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Choosing to have a voice

A recent poll by The Observer found that 43 percent of students said "could care less" about today's student body presidential election. Yet these are the students that complain when Student Affairs starts citing 21-year-old tailgaters. These are the same students that complain about partials, gender relations and dining hall meal plans. These are the same students who say student government is ineffective and inconsequential.

And, as long as 43 percent of the student body "could care less" about student government, student government will remain powerless.

In the grand scheme of things, student government has very little power. It can allot funding to clubs, plan some activities and survey student opinion. Senate and the Board of Trustees — which will simple ignore and dismiss them. Even when student leaders are given the opportunity to address the people that make the decisions around here, they are casually shrugged off as "not being a part of the decision making process.

So considering the little official power that student government does have, why should students even care about who wins today? Because, unofficially, student government could be the most powerful group on campus. If student government were united, it could create a free press. Armed with a free press, students leaders would be able to create a forum to communicate student points of view to the student body.

When the student body couldn't care less, the student government is powerless. But when the student body is interested in the decisions of student government, the student government has influence.

So if students want student government to be effective, they need to stop sitting in their dorm rooms and complaining. Student government is only ineffective if students don't participate. If students want a more reasonable tailgating policy, they need to attend the town meetings organized by student government and make their voices heard. It's easy for administrators to ignore petitions from a few students on the second floor of LaFortune. It's much harder to ignore over hundreds of students united behind one goal.

So make sure you vote today. Make your choice for the person who will best lead the student body in 2002-2003. But then, make a much more important choice. Choose to become an active voice on campus. Choose to give student government the power it needs to be effective. Choose to stop sitting in your dorm room and complaining and start doing something.

Contact Mike Connolly at connolly.28@nd.edu.

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This week on campus

Monday

• Election: Student Body President and Vice President Elections, all day. Ballots will be available in every dorm.

• Sophomore Literary Festival: noon, Jean Hollande book signing, Notre Dame Bookstore

Tuesday

• Sophomore Literary Festival: Candace Bushnell lecture, 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall

Wednesday

• Ash Wednesday: Mass, noon and 6 p.m., Regina Chapel,

• Ash Wednesday: Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Beyond campus

Georgetown VP expected to reject gay resource center

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Georgetown University Vice President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez is today releasing his written decision on the fate of the proposed gay lesbian bisexual and transgender resource center. The decision, however, will not come as a surprise to supporters of the center.

According to supporters, Gonzalez met with GLBT center proponents Feb. 1 and informed them of his decision to reject the creation of the center. Gonzalez previously had announced he would release his decision the third week of January.

GU Pride students credit their recent phone campaign to Gonzalez's office for his decision now to release a formal decision.

"We know that he's going to say no, but we don't know what else he's going to say," GU Pride member and GLBT center proponent Rob Anderson said.

Anderson said a meeting he and other members of GU Pride had with Gonzalez, Director of Student Programs Mary Kay Schneider and Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry Barbara Humphrey McCrabb on Wednesday "hammered out the particulars of a (gay rights) working group," to exist, though not a resource center.

Gonzalez's Executive Assistant Raymond Acevedo said at this time, Gonzales has declined comment.

"He will be willing to comment as soon as an official response is made," Acevedo said.

According to supporters, in the meeting last Friday Gonzalez said while the center would not conflict with Catholic identity it does not deal with issues of sexual morality, he couldn't support the center.

According to Anderson, who attended the meeting, "it may be perceived by others as promoting a certain sexual ethic, or in the future it may cause the promotion of a certain sexual ethic."

The Hoyas

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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Penn State

Police still look for missing student

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.

One hundred days since the disappearance of Pennsylvania State University student Cindy Song, the Ferguson Township Police Department is employing the help of the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Investigative Assessment Unit to assist in the investigation of the missing 21-year-old. Police plan to perform a complete search of Song's apartment, where she was last seen in the early morning hours of Nov. 1. They also intend to contact a forensics team to conduct a search of her bedroom.

One of events that took place in her bedroom was a fire that was started in her room. "There were a number of items that took place in her bedroom during that fire and turned evidence," Ferguson Township Police Chief Edward J. Conter said. "But investigators of a different discipline think there is still forensic evidence available." Investigators have been unable to perform the search of Cindy Song's apartment because it has not been labeled as a crime scene. They are going in search of the possibility of new leads.

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Local weather

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National weather

The AccuWeather.com forecast for Monday, Feb. 11.

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

Correction/clarification

In Friday's "Some features on off-campus coffee shops," Luke's Cafe was misspelled. The Observer regrets the error.

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Study says appeals likely to reverse death penalty

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WASHINGTON

When jurors choose a death sentence in cases that are not among the "worst of the worst," the sentence is more likely to be overturned on appeal, a study spanning 23 years of court records found.

Arthur Andersen for destroying Enron-related documents, also has taken the Fifth Amendment before Congress.

"I'm disappointed [Lay is] going to do that," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., chairman of a Senate Commerce panel on consumer affairs. "He has talked for some while about wanting to tell his side of the story to the American people. ... Ultimately, we will get to the bottom of this, with or without his cooperation." Lay has been subpoenaed to appear Tuesday before the Senate Commerce Committee and on Thursday at a hearing of the House Financial Services subcommittee on capital markets.

Lawmakers say they have not considered granting immunity from prosecution to Lay or other Enron executives in return for their testimony, because they do not want to interfere with the Justice Department's criminal investigation of Enron. Congress can compel witnesses to show up but cannot force them to answer potentially incriminating questions without granting them immunity from criminal prosecution.

Lay's colleague at Enron, former chief executive officer Jeffrey Skilling, did testify last week. But a number of leaders of Congress' investigations of the Enron collapse made clear earlier Sunday that they didn't believe the sworn testimony of Skilling. One suggested Skilling could face accusations of perjury as a result of his testimony.

Lay, who was a friend and political backer of President Bush, has not spoken publicly about the Enron disaster since the company entered bankruptcy in December.

Lay's wife, Linda, said recently there were some things about Enron's finances her husband wasn't told about by other company officials.

After an intense week of hearings, lawmakers say they have strong evidence of illegal activity surrounding the failure of the energy-trading company, which slid into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2.

Looking for a great job for your senior year?

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made about us, we felt we were at a disadvantage and we wanted to set the record straight," said Palko. "It’s not an endorsement."
Although the link never explicitly names The Observer, Palko and Mercantell appear to be responding to comments printed in the newspaper’s vote guide last Thursday. In particular, the Web site addresses the paper’s representation of Palko and McCarthy’s position on student tailgating and Dulac — a representation that Palko described as containing "lies."
"Students see that and it influences them," he said. "No one’s going to vote for someone that’s against tailgating."
Palko, who told The Observer last Monday that he did not "want to abuse the situation and just take advantage of NDToday," said on Sunday that he and Mercantell have not yet decided whether they will use NDToday.com in any additional capacity.
According to Judicial Council vice president of elections John McCarthy, the ticket’s use of NDToday.com does not represent a campaign violation.
"They haven’t used NDToday in an unfair way. It’s just like writing an editorial for [The Observer]."
McCarthy equated NDToday.com to The Observer and Scholastic, two media sources the Judicial Council has no control over. However, McCarthy added that if any candidate used NDToday.com to insult their opponents, the council would step in.
Palko and Mercantell’s opponents said they agree with McCarthy that Palko and Mercantell acted reasonably.
"It doesn’t bother us. It’s an individual Web site, so they can put their opinion on it," said candidate Brian Moscena, who is running with Dave Schaffer.
Nick Williams, who is running for vice president with Nikki McCard, said Palko’s use of NDToday.com would be similar to any candidate spreading information to a group of his or her friends.
"I don’t think [NDToday.com] represents the cross-section of the students," said Williams.
For candidate Libby Bishop, it was important that Palko only set up a link to his campaign Web site. "That’s better than them putting it completely on NDToday," she said.
Bishop, who is running with Tris Foley, "in a sense, they are using it as an implicit campaign tool, but they’re not encouraging you with ‘vote for us.’"
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Catholic faith and includes small-group discussion with rectors, campus ministers, counselors and Student Affairs senior staff as facilitators.
"It’s critically important for our first-year students to do this because they should have an idea about healthy gender relations," Poorman said.
Eating disorders
Poorman identified two improvements to come out of Student Affairs’ work in the area of student eating disorders: the hiring of a specialist and the creation of a support group.
Last spring Valerie Staples became the University’s first full-time staff counselor who specializes in eating disorders. Also since last spring, Chandra Johnson, an executive assistant to University President Father Edward Mallory and assistant director of Campus Ministry, has offered A Life Uncommon for women who have had eating disorders. The non-clinical support group meets weekly during the academic year.
Alcohol use
"I think alcohol use and abuse on campus deserves some scrutiny," Poorman said. In academic year 2000-2001, that scrutiny came in the form of Student Affairs-conducted focus groups. The groups polled the opinions and suggestions of wide-ranging constituencies: undergraduate and graduate students, rectors, law enforcement officials, alumni, admissions staff, faculty and parents, among others.
Poorman said his office was still processing data that came from the groups but that right now he was concerned mainly with law enforcement of University rules governing student alcohol use. Poorman said the administrator addressed an issue that’s "a nerve with many students last fall — Notre Dame officials’ crackdown on student tailgaters.
He said officials last summer developed a plan to cut down on undergraduate drinking and tailgating. In Sept. 11 attacks, he said, disrupted rollout of the plan, as the University found itself devoting more of its personnel to safeguarding the Stadium rather than implementing the tailgating initiative. The result was a hasty effort between administrators and police to enforce the rules.
"None of the students realized the signals got crossed," Poorman said.
He pledged to continue the crackdown in the fall, saying Students Affairs would establish a clearer definition of "tailgating" and "alcohol-focused tailgating."
"This is more effectively than last fall to stu­dents and fans."
Other initiatives
In the past two years, Student Affairs officials have taken several steps to integrate academic and student life: organizing A Week of Peace and War Education, revitalizing the role of resident hall academic commissioners, founding a diversity education program and a first-year student-athlete orientation and establishing the Advisory Committee for Academic and Student Life that reports directly to Provost Nathan Hatch.
Poorman has continued his office’s tradition of every year giving each residence hall $1,500 to sponsor academic programming in the dorm.
Student Affairs, along with the rest of the University, has begun its strategic planning, which will include a five-year academic and student life will be a pri­ority, Poorman said. The Strategic Plan formulates a comprehensive 10-year plan for departments.
Poorman said his office will seek and he interested in receiving student input into the plan. Senior Student Affairs staff will also visit all the off-campus programs each fall to benchmark programs at those school with offerings in place here.
**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

**SAUDIS EXPECT CITIZENS TO RETURN**

Saudi Arabia is expecting more of its citizens to return from Afghanistan, the kingdom's top security official said Saturday, indicating some would face prosecution. Interior Minister Prince Nayef said some Saudis now in custody at home had been in Afghanistan in the past. More than 30 were detained based on U.S.-provided lists, he said.

**IRAN CLOSES WARDORF'S OFFICE**

Iran has closed the office of a former Afghan warlord who opposes Iran's interim government and the strong U.S. role in that country. The closing of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's offices in Tehran and Mashhad appears to be a conciliatory gesture toward the U.S., where officials have accused Iran of trying to destabilize the new Afghan government.

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**CALIF. FIRE ENGULFS 100 ACRES**

A fire propelled by high winds destroyed five homes Sunday and threatened several others north of San Diego. The homes were lost in Fallbrook shortly after the fire was reported about at about noon, said Audrey Higgen, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry. No one was injured. The fire had consumed 100 acres just an hour after it was reported, Higgen said.

**WOMAN MYSTERIOUSLY DIES IN N.J.**

A mystery illness killed one woman attending a weekend convention and sent seven others to hospitals, but health officials said Sunday they didn't think anyone else who didn't already have symptoms would get sick. The woman had a flu-like illness for about two days before becoming seriously ill Saturday night. Joanne Henstreet was attending a convention at the Cherry Hill Hilton with about 500 other employees of Cendant Mortgage.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

**TODDLER ACCIDENTALLY RUN OVER**

An 18-month-old girl was killed Saturday when her mother accidentally drove over the toddler in the family's driveway. Julia Willemsen was pronounced dead shortly after she was taken to Community Hospital in Anderson suffering from head injuries, Madison County Deputy Coroner Ned Dunnichay said. Alfredine Willemsen, 29, had driven her sport-utility vehicle out of garage and did not see her daughter, who was 18 feet from the garage, police said. The mother was unaware the girl had wandered behind the vehicle.

**GAZA STRIP**

**ISRAELI F-16S BOMB GAZA COMPLEX**

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP:

Israeli warplanes bomb a Palestinian security building on Sunday near the headquarters of Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, in apparent retaliation for a previous shooting attack against Israeli earlier Sunday.

The warplanes, believed to be F-16s, fired two bombs at the Palestinian security complex on the Mediterranean coast, just a few hundred yards from Arafat's offices. There was no immediate word on casualties. However, the planes circled overhead for several minutes before striking, and Palestinian security officials dashed out of the complex before the bombing began.

The security complex had already been badly damaged in previous Israeli air strikes. Israel has confined Arafat to the West Bank city of Ramallah for the past two months, demanding that he arrest Palestinian militants. He has not been in Gaza since November.

The air strikes came hours after two Palestinian gunmen opened fire outside an Israeli military base in the southern city of Beersheba, killing two women soldiers and injuring five people before they were shot dead by the troops.

**CARDINAL VOWS TO STAY ON THE JOB**

Associated Press

BOSTON: A confident Cardinal Bernard Law was interrupted by applause Sunday when he vowed he would not step down despite increasing pressure over a sexual abuse scandal involving priests who had worked in the archdiocese.

"Archbishop is not a corporate executive. He's not a politician," Law said before his homily during Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. "It's a role of a pastor. It's a role of a teacher. It's a role of a father."

"When there are problems in the family, you don't walk away. You work them out together with God's help," he said.

The pressure on Law has been escalating since the Jan. 18 conviction of defrocked priest John Geoghan, who faces 10 years in prison for indecent assault and battery on a 10-year-old boy. Geoghan also faces two more criminal trials and 80 civil lawsuits.

Law subsequently apologized to abuse victims and announced a policy of "zero tolerance" for sexual abuse. The change in policy came after documents showed Law knew of the accusations against Geoghan but stayed silent and allowed him to remain a priest.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston gave authorities the names of 40 accused priests and said that none was active, but in the past week, eight active priests were suspended because of allegations of abuse.

More than 80 names now have been given to district attorneys in the five counties comprising the Boston archdiocese. The archdiocese has yet to give the names of victims of suspected pedophile priests to prosecutors, some of whom are growing impatient as they consider filing charges against the priests.

Without names of victims, district attorneys say they can't investigate priests accused of molestation. It's too early to threaten subpoenas to obtain names, they say, but they haven't ruled it out.

Law repeated that, to his knowledge, there are no active priests with any accusations against them. "I am as confident as I can be that all names are out," he told reporters after Mass, although he added that the records review is "ongoing."
Thieves: Time for ‘regime change’ in Iraq

* Iraqi vice president disputes American comments

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq

Iraq’s vice president scoffed Sunday at Secretary of State Colin Powell’s comments about bringing about a “regime change” in Iraq as typical of the “American invaders.”

Taha Yassin Ramadan also said Powell’s negative response to an Iraqi offer for a dialogue with the United Nations doesn’t concern Iraq.

Powell said Tuesday “it should be a very short discussion.”

adding that Iraq must allow weapons inspectors back in “on our terms.”

“We’ve said we are ready for an unconditional dialogue with the [U.N.] secretary general and the international body.”

Ramadan responded.

Iraq has been under U.N. sanctions since its invasion of Kuwait in 1990, which led to the Gulf war. The sanctions cannot be lifted unless U.N. inspectors verify Baghdad has dismantled its weapons of mass destruction.

U.N. inspectors left Baghdad in December 1998 ahead of U.S. and British airstrikes. Iraq has barred them from returning and has demanded an end to the sanctions, saying it complied with all U.N. resolutions.

Also on Sunday, a U.N. official visiting Baghdad said the organization’s humanitarian program in Iraq is bogged down by politics and outdated regulations requiring adjustment.

Benon Sevan, director of the U.N. oil-for-food program, spoke at a news conference at the end of three-week visit to Iraq — his first in nearly 1 1/2 years.

Under the program, Iraq is allowed to sell unlimited amounts of oil to buy food, medicine and other humanitarian supplies, and to pay war reparations while sanctions are in place.

Sevan noted the program was designed to be temporary, but has been extended repeatedly and, over the years, has grown in scope while its regulations have remained the same.

Sevan said talk about improving the program shouldn’t be seen as a sign it should remain in place forever. "But as long as sanctions are in place, there is no alternative for this program," he said.

Herman expected to contact NSP this morning if the money wasn’t recovered. He said Murdi Gras would be cancelled in the future if the robbery went unsolved.

The event typically draws a large turnout of students who travel freely between separate parties being held in rooms throughout the hall. Traditionally, men who live in the hall were permitted to invite two women to the festivities, which also include a parade around campus to pick up the men’s dates.

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Please recycle.
Suffering families uproot to find relief aid

Father of 8 attempts suicide to escape from pain, vows to try again

Associated Press

DASHTEH ARZANA CAMP

Hunger drove him to leave his village. Bad luck led him to a ford. But it didn't stop Sadeq, a 40-year-old farmer, from attempting suicide to escape pain, according to Mohammad Asur, a leader in the Dashteh Arzana camp. "How can we go back?" Asur grabbed his wool blanket, covered in one of the few aid shipments to reach the camp. "We are going to the bazaar to sell these for bread," he said.

Local farmers, he added, have started to shoot at camp dwellers trying to steal handfuls of carrots or onions from the nearby fields. Sadeq's family - a wife and children ranging in age from seven months to 12 years - live in a 6-by-6-foot hole covered by a tent of stitched-together sacks. His wife, Jamela, has kept the charred clothes Sadeq wore when all seemed lost.

"The children tried to put it out. It was too much. They were yelling. 'Daddy is on fire,'" Jamela recalled. "It was a horrible sight that will live with us for ever."

Friends ran to the closest village to fetch a car. They brought him to Barat Hospital, a private facility helped by U.N. funds. Doctors didn't think he would survive. Sadeq had second-degree burns over 60 percent of his body, mostly his arms and legs, said Dr. Jowid, who like many Afghans goes by one name. "But he has improved. He will recover physically," said Jowid. He wasn't sure about Sadeq's mental state.

Sadeq's family has not come to visit him in the hospital room - packed with about 20 other patients and the contrary smells of antiseptic and filth. "I don't want to see my children. I am useless to them," said Sadeq, whose face is motted with burns. "There is nothing left. Life has been bad. I promise I will try to kill myself again."

The limited distribution is partly intentional. Relief agencies, conscious of what they call "the pull factor," do not want to encourage a continued exodus from villages. "It's a difficult balancing act," said Arnauld Serra-Sharif, head of the International Rescue Committee, or IRC, in Mazarr-e-Sharif. "Clearly, there are people who need help, but we don't want to create permanent camps that keep drawing new people."

The IRC, one of the lead agencies dealing with internal migrants, plans to begin dismantling the "spontaneous" camps around Mazarr-e-Sharif this week and consolidating the migrants in two or three areas. The effort intends to weed out cheaters and help focus the aid distribution, said Serra-Sharif. Ultimately, aid groups want to persuade migrants to return home. Many refugees say that is impossible.

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Bush shines with State of the Union Address

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Undistinguished Alumnus

As President George W. Bush’s words of plainspoken eloquence echoed through the chamber of the U.S. House on Jan. 29, it seemed that even history itself was pausing to observe and document the moment. This was the speech of George W. Bush’s life. While in terms of sheer numbers, more people watched his address nine days after the devastating attacks on our country, it would be at this point in history where George W. Bush would be judged.

With his Democratic opposition aligning its forces to take back the House, expand their majority in the Senate and even prepare for the 2004 presidential election, Bush brought down the House. Rather than offer a banal “laundry list” of domestic programs, Bush announced bold, visionary -- and both the immediate and the long-term future of the Union.

First, Bush announced that he would make the war on terrorism the first priority, both fighting it overseas and defending against it state-side. Although fighting the terrorists has been Issue One for Bush since Sept. 11, what surprised many was the lack of equal time domestic issues received. All told, they were less than one-fifth of the President’s speech, and they were mentioned only in bullet-point style. Improve education. End our dependence on foreign energy sources. Expand trade. Accelerate and finalize tax cuts. Reform welfare, health care and Social Security. And then it was back to how we should fight the terrorists.

For the most part, Bush’s domestic proposals didn’t need details, because on some things, trade, energy, taxes, he has plans that have already passed the House, which is in Republican hands, but are languishing at the bottom of the Democrats-controlled Senate’s to-do list. But even then, meticulous details are just not the President’s style. His’s more a rapid-fire Texas gunslinger than a poet, linguistically speaking.

The second and even more intrepid statement Bush made was that he would no longer wait for the next terrorist attack before launching a military offensive. Bush defined Iraq, Iran, North Korea and other nations like them as an “axis of evil,” a phrase that harkens back to the enemies of the 20th Century; the Nazi-fascist-imperialist axis of the Second World War and the “evil empire” of the Cold War. In both of those occasions, the forces of freedom tried for years to contain or isolate our foes, rather than destroy them. No longer. America will now work to annihilate the enemies of the 21st Century – before they can do it to us.

With those bold pronouncements, Bush may very well have built on his unprecedented high approval ratings. An astonishing 94 percent of viewers said that their reaction was positive; 74 percent said very positive. On Bush’s antiterrorism proposals, 97 percent approved, and on his economic plans, 85 percent approved. When last year the story was of an America divided into red states and blue states, the turnaround and the unity behind George W. Bush has been nothing short of extraordinary.

So although Bush went out on a couple of limbs, he appears to have a massive groundswell of public support. This bodes very ill for his Democratic opposition. In order to win, they have to hammer away on the domestic issues. This has the odd effect of making it so that the Democrats have to pretend like Sept. 11 didn’t happen, because once that or the war is brought up, voters will rally around the President. The Democratic National Committee’s home page asks volunteers to “Help the Democratic Party put America’s priorities first: getting our fiscal house in order, adding a prescription drug benefit for Medicare, enacting a real patients’ bill of rights and other initiatives to help America’s hardworking families.” Sept. 11? Not on this list.

All of the potential domestic problems are being blamed on Bush. The recession: Bush’s fault. The budget deficit: Bush’s fault. The fact that, oh yeah, the biggest catastrophe in American history happened, and we have to spend billions to clean up, defend another one, and bring the “evildoers” to justice doesn’t seem to enter their minds.

Last year, the Conventional Wisdom on George W. Bush was that he was an intellectual lightweight who couldn’t even garner a majority vote. But since Sept. 11, he’s been riding high. He hasn’t changed any: he still governs from the center as much as possible, he’s still a straight talker and he still believes the things he believes in passionately. The events of the world have made us change how we view him. He’s done what all great leaders do: “Taking things as they are and changing the tone.” The Conventional Wisdom has proven to be neither conventional nor wise.

For the most part, America is in union with George W. Bush. And the state of that union has never been stronger.

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"Victory at all costs, victory in spite of terror, victory however long and hard the road may be, for without victory there is no survival."

Sir Winston Churchill

British Prime Minister, statesman
Walker should ‘die by the sword’ he chose

There has been much discussion about John Walker Lindh, the infamous “American Taliban,” these last several weeks. But unfortunately, not much attention has been directed at one of the most important questions. What is the end goal of the Palestinian Authority? Why is this man in the custody of the United States? Is he a terrorist? What has Israel done to bring him to this point?

Most people have tried to justify Walker’s actions by labeling it a “quest for truth.” His quest may well have started out as one for truth, however, as soon as he found joy in the death of 3,000 innocent civilians and picked up arms with al-Qaeda, his quest for truth was transformed into a mission of violence and inhumanity.

Walker’s new mission ended with his capture by the U.S. military, but not the Northern Alliance. Yet after U.S. officials caught wind of his capture they rescued him from what most likely would have been a painful, yet well deserved death, at the hands of his compatriots.

I say deserved because Walker knew what he was getting into, knew the consequences of his actions, yet still made the conscious choice to fight with al-Qaeda, thus accepting those consequences. Because of this, the Northern Alliance should have been able to execute him as they did many of his parasitic comrades. But they didn’t.

Even more unfortunate is the fact that none of his charges carry with them the possibility of the death penalty. Thus, taxpayers like you and me will foot the bill for Walker to get three square s a day, clothing, medical attention and shelter for the rest of his natural life.

Why should we have to pay for someone who turned his back on all of us and took up arms with our most heinous enemy? He should not even be considered a citizen of this country anymore, let alone, be supported by U.S. tax dollars. With any luck, once in prison, Walker will have an “accident” that will rid us of this financial and social burden for good.

The situation with John Walker Lindh is not about religious tolerance or compassion or forgiveness. It is about justice and accepting responsibility for one’s actions. Walker chose to live his life by the sword and fight with al-Qaeda, and the Talibain, two groups that bastardized Muslim beliefs into inhumane and murderous laws and practices. The old saying rings truer than ever, “Those who live by the sword, die by the sword.” And so should John Walker Lindh.

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Feb. 8, 2002

Criticism of French film falls short

In his remarks on “Brotherhood of the Wolf” in the Feb. 7 Scene section, Matt Nania makes two over-reaching statements that point to unfortunate prejudice on his part.

The first of these has to do with French films — in his estimation/expertise, virtually all of them. In his initial rhetorical gambit where he seems to speak for a generalized population — always a dangerous move — Nania proposes that in our collective judgment and memory, French films are characterized by “stuffy characters and unexciting, arty narratives.”

Although I myself would be at a loss to define precisely what an “arty narrative” is, I do understand what he seems to be getting at. Unfortunately, it is, at bottom, not much. In that it seems to be arguing for a simplicity of plot and character, which, strangely, are the very things he goes on to criticize in “Brotherhood.”

Similarly, he takes a swipe at subtitles, an “unfortunate distraction,” to quote him. To this, my own passion for film authorizes the airing of a basic fact: with a mediocre script and open-mindedness, subtitles become wholly unintrusive. I will, however, admit they are often inadequate in representing what is actually mouthed on the screen. They are, however, entirely less distracting than dubbed dialogue.

Happily there is a solution to both of Mr. Nania’s problems: learn French. Even more happily, one of the means towards that solution is to take the film “Esprit de corps,” a film so rich, tradi- tion called “le cinéma français” — that’s “French cinema” if there be need of a subtitle.

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Arafat should not be tolerated

Sometimes we want something so badly that we will convince ourselves of anything to get it. Peace in Israel certainly seems to be exactly one of those things. Unfortunately, sometimes our desire for an end to the violence leads to a sort of willful amnesia about the past. Those who are constantly excoriating Israel for its role in the increased violence as of late suffer from this forgetfulness about the region’s history.

In his Feb. 5 letter, Tony Lusvardi critiques President Bush’s holding of Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority primarily responsible for the on-going violence in the region. He claims that Israel has provoked the violence by assassinating Palestinian “political leaders” and pursuing policies that show that Israel does not truly want to negotiate a peace with Arafat and the Palestinian Authority. This takes on the issue, however, is more than a little misleading.

Contrary to what Mr. Lusvardi would have one believe, Israel has been more than patient with the Palestinians over the last 20 or more years, despite the fact that Arafat and his cohorts have done nothing of substance in all that time to further the peace process. Time and again, Israel has made concessions to the Palestinians, agreeing to withdraw troops from heavily-Arab areas under the Hebron Accords and Oslo Accords. This despite the fact that several such areas are of great strategic impact when it comes to defending the majority of Israel’s industrial base, which happens to lie right next to the West Bank. Unfortunately, no one on the other side is listening. As for our own President, he is wise to side with Sharon, Barak, Sharon Peres and other Israeli leaders in finally holding Arafat and his Palestinian Authority accountable for their actions.

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Feb. 5, 2002
said sophomore Molly Walsh, echoing the sentiments of many University students as they contemplate the elections and the candidates.

Campaign posters elucidate proposed reforms and goals. But many voters are unsure of how these plans relate to the responsibilities and powers of the president and vice president. Candidates greet students and discuss issues, but many voters do not know how these politicians can affect their lives on campus or how students can influence the activities of the other branches of student government, which are less widely publicized than the executive council. And the activities of the other branches of student government, which are less widely publicized than the executive council, are even more hazy in the minds of students; a large percentage of the student body is unaware of what these groups do and how they do it.

But even as students go about their lives with very little information about student government, the organization works diligently to improve the Notre Dame campus and institutes changes for which students do and how they do it.

Student Body President and Vice President
The office of the student body president and vice president is the facet of the Student Union that acts as a liaison between the students and the administration; the first and foremost responsibility of the student body president is to represent and speak for the students of the University and ensure the efficient operation of all student entities and organizations.

After the president and vice president take office, they choose cabinet members to oversee the different council divisions, which include spiritual, academic, athletic, diversity and gender issues. These cabinet members also serve as advisors to the president and vice president. Run by the chief-of-staff, these advisors and officers comprise the office of the Student Union. This staff is designed to protect the interests of students in all areas of University life, provide services to the undergraduate student body and advance the policy priorities of the Student Union.

While the cabinet members are working on the various council divisions, the vice president presides over the Student Senate and the president serves as the chair of the Executive Cabinet. This group includes the off-campus co-presidents, class presidents, club coordinator division representatives, Student Senate managers, chief of staff, Hall Presidents Council co-chairs and several dorm senators.

The cabinet meets once a week and works to increase awareness among different clubs and campus organizations. It coordinates the Collaboration Fund, which is comprised from sales of The Shirt. Various clubs and organizations can apply to use this money, and the Executive Cabinet controls who receives the money and how much will be allotted.

Student Senate
The Student Senate is composed of one representative from each dorm; the elections for these delegates are held in March. The senate meets weekly and the meetings are open to all members of the Notre Dame student body. In addition, the senate holds open forum nights throughout the year that students can attend and voice their opinions.

This branch of the Student Union researches campus issues and drafts proposals for changing various conditions at the University; the senators each serve on two committees which study different concerns or problems and write resolutions.

The awesome thing about Student Senate is you can set up your own little committee if you want,” said Meghan O'Donnell, a sophomore senator from Pasquerilla Hall West. “If you have an issue you can basically experiment with it and make suggestions for policy.”

Proposals drafted by the senate which involve altering student life conditions or regulations set forth in the dUCk handbook are sent to the Campus Life Council, which encompasses between 15 and 20 members including senators, rectors, and the members of the administration and faculty. If this body approves the proposal, it is passed on to Father Mark Poorman, the vice president of student affairs.

Recent proposals include: improving lighting on campus, putting in a new clock to replace the old one to three representatives, depending upon the number of other minor councils.

Class Councils
Each class council is formed of the respective class officers (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary) and various committees, such as spiritual, social, service, fundraising and publicity. The Sophomore, Junior and Senior Class Councils are elected annually, but the process through which the Freshman Class Council is created is somewhat different: each dorm selects a representative and this group of delegates votes amongst itself to choose the class officers and committee heads.

The class councils plan and organize events for their respective years, such as class masses, dances, service projects and other affairs. The officers are free to create council committees to serve any rising needs of a class in a given year.

“This year we decided we had a need for an abroad committee because there are so many juniors abroad,” said junior class vice president Karen Lynch. “They’ve done things such as sending out abroad postcards, which when people from here can send notes to their friends abroad for free. And we’re in the works of possibly organizing a class trip to Ireland.”

J udicial Council
The Judicial Council monitors all elections to ensure that guidelines set by the senate are followed and it provides student advocates to assist undergraduates accused of violating University regulations. The board is chaired by the Judicial Council President and aided by the Vice Presidents of Elections and Advocacy. The council is made up of the election coordinators of each dorm and the student advocates.
Student government

the various offices of the Student Union

number of hall residents, to a weekly meeting of the Hall Presidents Council. This group serves as a forum through which residence halls share information about their respective events, programs or goals and receive updates about campus affairs. An athletic department representative, for example, attends the council’s meetings every week to inform hall representatives about games and other athletic events planned for the week. The representatives then bring this information back to their halls and share it with the residents.

Club Coordination Council
The Club Coordination Council, headed by the club coordinator, consists of 15 other Club Council representatives, three from each of the five club divisions. These officers divide the funds allocated by the FMB among the over 200 undergraduate student organizations. The CCC also enforces rules regarding the usage of funds and the sponsoring of events.

Off-campus Council
The Off-campus Council represents the off-campus population of Notre Dame undergraduate students and promotes the well-being of this group by sponsoring functions and disseminating information to off-campus residents. The structure and organization of this particular group is left to the discretion of the two elected Off-campus Council presidents.

Student Union Board Programming Body
The Student Union Board Programming Body is, perhaps, the branch of the Student Union with which the student body is most familiar. SUB Programming Body works to provide social, intellectual and cultural opportunities that enhance undergraduate student life. The organization coordinates many campus-wide events, such as An Tostal, concerts, comedy performances and weekend movies. Weekly SUB-sponsored events and further SUB information can be viewed by reading the away message of the Instant Messenger screen name ndSUBinfo.

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PHILADELPHIA

Back in his hometown where the fans show him no love, Kobe Bryant kept making shots and kept hearing boos.

Bryant scored 31 points Sunday — the most in an All-Star game since Michael Jordan had 40 in 1988 — in the arena where he walked off the court last June with his second championship, leading the Western Conference over the East 135-120 Sunday.

Bryant, who grew up in Lower Merion, Pa. and whose father, Joe, played for the 76ers, played with tremendous hustle and flair in helping the West build a halftime lead that they never surrendered.

But he was booed louder than anyone during player introductions, then heard more of the same every time he touched the ball during the second half.

When the game ended and he was given the MVP trophy, they let him have it long and loud.

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Bryant became the first player to reach 30 points since Jordan did it in 1993, and he relegated Jordan, hometown hero Allen Iverson and every other All-Star into an afterthought by thoroughly dominating the game nearly every moment he was on the floor.

He also had five rebounds and five assists, shooting 12-for-25 from the field.

Right from the get-go, Bryant showed he was on something special.

Bryant got off to the best start of anybody, scoring eight points in the first six minutes and getting an assist by going around Jason Kidd with a deft crossover move and then feeding Tim Duncan for a dunk. Bryant also showcased some impressive ball-handling, dribbling through his legs as he came upcourt practically squatting.

Jordan was the next to reel off a series of spiffy plays, going baseline for a driving dunk, following with a fast-break layup and feeding a no-look alley-oop pass to Antoine Walker that he failed to convert.

Jordan was all alone ahead of the field a few moments later but blew a one-handed dunk, causing his Eastern teammates to rise off the bench laughing in unison. Jordan laughed off the moment, too.

Bryant led all scorers with 12 points as the West led 32-24 after one quarter.

Tracey McGrady had a spectacular dunk early in the second quarter, banging a pass to himself off the backboard, flipping past three players and slamming the ball through with such authority that the crowd didn't stop buzzing for a good 30 seconds.

McGrady scored 11 points in the quarter to keep the East in it, but Bryant had a three-point play immediately after checking back in, then made four more baskets over the final 1:47 of the quarter — including a layup just before the halftime buzzer — as the West closed the half with a 24-7 run for a 75-55 lead.

The East chipped away at the lead during the third quarter, but Bryant wouldn't let them get too close. He scored one basket on a putback after the ball bounced over the top of the backboard, then had another basket off an offensive rebound with 4:20 left to restore a 20-point lead, 88-68.

The boos for Bryant were fairly loud after both of those baskets, but that is nothing new for the Lakers star who received far worse treatment from Philadelphia fans during last year's NBA Finals.

As the quarter progressed, Bryant was booed every time he touched the ball as it became clear that the West was headed for a lopsided victory.

Bryant surpassed 30 points by making a pair of foul shots with 1:20 left in the third, and the West got to 100 with 22 seconds left in the quarter with an alley-oop dunk by Kevin Garnett off a pass from Gary Payton.

The West held a 23-point lead entering the fourth quarter, and the East started to rally after Bryant left for good with 10:42 left. Paul Pierce scored the first four points of the quarter, McGrady also scored four in a row and Payton hit a three-pointer to complete a 13-0 run and make it 100-90.

The next five baskets were all 3-pointers, including a pair by Allen hit a 3-pointer to complete a 13-0 run and make it 100-90. The next five baskets were all 3-pointers, including a pair by Payton that helped the West maintain a double-digit lead and a 7-0 run ending with a dunk by Elton Brand all but locked up the victory.

Kobe Bryant earned the MVP award following the NBA All-Star game. Bryant scored 31 points, the most in an All-Star game since Michael Jordan's 40 points in 1998.

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Friday's game also featured a good defensive struggle. MSU's Miller and Notre Dame's Cey went head to head in goal for the duration of the game. Miller ended up making 39 saves for the shutout, while Cey saved 41 shots, gave up the game-winning goal late in the second.

“I was pretty nervous about being on the ice with him,” said Cey. “It was a challenge to play against Ryan Miller.”

In the first period both goalies saved 16 shots. With less than two minutes to go in the second the Spartans went on the power play. Notre Dame tried to clear the puck, but MSU’s Ash Goldie knocked it down, keeping it in the zone. Goldie passed to a wide-open John-Michael Liles, who fired one past Cey. The goal gave the Spartans a 1-0 lead and a lot of momentum going into the third.

The third period proved to be more of the same, as the goalies continued to be tested. With 1:05 left Irish coach Dave Poulin pulled Cey in favor of a sixth attacker. However, instead of Notre Dame coming up with the game-tying goal, Michigan State was able to put in the empty-netter to seal the game.

Despite splitting the weekend, there was a lot of satisfaction for the Irish. For one, they beat the No. 3 team in the country on its home ice. And the Irish defensive unit finally showed up. After giving up 13 goals the previous weekend, the Notre Dame defense only gave up three (the fourth being the empty net goal) in the series.

Next week the Irish have a bye weekend. They won’t take the ice again until Feb. 22 and 23 at Lake Superior State. It will be important for them to keep the momentum they gained from this weekend.

“In the next couple of weeks we need to keep a level head,” said Cey. “We can’t get too high from this win. We need to keep our conditioning up and have a good stretch run.”

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer
Senior David Inman moves down the ice in Notre Dame’s previous loss to Alaska Fairbanks earlier this season.
SALT LAKE 2002

U.S. wins gold in women’s halfpipe

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY Snowboarder Kelly Clark, in an Olympic event that’s all of four years-old, soared above the halfpipe course to win America’s first Winter Games gold medal and share a common heritage that Samppa Lajunen ended with his silver. America’s first Winter Games was 1980 — three years before the 18-year-old snowboarder was born.

She was cheered wildly by the patriotic crowd, which included three barechested men in the freezing weather, the letters “U-S-A” painted across their chest. Guns ‘n Roses “Welcome to the Jungle” blared as she launched herself, dominating performance.

Durian Vidal of France won the silver and Fabienne Reuter of Switzerland won the bronze.

The halfpipe debuted as an Olympic event at Nagano in 1998, where America’s Shannon Dunn took a bronze medal. In two days in Salt Lake City, the Americans — who hope to capture 20 medals, the most ever — had won three. But they had one gold and two silver medals.

Earlier, Swiss skier Simon Ammann returned from injury and disappointment in the 90-meter ski jump — the first Swiss ski jump gold since 1970. That was hardly much of a surprise. The Swiss are famous for their precision in the air. Ammann ended with his gold medal in the Nordic combined.

The nine gold medals awarded to the Americans was a disappointment to some, but they had never won a medal in a race since Alpine skiing was added to the Olympics. Bill Demong were 18th and 21st, while the men were 13th, 16th and 18th, a one-third of the medals chart.

Men’s Downhill

In one of the games’ traditionally glamour events, tradition was served as Austrian Fritz Strobl — long overshadowed by more illustrious Austrian teammates — swept to the gold medal. He became the sixth Austrian to win the downhill in the 15 races since Alpine skiing debuted in 1948, although the first in a decade.

“It’s sensational,” said Strobl, a 25-year-old police officer. “I was a bit disappointed. I had expectations of winning.”

Men’s halfpipe — and learned he was the winner.

The German stars have an icy relationship. Friesinger has criticized Pechstein’s training regimen as too methodological. Both skaters have accused the other of footing illness to gain a competitive edge.

Pechstein touched on “our so-called quarrels” during a post-race news conference, but balked when asked to describe her relations with the 25-year-old Friesinger.

Friesinger wound up fourth, finishing badly on her final lap to finish in 3:59.39. Cooling down on the inner track, she watched helplessly as three skaters eclipsed her time.

“Today, the last laps were extremely hard on me,” Friesinger said. "I definitely have a shot at the gold medal in the next few races, but that’s not all I’m looking for," she said. “I’m looking for a personal best.”

Friesinger had won every 3,000 race during the World Cup season and hoped to start on capturing three gold medals at the Salt Lake City Games.

Instead, she didn’t even win a medal. Pechstein shattered her own world record, crossing the line in 3 minutes, 57.70 seconds — more than 1.5 seconds ahead of the old mark of 3:59.26.

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Belles outlast Olivet for 65-61 conference victory

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's freshman forward Emily Creachbaum scored a career-high 26 points and sophomore Katie Miller added 11 points to lead the Belles to a 65-61 conference victory against Olivet College Saturday afternoon.

A slow start helped Olivet take an early lead and eventually control the game at halftime, 28-25. "In the beginning we came out kind of slow," said Miller. "They were really to come at us and that made us become more intense and before the end of the half we started to do really well." The Belles outscored Olivet 40-33 in the second half, thanks to the shooting of Creachbaum who connected on 11-15 shots during the game and made 67 percent of her free throws.

"Emily Creachbaum played really well," said Miller. "She really picked up her game."

Miller also hit some big shots, including 3-6 from behind the arc. "In the second half we attacked them and we never backed down and we kept going," said Miller. "We hit some really big shots, too." Miller blocked on the shooting of Louisa Grill to keep them in the game during the second half. Grill nailed eight of her nine shots and finished the game with 18 points. Stephanie Elise added 12 points for Olivet and Emily Miller had a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Belles won the game despite being out-rebounded by Olivet 40-27 and shooting only 42 percent to Olivet's 46 percent. The Belles' win, coupled with Alma's loss to Hope College Saturday, pushed Saint Mary's another spot higher in the MIAA standings. The Belles remain at No. 2 in the conference and 8-15 overall.

"It's a very big win," said Miller. "It puts us on top of Olivet and Alma. It gives us confidence for the rest of the season."

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Maryland matches best overall start with 92-77 win

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Maryland wasn't particularly sharp a week before its Atlantic Coast Conference showdown with No. 1 Duke. Then again, the third-ranked Terrapins were playing North Carolina.

Maryland matched its best overall and ACC starts in school history, getting 18 points from Juan Dixon in a 92-77 victory over the struggling Tar Heels on Sunday night.

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The Tar Heels (6-15, 2-9) matched their second half after going to a 33-point loss.

The victory kept Maryland on its way to its season was 6-8 in Dean Smith's third season in 1963-64.

Kris Lang led North Carolina with 23 points, while Jawad Williams, a freshman who has shown steady improvement, had 21 points, 11 rebounds and five assists.

North Carolina surrendered a school-record 112 points to Maryland on Jan. 9, en route to a 33-point loss.

At least this time, the Tar Heels showed signs of life in the second half after going down by 17 at the break.

A 3-pointer by Brian Morrison pulled North Carolina to 58-44 with 15:05 left, but Dixon made two shots behind the arc over the next 1 1/2 minutes to push Maryland's lead to 19.

Chris Wilcox then put the margin over 20 a minute later with a slam dunk and two free throws as Jason Capel fouled out with 10:27 left and North Carolina was on its way to its eighth ACC loss by double digs-

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VETERANS LEAD IRISH TO SOLE POSSESSION OF NO. 2 IN THE BIG EAST

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

When Muffet McGraw sat down on the podium following Notre Dame’s win against Boston College Sunday, McGraw had a freshman and sophomore on one side, a junior and senior on the other. While Notre Dame’s highly-touted freshman class has carried much of the load for the team all season, Sunday’s victory to move into sole possession of second place in the Big East was spearheaded by Notre Dame’s veterans.

Te’A’onn Cherry was senior Ericka Haney, the team’s lone senior, has seemed lost at times in the transition from last year’s national championship team to this year’s younger squad. But on Sunday Haney took her place in team starting lineup at small forward and led a defensive effort that shut down one of the top offenses in the country.

Haney is the team’s best defender, always assigned to the opponent’s best offensive player. Sunday, Haney’s victim was Golden Eagles’ point guard Brienne Stephenson, who came in averaging 11 points and four assists per game, while leading her teammates to the top 3-point percentage in the nation.

Stephenson finished with just four points and two assists while Boston College converted only two of 17 attempts from beyond the arc for a 11.8 percentage.

“I think my role on the team is to go out and be the defensive stopper and get on the boards and things like that,” said Haney, who also scored 11 points, one off her season high.

On the far end of the field, the team next to Haney was junior Amanda Barksdale, who set a Notre Dame record for blocked shots with 11 in 30 minutes. Barksdale was such a presence in the lane, she allowed her teammate to keep the defensive pressure on without committing costly fouls.

“We fouled a lot less because we had so much faith in Mandy coming up with some big blocks at some critical times,” McGraw said.

At the other end of the table was Barksdale’s counterpart, Joyce. Joyce, who hadn’t played since Jan. 21 due to an Achilles heel injury, hit two key 3-pointers, one to bring the Irish within three early after Boston College went out on an 8-2 lead and another to give Notre Dame a 44-33 lead midway through the second half.

“I don’t know why my shots are falling after not shooting for a while,” Joyce, who wasn’t allowed on the court while her leg healed, said with a smile after the game. “I’m so thankful that they were.”

And to McGraw’s immediate right was freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast, a national Freshman of the Year candidate who led the Irish with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Batteast’s athleticism and scoring ability sealed the win, but it was the improved efforts of her elders that made it possible.

“I thought that they really stepped up and played at a really high level defensively,” McGraw said. “Offensively, I thought we played better as a team than we have maybe all year long. I was just really pleased to see the veterans step up and take that leadership role.”

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

Boston College was the best 3-point shooting team in the country, hitting upwards of 40 percent. The Irish defense shut the Eagles down, holding them to only 11.8 percent from the 3-point line.

“Notre Dame had some great defense and we just couldn’t find a rhythm to it,” McGraw said.

A main player in that Irish defense was senior Ericka Haney. With the Eagles’ solid core of veteran players, the lone senior had to step up her play on defense to lead the younger Irish team.

“I think my role on the team is to go out and be the defensive stopper and get on the boards,” said Haney, who grabbed four rebounds and scored 11 points during the game.

Defensively, the Irish were able to shut Boston College, even though they allowed 27 points on turnovers. The Eagles shot just under 24 percent from the field.

Early in the game, it didn’t look like that would be the case. Seven minutes into the game, Boston College was leading by six points and Notre Dame was shooting approximately 12 percent from the field. But when Jeneka Joyce hit the court, something changed. Joyce, who has not even dressed for the last four games due to an Achilles tendon injury, had not taken very much shooting practice in the last few weeks. But within the minute she entered the game, she hit a 3-point shot to give the Irish the lead.

“Everyone knows what she can do,” McGraw said. “I don’t know why my shots were falling after not shooting for a while.”

In the last seconds of the game, Joyce hit a three-point play on the foul shot. The Irish did not give up the lead for the rest of the game.

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Notes

- Eagles’ forward Kim Mackie led the game in scoring, shooting half after she hit her nose on the floor. Her status for Boston College’s next game is unclear.

- Senior Jackie Fatou– who collected her 18th double-double, hit a two-point shot to close the game with three-point play on the foul shot. The Irish did not give up the lead for the rest of the game.

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SWIMMING

Notre Dame swimmers qualify for Big East championships

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

When he finished the 200-yard butterfly Saturday, sophomore Brian Coughlan looked up at the scoreboard in disappointment.

The time he saw wasn't fast enough to qualify for Big East Championships, where most of his team will compete in two weeks.

But that's because he was looking at the wrong time.

Coughlan misread the scoreboard and accidentally read the lane next to him. In his lane, the scoreboard read 1:55.08 — good enough for a Big East berth.

"I heard my roommate yelling down at me," Coughlan said. "I was like, 'Why are you yelling at me? I didn't make the cut!'"

Coughlan's finish undercut the qualifying time of 1 minute, 55.09 seconds by one hundredth of a second — a fingernail's difference in the finish.

The finish was so close to the standard he sent coaches and scorekeepers scurrying to look up the time standard to ensure he had made the cut.

"He really put the work in," said senior co-captain Mike Koss. "He missed it by a couple of seconds last year, and to make it at the last possible meet is just amazing."

Coughlan was one of three members of the men's and women's teams who qualified for the Big East Championships Saturday in the 200-yard freestyle.

"It was nice to have someone right there with me," Coughlan said. "She and her counter had the pace and signals worked out. I knew I only had about four seconds there with her... I couldn't have done it without her."

Sophomore Liane Watkins also earned herself a ticket to New York, qualifying in the 100-yard freestyle.

Watkins missed making the cut earlier in the day in the 50-yard freestyle by only 6 one hundredths of a second.

Both teams will compete at the Big East Championships in Uniondale, NY at the Goodwill Games Aquatic Center Feb. 21-23. The women will defend their Big East Title for the sixth consecutive year. The men placed fourth last year.

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Irish defeat Hoyas in quadruple overtime

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

During one of the four overtime periods in Saturday's Notre Dame-Georgetown marathon game, Irish coach Mike Brey called his players around him and asked them a question.

"I've got nothing to do this afternoon, what about you guys?" he said during a break in action. "Let's just stay 'til we win it."

Notre Dame ended up sticking around awhile as the Irish beat the Hoyas 116-111 in the first quadruple-overtime game in Notre Dame basketball history. The two teams combined to score the most points in a Big East basketball game and were just two points behind tying the Division I record for points in a game set 12 years ago. It was also the longest game in Big East history.

Chris Thomas set a school record for minutes played in the game for all 60 minutes. The freshman point guard, who is now averaging 41.1 minutes per Big East game, finished with 22 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds. He committed just five turnovers, only one of which came in the final 40 minutes.

"Who wouldn't want to be in a game like that?" Thomas said. "I felt like I took a break or asked for a breather, I'd be missing a beat. Coach asked me once in the first half if I needed a break, and he never asked me after that."

Matt Carroll's 30 points set a new career high for the junior guard. But his biggest shot of the night was a 3-pointer he made with 1.16 left in the final overtime period. The basket put the Irish up by four.

"A game like this, the Hoyas would never draw closer than two," Brey said after the game. "We set a school record. Now, it's 11."

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