the band during their recordings and on-tour, but still have his focus on his solo work and TR3.

"My music is scattered energy; I like to rock out on the acoustic, reinvent the music, play the fast blues, and cover classics," Reynolds said. "During the last couple of years I've done an acoustic set with a half-hour on drum machine. I'm now exploring more on the twelve-string. Back in the seventies, I first owned a twelve-string. It was simple, and then I had all this apparatus to play with. So now, I just want to challenge myself to learn more high-energy acoustic."

Notre Dame fans will be able to see just how different a Tim Reynolds show can be. Don't expect Dave Matthews, but you'll definitely be in for a night of experimental songs and beloved covers to rock out with.

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SMC PREVIEW

Battle of the Bands will be the first of its kind at Saint Mary's

By LIZ HARTER
Scene Writer

There will be a battle at Saint Mary's Saturday night. At 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center, four acts, two bands and two solo artists, will compete in the first ever Saint Mary's Battle of the Bands, sponsored by the First Year Board and the Residence Hall Association.

The acts slated to appear are Robbie Hazen, Slap Bracelet Suicide, Somersaults and Ryan Connaughton.

Although local bands also wanted to compete, Maura Clougherty said Saint Mary's wanted to confine the competition to student groups.

During winter break, Clougherty and Frances

Bruder, the Student Activities Coordinator, sent e-mails to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students advertising the idea to those interested. The e-mail asked for a CD with three demo songs, five bands replied and all were accepted — though one band had to drop out due to time conflicts.

Though the planning took place while no students were on campus, Class of 2009 vice president Pauline Kistka said she doesn't think that the break cut down on responses. "It was easy to attract [the

bands] because it is a great opportunity to get their name out there," Kistka said. "The winner receives studio time, and also opens for a nationally touring act at the Saint Mary's Student Activities Board TOSTAL in April."

All of the bands are exposed to the Los Angeles-based judges who will be in town for the contest.

"The advantages are tremendous," Kistka said.

The judges include the members of the indie band Thornbird and producer Ulysses Noriega, who has

worked with artists such as Coolio, Ben Folds and Limp Bizkit. The performers will also be able to attend a 20-minute session with the judges on Sunday, during which they will receive one-on-one feedback about their lyrics and performances. Thornbird will also be performing at Saint Mary's on Jan. 23.

The Battle of the Bands is one of the fundraising ideas that will coincide with the Saint Mary's Dance Marathon, taking place on April 21 to benefit Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. Riley Hospital does not turn any children away due to monetary needs and therefore spends \$25 million unbudgeted every year. At least 68 colleges and Universities including IU, Butler University, Ball State

and, this year, Saint Mary's, put on dance marathons to help raise this money.

"Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to take a hand into the light. Make a difference," said Francesca Johnson, president of the Class of 2009, quoting the freshman board's Riley Hospital motto. "Do it for the kids. The evening will be fun, and these children need all the money that they can get."

One hundred percent of the profits from Saturday night will benefit Riley Hospital for Children. Tickets cost \$6 in advance, sold in the Student Center at Saint Mary's and the LaFortune Box Office at Notre Dame, and cost \$8 at the door.

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SMC Battle of the Bands

Where: SMC Student Center
When: Saturday at 6:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door

DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Film, Television and Theatre students spread their wings

By LIZ BYRUM
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It's not very often that Notre Dame students can come together on campus to examine and admire the collective works of a group of students. This weekend, one of those rare chances arrives with the introduction of Film, Television and Theatre's 17th annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival.

The modest beginning of this thriving festival took place in 1988 when professor Ted Mandell came to Notre Dame to work on a graduate degree and began to compile the film work of FTT students. Over time, the project grew out of its original location, and has found homes through the years at the Snite Museum, Hesburgh Auditorium and most recently in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

It is in DPAC's Browning Cinema where the films of talented FTT majors will be featured today, tomorrow and Sunday. With the new technology available in the state-of-the-art theatre, the short films assembled for the festival will make an even more enjoyable experience.

As an introduction to the two-hour showcase of film studies, Mandell has created a short film called "Flanner Hall 1974," which depicts a fictional story of Charlie Weis' time as a student on campus.

"Charlie Weis goes to Badin Hall and decides to coach their football team," Mandell said. Residents of Badin may be even more enthusiastic about seeing this introduction because some of the

girls currently living in the hall were given a chance to play small roles in the film.

Besides the retro '70s feel of "Flanner Hall 1974," the variety of films stretches through many genres, including dark comedy and documentary.

"We have three professors who teach production — Bill Donaruma, Jill Godmilow and myself. We each have our own style," Mandell said.

These differences in style shine through in the students' work — with different focuses including areas such as thematic structure and cinematography.

"We had great freedom to make the film we wanted to. He was always there to offer advice and to guide us, but he accepted our personal visions and interests,"

junior Brandon Kusz said about his time working with Professor Donaruma. Kusz's film, titled "Variable 17," which he directed with Elyse Allen, took the entire semester to create. The storyline revolves around a

man who is brainwashed into believing he loves a woman. The creation of the film included the initial writing and storyboard work, many days of filming and hours of editing afterwards. "Even the easiest shots would take hours to set up because there is so much equipment and it's all very heavy," Kusz said.

One of the documentaries featured in the festival this weekend is titled "Two Dollar Ride." The film, created by recent graduates Jan Wohrle and Lyndsey Grunewald, allows viewers to take a trip around South Bend with the taxicab driver most commonly known



Photo courtesy of Ted Mandell

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre hosts its annual film festival this weekend, including the student film "Skling for Love," above.

as "Super Dave" as he shuttles students from bar to bar.

For the first time in the Notre Dame Student Film Festival's history, there is a musical on the lineup. Brittny Heinrich and Nobel Robinette direct "Senior-etta," a film starring four Notre Dame singers.

"We have a really goofy film and we loved getting the freedom we did to make it as silly as possible," Heinrich said of her favorite part of the making of "Senior-etta."

Films are chosen for the Student Film Festival by starting from the top of the production ladder with the most advanced classes. The professors look for films that are the most well made and make an effort to keep the final compilation under two hours.

"There are films that could have been in the festival that we just didn't have time for. The film festival is really just a collection of films done in our production classes — not a competition," Mandell said. However, some of the films featured this weekend might go further, being entered into film festivals all over the country, where the creators could win awards for their work.

With the dedication and creativity the FTT students have put into their films, the Notre Dame Student Film Festival should continue to be a success. Tickets are available the DPAC box office at 574-631-2800, or by going online at www.performingarts.nd.edu.

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'Bridge' proves to be strong first pillar of trio

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

David Lean's "The Bridge on the River Kwai" was the first in a brilliant trio of films that became turning points in the history of cinema.

The 1957 film, which won the Best Picture Academy Award, was followed by 1962's "Lawrence of Arabia" (undoubtedly Lean's magnum opus) and 1965's "Doctor Zhivago." While all three share many of the same themes (pitting humans against a grand historical backdrop with an epic flavor), the focus and relative conciseness of "The Bridge on the River Kwai" grants it an urgency and clear sense of purpose that outstrips its successors.

"The Bridge on the River Kwai" is nominally a war film, but its ambiguity and thematic lack of resolution transcends those genre limitations. It follows British Colonel Nicholson (Alec Guinness) and his troops, who are under the thumb of Japanese prison camp commander Colonel Saito (Sessue Hayakawa). Saito orders Nicholson's men to build a bridge on the river Kwai (hence the cleverly descriptive title) that will allow for the transportation of munitions. While Nicholson originally balks at the idea, he eventually agrees and soon

becomes obsessed with completing the bridge to perfection — this, he believes, will prove the superiority of the British over the Japanese.

Like Francis Ford Coppola's "Apocalypse Now" two decades later, "The Bridge on the River Kwai" is less about war than it is about the effects of war and an exploration of obsession and madness. Nicholson begins as a rigidly doctrined British officer, but ends steeped in his own mania — only Shears (William Holden) manages to maintain any sort of perspective, and even he is reduced to confusion by the film's end. The closing scene, rife with ambiguity, is rightfully one of the most famous in motion picture history.

The film is dominated by Alec Guinness, whose powerfully hypnotic performance is the hinge on which the picture rests. As the increasingly obsessive Colonel Nicholson, Guinness turns in one of the

century's most memorable performances, and certainly among his finest (although considerably less famous than his portrayal of a certain Jedi Knight). Lean's thinly veiled

criticism of British ideals and ethnocentricity is embodied by Nicholson, and Guinness' nuanced performance elevates him into an actual character rather than a mere metaphor.

"The Bridge on the River Kwai" is often cited as Lean's best picture, which in turn



Photo courtesy of discosanigos.com

"The Bridge on the River Kwai," the first movie in a series of key historical films, will be featured this weekend as part of the the "PAC Classic 100."

makes it one of the finest pictures of all time. The American Film Institute declared it the 13th greatest film of all time, and it was a runaway success at the Oscars, winning seven statues. While most of Lean's films have withstood the test of time ("Lawrence of Arabia" and "Brief Encounter" in particular), "The Bridge on the River Kwai" is among his most timeless. Though not an epic on the scale of "Lawrence of Arabia," "The Bridge on the River Kwai" is still essential viewing and a

great picture. Those unfamiliar with Lean's work should find it a great starting point and it is especially recommended for those who only know Guinness as Obi-Wan Kenobi.

"The Bridge on the River Kwai" will be shown Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DPAC as part of the PAC Classic 100.

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The Bridge on the River Kwai

Where: DPAC Browning Cinema
When: Saturday at 3 p.m.
Tickets: \$6, \$5 faculty/staff, \$4 seniors, and \$3 all students

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ranked teams struggle in conference games

Virginia shocks the Tar Heels at home, but Washington holds off Oregon State

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Little by little, Virginia's players are understanding more and more of coach Dave Leitao's teachings, and it's starting to show.

"Good things are happening," guard J.R. Reynolds said.

Reynolds was one of those good things Thursday night, scoring 10 of his 16 points in the last 11 minutes when the surprising Cavaliers used a big run to go ahead for good and then held on to beat equally young No. 24 North Carolina, 72-68.

"It's a learning process, and we're getting better each day," Reynolds said.

Guard Sean Singletary, whose first season came in the difficult last season under Pete Gillen, agreed and said things should only continue to get better.

"We're buying into what he's saying," Singletary said. "He's been preaching to us since he first stepped foot in Charlottesville. It feels like everybody is really responding to what he's saying. When it comes game time, it's really showing."

The victory was the second in a row for the Cavaliers (9-6, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), following up a 54-49 win at Virginia Tech on Sunday.

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J.R. Reynolds
Virginia guard

The results, Leitao said, show the team that he knows what he's doing when insisting they play tough defense, take care of the ball and play with discipline.

"I can talk until I'm blue in the face, but these proving points happen, fortunately or unfortunately, when you win or lose games," he said.

North Carolina (10-4, 2-2) lost its second straight. The

Tar Heels were stunned 81-70 at home by Miami on Saturday, ending a four-game winning streak, and were stymied by Virginia's interior defense on Tyler Hansbrough and 36 percent shooting.

"Their guards just dominated the game," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said.

Singletary led Virginia with 18 points, but had only two down the stretch when Reynolds, freshman Laurynas Mikalauskas and Jason Cain all made big plays.

Mikalauskas twice scored on putbacks and grabbed several key rebounds, and Cain finished with just seven points and five rebounds, but added five blocks, several in the final minutes as the Tar Heels tried to get the ball inside to Hansbrough.

"Today just showed what we can do when everybody's playing well," Cain said.

Hansbrough led North Carolina with 18 points and 10

rebounds and David Noel had 14 and 10 rebounds, but they also combined to commit 10 of the Tar Heels' 14 turnovers.

Singletary had eight points in a 13-2 run that gave Virginia the lead 5 1/2 minutes into the second half. The burst grew to 26-10 over 9 minutes, giving the Cavaliers a 55-46 edge with 8:29 to play, and from then it was a matter of staying in front.

The Tar Heels helped with their inability to hit outside shots.

"You can hope and pray and hold your mouth different ways," Williams said, "but the bottom line is you've got to put the ball in the basket."

Washington 69.
Oregon State 60

Washington missed its first 11 shots and finished a season-worst 33 percent from the field. And still they won.

"We don't mind scoring in the 60s as long as we win," Huskies preseason All-America Brandon Roy said. "Eventually, we'll start shooting better."

Bobby Jones made two key baskets down the stretch and

sank two free throws with 16.5 seconds to go, finishing with 16 points to lead No. 10 Washington to a victory over Oregon State on Thursday night.

The Huskies (15-2, 4-2 Pac-10) ended a two-game conference losing streak at home after they had a 32-game home winning streak broken. They won their third straight league game.

But it wasn't easy on a night when they didn't shoot well (24-for-72) and Roy struggled with eight points on 3-for-9 shooting.

Even when the Huskies were 0-for-11, though, Roy said the Huskies weren't worried.

"It was real scary because we were missing layups, too," he said. "But it was nothing we got nervous about."

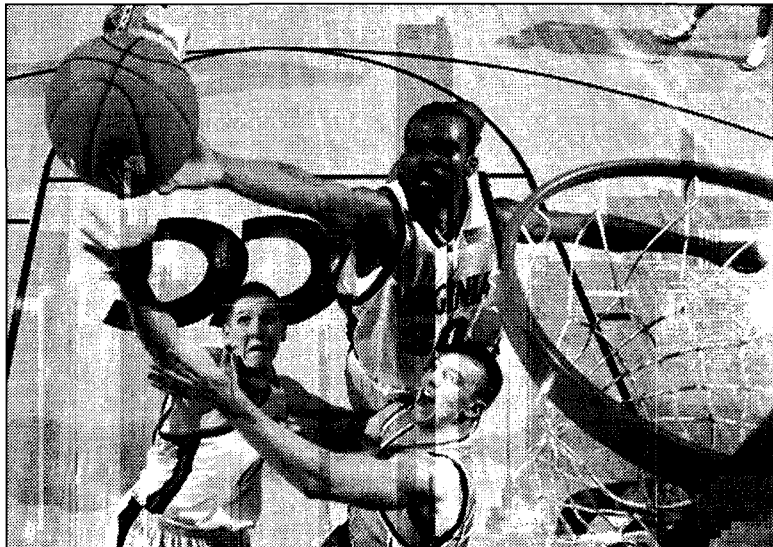
Maybe the Huskies weren't nervous, but they weren't efficient offensively. And the Beavers were in the game until the finish.

Sophomore forward Marcel Jones, who led Oregon State (9-8, 2-4) with 14 points, said he didn't think the Huskies are the No. 10 team in the nation.

"They're good, they're really

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Brandon Roy
Washington guard



Virginia's Adrian Joseph (30) reaches for the rebound over teammate Laurynas Mikalauskas and North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough during Virginia's upset of the Tar Heels Thursday.

good," he said. "But I don't know if their ranking is what it's cracked up to be."

With the score 62-60 in favor of the Huskies following a layup by Nick DeWitz with 2:44 remaining, Jones put back an offensive rebound 27 seconds later for a four-point lead.

Then, with 2 minutes to go, Jones scored on a fastbreak layup to put the Huskies in front 66-60.

But the Beavers weren't done. Chris Stephens got a layup before Wesley Washington stole the ball from

Justin Dentmon at midcourt and drove in for a layup with 1:15 left. He was fouled by Dentmon on the play and made his free throw to cut Washington's lead to 66-65.

After Stephens missed a 17-footer, Washington rebounded and Jones was fouled with 16.5 seconds left. Jones' two free throws gave Washington a 68-65 lead.

Stephens missed another 3-point try and Roy was fouled and sank a free throw with 1.8 seconds left.

Freshman Jon Brockman added 11 points for Washington.

Washington shot only 26 percent in the first half, but made 41 percent (14-for-34) after the break. The Beavers committed a season-high 28 turnovers.

"The turnovers were a combination of Washington's defense and us," Oregon State coach

Jay John said. "You've got to know where the traps, the danger zones are, and we didn't stay out of the traps."

The Huskies led 28-27 at halftime despite shooting miserably from the field (10-for-38), especially at the start of the game when they missed their first 11 shots from the field and went 3-for-20 in the first 9:58.

But the Beavers, struggling against Washington's pressing man-to-man defense, couldn't capitalize on the Huskies' woe-ful shooting because they committed 16 turnovers in the first half.

Washington trailed 7-1 and 11-6, but finally caught Oregon State at 17-all on Bobby Jones' fastbreak dunk with 7:54 to go following a steal by Dentmon.

Arizona State 72,
Denver 61

Arkansas State's Dereke Tipler led all players in three categories Thursday night in a win over Denver.

Tipler scored 18 points, pulled down nine rebounds and was credited with five assists for the Indians (8-12, 3-3 Sun Belt Conference).

He was one of four ASU players who scored in double digits.

Marcus Ardison had 16 points, Yual Banks scored 11 — including 3-of-5 shooting from long distance — and Jim Jones added 10.

Denver (10-8, 3-2) was led by Yemi Nicholson's 15 points, while Steve Wetrich and Antonio Porch added 11 each.

ASU led 35-32 at the half.



J.R. Reynolds fights through defenders to take a shot Thursday during Virginia's 72-68 win over No. 24 North Carolina. Reynolds scored 10 of his 16 points in the game's final 11 minutes.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB
New Jersey	21-15	.583	-
Philadelphia	18-20	.474	4
Boston	15-23	.395	7
New York	13-24	.351	8.5
Toronto	13-26	.333	9.5

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	31-5	.861	-
Indiana	21-16	.568	10.5
Cleveland	20-16	.556	11
Milwaukee	19-18	.514	12.5
Chicago	16-22	.421	16

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Miami	23-16	.590	-
Washington	17-20	.459	5
Orlando	14-22	.389	7.5
Charlotte	11-28	.282	12
Atlanta	10-27	.270	12

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Denver	21-19	.525	-
Utah	20-19	.513	.5
Minnesota	18-18	.500	1
Seattle	15-23	.395	5
Portland	14-24	.368	6

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	25-13	.658	-
LA Clippers	20-15	.571	3.5
LA Lakers	21-17	.553	4
Golden State	18-19	.486	6.5
Sacramento	16-21	.432	8.5

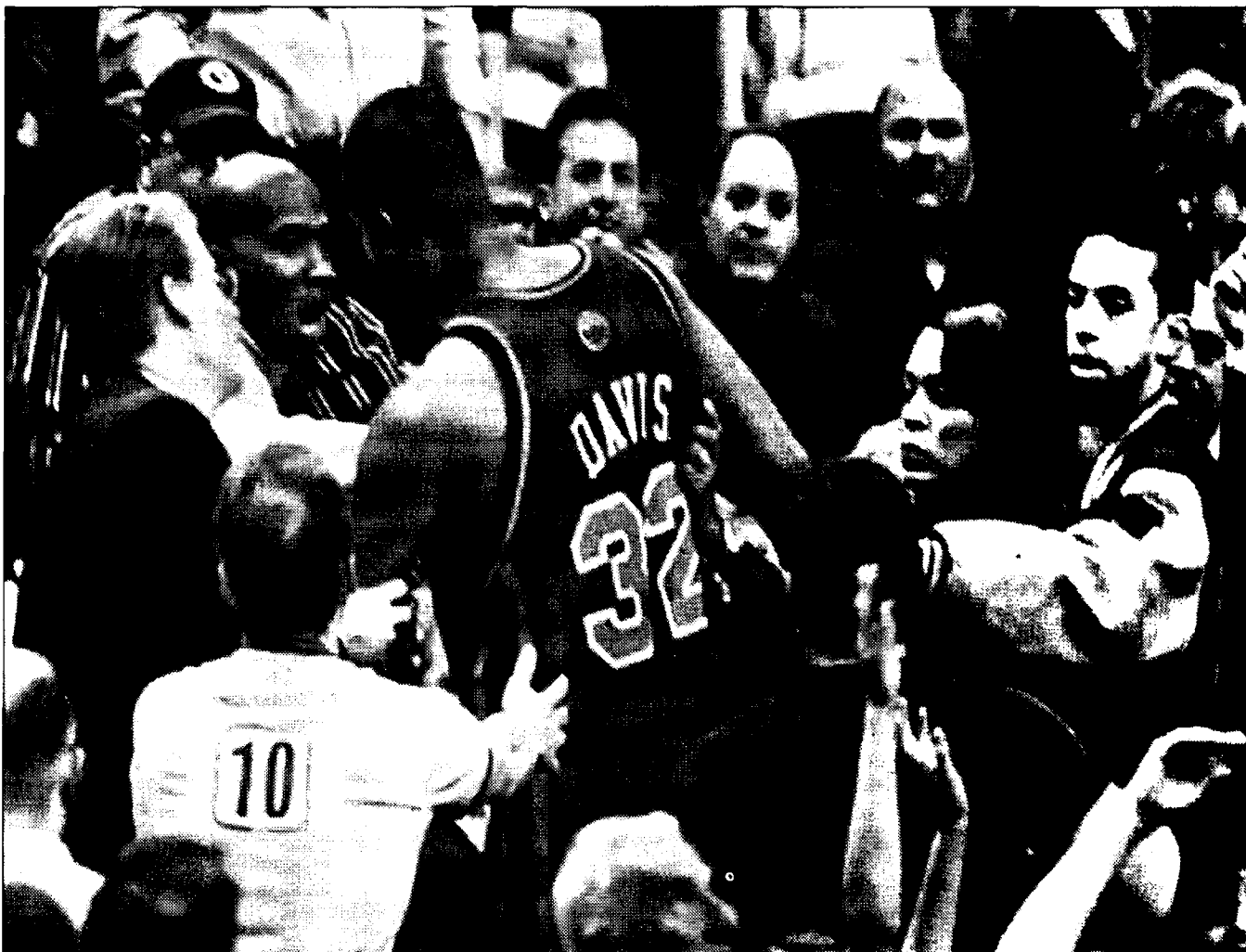
Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
San Antonio	30-9	.769	-
Dallas	29-10	.744	1
Memphis	23-14	.622	6
New Orleans	19-19	.500	10.5
Houston	12-25	.324	17

Women's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall	pct.
Connecticut	5-0	16-2	.889
Rutgers	4-0	12-2	.857
Louisville	4-1	13-3	.812
St. John's	4-1	14-3	.824
DePaul	3-2	16-2	.889
Marquette	3-2	12-4	.750
Seton Hall	3-2	6-10	.375
West Virginia	3-2	10-5	.667
Pittsburgh	3-3	12-5	.706
Notre Dame	2-3	11-5	.688
Villanova	2-3	11-5	.688
USF	2-3	12-6	.667
Georgetown	1-4	8-8	.500
Providence	1-4	6-10	.375
Cincinnati	1-4	11-5	.688
Syracuse	0-6	7-10	.412

NBA



Knicks forward Antonio Davis enters the stands during an overtime timeout in a game against the Bulls in Chicago Thursday, a move that earned him a five-game suspension. The Knicks lost the game 106-104 in overtime.

Knicks' Antonio Davis suspended 5 games

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Knicks forward Antonio Davis was suspended five games by the NBA on Thursday for entering the stands during a game in Chicago to confront a fan he thought was harassing his wife.

While the penalty showed the NBA accepted Davis' argument that he believed his wife was in trouble during Wednesday night's game, it also made clear that entering the stands would not be tolerated, no matter the circumstances.

Especially not after last

season's ugly brawl between fans and players at an Indiana-Detroit game.

"At the end of the day, what we had to decide on was the issue of Antonio breaking the barrier from the court into the stands," NBA vice president of basketball operations Stu Jackson said during a conference call. "At the end of the day, that was the most important aspect of making that decision."

The trouble for Davis and his wife, however, might not be over.

Michael Axelrod, the 22-year-old fan that Davis

confronted, said he did nothing wrong — and he plans to sue the player and his wife. Axelrod said Kendra Davis tried to scratch him after he protested a call. He said he never laid a hand on her and he was not drunk, as the New York forward contended.

"It's a lie," Axelrod said.

Jackson added that a player entering the stands normally results in a suspension of "double-digit games."

Davis' suspension was to start with Thursday night's home game against Detroit, and the players'

union will likely file a grievance. The Pistons were the home team the last time players went into the stands — when Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson fought with fans in November 2004.

An embarrassment for the NBA, the brawl led to criminal charges for Artest, Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal.

"It's a totally different situation," said ex-Pacers star Reggie Miller, Davis' former teammate. "It was mayhem. He's coming to defense of a loved one. Ours was craziness."

IN BRIEF

Former GM Epstein to rejoin Boston Red Sox

BOSTON — The door was ajar, and Theo Epstein finally walked through it and back into the front office of the Boston Red Sox.

The most successful general manager in franchise history will rejoin the Red Sox baseball operations department in a full-time — but otherwise unspecified — position. His long-rumored return comes 2 1/2 months after he turned down a contract extension and fled Fenway Park in a gorilla suit to avoid the encamped media.

"As you know, we have spoken frequently during the last 10 weeks," the team and Epstein said in a joint statement on Thursday night. "We have engaged in healthy, spirited debates about what it will take over the long-term for the Red Sox to remain a great organization and, in fact, become a more effective organization in philosophy, approaches and ideals."

MLB owners approve sale of Cincinnati Reds

SCOTTSDALE — Baseball owners unanimously approved the sale of baseball's oldest franchise, the Cincinnati Reds, on Thursday to a group headed by produce mogul Robert Castellini.

Carl Lindner, the 86-year-old Cincinnati financier who owned the franchise, had three potential buyers whose offers were roughly the same but chose Castellini largely because of his local ties. Lindner will remain a minority partner.

"Local ownership there was critical, and it was crucial to Carl Lindner," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "The one overriding goal we had was to have local ownership."

Terms weren't announced, but Castellini's group is said to be acquiring about 70 percent ownership of a franchise worth an estimated \$270 million.

Third-seeded Hewitt upset in Australian Open

MELBOURNE — Adios, Lleyton. G'day, Juan.

Third-seeded Lleyton Hewitt was upset 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 6-2 by Argentine Juan Ignacio Chela in the second round of the Australian Open on Thursday, reversing the outcome of their spiteful previous encounter at Melbourne Park.

"This will hurt for a few days," said the Aussie, who shook hands quickly with Chela and walked quickly off the court, eyes downcast.

And he wasn't talking about his ankle strain that needed attention in the third set.

"I was giving everything I had out there — I just wasn't up to it."

A finalist in 2005, Hewitt has lost to the eventual champion in his last seven majors.

But unless unseeded Chela makes a startling run, Hewitt's shocking loss has opened a potentially easier road for top-ranked Roger Federer.

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LA Lakers at Phoenix 10:30 p.m., ESPN

TRACK & FIELD

Home meet is first of three to start season

By JORDAN BELTZ
Sports Writer

Home is where the heart is. Following a long holiday break and a quick road trip down I-65 to West Lafayette, Ind. for the Purdue Invitational, the Irish track and field squad returns home for the Notre Dame Opener today at Loftus.

The Opener, which is slated to begin at 5 p.m., is the first of three consecutive home meets to open up the 2006 calendar year.

The Irish are coming off of a solid performance at Purdue. A select group of team members traveled to the meet, with the jumpers and throwers leading the squad in the unscored meet.

The women's squad swept the high jump competition, while the men's squad had a very good showing the weight throw. Freshman Lauren Biscardi led all competitors with a jump height of 5-foot-6.

Another of the highlights for Head Coach Joe Piane was the improvement shown by his throwers.

Sophomore Kyle Annen picked up third-place honors in the weight throw at Purdue but was disappointed overall.

"Our marks at the first meet of the year were slightly subpar

due to heavy work loads and training loads during finals week," he said. "The long layoff helped us immensely, we were able to revive our bodies and come back to school fresh for the season."

It is important for the Irish to come out strong in the Opener, as they have quite a few big meets coming up on the schedule, Piane said. This weekend marks the second of five consecutive weekends that they will be in action, and the middle three meets are to be held in the friendly confines of Loftus.

"We always have the goal of improving our marks and working towards marks that will help gain our team points for the Big East Conference championship," Annen said. "In a situation of three consecutive meets at home we are always looking for consistency and to become more comfortable with our event."

Looking ahead at the schedule, the Irish have two more weeks to prepare until the prestigious Meye Invitational is held the weekend of Feb. 3. The Irish currently have 29 athletes qualified for the Big East Championship, and will look to pick up even more qualifications in the coming weeks.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Sweep is aim for the Irish

Win against Spartans would finish run over Michigan universities

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After leaving Michigan in its wake last weekend, the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team will attempt to complete rip through the water of the entire state of Michigan when they travel to East Lansing to take on Michigan State Saturday.

Not only are the Irish going for a state sweep, but they are also swimming for their sixth consecutive victory — a victory that appears to be very much within this team's reach.

The Spartans come into the contest with a dual meet record of 2-2, including a loss to the same Michigan team that Notre Dame just defeated.

Notre Dame has another advantage. While the Irish are

resting Friday night, Michigan State will be competing in a meet against Oakland.

"The fact that Michigan State is in action Friday night is probably a slight advantage for us," Irish coach Carrie Nixon said. "They'll probably be a little tired on Saturday, but the fact that it's their home pool will probably even that advantage out."

While Michigan State may not present an overbearing chal-

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Irish coach

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put all our swimmers in their best events in those meets."

While the team's immediate focus is on this weekend's meet, the Irish have the corner of their eye on the bigger picture. With only two more dual meets until the Big East Championships, the season is entering the home

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Carrie Nixon
Irish coach

stretch, and the team has adjusted its training accordingly.

This is the last week of intense training for the team before swimmers will begin a "taper." Similarly to the players in other sports, the swimming team has its most intense training early and then continually eases up as they approach their goal. For the swimming and diving team, that will be the Big East Championships.

Beyond their desire to obtain their sixth consecutive victory, the Irish are placing this weekend's meet in the context of the bigger picture.

"This and next weekend are our final two chances to learn how to race," Nixon said. "It is our priority to get better every time we compete."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's hopes to continue winning on the road

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Coming off of their home win over Albion College Wednesday night, the Belles hope to beat Alma College on the road Saturday at 3 p.m.

One major part of the win on Wednesday that the Belles hope to continue was their strong defensive performance, as they held the Britons to 51 points with tight man-to-man defense. Head coach Steve Bender hopes his team will keep up their high intensity from the Albion game for the game at Alma.

"The most important part of our win was ... our man-to-man defensive intensity," Bender said.

Saint Mary's should be in a good position to beat the Scots again Saturday if the team plays with the focus and intensity it displayed against Albion.

Saint Mary's and Alma have met once before this season, a 74-68 win for the Belles on Dec. 10.

The Belles hope to combine aspects of the first Alma game

and the Albion game to take the advantage this weekend.

Belles guard Bridget Boyce, who knocked down four shots from beyond the arc against Albion, will look to repeat her success from long range.

One possible problem the Belles might face is the loss of junior point guard Bridget Lipke, who suffered a leg injury in the second half of the Albion game. Lipke was on crutches at the end of the Wednesday night game, and is still questionable for this game.

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GOLF

Campbell grabs lead in California

Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Chad Campbell shot a 6-under-par 66 Thursday to take a four-shot lead through two rounds of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Campbell, who tied for second in Hawaii last week, remained bogey-free through 36 holes of the 90-hole Hope and was at 15-under 129.

Pat Perez had a wind-blown, waterlogged round and struggled to a 73 after an opening 60 and was tied for second with John Senden, who had a 63 to go to 11 under.

Despite winds gusting at times during the second day, Campbell managed to make six birdies at La Quinta Country Club, one of four courses used for the first four days of the tournament.

His birdies included putts of 25 and 20 feet.

Perez, whose 12-under round a day earlier was the lowest ever to start the traditionally low-scoring Hope, struggled much of the second round at the new Classic Club at Northstar. Playing in swirling winds, he was 4 over for the day before he birdied four of six holes beginning at No. 12.

He had a 4-iron into the water at No. 18 for his sixth bogey of the day.

Olin Browne had a 69 at La Quinta Country Club and Steve Elkington a 70 at PGA West to tie them for fourth at 10 under.

Phil Mickelson, the 2002 and 2004 Hope champion, shot a 69 at PGA West that left him six shots off the lead at 135.



Chad Campbell tees off on the 15th hole during the second round of the Bob Hope Classic golf tournament in La Quinta, California. Campbell shot a 6-under-par 66 Thursday and is the leader at 15-under-par for the tournament.

Mike Weir, the 2003 champion, shot 69 and was in a group another stroke behind.

The 31-year-old Campbell, a two-time tournament champion, came close last Sunday to winning for the first time since his victory in the 2004 Bay Hill Invitational. Tied with David Toms headed into Sunday, Campbell finished with a 70 to Toms' winning 65 and tied for second with Rory Sabbatini.

"Obviously, I was disappointed and not happy with the way I played on Sunday," Campbell said. "Looking back at it, taking a second the first week of the year after taking two months off, in hindsight it wasn't that bad of a week."

"More than anything, I got confidence out of it."

Campbell had an "entertaining" second day at the Hope. He was paired with singers Alice Cooper, Justin Timberlake and Darius Rucker of Hootie and the Blowfish.

"It was a great group," Campbell said. "They hit some good shots and we just had a good time. The fans were great."

Perez was frustrated by his round over the new course, which plays to 7,305 yards.

Asked if he will be able to put the round behind him, Perez smiled and said, "Oh, I can't wait to get to Bermuda Dunes tomorrow."

NFL

Rams give job to Miami's Linehan

Dolphins offensive coordinator fourth coach in 11 seasons

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams hired Miami offensive coordinator Scott Linehan on Thursday, the sixth first-time NFL head coach to land a job in the last two weeks.

The team called a news conference for Friday to introduce their fourth head coach since moving to the Midwest in 1995.

It's the first hire outside the organization, however, since Dick Vermeil was lured out of retirement in 1997. That move produced the franchise's only Super Bowl victory after the 1999 season.

The 42-year-old Linehan impressed the team in two interviews. Then, he passed a final test with a meeting with team majority owner Georgia Frontiere in Arizona.

Linehan helped the Dolphins finish 9-7, winning their last six games. He had been one of three finalists along with Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera and Chargers offensive coordinator Cam Cameron.

Linehan replaces Mike Martz, who was fired one day after the Rams finished a 6-10 season. That move also came one day after Martz received medical clearance to return to the job after missing most of the season with a bacterial infection of the heart.

Speculation regarding possible candidates to replace Linehan as the Dolphins' offensive coordinator included Martz.

Of seven coaches hired since the regular season ended, the only one with previous head-coaching experience is Herman Edwards of the Kansas City Chiefs.

Linehan has never been a head coach at any level. He's been in the NFL for four years, the first three as offensive coordinator for the Minnesota Vikings where he helped produce the top-ranked offense in 2003.

Last season, the Dolphins improved from 29th in total offense to 14th, and went from 31st in rushing to 12th. Linehan shuffled Ricky Williams and Ronnie Brown successfully at running back, and coaxed a career-high 18 touchdown passes from Gus Frerotte.

Also, wide receiver Chris Chambers had his best season and was picked for the Pro Bowl for the first time.

Linehan moved from the

press box to the sideline for games midway through the season. Players raved about him though he didn't speak to the media, in accordance with coach Nick Saban's rule that assistant coaches are off limits.

Saban predicted that Linehan will be a "tremendous asset" to the Rams and said he "did an outstanding job" in his one season with Miami.

"Before Scott joined the Dolphins, I considered him to be one of the most innovative offensive coaches in the league," Saban said in a statement. "After working with him this past season, I also came to appreciate his work ethic and

organizational skills. I have a great deal of respect for Scott, and I know he is well qualified to be a head coach in the NFL."

A quarterback at Idaho, Linehan passed for 7,018 yards,

then began a 14-year college coaching career as an assistant at the school in 1989.

Martz missed the last 11 games with endocarditis, an infection of a heart valve, and Joe Vitt served as interim coach. Martz interviewed for the vacancy in New Orleans filled by Sean Payton, and Vitt interviewed for the vacancy with the New York Jets filled by Eric Mangini.

The day that Martz was fired, team president John Shaw said that Vitt, a longtime Martz acquaintance who had been linebackers coach and assistant head coach before taking over, would not be a candidate.

It had been expected that the Rams would seek a defensive-minded coach, given that the team finished 30th in the NFL and allowed more points than all but one team. Instead, Shaw went for an offensive mind that could take advantage of the team's talents on that side of the ball.

Wide receiver Torrey Holt and offensive tackle Orlando Pace both made the Pro Bowl, and the offense also features 1,000-yard running back Steven Jackson, quarter-

back Marc Bulger and wide receiver Isaac Bruce.

The Rams made the playoffs four times in six seasons under Martz, who was done in more by clashes with the front office than coaching. Martz was offensive coordinator under Vermeil on the team's Super Bowl championship team in 1999 and led the Rams to another Super Bowl where they were upset by the New England Patriots in 2001, but bad blood built between he and director of football operations Jay Zigmunt the last few years.

"I have a great deal of respect for Scott, and I know he is well qualified to be a head coach in the NFL."

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Prolific Seattle offense braces for Panthers 'D'

Associated Press

Mike Holmgren's forte is offense. It showed in Green Bay and it is showing in Seattle.

John Fox made his reputation as a defensive coordinator. His Carolina teams reflect that.

When the Seahawks and Panthers meet Sunday for the NFC championship, how well host Seattle's versatile offense moves and scores against Carolina's impressive defense figures to determine which team winds up in the Super Bowl.

Already in these playoffs, we've seen how dominant the Panthers can be without the ball. Their performance at the New York

Giants in the wild-card round was the most impressive of the postseason. And while the Bears did get 21 points last week, the Panthers (13-5) rarely seemed threatened. They made all the key stops late in the game.

Star defensive end Julius Peppers points directly at Fox and the coaching staff as the force behind the forceful defense.

"He does a good job of game-planning and switching the game plan up so we're not the same all the time," said Peppers, who led the Panthers with 10 1/2 sacks and has been a solid run-stuffer, too. "We attack people's weaknesses and we use different schemes each week."

"So we know that in order for us to play well, we've got to know what we've got to do. Everybody is focused on the game plan and focused on what we have to do."

Unquestionably what they have to do Sunday is slow down league MVP Shaun Alexander, who has recovered from a concussion and will start. Naturally, Peppers — listed as questionable with a shoulder injury but, according to him, ready to go — will play a major role, along with defensive linemen Mike Rucker, Brentson Buckner, linebackers Will Witherspoon and Dan Morgan, and safeties Marlon McCree and Mike Minter.

"I see that he runs the ball hard and he has good vision for the cutback run," Peppers said of the NFL's leading rusher. "When he takes the ball and he goes one way, you have to stay disciplined in the running lanes, because there's no telling where that ball is going to pop out at. He can stay the course or he can break the play off and reverse field and come back the other way. He could go inside; he's all over the field."

"So you've got to be disciplined when you're playing against a back like that, because you never know where he's going to take the ball to."

Last week, he didn't take the ball much of anywhere. The Redskins knocked him out of

the game early, and Alexander rushed only six times for 9 yards.

So quarterback Matt Hasselbeck was sensational, going 16-for-26 for 215 yards and a touchdown, plus running for another.

That's the kind of attack Holmgren wants: balanced, dependable. Indeed, fullback Mack Strong, like Alexander an All-Pro, had only three carries in the win over Washington, but he gained 30 yards.

Mo Morris, who stepped in for Alexander, gained 49 yards, and Darrell Jackson, back from knee surgery that cost him nine games, caught nine balls for 143 yards and a TD.

"I am proud of Mo and this whole team," Alexander said. "I have been telling everybody for the last couple years that we were close to being a championship team and I was proud of the guys this year for always accepting challenges. This was just another challenge. You lose a

player and guys just step up. You saw guys just jelling together, and Darrell came back and had a great, great game. Mo made some great third-down runs. That's what teams do."

"When [Shaun Alexander] takes the ball and he goes one way, you have to stay disciplined in the running lanes, because there's no telling where that ball is going to pop out at."

Julius Peppers
defensive end
Carolina Panthers

'Second-day QBs' flourish

Quarterbacks chosen in late draft rounds command contenders

Associated Press

When Ryan Leaf decided he would leave Washington State and enter the 1998 draft, the people who run the NFL scouting combine had to uninvite one quarterback.

The guy they dropped was Matt Hasselbeck.

Almost eight years later, while Leaf contemplates unemployment and spends whatever is left of the \$11.25 million signing bonus he got for being the second overall pick that year, Hasselbeck is getting ready to quarterback the Seattle Seahawks against Carolina in Sunday's NFC championship game.

That's just another example of the imperfection in scouting quarterbacks — Tom Brady was the 199th overall pick in 2000, and he's been the winning QB in three Super Bowls and the MVP in two.

Hasselbeck and Carolina's Jake Delhomme, the starting quarterbacks in Seattle, both

came out of college in 1998, the same year Peyton Manning and Leaf were 1-2 in the draft.

Hasselbeck was chosen in the sixth round by Green Bay and tutored by Mike Holmgren, now his coach in Seattle. Delhomme went undrafted.

That unites them in what is known informally as "the second-day club" — quarterbacks who were not chosen on the first day, in the first three rounds.

"We had to come into the NFL almost through the back door," says Delhomme, who was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Saints, played in NFL Europe and spent his early years as a little-used backup before signing with the Panthers in 2003.

"We like it and we don't want to leave. I like Matt and want him to succeed. There's a hidden bond, I guess you could say, where you think, 'Yeah, he's like me. He wasn't one of those high draft picks.'"

The quarterbacks in the AFC title game aren't in the club. Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger was a first-rounder, taken with the 11th overall pick in 2004, and

Denver's Jake Plummer was an early second-round pick in 1997.

Roethlisberger is the only one still with the team who drafted him.

Hasselbeck was traded by Green Bay to Seattle in 2001 to rejoin Holmgren. Plummer signed with the Broncos as a free agent in 2003 and Delhomme went to Carolina the same year.

Hasselbeck comes from a football family — his father, Don, was a tight end for nine seasons in the NFL and his brother Tim is the backup quarterback for the New York Giants. Like Tim, he played at Boston College, where he was shuttled in and out of the lineup by Dan Henning, then the BC head coach and now Carolina's offensive coordinator.

Delhomme's thrived in Carolina after almost signing with Dallas when he left the Saints as a free agent.

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Steelers' Polamalu punishes opponents from all angles

'Tasmanian Devil' a versatile weapon for Pittsburgh's defense

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Colts quarterback Peyton Manning's arm-waving, finger-pointing and nonstop gesturing at the line of scrimmage seemed especially frantic against the Pittsburgh Steelers, and for good reason.

After all, what quarterback could possibly be prepared for the sight of a 5-foot-11 defensive back, especially one whose chaotic yet passionate play and free-flowing hair have earned him the nickname of the Tasmanian Devil, lined up at nose tackle?

That's right, nose tackle.

Troy Polamalu, an All-Pro defender who hits like a miniature-sized linebacker but can drop into deep pass coverage,

presents the most problematic matchup for the Denver Broncos in Sunday's AFC championship game, just as it did for the Bengals and Colts before them.

How do they prepare for a one-of-a-kind defender — a man who is never out of position because he doesn't really have one? A player so disruptive that coach Bill Cowher compared drafting him in 2003 to a child opening a special package on Christmas — he didn't know for sure what he was getting, but he knew it would be good.

"It was like getting a new toy," Cowher said. "You start putting him everywhere and anywhere."

Polamalu, a Pro Bowl player in each of his two seasons as a starter, didn't have any of the Steelers' five sacks of Manning in Indianapolis yet was one of the players most responsible for the 21-18 upset that sent them to Denver — even though his

fourth-quarter interception was wrongly overturned after a replay.

The Steelers used Polamalu in so many ways — bringing him off the edge as a rush linebacker, slipping him into pass protection or blitzing him up the middle — that Manning could be seen looking for him on nearly every play. The blitzes so disrupted Manning that he complained afterward about his lack of protection.

"He's a very rare athlete," Steelers defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau said. "A lot of what we do is because of what he lets us do."

Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer, Polamalu's roommate at Southern Cal, goes a step further and calls him "the best defensive player in the league." Patriots coach Bill Belichick said, "If you don't know where he is, he'll get you."

The Steelers will try to put the same kind of pressure on Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer that they did on Manning, and maybe even more so, because they don't fear Plummer's ability to beat them downfield as they did Manning's. Plummer played a so-so game in Denver's 27-13 decision over New England — he was 15-of-26 for 197 yards with one touchdown and an interception — and may have to play better if the Broncos are to avoid becoming Pittsburgh's latest upset victim.

Plummer has seen enough of Polamalu watching video tape this week.

"He's running around, flying around, just doing some crazy stuff and making plays," Plummer said. "You have to see



Pittsburgh's Troy Polamalu, right, flips over Colts tight end Bryan Fletcher in Sunday's NFL divisional playoff game in Indianapolis.

where he is and someone has to account for him because he can cause you trouble."

Sometimes, the Steelers will hide Polamalu behind a blitzing linebacker and ask him to find any seam in the offensive line and shoot through it. They also will line up with only two down linemen but five linebackers, three of whom will stack one side of the line of scrimmage so there aren't enough linemen to block all of them. Then, Polamalu can be found most anywhere.

"He's unbelievable," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "They do a great job with their scheme-making, making it very difficult to figure out where he is, but the rest is him making plays. There are not many plays

where he is not involved, and you can't say that about many people in the [NFL]."

While Polamalu seems to play with reckless abandon, his coaches say he is very much under control. LeBeau said Polamalu probably studies more film than anyone. And, a season ago, Polamalu made up a DVD of other NFL safeties so he could compare their techniques.

It is off the field where Polamalu's personality does not remotely reflect his on-field image of being a wide-eyed, modern-day version of Jack Lambert — albeit with all his teeth. He dresses much like the college student he was only three years ago and hasn't cut his hair since then, to honor his Samoan heritage.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team to face three top-10 foes in first weeks of schedule

Irish will volley with top-ranked Virginia, Duke and the Illini

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Hard work pays off. That's the mentality the Irish used going into the fall season, and it paid off with a No. 26 team preseason ranking going into the dual-match season.

Stephen Bass is ranked No. 8 in the country, Sheeva Parbhu is No. 14 and the formidable doubles tandem of Ryan Keckley and Eric Langenkamp debuts at No. 12.

But preseason rankings don't mean much when it matters most, and the Irish remain focused on the future, which begins with Saturday's match at Northwestern to kick off the spring season.

"I think we're ready to go,"

coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We're excited, we're charged up — we've got to come out of the blocks quickly because we have a pretty challenging early schedule."

Team members returned early from Christmas break to start practicing with two-a-days before class started. Bayliss said they are ready for new competition after intrateam matchups since the fall season concluded.

"We're tired of butting heads with each other," he said. "Everyone looks reasonably sharp, we're in pretty good shape."

The early part of the Irish schedule features three top-10 teams in as many weeks, with No. 1 Virginia, No. 8 Duke and No. 4 Illinois all on the road.

"We do have tough opponents very early and we'd love to take advantage of some of those ... but I think we believe in ourselves," Bayliss said.

The sense of confidence is

helped by new team leaders stepping up.

Bass is one of only three singles players in Notre Dame history to be ranked in the ITA's Top 10. He finished the fall with a 13-1 record, featuring eight wins over ranked players. He capped it off with a win in the ITA Midwest Championships. His opponent in that matchup was Parbhu, who was 11-2 in fall play.

On the doubles side, Keckley and Langenkamp highlighted their fall season with two wins over Top-25 teams.

The top of the lineup is formidable, which is a huge asset on a team that also has the depth of the Irish.

"I think in the past, I've always talked about I think we have great depth. I still think that's true but this year, I think we have some strength in the top of our lineup," Bayliss said. "... We have some veterans down below who have been in the trenches and won big matches for us and are

very, very capable. There's a group of four or five guys all of whom I'm very comfortable deciding the match for us."

Bayliss has said since the fall that this group of players demonstrates a strong team bond.

"I think we've done a good job of recognizing issues before they become problems, and I think a lot of guys on the team have learned to take care of those things and I think that's really helped," he said. "I'm looking for a year in which we've really minimized distractions."

As the dual-match season begins, the team is prepared for the challenges that will come, beginning Saturday at Northwestern.

"I think we're going to make it happen this year and I think we're not apprehensive," Bayliss said. "I use the old coaching expression 'guardedly optimistic.'"

The Irish hit the courts at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Notes:

♦ Todd Doeblar has been promoted to associate head coach of the men's tennis team — the first person to hold that position in team history.

"It's simply a statement of recognition that he's done an outstanding job for these four years here and is the first person ever to have that title," Bayliss said. "I think it's a big honor and I think it's our way of letting him know we're proud of what he's done."

Doeblar, a 1996 graduate of Bloomsburg (Pa.) University, coached Bass and Parbhu to the top two spots at the ITA Midwest Championships this fall.

♦ Junior Irakli Akhvediani will not play this weekend due to an injury sustained during Christmas break. Bayliss said Akhvediani stayed in Vienna for rehabilitation but was cleared for practice on Thursday.

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Hockey

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Northern Michigan Wildcats (9-8-1, 13-10-1 overall) this weekend and look to improve upon a 4-3-2 streak that started with a 3-0 win over Western Michigan on Dec. 3.

"I think it's been huge in the last few weeks," Irish junior forward Josh Sciba said of the closely divided CCHA pack. "There's such a small amount of points that separate the bottom for the top. We need to go into each weekend and try to execute our systems. It's very important and [Irish head] coach [Jeff] Jackson has been stressing that every weekend."

Northern Michigan will be a more-than-able opponent for the resurgent Irish, as the Wildcats took the second CCHA spot after a two-game sweep of Ferris State last weekend.

The Wildcats have a subpar goal differential however, scoring 50 goals while allowing 50 in their own net. The plus/minus rating of zero makes Northern

Michigan the only team in the top seven of the CCHA to not break out of the red and ink a positive standing.

When it comes to common opponents between the two squads, it isn't hard to find a significant comparison, as both teams squared off against the Miami Red Hawks on consecutive weekends in early January.

Northern Michigan came away with a 2-1 come-from-behind victory over Miami, but was decimated 6-3 in the encore. The Irish secured a 2-2 tie last Friday night against the Red Hawks, but dropped a 3-2 heartbreaker the next night.

"Last weekend against Miami was proof that we can be a lot better," Sciba said. "All we can do is build on that and if we can keep doing that we can get the wins."

The Irish will have to watch the lethal combination of Dirk Southern and Andrew Contois on the Wildcat attack. Contois was named CCHA offensive player of the week for the week of Jan. 16 and is second for Northern Michigan in scoring with 10 goals and 12 assists. Southern is ninth

in the CCHA in scoring with seven goals and 17 assists.

The Wildcats are solid on the blue line as well, with Zach Tarkir collecting CCHA defensive player of the week honors for last week. Tarkir had two assists in the Wildcats' series with Ferris State and was a key to the penalty kill unit that went a perfect 11-for-11 in the two games.

But that doesn't scare the composed and confident Irish squad that will embark upon the meat of its 2005-06 schedule starting tonight.

"We just try to worry about ourselves and go out everyday and work hard," Sciba said. "It's a new year and the team this year, for the '06 Irish, is going to be a lot different. We're focusing on our work ethic and on out-working our opponents."

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200-yard freestyle.

Despite Nelis' strong showing, the Belles fell to Alma.

Saint Mary's swim team's lack of divers has left them with an underhand for the entire season.

"We have no divers, which impacts the score of every meet," Kachmarik said.

With this detriment, the Belles look toward the rest of the season with goals of simply building and improving on what they have.

The Belles are only three weeks away from the MIAA League Championships. Today's meet against Kalamazoo could be a strong springboard for the final races of the season.

However, it could also be a difficult one, given that Kalamazoo triumphed, 158-78, over the same Alma team that defeated the Belles.

The Belles look to their meet against the Lady Hornets of Kalamazoo with high hopes of improving all across the board.

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By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team begins the most crucial part of its season this weekend with back-to-back matchups against No. 16 Northwestern and then Cleveland State.

"This is crunch time," Irish head coach Tim Welsh said. "We are down to the last couple of road shows before we take it to New York."

Eisenhower Park, on Long Island, is the site for this year's Big East Conference Tournament, and Notre Dame's schedule over the next two weekends is intended to mentally and physically prepare the team to defend last year's league title.

The Irish begin with a Friday night meet against Northwestern, the highest ranked opponent on their schedule. The Wildcats have taken the last five meetings between the two teams — and 13 of 20 in the all-time series.

"They are pretty quick across the board, but we go into the meet knowing that we have the depth to beat them," junior Ted Brown said. "It's going to come down to if we are able to utilize our depth."

Notre Dame got a preview of just how quick those "top guys" are when the two teams competed last week in the Dallas Morning News Classic. The Irish finished fifth overall, three places behind the Wildcats.

"We are two very different

teams," Welsh said. "They have a handful of superstars who are very, very good but they are not as deep or balanced as we are."

The Irish are hoping their team depth will present them with a better matchup in head-to-head competition than in last weekend's tournament style meet. At 5-1, Notre Dame has done very well in dual meets, while Northwestern has gone only 2-2 so far this season.

Notre Dame at Cleveland St.

Saturday's opponent, Cleveland State (7-3), visited Roll's Aquatic Center earlier this year for the ND Relays.

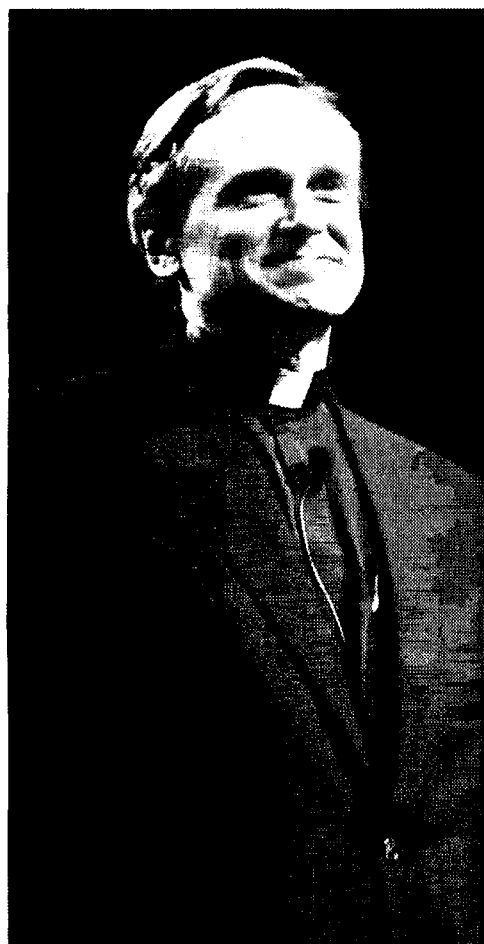
The Vikings finished sixth out of seven teams, but Welsh said his team would not overlook Cleveland State, whose strong divers and long distance swimmers may create match up problems with the strengths of Notre Dame.

The threat is increased because the meet takes place less than 24 hours after Notre Dame's meet at Northwestern.

Notre Dame, which has not lost to Cleveland State during the past 10 years, is confident in its ability to beat the teams it needs to in order to maintain its national rank and reputation.

"Teams put forth their best effort against us in every meet," Brown said. "It is our job to have the same intensity for all of our meets."

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Academic Freedom and Catholic Character *Address and Discussion*

By Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

Please plan to join Fr. Jenkins for his address to the Notre Dame community on the issue of academic freedom and our Catholic character. A period of questions and comments will follow.

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the need to contain the forward who has been a Marquette staple for the past few seasons.

"You want to try to control Novak a little bit," Brey said. "He's been just fabulous, especially in that building with what he did against Connecticut."

Quinn, who has scored more than 30 points twice in the last four games, described Novak as a dangerous player who is able to score several ways.

"Novak is stepping up and shooting it," Quinn said. "For a

tall player at 6-foot-10, he's definitely one of the best 3-point shooters in the league. Its something we definitely have to be ready for."

Novak is not the only weapon for Marquette. Freshman point guard Dominique James is averaging 19 points and 5.2 assists per game in Big East play, numbers that have earned him respect from Brey.

"James is playing as good as any guard in the league," Brey said.

Brey said the Irish need to continue to put points on the board in addition to playing smart defense and forcing critical turnovers. Marquette is very good

at finding grooves at home, evidenced by its 94-79 win against Connecticut.

"They've gotten on big runs at home in their building," Brey said. "Our big thing is just being able to get key stops. We're not going to smother you defensively. We're not built like that."

"We're not going to turn you over, but can we be a good position defensive team, can we get the key defensive rebound, and the key loose ball."

The Irish are coming off a turnaround performance at home against Providence in which they exploded for 92 points in a 15-point victory. They had dropped their previous three league

games.

Brey hopes the Providence game will be a turning point in the season and the Irish can build momentum from the victory.

"I thought that we played our hearts out for the first three games and had nothing to show for it," Brey said. "There is never an evening out in the league, you have to make things happen for yourselves, but I think coming out of the locker room after a league win, you're feeling better about yourselves."

Even though the Irish are 1-3 in Big East play, overall they are outscoring their opponents by 8.7 points per game. Notre Dame lost by three to Pittsburgh and by six

to DePaul and Syracuse.

As much as the Irish hope to get a win at Marquette, the team understands road games in the Big East are difficult regardless of the opponent. Brey said Notre Dame views every team as a dangerous opponent in their respective buildings.

"When you think about road games in our league, no matter who you are playing, you are thinking can we steal a road win," Brey said. "It doesn't matter if it's a team that hasn't won a league game or is undefeated at home."

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Hoyas

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McGraw said Notre Dame (11-5, 2-3 Big East) must build on its performance against the Blue Demons.

"It was a great game, I thought we played really well," she said. "After watching the game, I thought ... we got a lot of good contributions from a lot of people. That's how you get confidence — by being able to contribute and knowing that play well."

Senior point guard Megan Duffy scored 28 points, grabbed eight rebounds and doled out nine assists in the win.

The Irish went with a new look in the starting lineup against DePaul, and McGraw said the motivational tool paid off.

Charel Allen earned her

first start of the year, scoring five points, and Breona Gray came off the bench and added 10 points in 31 minutes of action.

Post presence Lindsay Schrader scored nine points and brought down nine rebounds off the bench in the 78-75 win over tenth-ranked DePaul.

"I was trying to motivate her, and she thinks she answered the call," McGraw said. "If you can't score around the basket, it's really tough to rely on that outside shot security."

McGraw said she hopes for the same sort of offensive and defensive performance from

her reserves Saturday.

"The offense, I think we need to keep that up," she said. "I think we have to have that balance. ... We just going to try to build on that and play well defensively."

Notre Dame's focus on the defensive end will be sophomore Hoya forward Kieraah Marlow, who led Georgetown with 16.5 points per game.

"We can't feel too good about ourselves [after the win against DePaul]," McGraw said. "And I think we're ready to do that."

Notes:

◆ McGraw said she is still undecided on the starting five

for Saturday.

"I think Duffy will start," McGraw quipped. "It's up for grabs."

◆ Georgetown is averaging just 414 fans per home game this year at McDonough Gym, and McGraw said that could play a factor in the game.

"It's hard to play in an atmosphere like that," she said. "Even when the crowd's against you, it's night to have a crowd. It's more like a high-school gym."

◆ The Baltimore Sun reported Wednesday that McDonough High School (Ponfret, Mary.) senior guard Brittany Mallory, a perennial all-league selection in Baltimore, verbally committed to Notre Dame.

NCAA regulations prohibit coaches from commenting on recruits until national signing day.

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Turkovich were rated No. 22 and 35 nationally by Scout.com last year.

The year before that, Notre Dame also signed two offensive line recruits — Chauncey Incarnato and John Kadous — neither of whom are still with the team. Incarnato left the squad at the beginning of fall camp in 2005. Kadous is still enrolled at Notre Dame but is not on the team.

Note:

◆ Walk-on applications for the football team are due today. They can be picked up and dropped off in the football offices of the Guglielmino Athletics Complex.

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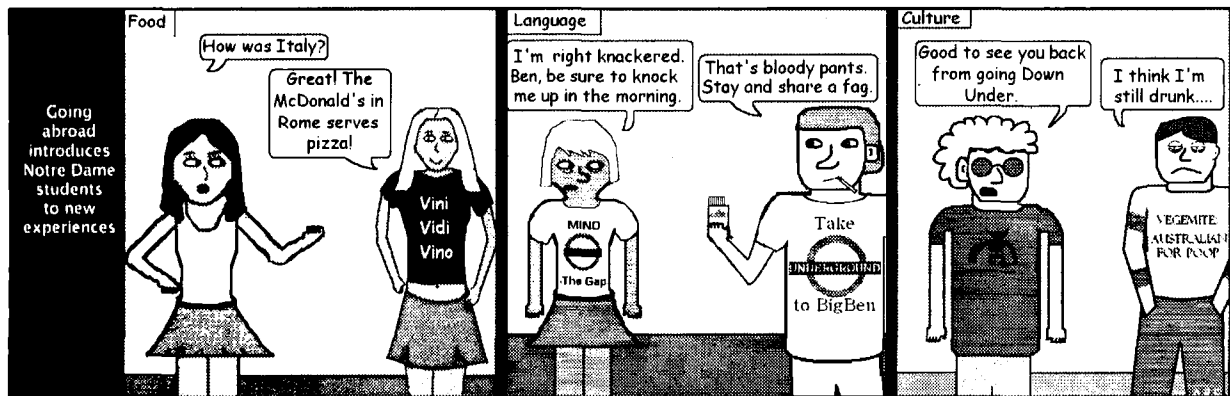
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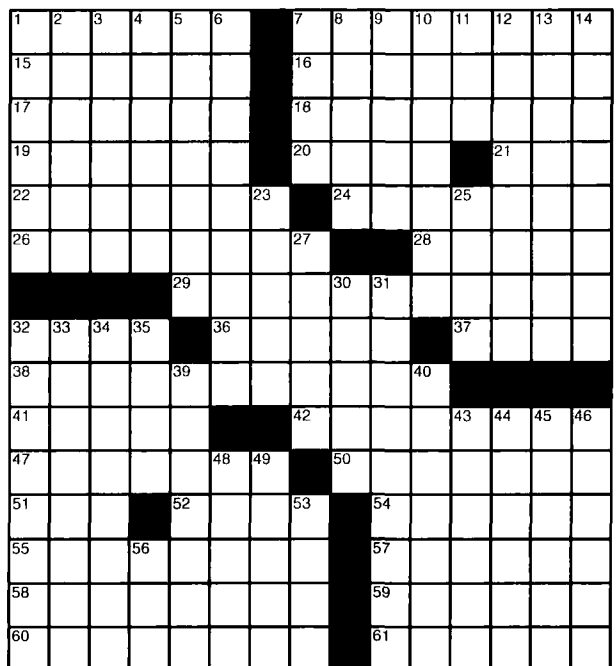
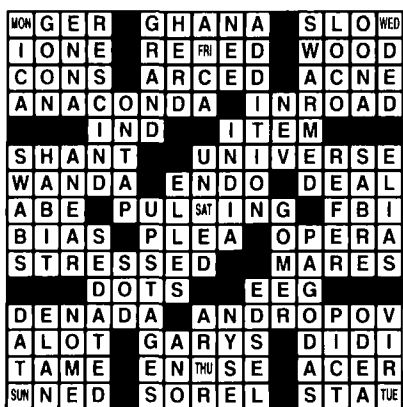


CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- Pizza order
 - It may be used to put on a brave face
 - Bewitch
 - 1955 Gloria Grahame musical role
 - Paternal kinsman
 - Forgathers
 - Not let run wild
 - 1973 Toni Morrison novel
 - Well-put
 - Splits
 - Distinctly representative
 - 19th-century urban transportation
 - Betel palm
 - Ones who'd like to get the goods on you
 - 32 The U.N.'s Kofi ___ Annan
 - 36 Smooth over
 - 37 It may be used for many unhappy returns: Abbr.
 - 38 Indirect object?
 - 41 Textile trademark
 - 42 Feeling one's oats
 - 47 Winning words?
 - 50 They whistle while they work
 - 51 Church matters: Abbr.
 - 52 Let off steam, maybe
 - 54 "You ___ kidding!"
 - 55 Famous last words?
 - 57 Go up, up and away
 - 58 Raspberries
- DOWN**
- "___ me!"
 - "Measure for Measure" villain
 - N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer Willie
 - Some kitchen appliances
 - Whys and wherefores
 - Singer/actress with an Oscar, two Grammys and a Golden Globe
 - W.W. II group
 - Deuce follower
 - ___ Martins, main character in Graham Greene's "The Third Man"
 - Like the "y" sound in "yes"
 - See 30-Down
 - Privately
 - Has little to complain about
 - It may be unprecedented
 - Hawthorne's home
 - Start of a Cockney toast
 - Lower the price of, maybe
 - Popular TV host, seller of many 11-Down
 - 59 Missile datum
 - 60 Snail feature
 - 61 Logs

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Sherry O. Blackard

- Concern for Batman
- Not for free
- Like some weekends
- Vintage toy material
- Without ___ (dangerously)
- 39 Give a look that could kill
- 40 Wipe out an old score
- 43 Absolute
- 44 Ingredient in some soaps
- 45 Lead by the hand
- 46 Perfumery compounds
- 48 1972 top 10 hit that was over 7 minutes long
- 49 Mound
- 53 Mammoth growth
- 56 Pops in the fridge?

For answers, call 1-900-285-5656, \$1.20 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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GRUEFE

MADAKS

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: " " THE " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MESSY PARKA LIQUOR NAUSEA Answer: A round belly can be the result of too many — SQUARE MEALS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Trevor O'Brien, 22; Jodie Sweetin, 24; Shawn Wayans, 35; Paul McCrane, 45

Happy Birthday: Align yourself with someone who has the abilities, talents & services you need to get ahead. Don't be afraid to take a fresh or unique approach to an old idea. You can promote something you believe in this year. The more sold you are on the project, the easier it will be. Your numbers are 8, 16, 25, 21, 33, 36

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't put added pressure on yourself. There will be enough people doing that for you. Try to take a practical approach to everything you do. A self-improvement project will get you moving. **** TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** If there is something you've been longing for now is the time. A tough attitude will get you a long way. Don't put up with anyone trying to feed you a line. Enjoy friends, family and your lover. ***** GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Use your wisdom from past experience to lead you in the right direction. No one should be trusted or considered to be on your side. Do your research and play it safe. You will be in a high creative cycle. *** CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Make your own choices, especially in money matters. A chance to make some minor adjustments to your residence will benefit you financially as well as where comfort is concerned. Don't put restrictions on yourself. ********

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't rule out the fact that not everyone will be in your corner. Limiting what you can and can't do isn't the answer. Don't let the uncertainties that you are experiencing stop you from following what you know in your heart you should do. *******

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Social events will be a must. The people you will meet can alter your future. A chance to find love or to rectify a problem with someone you care for deeply is evident. Travel should be in your plans. You will learn plenty if you observe others. *******

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your plate is full and this can cause you to feel pressured by everything and everyone today. Give yourself a break. Ask for assistance — and, thus, let other people know they are needed. Home improvement projects will pay off. *******

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Everything will be dependent on how you handle others. You should have the edge when it comes to ideas, so don't hold back. Travel will open up a new relationship with someone you respect. *******

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may know what you want to do something up with someone you are interested in. Both in business and pleasure you can make connections that will teach you the ins and outs of something that interests you. Confidence will lead to the help required. ********

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll have plenty of opportunity to do something up with someone you are interested in. Both in business and pleasure you can make connections that will teach you the ins and outs of something that interests you. Confidence will lead to the help required. ********

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let innuendos confuse you. Think about how you can make improvements to your life and your surroundings. This is perfect day to make changes that will help you move in a more lucrative direction. *******

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let your emotions get the better of you & you may miss out on something that is potentially good for you. Talk to people who are productive. A chance to make a little money or come into some apparent. *******

Birthday Baby: You know what you want and are very astute when it comes to dealing with others. You are sensitive and loving but also practical. You will fight for what you want and always look out for those you love.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Top offensive line recruit Sam Young commits to Irish

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

The number of Irish offensive line recruits grew to a half dozen Thursday when 6-foot-7, 300-pound offensive tackle Sam Young verbally committed to play football for Notre Dame.

Young, listed as the No. 2 offensive lineman in the nation by Scout.com, made his intentions known in a press conference Thursday afternoon televised by ESPNNews.

He attends St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and registered 80 pancake blocks in his senior season.

Matt Carufel, who committed to the Irish on Jan. 7, is the most recent offensive line recruit aside from Young. All six offensive line recruits — Young, Carufel, Dan Wenger, Chris Stewart, Bartley Webb and Eric Olsen — are rated among the top 52 offensive line prospects in the country by Scout.com.

Young chose Notre Dame over Southern California. Michigan and Penn State were also in the running for his signature.

"I just felt the most comfortable with Notre Dame in terms of the three big factors I was looking at," Young said. "The academics, the athletic program, and third, what I thought was

most important, how I fit in on campus with the other players."

Notre Dame has tripled the number of offensive line recruits from last season, when Paul Duncan and Michael Turkovich were the only big men to sign with the Irish. Duncan and

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ND BASKETBALL

Something to prove

Irish and Marquette set for showdown in noisy Bradley Center

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

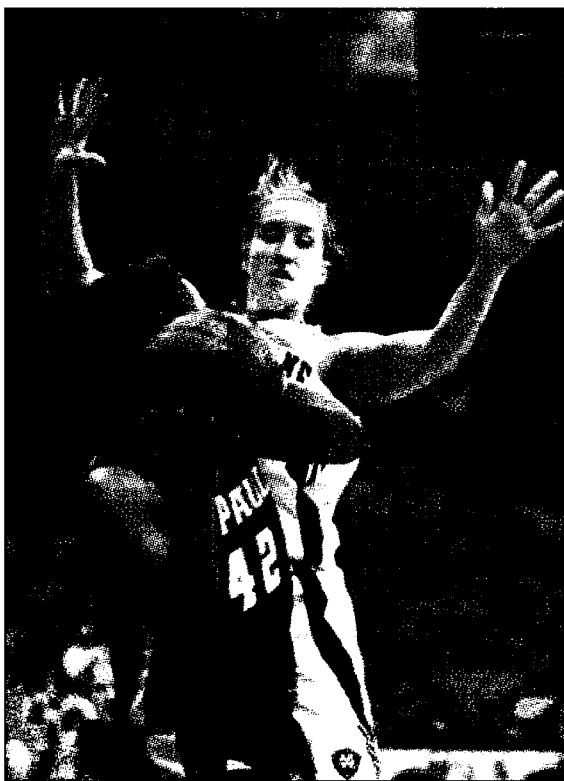
Notre Dame is familiar with top scorers, given point guard Chris Quinn's 24 points per game in four Big East contests — good for second in the league behind Rutgers guard Quincy Douby's 26.

But they will encounter another offensive threat who has been just as effective in league play when the Irish travel to Marquette tonight for a 9 p.m. game at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

Golden Eagles senior forward Chris Novak is averaging 22.6 points per game in five Big East games, including a 41-point performance against Connecticut on Jan. 3.

Irish coach Mike Brey stressed

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At left, point guard Chris Quinn dribbles up the right side of the court during Notre Dame's 71-67 loss to Michigan on Dec. 3. Right, Irish guard Lindsay Schrader provides tough defense on DePaul's Khara Smith during Notre Dame's 78-75 victory over the Blue Demons Tuesday.

SOFIA BALLON and HY PHAM/The Observer

Notre Dame wants to keep its momentum after win over DePaul

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Two years after Georgetown erased a six-point deficit in the final 55 seconds of Notre Dame's Big East opener, the Irish return to McDonough Gym for the first time since that loss Saturday at 4 p.m. seeking revenge against the struggling Hoyas.

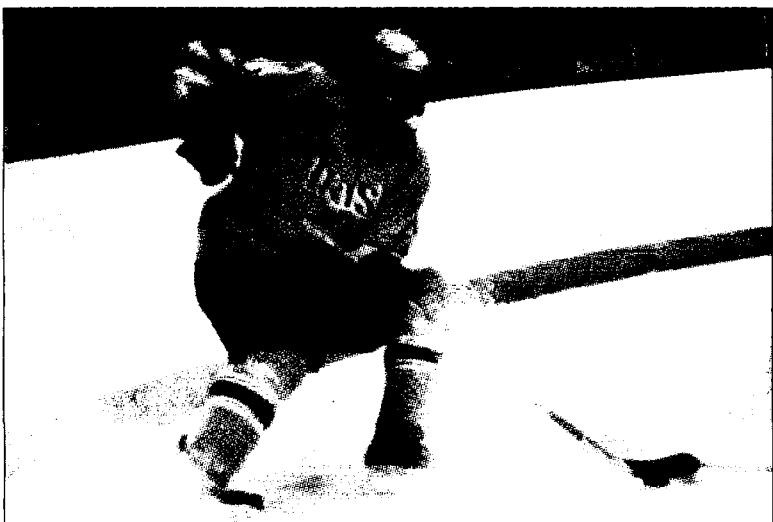
"I try not to think about it," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said of Notre Dame's 76-73 loss on Jan. 7, 2004.

Georgetown (8-8, 1-4 Big East) enters this weekend's contest having lost four of its last five, while the Irish beat DePaul Tuesday in the Joyce Center to snap their own four-of-five losing streak.

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HOCKEY

Team needs win in league game



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Junior defenseman Wes O'Neill controls the puck behind the net during Notre Dame's 8-5 loss to Michigan on Nov. 4. The Irish face Northern Michigan tonight in Milwaukee.

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

It will take a little hard work and a few lucky breaks, but the as-of-late lowly Irish hockey team could become the cream of the CCHA crop in the matter of weeks.

The CCHA has become a logjam in recent weeks. Only four points separate the 10th-place Irish from 5th-place Michigan, and it is a relatively small six point jump to where Northern Michigan inhabits second place.

The Irish (5-8-3, 7-12-3 overall) open a two-game away series against the

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles meet K'zoo in big MIAA meet

Squad is ready after intense training over long dual-meet layoff

By DEIRDRE KRASULA and BECKI DORNER
Sports Writers

The Belles' swim team is not focused on the final score of today's meet at Rolf's Aquatic Center against Kalamazoo, but rather with hopes to improve individual and team times.

Coming off a hard two weeks

of winter training, Saint Mary's head coach Lynn Kachmarik is positive that the team will continue to improve.

"The team really took on this challenge and had a fantastic two-week training camp," she said.

The team's diligent work ethic its meet against Alma Wednesday, as the team came away with three first-place finishes — two by senior captain Kelly Nelis. Nelis won the 500 and 1000-yard freestyle and Karla McGough took first in the

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame faces No. 16 Northwestern and unranked Cleveland State this weekend.

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MEN'S TENNIS

The Irish will volley against three top-10 teams in the opening weeks of the new year.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's at Alma

The Belles want to secure their second straight league win.

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W SWIMMING

Notre Dame vs. Michigan State

Notre Dame hopes for an easy win over the Spartans.

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TRACK

Notre Dame Opener

The Irish host their first meet of the new year in the Loftus Center.

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NBA

The NBA announced it would suspend the Knicks' Antonio Davis five games for entering the stands.

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