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Students encouraged to cast votes

Judicial Council, Kozlow hopeful that e-mail will remind community to participate



Presidential candidate Danny Smith talks to women in Welsh Family Hall at a "Get to Know the Candidates with Pizza" event Thursday.

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By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

The four tickets running for student body president and vice president will spend this weekend drumming up support, but for Judicial Council president Liz Kozlow, the goal on Monday is just to get students to place their votes.

Kozlow and her council hope to increase the turnout for this election from last year's 52 percent.

"Ideally, we would like everyone to vote because it's very simple to do," Kozlow said. "I would like to see 60-65 percent [turnout] this year."

Over the past few years, turnout has hovered around 50 percent.

At Activities Night this fall, Kozlow encouraged people to sign up for her election committee to brainstorm ways to increase student participation in the voting process and to implement these ideas on the day of and leading up to election day.

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University considers new minor

Native American studies program proposed by students

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

As the University explores adding Native American Studies — the first fully student-initiated minor at Notre Dame — to its curriculum, the idea may become a reality in just a few years, said Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Letters Stuart Greene.

A resolution to enhance student life for Native Americans passed through both the Student Senate and the Campus Life Council this year. The resolution included a plan for the new minor and also proposed providing additional advising resources for Native American students and encouraged collaboration to present the history of Notre Dame with sensitivity to its former inhabitants.

Student interest can produce — or at least initiate — minors or majors, Grene said. The Education, Schooling and Society minor grew from persistent interest and faculty member's independent studies. And Korean should be offered in two years due to student input.

The proposition for a Native American Studies minor, however, "is really the first time that students directly have come to the College [of Arts and Letters] and requested that at least a dean explore the

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'Freedom Revolution' aimed at SMC women

Students at College struggle with body image; only 15-20 admit to having eating disorder

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Any time 1,500 women are combined in a small setting, competition — especially pertaining to body image — is bound to ensue. But while many women at Saint Mary's believe eating disorders are a problem, those working to fix it say few are aware of how deep the issue runs.

"Eating disorders are a huge problem for our specific population — millions of college women suffer from eating disorders. [Saint Mary's] is very competitive and there is a strong focus

on appearance," said junior Justine Ray, the head of Freedom Revolution at the College.

Posted throughout campus, particularly in bathroom stalls, the fliers for the self-proclaimed "revolution" boast: "We're making Saint Mary's a place where women accept and celebrate our bodies."

Ray clarified the Freedom Revolution's goals.

"I'm starting a movement that allows women to be satisfied with their bodies," she said. "So many people in our society are ready for a culture change, and it's beginning here at [Saint

Mary's]."

The movement plans different activities including fundraisers, meetings and on-campus lectures. Organizers have their eye on motivational speaker Jenni Schaefer, who lectures nationwide on the topic of eating disorders.

Residence Life currently runs Freedom Revolution, but the group hopes to be affiliated with the Counseling Center as well.

Angela Bryant, licensed mental health counselor of the Saint Mary's Counseling Center, said a good portion of the campus struggles with body image, but generally

only about 15-20 students a year admit to having eating disorders.

When a student who believes a friend has an eating disorder comes into the Counseling Center, the first thing Bryant does is commend her for caring, she said. Risking a friend's anger in order to help her is admirable, Bryant said, and she often sees how the eating disorder impacts both the student and the friend.

Then, Bryant said, she tells the student how to confront and deal with her friend's problem and

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Israel threatened by nuclear Iran, Inbar says

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Israel is more secure than it's ever been, but the country still faces major threats, professor Efraim Inbar said in a lecture Thursday night at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Inbar, director of the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, outlined Israel's position in terms of its immediate surroundings, the Middle East and the world.

"The resilience of the peace process is striking, the reluctant acceptance of Israel by other Middle Eastern countries," he said.

The peace process has only succeeded, he said, because Israel is able to present a "credible military threat" to its neighbors and deter them from taking action.

"Israel has been successful in fighting wars because they are understood as wars of no choice," Inbar said. "Israel is only 50 miles wide and is vulnerable from all sides."

The greatest threat to Israel today is a nuclear Iran, Inbar said. Nuclear weapons would give Iran the capability to destroy Israel before Israel could defend itself.

"I am amazed at [the] lack of response in [the] free

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'Ragtime' explores race issues

By EMILY KEEBLER
News Writer

Members of the Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMCo.) — joined by faculty members and a graduate student — facilitated exploration into the emotionally charged issues of race, class and the American dream Wednesday night in their production of "Ragtime, the Musical."

Director and senior Jack Calcutt said the key to this year's production is to "watch it, reflect on it and learn from it." The leaders of PEMCo. decided to hold an academic panel to facilitate this discussion on the Wednesday between the two



LINDSAY POULIN/The Observer

G. David Moss, right, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, listens as graduate student Crystal Blount makes a point during a panel discussion Wednesday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Recruiting mania

Aug. 15, 2003: Grand Rapids, Mich., prospect Chris Khorey announces his top choices for college. Notre Dame is high on the list. Message board posters consider Khorey a lock to be Irish because of his legacy status.

Khorey looks to be one of the top history major prospects in the Midwest, but some recruiting analysts say he has the flexibility to be a political science or psychology major.



Chris Khorey

Sept. 22, 2003: Fresh off writing a cover story in his high school newspaper, Khorey trims his list to five schools — Notre Dame, Duke, Virginia, Boston College and Wabash.

Message board posters express confusion over the presence of Wabash on the list and speculate that the Little Giants may be using illegal recruiting tactics.

Recruiting analysts wonder if Notre Dame's lack of a journalism major will hurt the Irish.

Oct. 3, 2003: Khorey announces his intention to apply early action to Notre Dame. Irish fans rejoice, assuming this means he is a sure-bet to come to South Bend. So long as evil admissions doesn't get in the way, that is.

Nov. 15, 2003: Khorey announces that he will send applications to his other four top schools in time for regular admission. Irish fans start to worry that Notre Dame is losing its hold on him.

Dec. 14, 2003: News breaks that Wabash is offering Khorey a full scholarship, a spot on the baseball team, and an editorship at the newspaper by sophomore year. Notre Dame fans panic. The Irish cannot match those offers. But would a legacy really consider turning down Notre Dame for promises that Wabash might not be able to keep?

Dec. 21, 2003: Khorey is accepted into Notre Dame. Irish fans breathe a sigh of relief that Admissions let him in.

Jan. 1, 2004: Khorey sends in regular admission applications to Duke, Virginia, Wabash and BC. Irish fans panic again — he's in at Notre Dame, why the other applications?

Jan. 23, 2004: Wabash offers Khorey an all-expenses paid visit. While there he meets with academic officials, newspaper editors and baseball coaches. Notre Dame fans assume all is lost and that Khorey was turned off by the winter weather in South Bend despite being from Michigan. NDNation.com shuts down for three days.

Feb. 14, 2004: Khorey visits Notre Dame and stays with a freshman in Dillon Hall. During his visit, he announces that he will enroll at Notre Dame and that it was his first choice all along. There is much rejoicing among Irish fans. Message board posters declare Khorey the next Matt Storin and J.W. Jordan rolled into one. NDNation.com shuts down for three more days.

Feb. 18, 2004: Message board posters wonder why Khorey's sister, a high school sophomore, hasn't committed to Notre Dame yet.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Khorey at ckhorey@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR IN A STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT?



Marcus Gatto
sophomore
Dillon

"ISO: SWE, non-smoker, not afraid to commit. Must love children. No drugs or alcohol please. Are you ready to take the plunge?"



Andrew Masak
sophomore
Dillon

"Fiscal responsibility, flowing brown hair, Croatian background, tennis ability and ability to attract ladies ... basically Dan Krcmaric."



Susan Bigelow
sophomore
Badin

"Must possess an abiding love for the Hesburgh Library Rare Books Collection."



Missy Reidy
sophomore
Welsh Family

"I don't look for anything. They look for me."



Jason Miller
freshman
Dillon

"Looks are a plus ... so probably a girl."



Eddie Velazquez
freshman
O'Neill

"A candidate who is not from Zahm."



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Seniors James Weicher, guitarist, and Don Greiwe of the band Josam Scott perform Thursday at Legends as part of the "ND Live: Artists for Africa" event.

OFFBEAT

Bears fan changes name

DECATUR, Ill. — Scott Wiese, a die-hard Chicago Bears fan, will legally change his name to that of Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning after signing a pledge in front of a crowd at a Decatur bar last Friday night. He vowed to adopt Manning's name if the Bears lost Sunday's Super Bowl.

The final score was Colts 29, Bears 17.

So on Tuesday, Wiese went to the Macon County Courts Facility and started the process of changing his name.

"I made the bet, and now

I've got to keep it," said the 26-year-old, who lives in Forsyth, just north of Decatur.

Wiese will now have to advertise his intention in the local newspaper — the Herald & Review — for several weeks and then have a judge give him the OK to become, legally anyway, Peyton Manning.

Man saves grandson from anaconda

SAO PAULO, Brazil — A 66-year-old Brazilian saved his grandson from the grip of a 16-foot-long anaconda by beating the snake with rocks and a knife for half an

hour, police said Thursday.

"When I saw the snake wrapped around my grandson's neck I thought it was going to kill him," Joaquim Pereira told the Agencia Estado news service. "It was agonizing, I pulled it from one side, but it would come back on the other."

Pereira's 8-year-old grandson, Mateus, was attacked by the anaconda near a creek on his grandfather's ranch in the city of Cosmorama, about 250 miles northwest of Sao Paulo.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Ragtime, the Musical, will be performed by members of the Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMCo.) tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are \$6 for students and seniors and \$8 for adults. They can be purchased at the LaFortune box office.

The Student Union Board will present the movie "Flags of Our Fathers" in place of "Bobby" tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo. Admission is \$3.

Notre Dame men's hockey team will play Nebraska - Omaha tonight at 7:35 and also at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday at the Joyce Center. Tickets are available by calling the Joyce Center ticket office.

The primary elections for student body president and vice president will take place Monday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Students can vote online with their own computers or use computers set up in LaFortune, Mendoza or DeBartolo Hall.

Former U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige will speak Monday at 7:30 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall as the keynote speaker for Black History month. This event 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

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Professor receives NEF award

Special to The Observer

Debddeep Jena, assistant professor of electrical engineering at Notre Dame, has been named the recipient of a 2007 National Science Foundation (NSF) Early Career (CAREER) Award. The CAREER program, which was established by NSF in 1995, recognizes and supports junior faculty who exhibit a commitment to conducting research and providing educational opportunities for students. It is the highest honor given by the U.S. government to young faculty in engineering and science. Awards are distributed based on a detailed description of the applicant's planned research and educational activities for a five-year period. The competition is highly competitive, with a success rate between 15 and 20 percent. Jena will receive a total of \$580,000 over the next five years to implement his plans.

Jena's proposal, "Dielectric Engineering of Quantum-Wire Solids: Fundamentals to Applications," addresses the fundamental properties of tiny semiconductor "nanowires" and includes research activities and curricula encompassing undergraduates, graduate students and high school outreach. A Notre Dame faculty member since 2003, Jena's research focuses on two topics: the growth and properties of "III-V semiconductors," which are complex electronic materials capable of operating faster than silicon, the traditional workhorse for the semiconductor industry, and their application to solid-state devices such as high-speed electronic devices and photovoltaics (solar cells); and the investigation and development of nanoscale devices based on quantum wires. Jena's work on quantum

wires is part of a collaboration with Masaru Kuno, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry. In its initial stages, the interdisciplinary team is seeking to better understand the charge transport properties of single and networked nanowires so that they may apply the knowledge to the development of devices such as wearable transistors, photo detectors, sensors and photovoltaics. In addition to the CAREER award, Jena's research has attracted funding from the Office of Naval Research, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the Army Research Office. Jena earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, with a minor in physics, from the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur in 1998 and his doctorate in electrical and computer engineering from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 2003.

Pursue medicine in army, alumnus urges

Free tuition, full pay with benefits among perks

By BRIDGET KEATING
News Writer

With medical school tuition steadily increasing, graduating medical school students now have the highest average debt of any professional education. But there's a solution, army and non-commissioned officers told students Thursday — join the military.



Volpe

Notre Dame alumnus Brig. Gen. Philip Volpe, the recipient of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, delivered a lecture in DeBartolo Hall Thursday night. He was joined by Maj. Doug Muscott, 1st Lt. Bob Schlau, aide de camp to Volpe, Sgt. 1st Class Bill Hill and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Vanover. All the officers encouraged students to pursue a medical profession while serving in the military, citing the advantages of full-tuition payments, world-class training, camaraderie and intangibles such as the pride of serving one's country. "More people should explore such options," Hill said. "Eliminating this major financial burden is something I personally highly recommend." Muscott discussed the perks

of life as an Army medical student. In addition to free tuition, students receive full pay with benefits and are promised no deployments while in school or residency, he said. Military doctors also escape the insurance, business operation and administrative costs involved in operating a private practice, he said. Muscott said that while a military income might seem comparable to a civilian practice, the military pay includes comprehensive benefits, discounts and tax opportunities — making the two figures very different indeed. Volpe, who graduated from the University in 1977, incorporated some Notre Dame memories into his talk. While he was an undergraduate, Volpe coached Flanner Hall to a victory in the Interhall football championship and had enough foresight to hire a student named Charlie Weis as his assistant coach. He also recalled visits to legendary spots on campus. "The Grotto works," he said. "I passed all my exams." Another former Flanner resident, Al Bucci, listened to the lecture and called Volpe "as great an American hero and Notre Dame man as he is a soldier and a caring doctor with the values of Notre Dame."

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Indonesian politician to speak

Special to The Observer

Amien Rais, a prominent Indonesian politician who led and inspired the reform movement that forced the resignation of the nation's authoritarian ruler Suharto, will present a lecture at 3 p.m. Monday at Notre Dame's Hesburgh Center auditorium. Titled "The Impact of Globalization on Islam and Democracy in Indonesia," the talk is sponsored by Notre

Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and is free and open to the public. Rais, who earned his master's degree from Notre Dame, was the leader of the 25-million member Islamic organization Muhammadiyah from 1995 to 2000 and chair of the People's Consultative Assembly of Indonesia from 1999 to 2004.

Rais' rise to power came in the wake of massive protests in Jakarta in 1998 that forced the resignation of President Suharto and led to the formation of the reformist National Mandate Party (Partai Amanat Nasional/PAN). As speaker of the People's Consultative Assembly, Rais helped enact constitutional reforms that revived and amended Indonesia's democratic 1945 constitution.

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As part of the Law School Admissions Council sponsored National
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attending law school. The conference is free of charge and open to all.

Friday, February 16, 2007
12 noon to 3 pm

The program will include a Student Panel (Question and
Answer session focusing on law school student life), a pres-
entation on Applying to Law School Topics include:
Preparing for the LSAT, Personal Statements, and Letter of
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

North Korea nuclear talks resume

BEIJING — Talks on North Korea's nuclear programs resumed on a positive note Thursday, with the Chinese hosts distributing a draft agreement and the North agreeing in principle to initial steps to disarm.

Envoys from six nations are trying to agree on steps to implement a September 2005 deal in which North Korea pledged to disarm in exchange for aid and security guarantees. The 2005 deal — the only one to emerge since negotiations began in 2003 — was a broad statement of principles that did not outline any concrete steps for dismantling North Korea's nuclear program.

The main U.S. envoy, Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, said the new proposal would be "a set of actions that would have to be taken in a finite amount of time." He declined to give specifics, but said moves would occur in a matter of weeks.

Iraqi official linked to Shiite militia

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S.-backed Iraqi forces stormed the Health Ministry and arrested the No. 2 official Thursday, accusing him of diverting millions of dollars to the biggest Shiite militia and allowing death squads use of ambulances and government hospitals to carry out kidnappings and killings.

Shiite politicians allied with anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr denounced the arrest of Deputy Health Minister Hakim al-Zamili as a violation of Iraqi sovereignty and demanded that the prime minister intervene to win his release.

NATIONAL NEWS

Georgia curbs kids' health coverage

ATLANTA — Georgia will stop enrolling new children in its health insurance program for low-income families because federal funds are running out, officials said Thursday.

It was unclear how many children might be affected by the freeze, which takes effect March 11. Rhonda Meadows, head of the Department of Community Health, said the PeachCare program, which currently insures 270,000 children, will continue to operate as long as possible.

Pentagon intelligence examined

WASHINGTON — Some of the Pentagon's prewar intelligence work, including a contention that the CIA underplayed the likelihood of al-Qaida connections to Saddam Hussein, was inappropriate but not illegal, a Defense Department investigation has concluded.

In a report to be presented to Congress on Friday, the department's inspector general said former Pentagon policy chief Douglas J. Feith had not engaged in illegal activities through the creation of special offices to review intelligence. Some Democrats also have contended that Feith misled Congress about the basis of the administration's assertions on the threat posed by Iraq, but the Pentagon investigation did not support that.

LOCAL NEWS

BorgWarner to close Muncie plant

MUNCIE, Ind. — Auto parts maker BorgWarner announced Thursday it would close its plant in the city, costing 780 people their jobs.

The move had long been feared by workers at the plant, which had employed as many as 5,500 people in the years after World War II. It is the fourth major Indiana auto parts plant to announce closings this year that will cost the state some 4,400 jobs.

Auburn Hills, Mich.-based BorgWarner said its Muncie operation would close by April 2009, when the current contract with United Auto Workers Local 287 expires. On Dec. 18, workers unanimously rejected the request to open contract negotiations.

SAUDI ARABIA

Palestinian leaders sign accord

Rival factions agree on power-sharing compromise at Mecca summit to end violence

Associated Press

MECCA — Rival Palestinian factions signed a power-sharing accord aimed at ending months of bloodshed Thursday, agreeing that the Islamic militant group Hamas would head a new coalition government that would "respect" past peace agreements with Israel.

However, the United States and Israel have demanded the new government explicitly renounce violence, recognize Israel and agree to uphold past peace accords. The vague promise to respect past deals — a compromise reached after Hamas rejected pressure for more binding language — did not appear to go far enough.

U.S. and Israeli acceptance is crucial to the deal's success. Unless they are convinced Hamas has sufficiently moderated, the West is unlikely to lift a crippling financial blockade of the Palestinian government, and it will be difficult to advance the peace process.

"Israel expects a new Palestinian government to respect and accept all three of the international community principles — recognition of Israel, acceptance of all former agreements and renunciation of all terror and violence," Israeli government spokeswoman Miri Eisin told The Associated Press after the accord was announced.

She would not say whether Israel believes the guidelines of the new government fulfill those demands.

In Washington, State Department deputy spokesman Tom Casey said "we'll see what any final agreement actually looks like and we'll have to make an evaluation from there" as to whether it meets international demands.

Palestinians hope the



Saudi Arabian King Abdullah, center, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, right, and Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal met Thursday in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

agreement will avert an outright civil war. Hamas and Fatah gunmen have clashed repeatedly in recent months, killing dozens — including 30 who died in four days of fighting that ended with a fragile truce Sunday. The deal could also fall apart as the two sides work out who will fill sensitive posts in the new government — particularly the interior ministry, which controls security forces.

Saudi Arabia — which put its credibility on the line by hosting the high-profile summit in the holy city of Mecca — will likely

now face the task of selling the agreement to its ally, the United States.

To boost the new government, the kingdom promised \$1 billion in aid to the Palestinians, according to Ahmed Youssef, a political adviser to Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas, speaking in Gaza.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, of Fatah, and Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal headed two days of intense negotiations in a Mecca palace overlooking the Kaaba, Islam's holiest shrine — a venue Saudi Arabia chose to step up the pressure on the two sides

to compromise.

Much of the negotiations centered on a single word. Abbas pressed Hamas to accept the stronger stance of "committing to" past peace accords with Israel signed by the Fatah-dominated Palestinian Liberation Organization. But in the end, he was forced to settle for the promise to "respect" them.

The final agreement was announced at a ceremony aired live on Arab television Thursday night, in which Saudi King Abdullah sat with Abbas on his right and Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal on his left.

Senate bill to clean up budget mess

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats controlling the Senate are pushing through a huge spending bill funding 13 Cabinet agencies as they wrap up the unfinished budget mess inherited from Republicans.

The \$463.5 billion measure debated Thursday would pay for about one-sixth of the budget, combining nine spending bills that failed to pass Congress last year under GOP control.

The bill enjoys bipartisan support — it passed the House last week by a 2-1 margin — but Republicans are angry that Democrats are pushing it through without giving them a

crack at amending the bill.

While protesting hardball tactics by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., Republicans admit he has them boxed in because any attempt to filibuster the bill would invite charges that Republicans were shutting down the government when a stopgap measure expires next week.

A vote to close debate is slated for Tuesday, and Democrats are confident they will prevail.

The budgeting work was supposed to have been completed months ago, but Republicans didn't want to make some tough choices before the election and made no serious effort to complete the work

after it.

The bill sticks within spending limits set by Bush, though Democrats created wiggle room through maneuvers such as cutting \$3 billion from his request to implement a 2005 round of military base closures and \$3.5 billion in phantom savings from highway spending.

Most federal accounts will be frozen at 2006 levels. There are, however, scores of exceptions for agencies and programs that simply must have increases to avoid furloughs and hiring freezes, or cutting critical services such as housing assistance for more than 200,000 poor people.

College to explore diversity

Renowned scholar to speak at Diverse Student Leadership Conference

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Students interested in the importance of increasing diversity on the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame campuses will have the opportunity to explore the subject at the upcoming Diverse Student Leadership Conference (DSLSC).

According to its mission statement, the DSLSC aims to inform participants of the adversities and benefits within various academic, social and professional settings. The conference was created last year when current conference chair Kim Hodges, Student Diversity Board (SDB) president Angeline Johnson and class of 2006 alum Claradith Landry felt Saint Mary's needed an event that combined everything SDB — a student group that represents diversity and

tries to foster it through educational programs and events — discusses as well as subjects not normally encountered on either campus.

"We were in need of a vehicle or mode to educate mainstream Saint Mary's about what each person encompasses [diversity-wise]," Hodges said.

For three days, a series of workshops will examine religious, ethnic, cultural, sexual orientation and gender issues related to diversity.

"We try to celebrate all kinds of diversity," Hodges said. "We are attempting to educate participants about various modes of diversity not generalized in a societal norm."

College President Carol Ann Mooney will open the conference Mar. 1 by speaking about the diversity initiative, as well as her views on how to better prepare the campus for experi-

ences of cultural competency.

Many of the workshops will take place Mar. 2, including one directed by keynote speaker Peggy McIntosh.

McIntosh, a professor at Wellesley College, and former professor at Harvard, Trinity College in Washington D.C. and Durham College in England, is a major figure in the recognition of white privilege in the United States. She exemplifies what the conference is about in every way, Hodges said.

"She is a catalyst in shaping society to a culturally competent environment," she said.

McIntosh will present her keynote speech, "How I Came to See I Had White Privilege and What I'm Learning I Can Do With It" before the closing banquet Mar. 3 in Carroll Auditorium.

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Minor

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possibility of a minor," he said.

Destinee DeLemos, chair of the Senate Multicultural Affairs committee, recently met with Greene to discuss the possible addition of the minor.

The American Studies, history and anthropology departments currently offer courses with a focus or concentration on Native American culture. Greene thinks faculty "in spirit agree that we need to offer more courses that have a Native American component, if not actual courses on Native American history."

But the College is not able to immediately create a Native American Studies minor due to a lack of resources, Greene said.

The University has lost faculty members over the last five years whose expertise was in Native American culture and history, he said. But when departments hire new faculty with this focus, Arts and Letters can consider creating a minor.

The University hires new professors every year, he said, and each department makes a case for its greatest needs. Now that student interest is widely known, professors who specialize in Native American studies could possibly be hired within the next few years, he said.

"Now we know that students are interested, and that this interest is growing. It's possible that chairs of departments will begin to make [hiring faculty with an interest in Native American Studies] a priority," Greene said. "It could take two to three years before beginning to get new faculty, or it could take five or more."

DeLemos and her committee are already at work to speed up the process to make the minor a reality.

"We're working on increasing student awareness for minority recruitment in general and also specifically for Native American recruitment," she said.

Along with Arthur Taylor, the assistant director of the Multicultural Student

Programs and Services, DeLemos is working on a letter to the Office of the Provost to present student concerns and continue the ongoing efforts to hire minority faculty.

"I think students need to tell our administration that we really do want them to recruit Native American professors," DeLemos said. "We can't recruit Native American students to the University if we don't have a strong program or classes for that matter that relate to their culture and history."

If new faculty members with Native American specialties are hired, the proposed minor

will be of an interdisciplinary fashion, similar to the existing Irish studies minor, Greene said. Anthropological, literary and artistic perspectives could all be included in the minor.

Despite the obstacles ahead, Greene remains optimistic about the prospective minor's future.

"I think it's important to meet the needs of students and I remain hopeful that we'll be able to do so and at the very least be able to offer students a minor in the future," Greene said.

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Voting

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The committee's duties include putting up posters throughout dorms to encourage students to vote Monday. They will also man several computer stations the Judicial Council will set up for voting between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday. The Judicial Council has rented computers to set up in the elevator lobby on the first floor of LaFortune and in Mendoza College of Business. It has also rented out half the Macintosh computers in DeBartolo Hall for voting.

"So if you want to vote in-between classes, it will be much easier," Kozlow said. "You don't have to go all the way back to your dorm room."

The election committee members will be at the computer stations giving out incentives — like a donut or a cookie — if students vote, she said.

At the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night, Kozlow informed senators of the plan to increase voter turnout by providing students with easy access to computers.

"This is a new initiative, and we are going to see how it works," she said.

To vote, students need to log on to their Webmail account and open an e-mail from Judicial Council, which will contain a link to the voting site, Kozlow said. This site will also be accessible from the Judicial Council's Web site.

Kozlow said it is "impor-

tant" to raise voting percentages.

"These people that you're electing have the opportunity to meet with administrators," she said. "They have the opportunity to talk about concerns with the Board of Trustees, and they are working with a budget that can accommodate a lot of student concerns."

All students — including seniors, fifth-year seniors and students studying abroad — can vote Monday.

"Ideally we'd like everyone to vote because it's very simple to do."

Liz Kozlow
president
Judicial Council

In the 2006 election that resulted in a win for the Shappell-Andrichik ticket, 4,253 students voted.

That number included 1,224 freshmen, 1,201 sophomores, 1,058 juniors, 756 seniors and eight fifth-year

seniors.

In 2005, 4,186 students voted. In 2004, 3,496 votes were tallied. The undergraduate population is approximately 8,300.

This year, four tickets are running for student body president and vice president. The results of the primary voting will be announced Monday at 9 p.m. in LaFortune.

The Judicial Council has planned ahead for the possibility of a runoff election and has reserved the computers for that day as well.

"We are hoping to have the same impact," Kozlow said.

The runoff debate, if it occurs, will take place Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. in the Main Lounge of LaFortune and the run-off election will be held Feb. 15.

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IN BRIEF**Kodak restructuring causes job cuts**

NEW YORK — Just when the gloom looked to be lifting, Kodak took out its well-worn job ax one more time.

As it steers through the final months of a bumpy journey into a new world of digital imaging, the picture-taking pioneer said Thursday it will eliminate another 3,000 jobs — bringing its planned tally of layoffs to 28,000 to 30,000 since 2004.

By year-end, its work force will slip below 30,000, less than half what it was just three years ago.

The cuts are needed to accommodate Eastman Kodak Co.'s \$2.35 billion sale in January of its health-imaging unit and its costly foray this week into a high-margin inkjet-printer market dominated by Hewlett-Packard Co.

"The dream was that we would wake up in 2008 with the digital company that we want to have. We're still right on that track," Chief Executive Antonio Perez said at an annual meeting of Kodak analysts and institutional investors.

"We will finish this year. This is done. ... This is the last year of restructuring."

Stocks decline due to low retail sales

NEW YORK — Wall Street pulled back Thursday after investors were largely unimpressed by retail sales figures and strong profit reports from Walt Disney Co. and Electronic Data Systems Corp. Weakness in housing stocks also weighed on the market.

Investors appeared to be looking for a major catalyst to send stocks higher after days of largely meandering trading, but they didn't find it in generally decent retail sales reports. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, topped Wall Street's forecast though the month's increase was modest.

"A lot of consumers didn't do what people had hoped for in January," said Ryan Detrick, an analyst at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati. "No one really missed a lot. There wasn't anyone that was really blowing up, but overall the market took it negatively," he said of the retailers.

Dell founder wants turnaround

Recent reinstatement of CEO Michael Dell shows company's desperation

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Dell offered up some harsh advice a decade ago on how to fix struggling Apple Computer, words that now provide an ironic sting for the newly minted CEO of his own slumping company.

"What would I do? I'd shut it down and give the money back to the shareholders," he said at a technology conference in the fall of 1997.

Of course, Apple's investors and CEO Steve Jobs have gotten the last laugh. Back then, Jobs had just returned to lead the company he had founded, beginning what would become an exceptional transformation. Dell Inc., on the other hand, has watched its business go the other way, and Mr. Dell has been recalled to the helm to get it back on track.

When founders give up operational control of companies, they often leave on a positive note. They've watched their baby flourish, and it then becomes time for someone with fresh ideas or skills to lead the next wave of growth.

But when those same founders retake the helm, warning bells often ring. Their return to the executive suite generally means the company has hit a serious rough patch and is desperate for help.

Founders can offer things outsiders cannot. They know the business, so there isn't a big learning curve. It also signals a sense of urgency to get things fixed fast since they typically have large financial stakes in the company.

All those factors surely played into the reinstatement of Mr. Dell, who founded the personal computer company in his dorm room in 1984. He has served as board chairman since he stepped down as CEO in



Michael Dell, founder of Dell Inc., was reinstated as CEO Wednesday. He hopes to make a comeback in company profits after significant losses under former CEO Kevin Rollins.

2004.

His successor — and now predecessor — Kevin Rollins had a tough run. Under his tenure, the Round Rock, Texas-based company faced a string of disappointing earnings, while its market share slipped — it lost its No. 1 position in the PC industry to rival Hewlett-Packard Co. last year.

Dell also faces an ongoing federal accounting probe and was just named in a class-action lawsuit that alleges its profits were inflated by secret payments of about \$1 billion a year from

chip maker Intel Corp.

Since topping \$50 a share at the height of the dot-com boom, its stock hasn't rallied as high since and today trades below \$24 apiece.

Clearly, Mr. Dell is trying to assert his control right out of the gate. In an e-mail sent to employees after taking over last week, he said he was quashing bonuses for 2006 and reducing the number of managers to help cut costs. He also noted that Dell would push faster product development and expand into new businesses to drive revenue growth.

"We have a tough couple of quarters ahead," Mr. Dell wrote. "We didn't get here overnight and we won't fix things overnight either."

Investors initially cheered Mr. Dell's return, but that enthusiasm has waned in recent days despite some support from Wall Street analysts. Among those lauding the shake-up and upgrading the stock was Credit Suisse analyst Rob Semple, who said Dell "is in the need of a strategic visionary to assess the current direction of the business."

NY to sue Exxon over slow cleanup

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York's attorney general told Exxon Mobil and two other oil companies Thursday that he intends to sue them for taking decades to clean up a giant underground pond of petroleum left by the refineries that once lined Brooklyn's waterfront.

In a statement, Andrew Cuomo accused Exxon Mobil of leaving a "toxic footprint" in New York City, then doing "as little as possible to address the dangers that it created."

The subterranean slick, hidden beneath more than 50 acres of homes and businesses, is believed to have been floating on Brooklyn's water table for at least half a century.

Exxon accepted responsibility for much of the spill in 1990 and constructed a pumping system that has helped to gradually extract 9.3 million gallons of oil from the ground. It has

said the recovery's delicate nature makes it difficult to extract any faster.

"We take our environmental responsibility very seriously, and we are very committed to cleaning up the site," company spokeswoman Prem Nair said.

Other defendants will include the oil companies Chevron and BP, which own facilities believed to have contributed to the pollution. Spokesmen for the companies objected to being named as defendants and said they also had been actively participating in the cleanup.

The environmentalist group Riverkeeper has campaigned for years for tougher state action against the companies. The organization's president, Alex Matthiessen, said Exxon Mobil's days of treating Brooklyn "like a dumping ground are numbered."

When the Coast Guard first noticed

the spill in 1978, some experts estimated that it totaled 17 million gallons — about 6 million more than the tanker Exxon Valdez is believed to have spilled.

Exactly how the oil got in the ground is a matter of debate. One theory is that it is from a 1950 explosion, while Exxon says it was probably from a series of leaks from now-closed refineries and terminals in the area.

The state also gave notice Thursday of its intent to sue two other companies for unrelated contamination in the creek: KeySpan, which is responsible for a defunct gas plant, and Phelps Dodge, which operated a now-demolished copper smelting plant.

Keyspan said it would cooperate in any cleanup. A spokesman for Phoenix-based Phelps Dodge said the company has spent \$20 million cleaning up its site.

Disorders

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encourages the student to bring her friend to the Counseling Center.

When a student comes in who admits to having an eating disorder, the process is more complex. The initial action is creating an environment where the student feels safe and secure enough to trust the coun-

selor with all of her problems. The counselor then works to help the student find ways to overcome her problems, both physical and emotional.

The options can range from traditional counseling to in or outpatient rehabilitation, Bryant said.

The Center also works with Health and Wellness, nutritionists, the student's family physician and other sources to help the student overcome her disorder. The

Center's waiting room houses a mini-library of books and pamphlets, including 22 books on eating disorders.

The Freedom Revolution can be reached at freedom@saintmarys.edu. The Counseling Center, located in 166 LeMans Hall (in the main lobby by the fire-place), can be reached at (574) 284-4565.

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Inbar

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world to Iran's hostility toward Israel," Inbar said. "Israel cannot tolerate a nuclear Iran."

Students pressed Inbar to elaborate.

"Diplomacy and economic sanctions will probably fail," he said. "Israel is considering shutting down Iran's nuclear program by force if the Americans and the international community cannot convince Iran to stop its weapons program through negotiation."

Inbar said Israel understands it is not the Iranian people who are its enemies, but the regime.

"The elite in power are determined to continue to build their nuclear program," he said. "Iranians will have to give up their cars and use donkeys, fine, as long as the regime stays in power."

For Israeli security, peace with Egypt and Jordan are the most important local factors, Inbar said. He also credited the United States as being "Israel's strongest ally."

"There is close military cooperation between the U.S. and Israel," Inbar said. "After [Sept. 11], Americans began to understand the violence the Israelis confront every day."

Israel is mired in a "low-level conflict" with the Palestinian people and their elected government, the group Hamas, Inbar said.

"Hamas has a clear agen-

da — gain strength and remove Israel from the map," he said. "It was a mistake on our part to allow [Hamas] to participate in [Palestinian] elections."

The war between Israel and Lebanon last summer also drew questions from students, especially because of the large number of civilians killed by the Israeli offensive.

"There was no excessive use of force in Lebanon," Inbar said. "If Israel has to choose between Israeli lives and bad publicity, Israel's

choice is clear."

Inbar said the ultimate hope for security in the Middle East cannot come from outsiders, although U.S. intervention is sometimes necessary to keep the peace.

"When it comes to the Middle East, outsiders can do little," he said. "They have good intentions, but we will continue to conduct our business our way — the ability of outsiders to do good is very limited."

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Professor Efraim Inbar discusses the domestic problems faced by Israel in a lecture Thursday.

ANDREW STEVES/The Observer

Ragtime

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weekends of shows. The last two performances of Ragtime will take place today and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Panelists included Donald Pope-Davis, dean of the graduate school, G. David Moss, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and advisor to the black men's group Wabruda, Martin Wolfson, associate professor of economics and policy studies, graduate student Crystal Blount and Christy Fleming Greene, advisor for Shades of Ebony and assistant professional specialist in the First Year of Studies.

The panelists reflected on the show, which Calcutt called "an ambitious production."

Blount agreed that Ragtime is a thematically difficult show to put on and to watch.

"It did seem to be a difficult performance — not only for the cast, but for the audience as well — because of the emotional issues involved," Blount said.

Blount conducts research on the impact of psychological stress from incidents she calls "micro-aggressions" — daily insults that result from racial or ethnic discrimination.

Black and multi-racial panelists and audience members acknowledged such discrimination and its far-reaching effects.

"The racial tension that was here when I was at Notre Dame — that still exists," Fleming Greene said.

She and other panelists urged students, regardless of nationality, to speak out against racial discrimination and live the concept of the Notre Dame family on a daily basis.

"We have to say that if this affects you, this affects me," Pope-Davis said.

Another theme of the forum was about taking personal

accountability for one's language and actions, especially since the use of racial slurs in the musical caused controversy about whether it should be performed on campus.

Calcutt said listening to experts and students express their views was a rewarding experience.

"[Race] is an emotional issue," he said. "It's important to know that this is at the core of some people."

Discussion has been part of the show from the beginning, Calcutt said, and Wednesday's forum was a way to "make it formal," as well as to involve the campus.

While controversy persists about the show's content, panelists said ultimately, the debate has been unifying for the black campus community.

"There was an ownership of this production by the black students that I hadn't seen before: 'You know what, this is my campus ... this is who I am. I am Notre Dame. This conversa-

tion will take place because I am a part of Notre Dame,'" Fleming Greene said.

Another topic discussed at the forum was the concept of the American dream, especially as it relates to race, class and country of origin.

"['Ragtime'] raised very important questions about the American dream in 1907," Wolfson said. "It remains for us to ask the question of the American dream in 2007."

Wolfson cited unemployment, poverty and income statistics that, despite civil rights granted to blacks, demonstrate the racial disparity that still exists, including within the South Bend community.

But the ultimate message of "Ragtime" should be one of hope, Calcutt said.

"If we have courage, as is evidenced in this production, we can achieve the American dream," he said.

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Anna Nicole Smith dies at 39

Centerfold collapses in Florida hotel room

Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Anna Nicole Smith, the pneumatic blonde whose life played out as an extraordinary tabloid tale — Playboy centerfold, jeans model, bride of an octogenarian oil tycoon, reality-show subject, tragic mother — died Thursday after collapsing at a hotel. She was 39.

She was stricken while staying at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino and was rushed to a hospital. Edwina Johnson, chief investigator for the Broward County Medical Examiner's Office, said the cause of death was under investigation and an autopsy would be done on Friday.

Just five months ago, Smith's 20-year-old son, Daniel, died suddenly in the Bahamas in what was believed to be a drug-related death.

Seminole Police Chief Charlie Tiger said a private nurse called 911 after finding Smith unresponsive in her sixth-floor room at the hotel, which is on an Indian reservation. He said Smith's bodyguard administered CPR, but she was declared dead at a hospital.

Dr. Joshua Perper, the chief Broward County medical examiner who will perform the autopsy, said if her death was from natural causes, the findings would likely be announced quickly. He cautioned, however, that definitive results could take weeks.

"I am not a prophet, and I cannot tell you before the autopsy what I am going to find," he said.

Through the '90s and into the new century, Smith was famous for being famous, a pop-culture punchline because of her up-and-down weight, her Marilyn Monroe looks, her exaggerated curves, her little-girl voice, her ditzy-blond persona, and her over-the-top revealing outfits.

Recently, she lost a reported 69 pounds and became a spokeswoman for TrimSpa, a weight-loss supplement. On her reality show and other recent TV appearances, her speech was often slurred and she seemed out of it. Some critics said she seemed drugged-out.

"Undoubtedly it will be found at the end of the day that drugs featured in her death as they did in the death of poor Daniel," said a former attorney for Smith in the Bahamas, Michael Scott.

Another former Smith attorney, Lenard Leeds, told the celebrity gossip Web site TMZ that Smith "always had problems with her weight going up and down, and there's no question she used alcohol." Leeds said it was no secret that "she had a very troubled life" and had "so many, many problems."

Smith attorney Ron Rale told The Associated Press that he had talked to her on Tuesday or Wednesday, and she had flu symptoms and a fever and was still grieving over her son. He dismissed claims her death was related to drugs as "a bunch of nonsense."

"Poor Anna Nicole," he said. "She's been the underdog. She's been besieged ... and she's been trying her best and nobody should have to endure what she's endured."

The Texas-born Smith was a topless dancer at strip club before she entered her photos in a search contest and made the cover of Playboy magazine in 1992. She became Playboy's playmate of the year in 1993. She was also signed to a contract with Guess jeans, appearing in TV commercials, billboards and magazine ads.

In 1994, she married 89-year-old oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II, owner of Great Northern Oil Co. In 1992, Forbes magazine estimated his wealth at \$550 million.

In a 2005 interview with ABC, Smith recalled meeting Marshall at what she called a "gentleman's club" in Houston. "He had no will to live and I went over to see him," she said. "He got a little twinkle in his eyes, and he asked me to dance for him. And I did."

Marshall died in 1995 at age 90, setting off a feud with Smith's former stepson, E. Pierce Marshall, over his estate. A federal court in California awarded Smith \$474 million. That was later overturned. But in May, the U.S. Supreme Court revived her case, ruling that she deserved another day in court.

The stepson died June 20 at age 67. But the family said the court fight would continue.

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Michael Scott
Smith's former attorney

'Heroic' image puts pressure on astronauts

Adjustment difficult for Nowak, others

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From the dawn of the space program, America's astronauts have been treated like stars, saluted as red-white-and-blue heroes, and indoctrinated in NASA's can-do, failure-is-not-an-option ethos.

Could that explain the downfall of Lisa Nowak, the astronaut accused of attempted murder? Were the expectations too high? The pressures too great?

No one may ever know exactly why Nowak drove 900 miles to confront a woman who was reportedly her rival for the affections of a space shuttle pilot, but experts say the same traits that make astronauts such high achievers can combine to aggravate emotional problems and strain relationships.

"I really believe that NASA goes overboard in promoting how heroic and super all these people are," said Dr. Patricia Santy, a former NASA psychiatrist and author of the book "Choosing The Right Stuff."

"They themselves have forgotten these are ordinary people and in that kind of celebrity culture, there's a sense of entitlement."

Santy said the astronaut corps is "like a family, but it's almost like a dysfunctional family when it comes to understanding that these interpersonal issues have profound impacts."

Former astronaut Jerry Linenger said astronauts take pride in their self-discipline, "and you set a goal and it's just going, going, going and you let nothing get in your way."

That single-minded pursuit reminds Linenger of Nowak's drive from Houston to Orlando, Fla., to confront an Air Force captain from Florida who she allegedly believed was involved with the same space shuttle pilot she loved.

However, Linenger said, that's when Nowak's training should have kicked in and led her to reflect on her actions: "To not make a midcourse correction is scary. It's just off her training and everything else."

Nowak, like many of her colleagues, pursued a career in spaceflight since childhood. Then, after her shuttle trip last summer, her goal had been achieved, and the prospects for another mission were dim, even though she remained in the prime of her life at age 43.

Space shuttles are scheduled to be retired in 2010, and many astronauts have been told that second and third spaceflights will be tough to get. A replacement spacecraft will not be ready until several years later.

Other astronauts have struggled with similar doubts about their future.

"The biggest problem that every astronaut has had once they've obtained their goal is 'What do I do next, what do I focus on?'," said Jay Barbree, a longtime NBC correspondent who has covered every launch and is the author of the upcoming book "Live From Cape Canaveral."

"It was more commonplace than most people knew because overachievers had no major goals in front of them." Among earlier astronauts, "most every one of them came back had adjustment issues," Barbree said.

NASA flight crew operations chief Ellen Ochoa said the agency is considering whether to do more to look after astronauts once they return from space. "Individuals may wonder where they fit in," she said. "It's a puzzle."

Buzz Aldrin, the second man to step on the moon, became depressed and had problems with alcohol after returning to Earth.

Aldrin said the space agency "can deal with the physics and engineering and the science of things. They behave according to predictability. But you can't predict the human reaction and response and how complex it is. It is not easy for NASA."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Conference appreciated, jokes aren't

The Notre Dame Student Senate's "Eating Disorders and the Campus Culture" conference began Thursday. This conference marks a monumental achievement for women and men, in particular college students, who suffer, have suffered, or know someone suffering of an eating disorder. It is a significant event for someone who feels the constant pressure to lose a few pounds, eat less, or work out more. In fact, it probably has affected, even in a small way, anyone who has found him or herself looking in the mirror that one extra time and feeling concerned before they go out on a Friday night.

As a college woman, I can honestly say that the pressure to think about my weight and try to perfect my body is omnipresent in my life. As a member of a dorm community, I can say that I have seen the stress and worry on my friends' faces as they decide what to eat in the dining hall. As a friend, I can say that I have watched someone I love starve herself in an attempt to find self-confidence and self-assurance. As a sister, I can say that I have watched someone overeat in an attempt to feel loved and accepted. I am just one person, one of many at this University, and I have been affected by eating disorders in almost every sphere of my life: my dorm community, my closest friends, my family, and even in myself. I do not feel that I am alone in this predicament. It is for these reasons that I am so appreciative of the confer-

ence this weekend, and it is for these reasons that I fully support our current Student Senate.

Unfortunately, it is for these same reasons that I was shocked by Thursday's Kaleidoscope McDaniels comic strip. In case anyone missed this comic, allow me to recap it. The comic depicted two exaggeratedly overweight men discussing the upcoming eating disorder conference. The first man initially mistakes the conference for an eating disorder contest. The second then states that "I think women need to be aware ... you know ... of their bodies ... and stuff ... on their bodies". Then the first man comments that he hopes the conference will not impact the availability of fro-yo on campus. I have several reactions to this comic.

My immediate reaction to the column was one of extreme concern. An eating disorder is classified as a disease. It worries me to think that anyone would demean or mock something as serious as a conference related to disease prevention. What precedent does this comic set? Will we soon have to endure comics mocking the runs to raise money for breast cancer or conferences supporting autism research?

Secondly, I question the actual content of the comic. Eating disorders are clearly a female-dominated issue, however the number of men suffering from eating disorders is growing. It puzzles me then that a male student would write a column featuring male charac-

ters in response to this conference. The use of only male characters in a comic such as this one gives the impression that the conference is strictly for women, and that men are merely spectators in the fight against this growing problem. This may cause male students who suffer from eating disorders to feel as though they are out of place, or that the conference is not intended for them.

My final reaction, and the reason for this letter, is one of concern for the conference itself. Dealing with an issue as sensitive and private as an eating disorder is a difficult task. By nature, sufferers of eating disorders may feel apprehensive about attending a conference that may expose their conditions. So a comic such as this one, that mocks the conference, discourages attendance — threatening the entire cause. This comic has the potential to discourage many people, or even just one, from attending this conference. That person may have been the one person who really needed this conference.

And so I conclude with this thought: students of Notre Dame, do not let the ignorance of some hinder you from seeking the education or assistance that you need or desire.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

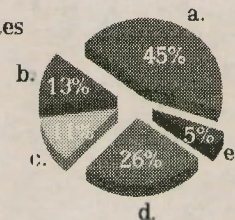


OBSERVER POLL

What was your favorite Super Bowl ad?

a. Bud Light - But he has Bud Light!	45	152
b. Career Builder - Darts and Jungle	13	41
c. Taco Bell - Grilled taquitos (talking lions)	11	37
d. Nationwide - Rolling VIP (Kevin Federline)	26	85
e. Garmin - Power Rangers	5	12

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This poll is based on the result of 327 votes at <http://www.ndsmcobserver.com/>

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Early morning cheerfulness can be extremely obnoxious."

William Feather
American author

Iraq and the crisis of American ideals

Hegel observed, in his most oft quoted metaphor, that wisdom comes to us only when it is past the prime of its use. A philosopher would think such a thing, because a philosopher constantly faces the disappointment of realizing the ideas in his head do not spring forth from it intact and vital. The wisdom of speculation therefore seems sealed off from the life of practice, and practical wisdom seems always to come to life too late.

James
Matthew
Wilson

*The Treasonous
Clerk*

The truth is more painful. Ideas have consequences, but most of the time human beings carry out their lives cheerily numb to the best ideas and in unconscious thrall to the worst ones. Moments of violent historical crisis, however, tend to provoke changes one would not have thought possible a few years, sometimes a few days, earlier. Though one hopes otherwise, for instance, it is presumable that significant change to environmental policy will only come after some further, unmistakable natural disaster. World War I unleashed radical intellectual energies across the world that manifested themselves in national and Marxist revolutions. The conclusion of World War II, in contrast, snuffed out those energies almost entirely, so that the globe could settle into a cold hypostasis of two powerful ideologies for nearly five decades.

These are crude examples, but I think the premise holds: the routine crises of our history are the birth pangs of beautiful ideas becoming actualized and, at least as often, the birth pangs of teratomas to make the hopeful humanist shudder.

September 11th was such a crisis, where the opportunity for high ideals to

globe the full-strung sails of history presented itself. Inevitably, much of the American response to that moment was shaped by fear, but some bold vision of the future was also held forth. President Bush declared that the United States' sorry legacy of manipulating weak and semi-sovereign states for benefit of its power and business interests would end. The deaths and coups his father had either overseen or ignored while head of the CIA would cease. America's gift to the world would not be merely its own robust market, Bush declared; it would be the freedom that stems from democracy.

Half a decade later, we find ourselves mired in Iraq, the promise of a democratic Middle East occasionally — only occasionally — still dangled before us as an excuse for an invasion completed and justification for an occupation prolonged. If one watches Fox News, one hears that serious reflection on how we got to this moment should wait until the mission is accomplished. If one listens to the most prominent Democratic voices in Congress, one learns that, however unfortunate the war, slow and small steps must be taken to achieve some kind of victory. Right and Left alike appear mired not only in Iraq but in a kind of thinking that cannot move beyond the framework of realpolitik.

I sympathize with both these positions. One must appreciate how attuned to the media are many of the insurgents in Iraq, and how devastating it can be to question one's country's beliefs at home when they are threatened abroad. And one must commend the gradualism of the political process to the extent that it arises from prudent policy rather than prurient party interest. But to allow this moment of crisis — this intractable conflict in Iraq — to pass without the voicing of some few bold ideals would be a great opportunity

missed.

First, and above all, let us drop the charade of spreading democracy in the Middle East or around the globe. Democracy is not America's gift to the world. Baseball is, followed closely by the poetry of T.S. Eliot. Political institutions are relative and malleable, intended to fit the contingent historical conditions of a community in its efforts to sustain and promote the common good — which is in a sense absolute and transhistorical. We cannot lend others the institutional forms necessary to attain their own common good unless we can also offer them our particular history. More importantly, we ought not to pretend that the lending of those forms — a few scraps of procedural democracy — in itself constitutes bequeathing a just society.

Second, as President Bush has acknowledged, our past is filled with educational chapters in the use of foreign policy for bloodily acquisitive ends. This is something neither recent Democrats nor Republicans have shown much imagination in changing. The chief difference between this second Bush administration and the Kerry administration that was not to be is that the former is unapologetic about using military power in support of American corporate interests. Aside from ceasing to manipulate foreign regimes by clandestine and public coercion, we might reluctantly concede that America and the rest of the world would all be better off if we learned to shift for ourselves. The difficulties of economic autarky seem lest costly than those of an ever-expanding appetite for foreign products and natural resources. And, of course, autarky need not be confused with isolationism.

These are intended as bold ideas suggested rather than easy solutions commanded; and so, third, we might consid-

er how appalling it is that the U.S. military has permanent bases located across the globe. I understand the strategic practicality of those bases. What I do not understand is how we can accept them as a permanent feature of our foreign policy. If we believe in our state sovereignty as a virtue, we should station our troops at home to guarantee the integrity of our borders. If we believe in the sovereignty of other states as a virtue as well, we should do what is necessary to admire it from afar.

Presuming these three proposals were followed, we might also suggest that, fourth, satisfied with its own national borders the federal government might also give state lines some integrity once more by returning the United States to its birthright of federalism. And, fifth, as a bizarre technological fulfillment of the American tradition of valuing life and liberty, we might prudently match the advances in our missile defense systems with the destruction of our stockpiles of nuclear weapons.

These propositions will no doubt frighten some with their extremity and others with their provincialism. My own conviction remains, however, that the paradox of America's present crisis is that the path of cowardice and authoritarianism lies in continuing military adventures abroad and that of courage and charity lies in a turning inward, a return home, an acceptance of the bounty Providence has given.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student government not 'impotent'

Maybe I'm not as enlightened as Amanda Michaels. Maybe I'm not as informed, or as aware of how the campus really operates. But even if this is the case, I would hate to think that the student government is as meaningless and "impotent" as she defines it to be.

After reading Michaels's article ("Lack of Realistic Goals Shocks, Disappoints," Feb. 8) I began to think that she and I saw two very different student government debates last night. I saw four tickets proposing ideas, putting forth platforms, and engaging in a lively discussion of what they consider to be hot-button issues around our campus. Michaels apparently saw eight people who either have no idea what student government means, if they are "clueless," or who, at the best, hope that they can trick and cajole the student body into voting for them. I saw candidates who really seemed to care about improving Notre Dame, including the somewhat radically minded Padberg and Coggon. Michaels saw presidential and vice presidential hopefuls deluding themselves, thinking they can make a difference in a University system controlled by the bureaucracy.

Student government is, granted, not about completely overhauling and modifying the structure of our school. But it certainly is not as ineffective and, ultimately worthless, as Michael's editorial would lead one to believe. The student government president and vice president, along with the other student government bodies, work what I assume is tirelessly to fully represent the majority student opinion. It may take awhile for their resolutions to amount to anything, but they at least start the dialogue. Michaels claims that she has had "enough 'dialogue' over the past year." I

think she has become all too weary of such discussion, though, because dialogue is the essential entrance point for change.

Individual students do not have the ability to discuss with the University higher-ups their concerns. The student government speaks to those concerns and takes upon itself the voice of the universal student. Each of the tickets last night mentioned the need for better communication between government and student; each had a plan for making this communication better than it already is to improve the system of representation that much more. Without the student government starting dialogues, no progress would ever be made because the administration would continue to view the students as apathetic and uninvolved, a reputation some view the student body to have that is in desperate need of reform. And, to use a gross analogy, without dialogue, the greatest reforms of all time would have never taken place (the calling of the Second Continental Congress, the formation of the National Assembly).

We need people to continue the dialogue because without it, we stand no chance of ever seeing any change to the status quo. The four tickets running for student government president-vice president should be applauded for taking the time and effort to see what they think the campus wants and to look for the way to discuss its potential restructuring.

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Feb. 8



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By ERIN MCGINN
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This Saturday, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will showcase "Classics: Reimagining Sexuality and the Self in Recent American Cinema," a student-organized academic film event that focuses on several important lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender films produced in the past few years.

The films featured in Saturday's presentation are well regarded and critically acclaimed not only for their content but also for the ways in which they challenge and re-imagine preconceptions of self, community, history and authenticity.

The "Classics" series is a continuation of the academic mission that originally began with the Queer Film Festival, as well as last year's "Gay & Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narrative, Spectatorships." While last year's collection featured Ang Lee's Academy Award winning "Brokeback Mountain," this year's series provides a new selection of films to raise questions and change perspectives.

The "Classics" series is sponsored by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, and co-sponsored by the English and History departments as well as the Gender Studies Program and the Hesburgh Program in Public Service.

The films to be shown in the "Classics" series are the following.

"Watermelon Woman" (dir. Cheryl Dunye, 1996) 2 p.m.

"Watermelon Woman" tells the story of Cheryl (Cheryl Dunye), a young black lesbian who works in a video store in Philadelphia with her best friend Tamara (Valarie Walker). She tries to make a film about her search for an obscure black actress from the 1930s who was known as the Watermelon Woman.

As Cheryl continues her search, she becomes involved with Diana (Guinevere Turner), a white woman, which strains her friendship with Tamara. "Watermelon Woman" won the 1996 Teddy Best Feature Film award at the Berlin International Film

This year's series provides a new selection of films to raise questions and change perspectives.



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

"Transamerica," arguably the most widely known of the films featured in Saturday's "Classic" film series, stars actress Felicity Huffman, left, as a struggling transsexual.

Festival.

"Go Fish" (dir. Rose Troche, 1994) 4 p.m.

"Go Fish" is a lesbian-themed independent film directed and co-written by Rose Troche (with her then-girlfriend Guinevere Turner). The film tells the story of the interrelationships of an intimate group of friends.

The film follows the exploits of Max (Turner), a young lesbian student, her roommate Kia (T. Wendy McMillan) and the friends the two encounter along the way.

The narrative is laced with a number of discussions on lesbian issues, dream sequences and commentaries directed toward the viewing audience. "Go Fish" was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival and won the Teddy Best Feature Film award at the Berlin International Film Festival.

The screening of "Go Fish" will be

introduced by Film, Television and Theatre professor Pamela Wojcik.

"Roy Cohn/Jack Smith" (dir. Jill Godmilow, 1994) 7 p.m.

"Roy Cohn/Jack Smith" stars Ron Vawter as the nominal character in this film, an adaptation of a theater piece. He interprets two separate roles in the film. The first is lawyer Roy Cohn, who came to

prominence during the heated and controversial Communist investigations driven by Senator Joseph McCarthy, and who led vicious battles against the civil rights of homosexuals — even though he himself was a homosexual.

Secondly, he portrays Jack Smith, an avant-garde director, actor and author of the provocative film "Flaming Creatures" who made homosexuality into a central component of his art. The film's director, Notre Dame Film, Television and Theatre professor Jill

Godmilow, will introduce the screening.

"Transamerica" (dir. Duncan Tucker, 2005) 10 p.m.

"Transamerica" stars the talented Felicity Huffman of "Desperate Housewives" as Bree, a California native about to undergo sexual reassignment surgery when she discovers that her son is living in New York.

After Bree takes an impromptu flight to meet her son Toby (Kevin Zegers) for the first time, the two begin a cross-country road trip from the East Coast back to Los Angeles.

During their voyage, they encounter numerous people and experiences that force them to examine the preconceptions that each held regarding the other.

Her performance in "Transamerica" garnered Huffman both an Oscar nomination and a Golden Globe win

for Best Actress.

The screening will be introduced by Indiana University South Bend sociology professor Betsy Lucal.

Each film selected in the "Classics" series allows viewers to see the complicated issues and questions broached with different viewpoints and unique perspectives. Huffman's award-winning role in "Transamerica," for example, brings public attention to the difficulties that transgendered men and women face in a society that often seeks clear-cut definitions of gender identity and sexual orientation.

The films will be shown sequentially in the DPAC Browning Cinema on Saturday. All of the screenings are free, but do require tickets for admittance. Tickets can be reserved online at the DPAC's Web site, performingarts.nd.edu, by calling the ticket office at 574-631-2800 or for purchase at the ticket window.

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Directed by Notre Dame Film, Television and Theatre professor Jill Godmilow, "Roy Cohn/Jack Smith" features a dualistic look at the lives of homosexual men.



Photo courtesy of sociopranos.com

1994's "Go Fish," directed by Rose Troche, precedes similar programs like TV's "The L Word" in following the lives and loves of a group of young lesbians.

★★★ in focus ★★★

ELECTION 2007



Friday, February 9, 2007

THE
OBSERVER

LIZ BROWN

president

vice president

MARIS BRAUN

Who They Are

Brown, student government's current chief executive assistant, is a junior in Cavanaugh Hall majoring in political science and peace studies. Braun is a sophomore in Breen-Phillips Hall majoring in finance.

In Their Words

♦ **Top Priority:** Brown and Braun plan to further address the issue of community relations by integrating students into the off-campus community and increasing consumerism at local businesses. Some ideas include a "Taste of South Bend" event, a community-based curriculum and off-campus Domer Dollars.

♦ **First Priority:** "Guest Meal Exchange Program."

Brown and Braun want to allow students to substitute one of their unused meals for a meal voucher to be used as a guest pass for a separate meal in the future.

In Our Words

♦ **Best Idea:** A South Bend Regional Airport shuttle, a convenient way to lower costs for students and to encourage use of South Bend transportation.

♦ **Worst Idea:** None.

♦ **Most Feasible Idea:** Putting suggestion forums and student government applications online.

♦ **Least Feasible Idea:** Getting Notre Dame to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a University holiday.

♦ **Fun Fact:** Brown got a pencil in her eye when



she was three and had to have surgery to get it removed. Braun skied into a tree and is now forever indebted to the friend who saved her.

♦ **Notable Quote:** "If you don't love what you do, you're not going to do it well."

Bottom Line

Brown and Braun balance each other well and their experience in student government is unmatched by any of the other candidates. They are articulate and complementary of one another — and both seem genuinely interested in leading the student body. They have many reasonable ideas that they plan to pursue immediately upon taking office. No one can predict how smoothly the women would transition into the highest positions in student government. But the pair's experience and professionalism are tops in this election.

GARRETT COGGON

president

vice president

MIKE PADBERG

Who They Are

Coggon is a freshman pre-professional studies major living in Zahm Hall. Padberg is a freshman engineering major living in Zahm Hall.

In Their Words

♦ **Top Priority:** Havoc. Their campaign revolves around "wreaking havoc" on campus. This is not clearly defined.

♦ **First Priority:** To begin the five-year process of making Notre Dame an all-male institution again.

In Our Words

♦ **Best Idea:** Expand the sidewalks so there are lanes for fast and slow walkers.

♦ **Worst Idea:** Squirrel-hunting activities. The freshmen want to organize hunting activities and propose squirrels "be taken for consumption by slingshots."

♦ **Most Feasible Idea:** None.

♦ **Least Feasible Idea:** To eliminate women at Notre Dame (possibly combine the existing women with Saint Mary's — creating something like "Notre Mary's"). They would keep female professors, though they would only teach introductory classes.

♦ **Fun Fact:** Coggon's nickname is Juice. Padberg can wreak havoc with his pinky finger — and Coggon said he can, unfortunately, attest to that.

♦ **Notable Quote:** "We aren't, to say, 'in bed' with any of the University administrators like some of the other candidates."



Bottom Line

Coggon and Padberg are just two more Zahm freshmen running for this office. Although the havoc-based ideas are entertaining, this ticket has no real plans for student government. These freshmen have creative ideas, many of which relate to eliminating women at the University, but their interests might be better served in another arena than as leaders of the Notre Dame student body.

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CIPRIANO RIVERA *president*

vice president CATHERINE KANE

Who They Are

Rivera, formerly a Marine, is a freshman living in St. Edward's Hall majoring in accounting and Arabic. Kane is a sophomore in Welsh Family Hall majoring in history and pre-professional studies.

In Their Words

♦ **Top Priority:** Rivera and Kane want to improve the quality of life for students and will focus on goals like having ID cards work at all doors in dorms and expanding Domer Dollars usage options.

♦ **First Priority:** To arrange for roll-over meals in the dining hall so unused meals are not just wasted.

In Our Words

♦ **Best Idea:** Free tutoring for all students. They want to build on the First Year of Studies tutoring programs and offer sessions for upper-classmen as well.

♦ **Worst Idea:** Student government column in The Observer.

♦ **Most Feasible Idea:** Peer advising groups.

♦ **Least Feasible Idea:** To get rid of Burger King in LaFortune and replace it with Chipotle. They have not researched such a change or been in contact with the University.

♦ **Fun Fact:** Rivera is saving money to climb Mt. Everest. Kane helped deliver her mother's 11th child this summer.

♦ **Notable Quote:** "I'm 23. I'm probably older than anyone in this room." Rivera, on why he shouldn't be typecast as an inexperienced freshman.



Bottom Line

The candidates, though they have good intentions, are inexperienced and their ideas are not well researched. The duo is unprepared and not ready to take on the role of representing the Notre Dame student body. Their platform is incomplete, especially in the important realm of community relations. Rivera and Kane's plans for dining hall and meal plan reform are not feasible. The two do not seem to have a true idea of what they would be getting into if elected, and they should use next year to get more involved in student government.

DANNY SMITH *president*

vice president ASHLEY WEISS

Who They Are

Smith is a junior political science and philosophy major who lives in Alumni Hall. Weiss is a junior English and art history major who lives in Breen-Phillips Hall.

In Their Words

♦ **Top Priority:** The majority of Smith and Weiss' plans revolve around using technology — whether to download music, spread Domer Dollars off campus or implement electronic football ticketing — to benefit students.

♦ **First Priority:** "Ruckus music downloading." Ruckus Network, Inc. provides students access to legal downloadable music and video files to all person with an ".edu" email address — and Smith and Weiss want to make sure Notre Dame students have access to it too.

In Our Words

♦ **Best Idea:** Multiple Domer Dollar initiatives.

♦ **Worst Idea:** Creating more payment options for on-campus prescriptions and health care. Smith and Weiss offered to help students pay their insurance co-pay if they are unable — a nice thought, but unrealistic.

♦ **Most Feasible Idea:** Student government blog.

♦ **Least Feasible Idea:** Lower tuition.

♦ **Fun Fact:** Smith can whistle five different ways. At age 12, Weiss was a chess champion — and she said she never admits that to anyone.

♦ **Notable Quote:** "If USC can do it, why can't



we?" Said in reference to a football ticket system based on student IDs, not paper tickets.

Bottom Line

Both Smith and Weiss have intense, strong personalities. Both have learned how to lead, with Smith serving as Alumni Hall senator and Weiss serving as chair of the Senate Gender Relations committee. This ticket has run its campaign admirably and has talked to numerous administrators about its proposals. The two have visited all dorms to get input and to engage the student body in student government. The resulting platform is ambitious, but not as achievable as Brown and Braun's. Ultimately, the downside of Smith and Weiss' commendable passion is the less-than-realistic nature — and importance — of some of their ideas.

The Observer endorses Brown-Braun ticket

Every year, candidates for student body president and vice president promise a slew of supposedly feasible initiatives to improve the campus community — and every year, it's a toss-up as to who can actually deliver. Platforms get stacked with every possible upgrade to student life in a desperate attempt to win votes, and this year is no exception.

With their extensive student government experience, Liz Brown and Maris Braun have the best shot at executing their goals. They're poised and prepared, and while it's almost certain they won't be able to accomplish every platform plan — at least in its original form — the two demonstrate a solid understanding of what channels they'll have to work through.

Since last spring, Brown has served as current student body president Lizzi Shappell's chief executive assistant, the No. 3 position in student government. But

just as importantly, she's been through the spectrum of related positions: Campus Life Council task force chair, Cavanaugh senator and Sexual Assault Advisory Committee member, to name a few. Braun has also put in the time. Between the two of them, they've sat on seven of the nine Student Senate committees. In taking over the helm of student government for just a one-year term, that kind of background is essential.

Brown and Braun also boast the broadest platform. A shuttle to the South Bend airport seems realistic, since Transpo is always looking to attract college-age riders. Organizing a "Taste of South Bend" event would also be achievable, and getting Domer Dollars in the Stadium — something also found on the Danny Smith-Ashley Weiss platform — should be popular among students.

Brown and Braun have also tried to update the tired theme of community relations, although whether their approach will actually do anything to strengthen town-gown interaction is doubtful.

However, broad is a relative term in this election, where each ticket has gravitated toward student life — probably a reaction to a past focus on heavy, hard-to-approach subjects, like academic freedom and diversity. The Brown-Braun platform isn't especially innovative or unique. As mentioned earlier, extending the reach of Domer Dollars is a common theme this campaign season and central to both the Smith-Weiss and Cipriano Rivera-Catherine Kane platforms.

Smith and Weiss come across as natural, genuine leaders with lots of ideas. But they don't seem as practiced — the presentation is a little

rough around the edges. What's more, their ideas — however well intentioned — are too expansive, or simply confusing. Can two students revolutionize the Health Services prescription system? What about the tuition plan? And does free television show downloading from a service that already offers free music to college students really constitute a legitimate main platform goal?

Cipriano Rivera and Catherine Kane also mean well — but don't know how to even begin. Getting Chipotle in LaFortune requires more research than calling the company and asking if it has any campus locations.

Freshmen Garrett Coggan and Mike Padberg are clearly in it for the attention. While returning to a more "traditional" all-male Notre Dame isn't going to happen, if elected, the pair could probably deliver on its promise to wreak havoc.






Brown and Braun may not be creative, but they aren't to blame. As most upperclassmen understand, student government is inherently limited in what it can do. If Notre Dame doesn't want to create a guest meal exchange program or make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a University-recognized holiday — two Brown-Braun ideas likely to face major administrative stumbling blocks — it won't. That's why working within the system is a necessity.

That's also why having leaders who are articulate and professional is important. Of the four pairs running, Brown and Braun are the most polished. The two make the best partnership — when they talk, it's clear that their strengths are complementary. Neither dominates the other.

The Observer endorses Liz Brown and Maris Braun for Notre Dame's 2007-08 student body president and vice president.

The Observer Editorial



THE OBSERVER'S TAKE ON THE ISSUES OF THE 2007 ELECTION	COMMUNITY RELATIONS	STUDENT LIFE	STUDENT APATHY	GENDER RELATIONS	ATHLETICS
<div></div> <div>Brown & Braun</div>	<p>Their campaign revolves around community relations. Related plans include off-campus Domer Dollars and a "Taste of South Bend" fair to get students more acquainted with the city.</p>	<p>They want to organize a regular shuttle to and from South Bend airport.</p>	<p>They want online applications for student government so it is a less intimidating process.</p>	<p>They want to promote greater sexual assault awareness.</p>	<p>They want to bring Domer Dollars to the Stadium and the Joyce Center.</p>
<div></div> <div>Coggon & Padberg</div>	<p>They don't address this issue in their platform.</p>	<p>They want Notre Dame women to be moved to Saint Joseph's High School.</p>	<p>They have no plans relating to student apathy.</p>	<p>They want to get rid of women at Notre Dame.</p>	<p>They want to start a squirrel-hunting program and eat the squirrels.</p>
<div></div> <div>Rivera & Kane</div>	<p>They want students to get involved in South Bend through community service at local organizations.</p>	<p>They want to change the meal plan system and allow for "rollover meals."</p>	<p>They want to place suggestion boxes in the dining halls so students can anonymously submit feedback.</p>	<p>They have no plans related to gender relations.</p>	<p>They want a new system for the away game ticket lotteries so it goes faster and more smoothly.</p>
<div></div> <div>Smith & Weiss</div>	<p>Their ideas to improve relations with South Bend focus on getting more off-campus students involved in student government.</p>	<p>They want free music, movie and television show downloading for all students.</p>	<p>They want to make the student government office more welcoming and will utilize the office's Web site.</p>	<p>They want to expand the Student Senate Gender Relations committee and advocate for more "gender-neutral" activities during Freshman Orientation.</p>	<p>In addition to Domer Dollars at the Stadium, they want to institute a new football ticket system where everything is on a student's ID card.</p>

Vote for student body president and vice president on Monday.

SCENE & HEARD

Celebrities capture attention on Valentine's Day

Given the current holiday climate of love, romance and downright commercial sentimentality, I figured I'd factor one of my favorite subjects, celebrities, into the Valentine's Day equation. How so? By way of the omnipresent celebrity crush.

C'mon, you know you've got one. Whether we'd like to admit it or not, all of us are infatuated to some extent with a given celebrity. Or two. Or, in my case, five and counting.

But what is it about celebrities that captures our emotions?

What makes us do crazy things like send marriage proposals to fan mail addresses or wait hours for a nanosecond-long glimpse of Matt Damon?

For one thing, they're ridiculously beautiful. Hardly surprising, given the primping and airbrushing that most celebs undergo to look remotely acceptable to the public. You've seen those "Celebrities are just like us!" columns in "Us Weekly," when Brooke Shields and Kate Hudson are left without makeup or stylists. Scary stuff.

Maybe it's the films they choose, but there's usually some semblance of realistic emotion coming from our favorite actors, too. There's something we can connect with, and, in the depths of our crazy minds, this makes it easier to picture ourselves marrying Colin Firth and having 2.5 kids and a white picket fence together.

So on that note, and in the spirit of

Valentine's Day, I'm opening myself up to the world and offering my own carefully guarded top five celebrity crushes. They're engaging, they're sweet (well, most of them anyway) and, frankly, they're just plain cute.

5. Jeffrey Dean Morgan

If he sounds unfamiliar, picture a scene from ABC's "Grey's Anatomy." Young surgeon Izzie Stevens finds herself falling in love with her funny, sweet and downright adorable patient, Denny Duquette. Yes, that affable donor-list dweller was none other than Jeffrey Dean. Despite his tendency to play roles in which he dies (his turns on "Grey's," the CW's "Supernatural" and even Showtime's "Weeds" are disturbingly mortality-happy), I'm a fan. Slightly morbid? Perhaps, but he's one of a select few who has mastered the "five-o'clock perma-shadow and dimples" combo.

4. Russell Crowe

This occasionally ponytail-sporting Aussie needs no introduction. Those who doubt his talent are silenced by the two Oscars in his closet, and those who doubt his sanity, given his tendency to attack anyone from a hotel concierge to the paparazzi, well, we can just forget about that. Anger management? Details, details. Superfluous, really, when you consider that this Renaissance man even plays in a band, the elegantly titled Thirty Odd Foot of Grunts. "Maximus! Maximus!" indeed.

3. Ioan Gruffudd

Why put a virtual unknown on this list? Well, let's face the facts — his last character was, after all, named "Mr. Fantastic." Best known for playing Reed Richards in "Fantastic Four," as well as the male lead



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Russell Crowe, right, stars opposite Renee Zellweger in 2005's "Cinderella Man." Crowe is one among many Hollywood leading men followed closely by female fans.

in Disney's immortal "102 Dalmatians," Ioan is my favorite Welsh import, right down to his almost unpronounceable name (YO-an GRIFF-ith, if you're interested — which you shouldn't be, because he's mine. Alas.), and with the upcoming "Amazing Grace," he'll soon be a secret no longer.

2. Hugh Jackman

He sings! He dances! And ... he's married. Despite that minor obstacle, Jackman's versatility alone puts him in my top two, as he manages to pull off intensity ("The Prestige"), action ("X-Men"), romance ("Kate and Leopold") and even Broadway ("Oklahoma," "The Boy from Oz"), all while keeping his trademark

smile. Plus, his accent is pretty much amazing.

1. Harrison Ford

Han Solo, Indiana Jones, John Book from "Witness" — no need for clarification. Harrison is officially the perfect man. 'Nuff said.

Happy Valentine's Day, kids — from my boys to yours.

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CD REVIEW

R.E.M. collection includes best of early work

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

It's easy to forget, in the wake of their downhill slide throughout the 90s and beyond, that R.E.M. was once one of the best and most popular bands in the world. Yet most people forget that R.E.M. were once the godfathers of alternative, with an appealing sound that blended garage rock, folk music and mumbled lyrics.

Essentially, R.E.M.'s career has two distinct eras — the independent days (with IRS) and their time with a major label (Warner). Their first (and arguably best) albums were on IRS, and those works form the bulk of "And I Feel Fine...: The Best of the I.R.S. Years," a new compilation showcasing their early work.

The band originally consisted of Michael Stipe (vocals), Bill Berry (drums), Mike Mills (bass) and Peter Buck (guitar). R.E.M. is now a trio, with Berry having departed following an on-stage aneurysm.

The band first formed in the late 70s, with their oldest work appearing in the early 1980s.

It's hard to believe after the mess that was the post-"Automatic For the People" days, but R.E.M. were one of the great American bands for a brief moment in time, forging the way for a myriad of alternative groups. The band's first five albums form the core of early American independent music, striking at the moment in which post-punk was evolving into alternative.

This isn't the first disc to compile songs from R.E.M.'s early days, but it's easily the best, rendering 1988's "Eponymous" obsolete. The two-disc set contains all of the band's hits from the period, such as "Radio Free Europe," "Fall on Me," "The One I Love" and "It's the End of the World as We Know It," all while mixing in a good selection of album tracks and fan favorites like "Pretty Persuasion" and "Begin the Begin." The earliest songs jangle like The Byrds and feature Stipe's

pleasant, mumbled vocals — thankfully, few of these tracks have the keening strain that he would adopt later on.

The second disc completes this set and creates a full portrait of the band by compiling outtakes, b-sides and rarities. Among the highlights are the orig-



Photo courtesy of posttimes.ee

Alternative rockers R.E.M. showcase the music of their earlier days with independent label I.R.S. on the band's latest compilation album, "And I Feel Fine."

inal version of "Bad Day" (which became a hit in a re-recorded version that appeared on "In Time") and the classic "Gardening at Night," one of the band's earliest songs. There are few notable songs missing, like "Superman" and "Wolves, Lower," but on the whole it's a pretty complete set. Even lesser known fan favorites like "Life and How to Live It" and "Cuyahoga" are included, adding real depth to the collection. It's these tracks that both illustrate the breadth of R.E.M.'s early catalogue as well as help explain why they were such an influential act in the 1980s.

Along with "In Time," a previous com-

ilation that documents the Warner years, "And I Feel Fine" summarizes R.E.M.'s career succinctly. At its height, they were a great band that released a lot of classic albums. But most importantly, R.E.M.'s early work retains a timelessness that doesn't necessarily evoke any particular era. This is a hallmark of truly great music, which is why "And I Feel Fine" is such a welcome compilation.

It's a reminder that, while R.E.M. may be best known for their hits, their greatness was borne in the misses.

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R.E.M.

And I Feel Fine

Capitol/I.R.S.



Recommended tracks: 'Radio Free Europe,' 'Pretty Persuasion,' 'The One I Love' and 'Fall on Me'



NHL

Crosby nets only goal of shootout; Caps dethrone Kings

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Sidney Crosby scored the only goal in a shootout to lift the Pittsburgh Penguins over Philadelphia 5-4 on Thursday night, extending the Flyers' franchise-worst, home-losing streak to 13 games.

Mike Knuble's second goal with 1:24 left in regulation forced overtime, and Simon Gagne had two power-play goals for Philadelphia, which has the fewest wins (13) and points (34) in the NHL. Flyers captain Peter Forsberg had three assists.

Held scoreless during regulation, Crosby, the league's scoring leader, beat Antero Niittymaki on the Penguins' third shot in the shootout. Marc-Andre Fleury then stopped Gagne to win it.

With Niittymaki pulled for an extra skater, Knuble redirected Alexei Zhitnik's slap shot in to tie at 4.

Mark Recchi and Erik Christensen scored 30 seconds apart early in the third period, and Jordan Staal and Michel Ouellet also had goals for the Penguins, the NHL's most improved team this season. Pittsburgh has won 10 of 12 with two overtime losses.

The Flyers haven't won at home since beating former coach Ken Hitchcock in his debut with Columbus on Nov. 24, and have just three victories there in 25 games.

Philadelphia fell to 0-6-1 against Pittsburgh this season. It was just the second time in 33 games the Penguins won when

Crosby didn't have a point.

Niittymaki stopped Christensen on the first shot of the shootout, but Jeff Carter missed the net on his chance. Evgeni Malkin and Peter Forsberg traded shots off the post.

Fleury, who hasn't lost in regulation in 11 games since Jan. 9, had an assist on Ouellet's goal. He stoned Mike Richards on a short-handed breakaway in the final minute of the second period.

Recchi, a fan favorite during two stints with the Flyers, gave the Penguins a 3-2 lead by scoring his 19th goal during a scramble in front 34 seconds into the third.

Capitals 4, Kings 3

Dainius Zubrus poked in a rebound 2:28 into overtime Thursday night to give the Washington Capitals a 4-3 victory over the Los Angeles Kings.

Zubrus got his stick on the puck as it lay tantalizing close to the goal line, having trickled past goalie Mathieu Garon and off the right post following a shot by Alexander Semin. It was Zubrus' 19th goal.

Boyd Gordon, Ben Clymer and Chris Clark also scored for the Capitals, and Alex Ovechkin earned a second-period assist to end the longest scoring drought of his young career — he had gone three games without a point.

Anze Kopitar, Alexander Frolov and Lubomir Visnovsky scored for the Kings, who lost to the Capitals on the road for the first time in nearly nine years. They had gone 4-0 with one tie

at the Verizon Center since a 3-2 loss on April 4, 1998.

The game was as close as one could expect from two struggling teams. The Kings entered the game having lost 11 of 13, while the Capitals had dropped nine of 12.

Kings rookie Kopitar scored the only goal of the first period, a rebound off the far post during a 5-on-3 power play.

But Garon, giving 40-year-old Sean Burke a night off, allowed three goals in a rough second period. He whiffed glove-side on Gordon's short-handed shot from the blue line, was slow to react on a wraparound by Clymer and let a close-in shot from Clark trickle over the goal line. Ovechkin got the second assist on Clymer's goal.

Devils 2, Islanders 0

Martin Brodeur posted his NHL-best 10th shutout of the season on Thursday night, stopping 25 shots to lead the New Jersey Devils to a victory over the New York Islanders.

Jamie Langenbrunner broke a scoreless tie midway through the second period and Jay Pandolfo added a short-handed goal with 3:36 left to lead the Devils to their fourth straight win and 15th in 20 games.

The Devils moved to within four points of the Buffalo Sabres for the best record in the Eastern Conference. New Jersey has played one fewer game.

Brodeur, who benefited from a shot off the post by Jason Blake in the second period, had to work hard late to preserve his 90th career regular-season



Penguins forward Sidney Crosby, right, scores a shoot-out goal on Flyers goalie Antero Niittymaki. The Penguins won 5-4.

shutout. He made a great glove save on Brendan Witt's slap shot with about six minutes to play, before stopping Tom Poti, Blake and Mike Sillinger during the power play on which Pandolfo scored.

The loss overshadowed an outstanding 35-save performance by Islanders goalie Rick DiPietro, who posted his 11th NHL shutout Wednesday. It also marked the first time in nine games that New York failed to earn a point (5-1-3).

Brodeur has 90 career shutouts, four behind George Hainesworth for second in NHL history. Terry Sawchuk has the record with 103.

Langenbrunner started and ended the play on the Devils' first goal. He sent a back pass from along the boards in the Devils zone to Paul Martin. The defenseman made a quick cross-ice pass that sent Zach Parise and Travis Zajac on a break.

Islanders defenseman Bruno Gervais prevented Parise from getting a good shot, but DiPietro seemed to lose his footing. Langenbrunner swatted the loose puck past him on the second try.

Senators 4, Canadiens 1

Dany Heatley scored his team-high 32nd goal early in the second period and Peter Schaefer scored during a power play later in the period, leading the Ottawa Senators to a victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday night.

Jason Spezza scored his 21st with 1:31 remaining, an unassisted effort that pushed Ottawa one point ahead of Montreal for second place in the Northeast Division.

Chris Phillips scored in the first and Ray Emery made 27

saves for the Senators, who lost 3-2 in Buffalo on Wednesday.

Ottawa is tied for fourth in the Eastern Conference with the Pittsburgh Penguins, whose 5-4 shootout win in Philadelphia dropped Montreal to sixth.

Canadiens rookie Guillaume Latendresse scored on a penalty shot late in the second to cut Montreal's deficit to 3-1.

The 19-year-old forward was awarded his first career penalty shot with 2:28 remaining in the frame when he was high-sticked and cut on the nose during a breakaway by Phillips, who was also assessed a minor penalty. That was served after Latendresse scored his 11th goal.

Ottawa has allowed goals on each of the four penalty shots they have faced this season, including three against Emery at home.

With Andrei Markov sidelined by a knee injury for a third straight game, Montreal's defense took another hit when veteran Craig Rivet was unable to play because of illness.

Phillips opened the scoring at 4:32 with a slap shot off Cristobal Huet's glove for his seventh goal. The Montreal goalie raised his hands to his head as he flopped face down on the ice after watching the puck trickle slowly in behind him.

Huet stuck out his right pad to deny Andrej Meszaros' shot from the slot later in the period.

Ottawa defenseman Anton Volchenkov recorded his second straight assist 56 seconds into the middle period when Heatley made it 2-0 after he took Jason Spezza's centering pass and beat Huet from the slot.

Schaefer increased the lead to three with his 10th of the season at 16:05.



Islanders forward Andy Hilbert, center, is checked by Devils center John Madden, left, and defenseman Brad Lukowich during New Jersey's 2-0 win in the Meadowlands Thursday.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	conf.	div.
Toronto	26-23	18-9	7-2
New Jersey	23-27	17-13	5-3
New York	22-28	13-18	2-5
Philadelphia	17-33	12-17	3-5
Boston	12-36	8-23	4-6

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	conf.	div.
Detroit	29-18	21-10	4-4
Chicago	28-21	20-8	7-2
Cleveland	28-21	17-14	4-4
Indiana	26-23	19-13	6-4
Milwaukee	19-30	9-20	1-8

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	conf.	div.
Washington	28-20	19-10	6-1
Orlando	25-25	15-16	6-6
Miami	24-25	13-14	3-3
Atlanta	18-30	12-20	4-5
Charlotte	18-31	12-20	3-7

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	conf.	div.
Utah	32-17	20-10	6-2
Denver	23-24	10-16	5-4
Minnesota	23-26	14-18	4-5
Portland	20-30	13-17	4-4
Seattle	18-31	7-19	2-6

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	conf.	div.
Phoenix	39-10	19-9	6-2
L.A. Lakers	30-19	17-10	6-0
L.A. Clippers	24-25	14-17	3-5
Golden State	23-27	13-16	3-7
Sacramento	20-26	11-18	2-6

Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	conf.	div.
Dallas	40-9	28-6	10-2
San Antonio	33-16	21-11	8-4
Houston	31-17	18-15	7-4
New Orleans	22-27	13-18	3-6
Memphis	12-38	6-24	0-12

NCAA Basketball

Women's Big East Standings

	team	Conference record	Overall record
1	Connecticut	11-0	21-2
2	Louisville	7-3	21-3
3	Rutgers	7-3	14-7
4	Marquette	7-3	19-4
5	USF	7-3	17-6
6	West Virginia	7-4	16-8
7	Pittsburgh	6-4	18-5
8	NOTRE DAME	6-4	15-8
9	Seton Hall	6-5	14-8
10	DePaul	5-6	15-9
11	Cincinnati	4-7	13-10
12	St. John's	3-7	7-14
13	Providence	2-8	12-11
14	Syracuse	2-8	8-15
15	Georgetown	2-9	12-12
16	Villanova	1-9	7-16

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NFL



Dallas head coach Wade Phillips addresses reporters at a news conference in Irving, Texas Thursday after being named as Bill Parcells' replacement. Parcells resigned last month after a playoff loss to Seattle.

Cowboys hire Phillips as head coach

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys hired Wade Phillips as their new coach Thursday to replace the retired Bill Parcells.

Phillips' hiring was confirmed by a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the Cowboys had not introduced the coach.

The Cowboys scheduled a late afternoon news conference. While the team wouldn't give the reason for the news conference, it was following the same procedure as it has for past coaching

hires, including Parcells four years ago.

The 59-year-old Phillips, the son of longtime Houston Oilers coach Bum Phillips, spent the last three seasons as San Diego's defensive coordinator. He is a former NFL head coach who has been in the league 30 of the last 31 years.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones left the Valley Ranch complex early Thursday afternoon, apparently to meet with Phillips and his agent, Gary O'Hagan, at a different location.

Jones interviewed 10 candidates to become the Cowboys' seventh coach,

the sixth he will hire since buying the team in 1989. Parcells retired Jan. 22 after four seasons in Dallas and 19 as an NFL head coach.

Phillips joins Tom Landry and Jimmy Johnson as the only Texas natives to be in charge of "America's Team." Parcells is the only other coach who had previous head coaching experience before getting to Dallas.

His departure would be another loss for San Diego. Last month, Chargers offensive coordinator Cam Cameron who became the Miami Dolphins' new coach.

Phillips' head coaching

record is 48-42 over three years with Buffalo, two with Denver and season-ending interim stints with New Orleans and Atlanta. That includes 3-4 as a fill-in and 0-3 in the playoffs, most notably the "Music City Miracle," when Tennessee used a trick kick return for the winning touchdown in the closing seconds.

The last candidates interviewed by Jones were two Super Bowl assistants, Indianapolis assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach Jim Caldwell on Wednesday and Chicago Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera a day earlier.

IN BRIEF

U.S. Senior Open to be played at Sahalee Country Club

FAR HILLS, N.J. — The U.S. Senior Open will be played at Sahalee Country Club in 2010, the first year that Seattle-native Fred Couples will be eligible for the premier event in senior golf.

Sahalee, a tree-lined course in the Seattle suburbs, hosted the 1998 PGA Championship won by Vijay Singh and a World Golf Championship in 2002 won by Craig Parry.

It was supposed to hold the 2010 PGA Championship, but the PGA of America took it away and awarded that major to Whistling Straits as part of a long-term deal that included a Ryder Cup.

Instead, Sahalee officials went after the U.S. Senior Open, the top event for 50-and-older players.

Couples, a former Masters champion and one of the most popular players in golf, grew up in Seattle.

Miller gives up lead at world championships

ARE, Sweden — This is what happens when Bode Miller fails to finish with a flourish.

Leading after the downhill leg of the world championships combined event, Miller was on track for a medal, perhaps gold, until he inexplicably slowed down in the final gates of the slalom and finished sixth.

"I was mystified. I thought he would get the job done today. He was in such a good position," said U.S. men's head coach Phil McNichol. "He did a good job at the top, he was carrying good speed. But then it was a little uncharacteristic. It looked like he was either having a difficult time at the bottom or he backed off."

"It's a great example of what just finishing gets you. Everyone can give him a hard time for not finishing, but at world championships you go for the win or you finish sixth."

Williams to play for Fed Cup team for first time

Fresh off her Australian Open title, Serena Williams has agreed to play for the U.S. Fed Cup team for the first time since 2003 — joining older sister Venus on the squad that faces Belgium in the first round in April.

"I was very happy when Serena called me and said she wanted to play, especially coming after her big win in Australia," U.S. captain Zina Garrison told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Thursday. "She had texted me a couple of times and said she was contemplating playing Fed Cup. She actually let me know last week she'll play."

The U.S. Tennis Association made a formal announcement later Thursday. Venus Williams' participation was announced last week.

"I'm excited to see them back on the court and working hard and defying all the odds of what people think or say about them," Garrison said.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bulldogs break leash on 3s

Butler sets league mark for long-range jumpers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — As one of Butler's guards dribbled up the court in the final seconds of the first half, a lonely voice from the stands pleaded for mercy.

"Campbell," the fan yelled toward Bulldogs forward Pete Campbell. "Please, stop shooting!"

Sorry, too late. The damage had already been done.

Campbell made six of his eight 3-pointers in the first half and finished with 28 points, and No. 10 Butler showed off its outside touch by making a school record 20 3s in a 92-50 blowout of Cleveland State on Thursday night.

Campbell finished 8-of-11 on 3s and the Bulldogs went 20-of-33 from behind the arc, also setting Horizon League and arena records.

"It was one of the best displays of shooting I've ever seen," said first-year Cleveland State coach Gary Waters. "I've seen one guy get in the zone, but the whole team in a zone? I want to say it was embarrassing, but we contested most of those shots, and they went in."

Ranked higher in the AP's poll than at any time in school history, Butler (23-2, 11-1 Horizon) extended its winning streak to nine in a row with an eye-popping display of offensive efficiency and marksmanship.

Butler, which knocked off Notre Dame, Indiana, Tennessee and Gonzaga earlier



Butler forward Brandon Crone, right, drives against Cleveland State forward J'Nathan Bullock in the Bulldogs' 92-50 win.

this season, dominated the overmatched Vikings (8-18, 2-11) from the opening tip. Mike Green added 14 points, Brandon Crone 13 and A.J. Graves 12 for the Bulldogs, who set season-highs in points, field goals, assists and margin of victory.

"On any given night, we're capable of that," Butler coach Todd Lickliter said. "Pete's a great shooter, but it goes back to guys sharing the basketball."

J'Nathan Bullock scored 18 points and Victor Morris 12 to lead the Vikings.

Campbell, who has made 62 percent (44-of-71) of his 3-point tries in the last 111 games, came off the bench

with 14:43 left in the first half.

By the time Lickliter subbed for him just six minutes later, the 6-foot-7 junior, who began his college career at Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne, hit five consecutive 3s — each one tickling the bottom of the net — to help the Bulldogs open a 29-8 lead.

"A lot of them were really good looks," Campbell said. "We moved the ball extremely well, that was the key to starting off well. It just seems like a lot of my shots are open, and I'm just doing my best to knock them down."

Waters briefly switched from a man-to-man defense to a 2-3 zone, but that hardly slowed the Bulldogs or Campbell.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

In battle of arch rivals, Duke returns the favor

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Duke was here before, carrying the No. 1 ranking onto its biggest rival's home court — only to have North Carolina snatch it away.

Not this time. By twice turning back the Tar Heels' late comeback attempts, these determined Blue Devils wouldn't let it happen again.

Abby Waner scored six of her 16 points during the decisive second-half spurt, and top-ranked Duke held off No. 2 North Carolina 64-53 on Thursday night.

"It's a new year. It's a whole new team," Waner said. "I didn't enjoy last year's game here so much. Obviously, you think about what they brought last year, and what you'd change, but it was a whole new year."

Wanisha Smith had all 17 of her points in the first half, Lindsey Harding added 16 points and Alison Bales had 14 rebounds for the Blue Devils (25-0, 10-0 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Duke overcame second-half foul trouble and held off the Tar Heels at every critical juncture, improving to 8-0 against ranked teams and snapping a five-game losing streak to North Carolina — including a surprisingly lopsided loss here last year in the first 1-2 matchup in the history of the rivalry.

"It makes us feel a little bit better about the losses we had in the past, but not much," Duke coach Gail Goestenkors said.

Camille Little scored a season-high 21 points and Erlana

Larkins had 14 rebounds for the Tar Heels (24-1, 8-1), but star point guard Ivory Latta finished with just nine points on 3-of-20 shooting and missed all 11 of her 3-point attempts.

"It's pretty simple — we've just got to shoot the ball better," North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "I don't know we've ever had a game ... where the rest of the team shot as poorly as we did."

North Carolina twice rallied to tie in the second half, the last coming when Alex Miller's jumper with 7:50 left made it 47-47.

Duke countered with a clinching 14-3 spurt led by Waner and Bales. Bales started the run with a wide-open layup and later added an 18-footer, and Waner then scored three straight baskets.

Her last field goal deflated the sellout crowd at Carmichael Auditorium. Waner drove toward the corner, then pulled up and knocked down a jumper, making it 57-50 with 2:40 to play.

"I thought that was the dagger," Goestenkors said.

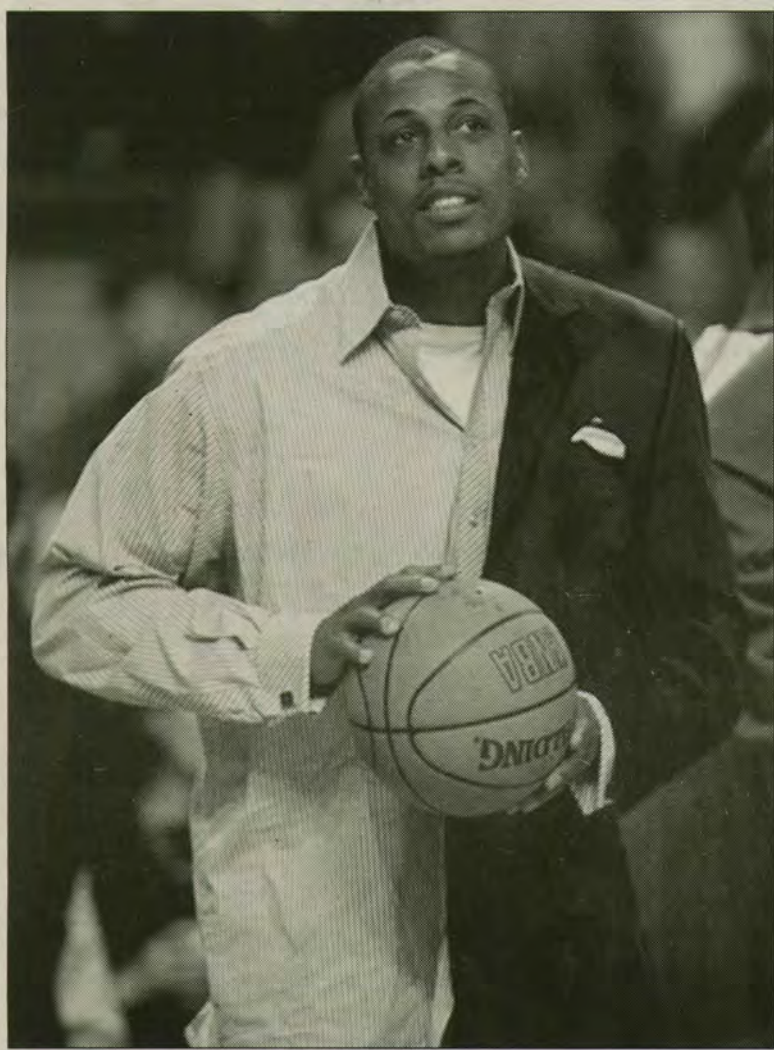
Duke's lead grew to 61-50 on a late free throw by Bales, who overcame a rough offensive game — finishing with just seven points — by blocking seven shots and affecting several others.

"Offensively, she didn't score much, but defensively, she was a monster," Goestenkors said. "She changed so many shots."

Duke avenged its previous visit to Chapel Hill — a 77-65 loss to the Tar Heels — and earned its first victory against North Carolina in the post-Alana Beard era.

NBA

Pierce ready to read up on Celtics' long tale of woes



Boston forward Paul Pierce is learning how to act as a captain for the worst team in the NBA. The Celtics have lost 16 straight.

Associated Press

BOSTON — Paul Pierce didn't get a chance yet to read the inspirational book Celtics owner Wyc Grousbeck left for him. The Boston captain was in the hospital with an elbow infection that derailed his return from a bad foot, and the book remained in his locker.

Wally Szczerbiak left the book behind when he went to get his ankle taped after a 91-79 loss to the Miami Heat extended Boston's franchise-record losing streak to 16 games Wednesday. And Tony Allen's copy of "The Adversity Advantage," by blind mountaineer Erik Weihenmayer, was still in his locker, too; it's probably tough to carry a lot of stuff when you're walking in a full leg cast.

The first blind climber to summit Mount Everest, Weihenmayer was honored during a break in the Heat game Wednesday night as part of the Celtics' "Heroes Among Us" campaign. Grousbeck insisted the visit was long-planned and not timed to snap the team out of its franchise-record losing streak.

"If there's an advantage in adversity, I haven't found it yet," he said.

Neither has his team.

The Celtics matched their magic number with their 16th

loss in a row — one for each of the titles that once made them the pride of the NBA. The league record of 23 straight in one season was set by the Vancouver Grizzlies in 1996 and matched by the Denver Nuggets in '98.

"Every game they're close," Grousbeck said. "Every game, there's two or three players that succeed. There's someone scoring 23, someone scoring 27, getting rebounds, people diving for loose balls. There's a lot to like about it, and they're playing hard for Doc."

"But it's time for a 'W.'"

The Celtics won 16 titles from 1957-86 to establish themselves as the NBA's most prolific dynasty. But it's been a long time since the Celtics, who named their mascot "Lucky" and wear a shamrock on their uniforms, have had any good fortune.

The deaths of Reggie Lewis and Len Bias; the transparent tanking of the 1996-97 season in an attempt to obtain Tim Duncan, only to get a bad draw in the lottery; the disastrous tenure of Rick Pitino — all set back the quest for banner No. 17.

This year, it's been injuries that left the youngest team in the league without veteran leadership, or talent.

Center Theo Ratliff played just two games before being sidelined with a bulging disc. Allen tore his ACL just as he was emerging with a streak of 20-point games.

Pierce missed 22 games with a stress reaction in his foot, then went back to sick bay with an infection and fever just as he was on the verge of returning.

"Obviously, it's a tough break," coach Doc Rivers said. "But we've gotten used to that."

The Celtics are 2-21 without Pierce, prompting one fan to hold up a poster that said: "Wanted: Paul Pierce. Reward: a win."

Pierce was released from the hospital on Thursday.

Szczerbiak had already sprained each ankle before attempting to block a shot on Wednesday night and landing on the foot of Leon Powe, who was sitting near the end of the Boston bench.

"Step on your teammate's foot on the bench? What else can go wrong?" Szczerbiak said. "It's like, gee, it's one of those things. ... It's just frustrating, right when I was starting to feel better."

Rivers joked that he would go to a seven- or eight-man rotation — "If we have seven or eight guys" — but otherwise wouldn't change his approach.

"First of all, I am who I am. I ain't changing," he said. "I believe in what I believe in offensively and defensively. And that ain't changing. And I believe it's the right thing, you just have to stick with it."

But it would be nice to get a little luck.

CYCLING

Embattled Landis won't race in France in 2007

Tour de France champ agrees to doping terms

Associated Press

PARIS — Floyd Landis will skip the Tour de France — and all races in France this year — as part of an agreement with French doping authorities in a case that could strip him of cycling's most prestigious title.

Last year's Tour champion had hip-replacement surgery 4 1/2 months ago and was unlikely to have competed in this year's Tour. He agreed Thursday not to race again in France until 2008, and in return the French anti-doping agency postponed its decision on whether to suspend him from competing in France for a maximum of two years because of a positive doping test.

"Floyd is pleased that the AFLD has agreed with his

counsel's request that they suspend this proceeding," spokesman Michael Henson said.

Earlier, AFLD president Pierre Bordry said Landis "understood perfectly that if he didn't act today, we would start the procedure immediately."

Landis will go before the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on May 14 and, following that, the AFLD will deliver its verdict in June.

"We will let Landis defend himself as he wishes," Bordry said.

The American, who has denied wrongdoing, did not appear at Thursday's meeting of the AFLD's nine-member panel, but sent a lawyer who read his request for a delay.

In the letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, Landis said the parallel cases in France and the United States were complicating matters. He asked

the French agency to hold off until after the U.S. agency rules. The USADA will hold its hearings May 14.

"In this case, and in order to avoid any misunderstanding, I agree to voluntarily not participate in any professional or amateur cycling event in France until December 31, 2007, and in particular the Tour de France 2007," Landis said in the letter.

Bordry said Landis deserves to be heard by the USADA. However, Bordry echoed Tour de France president Christian Prudhomme's sentiment that the American agency was dragging out its process.

Landis spokesman Michael Henson said Landis was happy with the AFLD's decision.

"Floyd is pleased that the AFLD has agreed with his council's request that they suspend this proceeding until the (USADA) hearing is held in May," Henson said by telephone.

Landis' urine sample after a 17th-stage win in last year's Tour de France was found to contain elevated testosterone to epitestosterone levels. He risks being the first rider in the 104-year history of the race to be stripped of his title. Prudhomme has said the Tour no longer considers

him the winner.

Landis argues that the Chatenay-Malabry laboratory which carried out the tests is unreliable, a view shared by seven-time Tour champion

Lance Armstrong.

Landis insisted again on his innocence at a fundraising rally in New York on Wednesday night. He vowed to fight the "lack of leadership at the top of cycling and at the top of the anti-doping agencies."

Bordry said Landis reserves the right to contest the French lab, but maintains the "A" and "B" samples both showed positive readings.

"The 'A' sample tested positive for testosterone. So we asked Mr. Landis, at the time, if he wanted to do a 'B' sample test," Bordry said. "A 'B'-sample test was done at Chatenay-Malabry in the presence of an expert nominated by Mr. Landis, (and) paid by him."

Also present, Bordry said, were "an expert nominated by the USADA, and an expert nominated by the International Cycling Union."

ND TRACK

ND travels to Windsor for meet

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is doing all it can to qualify as many athletes as possible for the Big East championships in one week, and as a result will compete Saturday at the Windsor Team Challenge in Windsor, Ontario.

"[The goal is] to give those kids that are there the opportunity to get qualified for the Big East or to try to just do a little sharpening, or tapering you might say, for the Big East championship the following weekend," Irish coach Joe Piane said.

Piane is sending 22 Irish athletes up north, an equal number of men and women. The majority of the Irish athletes are sprinters, although there are three distance runners going on the women's side. The only jumper participating this weekend will be sophomore Blair Majcina. There are no distance runners for the men's team.

"It's mostly kids that either haven't quite qualified yet for the Big East meet or they might need a little sharpening," Piane said.

One strategy Piane hopes to use for the athletes competing this weekend who have already qualified for the Big East is to have them run in an event that is shorter than what they are used to racing.

"We might put a quarter-miler and put him in the three hundred, or we might take someone who is in the two hundred and put them in the sixty," he said. "It's really just to get kids a little bit sharper for the Big East."

The remaining Irish athletes not participating in the Windsor Team Challenge will continue to practice as usual this weekend in order to stay sharp for next weekend's conference championship.

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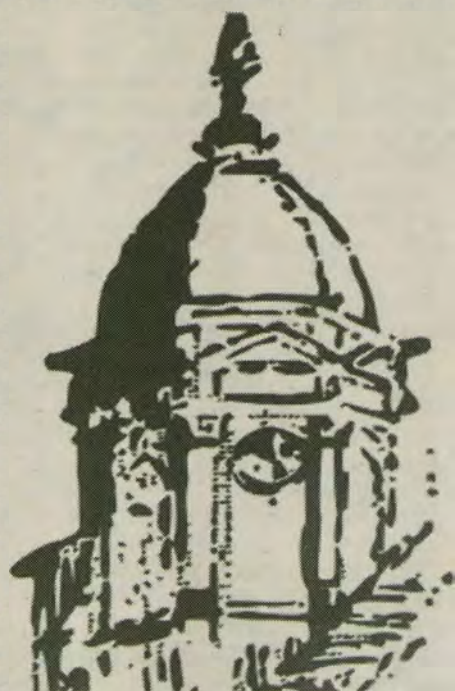
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MEN'S TENNIS

No. 9 Irish take five-game win streak on road

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Upsets aren't anything foreign to Notre Dame and Wisconsin. The question is, can the Badgers get another one this weekend?

The No. 9 Irish come off a successful three-match weekend at home where they defeated No. 13 Florida State and Toledo 5-2 and 7-0, respectively.

The Irish also upset then No. 8 Duke 6-1 to further their record to 5-1.

"It was a great weekend for us but it's kind of like winning the first inning of a 9-inning game," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Our season is not a sprint it's a marathon."

Wisconsin is a clear underdog against Notre Dame, even after upsetting No. 10 Miami 4-3 on the road Monday. The match was tied at three with only the No. 2 singles match left to play. Badger junior Nolan Polley dropped the first set 3-6 to Josh Cohen, but rallied to take the next two sets 6-4, 7-6 for victory.

"For an indoor team to go outdoors and play a match like that with no preparation is a pretty impressive feat," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "So we certainly won't be caught

unaware."

The Irish have dominated in the past against the Badgers — Notre Dame is 42-16 against Wisconsin in all-time series. The Badgers have struggled against the Irish in recent years, failing to produce a win in their last fifteen meetings — Notre Dame defeated Wisconsin 6-1 at home last year.

Notre Dame will look to continue to dominate in doubles play,

Bayliss said. The Irish took the double point in both matches against Toledo and Duke to take the 1-0 lead early. The team will look to gain that advantage again in Madison.

"It helps so much to start off with that doubles point in hand," Bayliss said. "The momentum that it gives you, particularly on the road, puts you in a

position where you feel like really have a chance to win the match."

A win against Wisconsin will give the Irish the consistency that Bayliss said the team has been looking for. Notre Dame upset Ohio State for the Buckeyes' first loss, who finished the season No. 4, last year. But the team did not see the desired results for the rest of the season. Although they won the Big East Championship and finished 19-9, losing to top-seeded Georgia in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, just playing in

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Irish coach



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Andrew Roth returns a serve Feb. 2 against Florida State at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Although Roth lost this match to Chris Clouer at No. 6 singles, the Irish topped the Seminoles 5-2.

the postseason was not good enough. Bayliss said that senior captain Stephen Bass along with fellow classmates Barry King and Ryan Keckley have really aided the Irish in their quest for success this year.

"I think the senior leadership has been extraordinary this year," Bayliss said.

Notre Dame will look to build off its success as they head to Wisconsin Friday night to prepare for Sunday. Bayliss said the team would have to make an adjustment to Wisconsin's slower courts will be a trial for Notre Dame but that the practice time Saturday will help.

Bayliss expects Wisconsin to be

a challenging team, and welcomes the opportunity.

"It's going to be a good opportunity for us because in the next rankings Wisconsin is going to go way up having beat a top-10 team," he said.

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MLB

Selig says MLB will recognize Bonds if he passes Aaron

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds might get a telephone call from baseball commissioner Bud Selig instead of a handshake if the San Francisco Giants slugger breaks Hank Aaron's home run record.

Selig wouldn't say Thursday whether he would attend any

Giants games if and when Bonds closes in on the mark.

Selig insisted that Major League Baseball would celebrate Bonds' potential feat exactly as it does any other major milestone, such as a pitcher's 300th win. Last year, Selig telephoned San Diego closer Trevor Hoffman when he became the career saves leader.

"I wasn't there when Roger Clemens won his 300th game. That's a matter I'll determine at some point in the future," Selig said at a baseball luncheon hosted by Fox Sports Bay Area. "Let me say it, and I'm not going to say anymore. That's it."

Does he even want Bonds to pass the 755 homers of Aaron, who played his final two sea-

sons in 1975 and '76 with the Selig-owned Milwaukee Brewers?

"It is a fact Hank Aaron and I have been friends for 50 years, close friends," Selig said. "When you're the commissioner, you just don't think about that. I have said before if and when Barry Bonds breaks that record it will be handled the same way

that every other record in baseball that's been broken was handled."

There has been wide speculation Selig would prefer that Bonds just retire now to avoid further scrutiny as the seven-time NL MVP pursues the mark of Hammerin' Hank. The 42-year-old Bonds, whose \$15.8 million, one-year contract with the Giants remains unresolved less than a week before the team begins spring training, begins his 22nd major league season only 22 homers from passing Aaron — and Bonds is healthier now than in recent seasons.

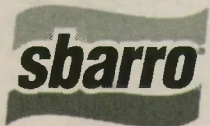
"This is a matter between the Giants and Barry," said Selig, who was treated to his favorite frozen custard dessert flown in from Milwaukee. "As far as I'm concerned, as long as things that are being done are in the best interest of the sport, whether it's contractual or anything else, I don't make those judgments."

Bonds and the Giants have differing views of certain language in the deal and Bonds has yet to sign a revised version that omits the promotional clause that runs afoul of baseball's new labor agreement. The version Bonds signed did contain a provision that says the Giants can terminate the contract if Bonds is indicted.

This season, there will be further speculation about whether his quest for the record was fueled by steroids. Bonds long has denied knowingly using steroids.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish look to build upon No. 2 finish at ITAs

Team to face first Big East opponent of '07

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

On the heels of their second-place finish at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships last weekend — the best in program history — the Irish resume dual meet play today against Big East foe Louisville at 2 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"It's our first Big East team we play and they are always big matches," Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback said.

Louderback said the No. 3 Irish (5-1) will use this match against the No. 71 Cardinals as an opportunity to sit at least one of three players who need to miss a

match this spring because they played too much in the fall.

"[Seniors Christian and Catrina Thompson] and [sophomore] Kelcy Tefft have to sit out a match, and we may sit out one or two on Friday," Louderback said. "We won't decide who will sit until Friday morning. They've had some injury problems so we'll see where they're at Friday morning."

Louisville enters the contest after dropping its last two matches against Troy and SMU, and the team has struggled with illness and injuries to multi-

ple team members. Meanwhile, the Irish are recovering from their 4-2 loss against No. 1 Georgia Tech in the ITA Team Indoor Finals Sunday.

"I thought we played well against Georgia Tech," Louderback said. "We definitely had a chance to win it if we could've won the doubles point. [Georgia Tech] played a lot more confident after they got the doubles point."

Sunday's match marked the first time in 10 tournament appearances the Irish advanced to the finals of the ITA Indoors, a tournament that featured many top-

ranked teams from across the country.

"[How we played there] gave us the confidence that we can play with anyone in the country," Louderback said. "There are 10-15 teams that could win the NCAA Tournament this year, and that's a good thing."

Freshman Ciobanu continued her strong play at the tournament, winning each of the four singles matches she played. Ciobanu finished second to fellow freshman Colleen Rielley at the ITA Midwest Regionals in October and has a 6-0 record

so far in dual match play.

"[Ciobanu is] a great competitor," Louderback said. "She volleys well, hits ground strokes well and serves well. She's got a lot of speed and covers the court. As a freshman especially, she does a great job."

So far this season, Notre Dame has posted four wins against teams in the ITA top-25 rankings, including a 4-3 win over No. 6 Northwestern in the semifinals of the ITA Indoors.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Kalamazoo is next test for Belles

By DAN COOPER
Sports Writer

The Belles will look to rebound from Monday's debacle at Calvin when they travel to Kalamazoo and face the Hornets Saturday at 3 p.m.

Saint Mary's had won four straight before the 75-44 loss to Calvin. The Belles shot a dismal 21 percent from the floor in that game and committed a season-worst 17 turnovers.

The Belles — now 9-11 overall and 8-5 in conference play — will face the Hornets, who are 3-18 and 2-11 in the MIAA, for the second time this year. The Belles easily won the first meeting in a 70-42 romp.

With the conference tournament fast approaching, the Belles hope to hold on to the third spot they currently occupy in the conference standings.

Junior guard Alison Kessler will look to surpass the 1,000-point mark for her career in Saturday's game. Kessler is just 13 points shy of the milestone, which only seven players in school history have attained.

The Belles have worked on rebounds during the last few weeks of practice, and their hard work has shown come game time. Against Calvin, Saint Mary's outrebounded the Comets by a 46-42 margin.

Another Saint Mary's strength is free throw shooting. The Belles have stayed consistent from the charity stripe all year, making it to the line 99 times more than their opponents. Free throws account for 25 percent of Saint Mary's scoring output this season.

After a tough loss, the Belles are favored against Kalamazoo. The win would be crucial to building momentum for the rest of the season.

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game — in a December series, allowing three goals in each of their two wins over the Wolverines, and have since lowered their goals-allowed average to 1.73 goals per game.

Irish goalie Dave Brown continues to make a strong bid for the Hobey Baker every weekend, holding the second-best goals-against average in the country (1.70) behind Vermont's Joel Fallon (1.66). Brown's dominance is aided by the 22.9 shots per game that his blueliners allow the opponent to get off.

"You're not going to get many pucks past [Brown], that's your first issue," Mavericks coach Mike Kemp said. "They have a good, solid defensive corps and just with the system they play, they don't give you many options. They always have numbers back."

Another key matchup will be the battle between the Maverick power play and Irish penalty kill. The two teams met Nov. 24-25 in Omaha and split a series that saw Notre Dame lose 3-2 on a late power-play goal by defenseman Juha Uotila in the second game.

The Mavericks power play has continued to capitalize on its opponent's mistakes, converting .217 percent of its chances. But the Irish penalty kill has made a name for itself as well, successfully running down .915 percent of its man-disadvantage situations.

"That's part and parcel of their whole offense," Jackson said. "The power play — you're going to have to defend well against it too. And the best defense is not taking penalties, if you can avoid it."

Notre Dame got banged up as the season progressed into the grind of late January and early February, losing three players to injury and sickness.

Junior defenseman Dan VeNard has missed over a month due to a lower body injury, and senior forward Josh Sciba will be out for at least this weekend with an upper body injury. Sophomore center Christian Hanson will continue to sit out for the series against the Mavericks with mononu-



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Center Kevin Deeth carries the puck up the ice against Miami Jan. 26 in a 4-1 Irish win. The Irish will defend their No. 1 ranking at home against Nebraska-Omaha tonight.

cleosis, but he began to skate in practice this week for the first time in several weeks.

"[The injuries disrupt] things because this time of the year, you like to get your lines the way you want them for the rest of the year," Jackson said. "I keep switching them because we can't find good combinations. When everybody was healthy, I just had a pretty good feeling of what our best combinations were."

Nebraska-Omaha has had its own serious problems recently,

suspending two of its players for the season this week.

The Omaha World-Herald reported Monday that the Mavericks suspended senior Bobby Henderson and sophomore Adam Bartholomay for the remainder of the season on violation of team rules after they were arrested on suspicion of public intoxication Sunday.

With 10 goals, Bartholomay was the third-leading goal scorer for Nebraska-Omaha and had played both offense

and defense in 30 games for the Mavericks. Henderson had one assist in 12 games.

"It's like I've always said, one person's misfortune is another person's opportunity," Kemp told The Observer Thursday. "So hopefully somebody will pick up the slack."

Tonight's game will begin at 7:30 in the Joyce Center, while Saturday's contest will get a 7:05 start.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish open season at Dartmouth

ND looks for revenge against the team that ended its 2006 season

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

At the beginning of last season, Notre Dame was picking up the pieces from a 3-12 year. This season, though, the Irish are preseason No. 5 nationally.

What a difference a year makes.

The Irish surprised the lacrosse world last season with a 15-4 record and trip to the NCAA semifinals. So it's easy to see why they aren't sneaking up on anyone in 2007.

The Irish open their season Saturday, traveling to face No. 6 Dartmouth in an exhibition match. Although it is preseason, the game will carry a little extra meaning.

Dartmouth, the last team Notre Dame faced last season, eliminated the Irish in the NCAA semifinals 14-8.

"Facing Dartmouth again will definitely be extra motivation for the team," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We're really excited to go against someone new after weeks of scrimmaging against ourselves, and this game will be a good gauge of what is working and what needs change."

Facing the highly ranked Big Green squad will help prepare the Irish for a very difficult schedule, featuring seven teams ranked in the preseason top 20. Senior Meghan Murphy said the team enjoys the challenge.

"We would have it no other way," Murphy said. "We know we need to be tested and challenged throughout the season to fine-tune our skills and strategies."

The team will be led by a talented group of returning starters, including three members of the preseason All-Big East team. Junior midfield/attack Caitlin McKinney and sophomore midfield/attack Jillian Byers were unanimous selections to the team, joined by senior defender Meaghan Fitzpatrick.

While outside expectations for the Irish are very high this season, the team's expectations may be higher still.

"It's not about just getting to the NCAA semis anymore," senior midfielder Lena Zentgraf said. "It's about winning the next two games for the championship."

Notre Dame's other main goal this season will be winning the inaugural Big East tournament.


"We're tired of finishing runner-up — we want to win the Big East and take our place among the other elite teams at Notre Dame," Coyne said. "This is absolutely the most talented and experienced team I've ever coached, and the Big East and national championships are our ultimate goals."

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the ball — and Kurz's lower body. Kurz and Irish coach Mike Brey looked for a foul call, but received nothing.

"I definitely think I got fouled, but you know, what are you going to do," Kurz said. "You can't harp on one play. It's in the referee's hands, and you're on the road and tough things happen."

Brey said he designed the final play for Jackson to get into the lane and make something happen off the dribble.

"They defended [the last play] very well. Having said that, we still had some opportunities with rebounds and stuff," Brey said. "Usually a put-back gets you the win or the tie in those situations. We had two of them and couldn't convert it."

The Irish (18-6 overall) grabbed a 66-63 lead with 2:04 remaining in the game, thanks to a 3-pointer by guard Tory

Jackson. A rebound bucket by DePaul forward Marcus Heard cut the lead to one.

Still, the Irish had a 66-65 lead with 27 seconds left and the shot clock turned off. That meant the Blue Demons (14-11, 5-6 Big East) would have to foul. Notre Dame put the ball in the hands of its best free-throw shooter, guard Colin Falls, near half court.

DePaul guard Draelon Burns stole the ball from Kurz and found a streaking Chandler down court, who slammed in the 67-66 go-ahead bucket for the Blue Demons.

"Certainly they were in a situation where I thought they were going to foul and probably would have sometime in that sequence," Brey said. "I guess we lost the ball somehow. That's the guy I want shooting free throws. So I felt pretty good when he caught it 70 feet from the basket."

Falls led the Irish with 20 points on 7-for-11 shooting, while Kurz — who was back in the starting lineup for the first time since suffering a sprained

ankle Jan. 27 against Villanova — had 15 points and nine rebounds.

Chandler earned the Endall Smith Award as the game's MVP and gave the Irish fits inside all night.

"[Chandler's] so active. Physically he's at a whole other level — a very, very talented young man," Brey said. "He plays with such a nice demeanor. He never gets rattled. There's not a better raw talent in our league than this kid."

Notre Dame got off to a fast start, utilizing offensive rebounds and Blue Demons turnovers to take an 11-0 lead. Irish forward Luke Harangody had four points during that stretch, but would not score the rest of the night. He finished with four points on 2-for-10 shooting and nine rebounds.

The Blue Demons didn't panic, attacking the Irish defense to get high-percentage shots and get back in the game. They went on a 10-0 run to take a 24-20 lead with 10:24 left in the first half.

After that, DePaul went cold, converting two of its last 11 field-goal attempts in the half. But the Irish could not capitalize.

Notre Dame's lead never got higher than three the rest of the game.

The second half saw the teams go back and forth. DePaul started hot again, grabbing a 48-42 lead with 14:36 left, but then cooled off. The Irish chipped away, and then retook the lead 55-54 with 8:34 remaining, but would not be on the upside of the scoreboard until Jackson's 3-pointer with just over two minutes left.

Offensively, the Irish shot 41 percent for the game, but only



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Guard Russell Carter, left, goes up against DePaul forward Wilson Chandler at the Allstate Arena.



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DePaul guard Cliff Clinkscales (12) and his teammates celebrate with students and fans on the floor of the Allstate Arena after DePaul's 67-66 win over Notre Dame Thursday.

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men's and women's rankings.

Last week at the Midwest Duals, the Irish finished 3-0 on both the men's and the women's side. The Notre Dame men beat Indiana 22-5, Michigan State 20-7 and

Purdue 24-3.

The Irish women topped the Hoosiers 23-4, the Spartans 25-2 and the Boilermakers 27-0.

The women foilists turned in the best performance for Notre Dame, finishing 27-0.

But Bednarski knows the Irish must do even better to beat the top teams at Duke.

"I hope they will fence better than last week," he said. "The

strongest challenge will be on the side of the epee fencers. ... It will be a challenge for our epees, both women and men."

Air Force senior epeeist Jason Stockdale finished eighth in the 2006 NCAA Championships. The Falcons will also challenge the Irish in the sabre, Bednarski said.

"They are expanding their program," Bednarski said of

Air Force. "I believe that they will be a challenge for our girls, especially."

On the men's side of the sabre, the Irish will be without 2006 NCAA runner-up Patrick Ghattas. The senior will be competing in international competition this weekend to garner points and increase his national ranking ahead of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

No matter the personnel problems, Bednarski said Duke is always a tough environment.

"It's a lot of noise, a lot of cheering and a lot of emotions going around," he said.

That is, if the Irish ever get there.

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Smith, who scores 15.5 points per game, is one of three starters who average more than 10 points per game. Guards Allie Quigley (15.3 points) and Jenna Rubino (12.2 points) are the other two.

"Even the ones that aren't averaging double figures will be pretty soon," McGraw said. "They do have a very balanced team and they've had a lot of injuries and recently they've gotten a couple of kids back."

The Blue Demons' offensive style may present challenges to the Irish. The team lacks a bona

fide center, which lends its offense to a more fast-paced, guard-dominated style.

"They really play a five out, five guards kind of offense," McGraw said. "We're going to have to figure out how to guard that. They have good 3-point shooters. It's going to be a difficult matchup for us because they don't have the big center like we have."

Poor shooting has hampered the Blue Demons in big games. In its 78-61 loss to St. John's, DePaul sank only 19 percent of its attempts from 3-point range. In the 86-68 loss to Louisville, the Blue Demons only managed 29 percent of their field goals.

Notre Dame comes into the game having won its last two

games, an impressive offensive display against West Virginia and a defensive shutdown of Louisville. Guard Charel Allen led the Irish with 21 points on 8-of-15 shooting against the Cardinals, and guard Breona Gray was 3-of-6 from 3-point range, scoring 12 total points.

Freshmen Ashley Barlow and Erica Williamson saw considerable playing time against Louisville and made good use of it. Barlow dropped 15 points and grabbed six rebounds in 30 minutes while Williamson helped neutralize Cardinals center Chauntise Wright in the paint.

DePaul averages 41.5 rebounds per game, 1.6 more than it allows its opponents and

3.9 more than Notre Dame. Rebounding will be addressed in practices leading up to the game.

"We just need to keep working on the things we need to improve on," McGraw said. "Working on our offense and working on rebounding. Just kind of the fundamentals really."

With the Big East tournament looming, Notre Dame's play needs to continue at this level. After DePaul, the Irish go on the road to face Villanova and

Providence. They return home to host Georgetown and Rutgers, and finally travel to DePaul in their final game of the regular season.

McGraw isn't concerned about her team staying focused or getting caught up in their recent success.

"We have a long way to go, a lot of games left," she said. "And this is not a team that looks past anyone, so I think

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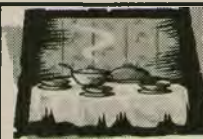
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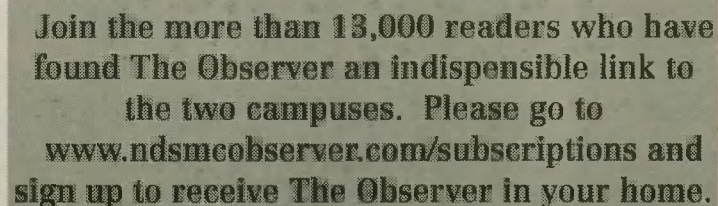
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HOCKEY

Top-ranked icers take on Nebraska-Omaha

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson stood near center ice at practice Thursday and blasted his players for poorly executing a defensive system.

"You can't be strong in the neutral zone against this team,"

he yelled. "You have to be great in the neutral zone."

Jackson was referring to the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks, who play the No. 1 Irish in a two-game set starting tonight at the Joyce Center. And the second-year coach had every reason to be on edge the day before the CCHA series began — the Mavericks bring one of

the nation's most potent offenses to face off against the best defense college hockey has to offer.

Nebraska-Omaha (13-12-7, 10-9-3 CCHA) has become the fifth-best offense in the country (3.81 goals per game) behind the duo of senior forwards Scott Parse and Alex Nikiforuk, and an entire offensive unit that has

lifted the Mavericks to fifth place in the CCHA, more than compensating for a lackluster defense.

"You're going to have to defend well — I don't care who you are — against Nebraska, they're an offensive team," Jackson said. "You can key on Parse, then you have Nikiforuk beating you — they have sever-

al very good players and Parse is a great player, there's no question. If you focus on one guy, someone else will burn you."

The Irish (23-5-2, 17-3-2 CCHA) defended well against Michigan — college hockey's top offense with 4.40 goals per

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Last-second demons

Irish can't score as time expires, fall at DePaul

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

CHICAGO — With Notre Dame trailing 67-66, Irish forward Rob Kurz grabbed the rebound off forward Luke Zeller's miss with less than three seconds left.

Enter Blue Demons forward Wilson Chandler.

Chandler blocked Kurz's shot and time expired Thursday, giving DePaul a key conference victory and dropping the Irish to 1-5 on the road against the Big East and 6-5 overall in league play.

The Demons sophomore big man, who finished with a game-high 25 points and 14 rebounds, made contact with

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Forward Rob Kurz, center, attempts to get the game-winning shot off Thursday night at DePaul, but is blocked by Blue Demons forward Wilson Chandler, back. The Irish fell 67-66.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team looks for third straight Big East win



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Guard Breona Gray, center, takes off on a fast break in a come-from-behind victory over Louisville at the Joyce Center Wednesday.

Irish hope to capitalize on DePaul's road woes

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

After an impressive second-half comeback over Louisville, Notre Dame faces DePaul with a chance to capture its third victory Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

DePaul (15-9, 5-6 Big East) has lost its last three games on the road, falling to Connecticut, St. John's and Louisville. Irish coach Muffet McGraw appreciates the home court advantage her team will have Sunday.

"I think we'll [feel] real confident playing at home," McGraw said. "I think particularly for the freshmen it's just easier for them to play at home. And I think they enjoy the crowd. The crowd is really helping us win games right now."

The Blue Demons defeated South Florida 72-65 Tuesday. Forward Caprice Smith led the team with 17 points and 15 rebounds, and was one of five players in double figures during the game.

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FENCING

ND heads to match at Duke

Weather strands team at O'Hare just hours before the competition

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's trip to Durham, N.C. for the Duke Duals got off to a bumpy start.

Sitting in O'Hare International Airport waiting for his team's flight, all Irish coach Janusz Bednarski wanted, quite literally, was for his squad to get off the ground.



Bednarski

By 9 p.m. Thursday, Notre Dame's flight had been delayed four hours due to tire problems on the plane scheduled for the 750-mile flight. And the Irish were just hoping to get to North Carolina in time for the competition, which begins at 9 this morning.

"I don't want to be sitting here," Bednarski said by telephone. "I would rather have us be fencing. ... We are sitting and waiting for information. I just hope we will make it today."

When the Irish finally arrive at the two-day Duals, they will have a new set of problems.

The field at Duke includes Air Force, Duke, Johns Hopkins and North Carolina. The Falcons are ninth in the current USFCA poll on the men's side while the Blue Devils received votes but are outside the top 10 in both the

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