ND and SMC announce presidential candidates

**DeBolt enters innocent plea**

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**By CHRISTINA CEPERO**

**News Writer**

Six candidates running for student body president have submitted petitions to the Judicial Council, and one more candidate may still enter the race. The presidential candidates include Mike Bött, Charlie Ebersol, Ryan Gagnet, Pat Hallahan, Joe Muto and Drew Updike.

Elections will be held Feb. 10 and the two tickets with the greatest number of votes will have a run-off election on Feb. 13.

Ebersol, a sophomore from Keough Hall, and his running mate Lauren Meagher, a junior, have adopted the motto, "Make the choice. See the change." They claim to be fresh faces and proactive individuals who have researched Student Government extensively so they can take into consideration the feasibility and power it has to carry out various issues. They want to make First Year of Studies a more fulfilling experience and host more service-oriented events, such as concerts with "big-name talent raising money for a good cause." Ebersol and Meagher encourage students to get excited about these elections.

Muto, a junior and president of Sorin Hall, and his running mate Mimi Matkowski, a junior and president of Lyons Hall, feel the roles of the student body president and vice president should be to make Notre Dame a more fun, relaxing and enjoyable place to go to school. They plan to empower students by "fighting to get SYRs and tailgating back at the same time we start new traditions." They will unveil their full platform this weekend.

Hallahan, a junior from Sorin Hall, and his running mate Jeremy Lao, a sophomore from Stanford Hall, believe in "putting students front" since they are the reason the University exists. They feel students should see the results of the teacher/faculty evaluations so they can make informed academic decisions. They would also work to ensure that the money the school raises goes to student endowments, and they want to bring back ball dances.

Bött, a junior from Alumni Hall, and his running mate Mike Kirsh, a sophomore from Alumni Hall, aim to make campus more student-oriented by giving students what they want. They plan to do this by improving the dining hall system, expanding LaFortune, placing printers in all the dorms, and offering services such as shuttles for off-campus students.

Drew Updike and his running mate Eric Tarnowski are both sophomores from Zahm Hall. Their major platform ideas include revamping AnTostal to make it the biggest week on campus by distributing funds to the dorms, changing the current meal plan system and getting cable in the dorms. They also want to change the seating arrangements in the Joyce Center so students sit around and near the court to promote a home-court advantage. Updike and Tarnowski plan to hold a press conference next week, because they want students to become more informed about and connected to Student Government.

Gagnet, a junior from Hallahan, is running for Student Government.

**More Flex Points, less meals says Senate**

By MEGHANE DOWNES

**Association News Editor**

Student Senate asked Notre Dame Food Services to expand meal plan options in a resolution that passed unanimously Wednesday.

The resolution called for Food Services to include a meal option with a single meal plan and a proportional amount of Flex Points. The resolution cited that 97 percent of students choose the Flex 14 plan and that an average student with a Flex 14 plan eats 9.17 meals per week.

The resolution said, "The current meal plan options neither meet student desires nor the reality of average student usage."

Sarah Bates, Pasquerilla West

**New shirt design to be revealed soon**

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS

**News Writer**

Designs for the 2003-04 version of "The Shirt" are now being finalized by a committee overseen by Student Activities.

This is the 14th year a T-shirt has been designed to raise money for clubs and organizations and to assist students faced with unexpected costs associated with accidents or tragedies. The idea of a shirt that both helped students and unified the community was so popular it became a tradition to sell a shirt every football season.

Students were given an opportunity to submit designs for the new look of The Shirt in a contest that ended before the Winter Break. Ever since then, the committee has been reviewing all of the submitted designs and will soon announce whose design will be worn by students, alumni and fans next football season. Dave Brenner is president of the committee that directs the student-run initiative.

"As with many of the past shirts, we are looking to tie past traditions and excellence with the present and the future in a creative manner. Hopefully we can accomplish this," he said.

The final decision should be reached over the weekend.

Senator Dave Brenner of Dillon speaks on a resolution about a new meal plan, which was approved by the senate in light of the fact that the average Notre Dame student consumes only 9.2 meals a week.

We received many quality entries, so there is still some work to be done in selecting a final design," said Brenner.

Because of the success of the 2002 campaign, many students were encouraged to submit designs for the 2003 design.

"We had close to 200 entries this year which greatly surpasses previous years. There is a lot of excitement about the project, and [this] is contributing to its program's success," said Brenner.

Many students have wondered if this year's design will again be the color of The Shirt due to the tremendous success of the 2002 "Return to Glory" T-shirt, but the committee has yet to make a final decision on that aspect of The Shirt.

Brenner said, "The color issue has not been settled. Currently the focus is on the graphic and an attractive slogan."

He went on to say that the current design incorporates football coach Tyone Willingham. In general there were a variety of graphics submitted supporting different causes. The current design, however, is focused on the football season.

"Last year Carl Ekkins' design was chosen and the slogan 'Return to Glory' became synonymous with Notre Dame football and the success of the season," he said.
Welcome to the jungle

Desiring nothing more than to fend off the inevitable boredom that accompanies the winter months at school, many students decide to take a stab at sustaining the life of a creature or two. From bearded lizards to fish, a wide array of creatures is represented throughout the hallowed Notre Dame Basilica grounds and surrounding area. For many, the idea of leaving home without a pet can be difficult, and perhaps that’s why Fluffly the hamster was whisked away from his shoebox to spend some time in your apartment living on Cheetos and leftover beer.

That said, owning a pet while living on campus pose many unsightly dilemmas. Students aren’t allowed to bring animals into the dormitories, and for good reason I might add. I don’t know about you, but I certainly wouldn’t be too thrilled with the idea of goats or swine roaming the halls, although from the smell of things, they already do. Perhaps even a mouse or two would lay claim to your section’s bathroom or a community of sloths would decide to nest in your roommate’s desk. So unless you’re planning on hiding your ostrich Oswald in your closet, you’d better leave him at home.

To help the dormitories avoid turning into zoo, but at the same time let a little creature cohabitate their rooms, some students have turned to aquatic animals swimming around in the mouths of certain bio-lab students. Not into fish? Caring for a hardy plant will just need a gulp a day. If this is too much for you, it’s probably better off to get a little creature cohabitate their rooms, just as rewarding. Just name him Ed.

When owning a pet, it goes without say that there is a lot of responsibility attached to caring for them. It’s not like a houseplant that will just need a gulp of water after being neglected for three weeks during Christmas Break. Most of these animals require attention many times daily. If this is too much for you, it’s probably better off to get a little green leafy substitute and name him Ralph.

The views expressed in the Inside Columns are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Justin Krivickas at jkrivick@nd.edu.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- HLS Presentation: Artist Fernando Salicrup, Room 205 McKenna Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- Martin Luther King-Jr. for the Journey, Mass of Celebration, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Keenan-Stanford Chapel.
- Sign-up Senior Retreat #8, all day in room 114 of the Coleman-Morse Center.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- Religious studies dinner, 5 p.m. in the President's Dining Room.
- Kaplan Test Prep., 6 p.m. in 315 N Madeleva Hall.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Cars towed for illegal parking
A student’s vehicle was towed in the Bookstore lot for a parking violation on Monday.

Student feels sick in class
A student was transported by NDSP from DeBartolo Hall to the University Health Center for treatment of an illness on Monday.

Sports injury causes slowdown in game
NDSU reported a student to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury at Roll Sports Recreation Center.

Visitor’s car towed
A visitor’s vehicle was towed for a parking violation at the South Dining Hall on Monday.

Property lost on campus grounds
A student reported losing his wallet at an unknown campus location on Monday.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Vegetable lasagna, Italian sausage marinara, four-cheese pizza, cherry turnover, southern-fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, noodles romanoff, mixed vegetables, cream of potato.

South Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Spaghetti meatless baked ziti, meatball stroganoff, elbow macaroni, supreme pizza, pretzel sticks, noodles romanoff, mixed vegetables, roast beef hash, sauerkraut, turkey broccoli bake, pork loin with apples, hot applesauce, chicken crisp, blue'n' sea nuggets and fries.

Today Dinner: Meatless baked ziti, meatball stroganoff, elbow macaroni cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, supreme pizza, property sockets, noodles romanoff, mixed vegetables, roast beef hash, sauerkraut, turkey broccoli bake, pork loin with apples, hot applesauce and chicken crisp.

WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?

TODAY TONIGHT FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY
HIGH 68 HIGH 68 HIGH 20 HIGH 22 HIGH 26 HIGH 37
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Local Weather

Atlanta 29 / 14 Boston 17 / 13 Chicago 12 / 2 Denver 45 / 31 Houston 48 / 30 Los Angeles 70 / 52 Minneapolis 0 / -6 New York 18 / 14 Philadelphia 21 / 8 Phoenix 76 / 50 Seattle 60 / 42 St. Louis 15 / 2 Tampa 57 / 27 Washington 23 / 15

CORRECTIONS

Compiled from NDSP crime blotter
Notre Dame Federal Credit Union donates big bucks to Kaneb center

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

In what is becoming an annual tradition, the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union has donated $16,000 to the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning at Notre Dame. The gift, the third in as many years, will provide resources to expand the center’s library and conduct workshops for new faculty members.

The Kaneb Center was established in 1996 by a gift from John Kaneb, a Notre Dame trustee and chairman of Gulf Oil Co. The center’s mission is to help faculty members and teaching assistants improve the quality of their instruction through collaborative workshops, scholarly research and technology training. The center also presents the Kaneb Teaching Awards, given to faculty from each college in recognition of excellence in undergraduate teaching.

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Flex

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Hall senator, said Food Services should consider and pursue this option in order to keep with the program’s mission of “being responsive to the changing needs of students.” Bates said Food Services has not provided hard information on Flex Point compensation with a Flex 10 program but the resolution would hopefully lead to negotiation.

Dave Brenner, Dillon Hall senator, said the community atmosphere the University prides itself on would not diminish because students could eat together at other campus eateries and the dining halls would not become obsolete.

The Flex 10 meal option originally appeared on Libby Bishop and Trip Foley’s campaign platform when they ran for office last year.

In other Senate news:

• Senate approved an amendment, which changes the Club Coordination Council’s structure and adds a performing arts division. Amy O’Connor, CCC chair, said, “We saw about 20 clubs that we could put into a new division in order to better serve them and allocate funds.”

• Danielle Ledesma, Judicial Council president, updated Senate on the upcoming election and said, “Online elections will be successful if all goes as planned, but we will have paper ballots on hand.”

• Senate unanimously confirmed the Election Executive Committee.

• Kaitlin Redfield, Pangborn Hall senator, was named as the new Student Senate alternate representative to Campus Life Council and replaced Blake Haan, Keenan Hall senator, who had a class conflict.

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The Observer.

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Quality In Everything We Do
Students worry as grads teach

By NATASHA GRANT
News Writer

The recent economic downturn has spurred on rumors that the University's values are in trouble. The most pervasive rumor stems from observations that more graduate students are teaching undergraduate courses, to much larger classes. Ava Preacher, associate dean of Arts and Letters, and Gregory Sterling, associate dean of Arts and Letters, are on hand to discredit the rumors and set the record straight regarding the recent scramble for classes.

If there appears to be a shortage of professors and not enough classes, it’s because there are far too many classes being taught between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, said Preacher.

“The problem in facing is not so much of a shortage of classes per se, but rather that students have difficulty scheduling classes because they are all taught at certain times,” she said.

It would seem a simple task for administrators to schedule classes throughout the day, but as Sterling pointed out, scheduling is much more complex than that.

“It involves a large number of factors, such as curricular needs, curricular conflicts, classroom availability and faculty preference,” said Sterling.

While there are adjustments being made within most departments, Sterling agreed that the 3 percent cut of their already slim budget would not affect current faculty members.

“We will have to eliminate some faculty lines in order to get budget cuts, but these are open lines, i.e., positions that are currently unoccupied by faculty and for which we are not presently searching,” said Sterling.

Although the cuts may be minimal in the next several years, Sterling is confident that the University will be in even better shape in the future. “I am optimistic that they will not impede our long-term ability to build the necessary infrastructure to support our graduate students and eventually to expand the faculty beyond its current level.”

Gregory Sterling
associate dean
Arts and Letters

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DeBold pleads innocent in case

By ANDREW SOUKUP
News Writer

Chad DeBold might be allowed to pay a fine or perform community service as part of a plea bargain, rather than being dis­cussed with prosecutors in an effort to have DeBold’s trespassing case dropped, his attorney told a judge Wednesday.

“Certainly that possibility exists,” Craig Williams, Chad DeBold’s attorney, said when asked if Williams would pursue legal action against the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Department.

“I had too much to drink and should have acted that way,” DeBold said, according to a police report. When asked if DeBold planned legal action against the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Department, the Associated Press reported that Williams said, “Certainly that possibility exists.”

The Florida State Attorney’s office said there was not sufficient evidence to launch an investigation. The sheriff’s office said it is still conducting an internal investigation. Prosecutors and Williams said they are working on a pretrial intervention program where defendants typically pay a fine or perform community service in exchange for getting misdemeanor charges dropped. The details of how the exchange would work are still being negotiated.

Duval County Judge Tyrie Boyer scheduled another hearing for March 31, but Williams told the AP he hoped to have the case resolved by then.

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Abortion opponents, advocates march in capital

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Opponents and supporters of abortion rights rallied at the nation’s symbols of freedom Wednesday as each side in the debate energized by Republican promises to curb the procedure. The interactive and the Senate confirmed Tom Ridge as homeland security chief Wednesday with a unanimous vote - 94-0.

But Western diplomats on the Security Council said the issue likely will not come before them anytime soon since the North would consider any such move, and President Clinton vetoed each time. Bush has said he would sign it into law.

The March for Life upholds the movement," he said.

Associated Press

A grand jury indicted 17-year-old Lee Boyd Malvo on homicide charges that could bring the death penalty for his alleged role in the sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area. The indictment, announced that American forces have the training and flexibility to initiate combat operations at any time.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Kuwaiti arrested in murder of American: Saudi border guards Wednesday arrested a Kuwaiti national suspected of killing one American and critically wounding another in an ambush in Kuwait, the official Saudi Press Agency reported. The agency quoted an unnamed Interior Ministry official as saying the Kuwaiti was arrested "sneaking into Saudi Arabia from Kuwait." The initial investigation revealed that the man who fired on the American citizens on Tuesday," the report said.

Mexican earthquake kills 25, injures 300: Emergency crews dig into piles of collapsed cement and brick Wednesday to reach victims trapped by what could be the worst earthquake in 25 years. The 7.8 magnitude quake that hit western Mexico, civil defense officials said.

National News Briefs

Senate votes Ridge department chair: The Senate confirmed Tom Ridge as homeland security chief Wednesday with a unanimous vote - 94-0 - and a strong message that it would be watching carefully as he makes a mission into one of government’s largest agencies. Wit...
OIT’s Darwin server attacked by Trojan horse, twice

SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Associate News Editor

System administrators at the Office of Information Technologies discovered Tuesday that the Darwin server had again been breached by a hacker, prompting OIT to replace the server with a stand-in while the original server is rebuilt to provide greater security.

The breach was similar to the one that occurred last month and involved a hacker replacing the POP daemon, which is used to retrieve e-mail, with a Trojan horse that might have collected passwords of users who attempted to retrieve their e-mail, according to Gary Dobbins, OIT information security director. The breach did not affect the vast majority of campus users because most users do not use Darwin, a general-purpose mail, with a Trojan horse that might have collected passwords of users who attempted to retrieve their e-mail, according to Gary Dobbins, OIT information security director. The breach did not affect the vast majority of campus users because most users do not use Darwin, a general-purpose

"It will serve as a reasonable replacement while we make sure that the original system is more secure," said Dobbins.

Darwin will be rebuilt with a full implementation of the Tripwire software, the latest software patches and a number of other security measures using clean room practices, which means it will not be exposed to the Internet until all security measures are in place. OIT has not yet estimated how long it will take to rebuild the server, which will have a higher level of security than the stand-in implemented Wednesday.

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Our Lady’s January 2, 2002 message to Mirjana in Medjugorje!

"Dear Children, as a mother invites her children, I invited you and you responded to me. Allow me to fill your heart with love, so that it becomes a heart of love that you will be giving to others without reserve. In that way, you will best help me in my mission of converting those of my children who have not yet experienced the love of God and the love of my Son. Thank you!"

ANNOUNCEMENT
Saturday, January 25th
IN THE CRYPT
In response to Our Lady’s call from Medjugorje
11:00 AM ROSARY
11:45 AM MASS
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM Kathleen Martin will answer questions

From 1987 through 1994 Kathleen lived with the visionary Marija in Medjugorje. She was the only non-Croatian member of the young people’s prayer group that Our Lady formed and lead - with practical advice: how to prevent a war that seems imminent; how to discern your vocation, etc., etc.

Kathleen will answer questions in the basement of the Presbytery
On January 25th Our Lady will give another message to the world. To receive it, email your email address to <dnolan@childrenofmedjugorje.com>

(Medjugorje Rosary for students every Friday night... rides from the main circle leave at 8:00 PM)
**Market Recap**

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**In Brief**

Dockworkers approve new contract

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Stanford Hall, and his running mate John McCarthy, a junior from Keough Hall, say their main goal is "to build a 'channel' under Saint Mary’s Lake" to improve the school's transportation system.

All undergraduate students, including seniors, are encouraged to vote. Matt Corgan, vice president of elections, is aiming for online elections but has dorm representatives ready in all the dorms in case they have to do paper elections.

After a week of gathering signatures, they turned in their petitions last night, which needed to have at least 300 signatures. When Student Activities verified they are all in good academic standing and that they do not have ResLife violations, Judicial Council President Danielle Ledesma then released the official list of the six candidates running for Student Body President.

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improving dialogue between students and student government representatives.

"Being in office for a second year I will know what has happened in the past, a lot of the work we have done will carry over. It's not going to be us trying to start all over again," Jablonski-Diehl said.

The only way Jablonski-Diehl and Brown won’t win is if a majority of students abstain, which would result in a vote of no confidence and force the election process to begin again.

Active campaigning ends on Monday, January 27 at 11:59 p.m. but the candidates will be allowed to passively campaign during elections. At midnight elections will begin with online voting, which will continue for a 24-hour period. Students will be able to vote from their own personal computers and from any computer on campus. The election should prove to be interesting just because of the recent revisions to the constitution's election process, including the initiation of online voting.

Meet the candidates night will be held on Monday, January 27 in Haggart at 7 p.m. At this time students will be able to ask questions and hear the candidates platforms.

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9-BALL BILLIARD TOURNAMENT
FRIDAY, JAN. 24
8:30pm at ND EXPRESS
Lower Level, LaFortune
(Open practice begins at 8:00pm)

Prizes:
1st Place: $100 gift certificate from BEST BUY
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Opportunity to compete at regional tournament

Space limited to first 16 people who sign up—Sign up at ND Express. (Op to NO STUDENTS ONLY—Must present ID when registering.)

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France and Germany still want peace in Iraq

Associated Press

PARIS

Countering blunt talk of war by the Bush administration, France and Germany on Wednesday insisted that they are committed to a peaceful solution to the Iraq crisis.

"War is not inevitable," French President Jacques Chirac told a historic joint session of the French and German parliaments. "The only frame- work for a legitimate solution is the United Nations."

The statement — made during a ceremony marking 40 years of reconciliation between the once-hostile nations — came as the top U.S. military commander declared American forces could stand by in a high state of readiness for months if necessary.

But Gen. Richard Myers, U.S. chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Washington that American troops were poised for action.

"We're ready now. The Iraqi regime should have no doubt," he said. After a joint meeting of the French and German cabinets, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said the two countries "are entirely in agreement to harmonize our positions more closely in favor of a peaceful solution of the Iraqi crisis."

Chirac said both nations agreed that any decision to attack Iraq should be made only by the U.N. Security Council, after U.N. weapons inspections have reported their findings.

"For us, war is always the proof of failure and the worst of solutions, so everything must be done to avoid it," Chirac said.

France, one of the five permanent members of the Security Council, hinted this week that it could use its veto power on the issue, while Schroeder has made plain that Germany will refuse to back an Iraq war resolution in the council.

Britain — the closest U.S. ally on Iraq — has said it would prefer Security Council support. But Prime Minister Tony Blair said Wednesday his country would back a U.S.-led war without United Nations support if any countries imposed "unreasonable blockage" of a Security Council resolution.

France has the current leadership of the Security Council. Though Germany has no veto power, the country will assume a key role in Iraq war diplomacy when it takes over the council chairmanship in February — just after U.N. arms experts are to submit a progress report on Monday.

Chirac said France and Germany were working closely in the council "to give peace the utmost chance."

Both nations are also key members of NATO, which is currently discussing a request from the United States to provide backup should war break out in Iraq.

Meanwhile, U.N. arms inspectors ran into protests at Basra University in Iraq with dozens of students gathering to demonstrate against the inspections.

"We're ready now. The Iraqi regime should have no doubt," Gen. Richard Myers, U.S. Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"No war for oil," read one sign in English, reflecting a common Iraqi view that U.S. threats to attack Iraq have more to do with American designs on Iraqi oil than with concern over its weapons.

The White House, meanwhile, denied an Iraqi claim that its air defenses shot down an unmanned American spy plane. In New York, chief inspector Hans Blix complained that Iraq was balking at allowing the United Nations reconnaissance flights.

The French-German push for a peaceful disarming of Iraq came as their nations marked the 1963 signing of a treaty that sealed their friendship after fighting three wars in just 70 years.

Chirac and Schroeder announced a series of initiatives to bring the former enemies even closer and give them a leading role in building the European Union as it expands to take in 10 new members next year.

An enlarged Europe "will need the French-German engine," Chirac said in his speech to the lawmakers gathered at the Versailles palace outside Paris.

This huge ensemble of 450 million people will face risks and challenges," Schroeder said of the European Union. "It will need to find a center of gravity."

Schroeder echoed the need for closer cooperation: "Few things get done in Europe if France and Germany don't agree."

In a dramatic show of friendship, the two leaders also proposed an idea unthinkable to generations that survived two World Wars: granting French and Germans shared nationality.

Schroeder said he and Chirac agreed dual nationality would be offered.

"in the long term" to Germans and French who live in the other country.

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France and Germany still want peace in Iraq

French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder expressed their commitment to a peaceful solution to the Iraq crisis.

"War is not inevitable," Chirac said. "The only framework for a legitimate solution is the United Nations."

France and Germany are among the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, which has the authority to authorize military action. However, a veto by any of these countries, including the U.S., could prevent a resolution from being adopted.

Chirac and Schroeder emphasized the importance of the Security Council in any future decision on Iraq.

"For us, war is always the proof of failure and the worst of solutions," Chirac said. "We are committed to a peaceful solution."
In 20 years Notre Dame can graduate over 30,000 students. Therefore, in 20 years, Notre Dame can graduate 55,000 students. Saint Mary’s College currently has 1,900 students, and Holy Cross College has 600 students. In two decades our three schools together can send out close to 70,000 graduates. If we each used our professional skills to pursue just one social cause, Father Sorin’s founding vision would be realized. In pulling our capabilities together, our community’s impact “cannot fail to succeed ... It will develop on a large scale.”

There is much power in this simple statistic. This is multiplied when coupled with recent momentum on college campuses towards civic engagement and servant leadership. While some view service as abandoning one’s current path to pursue an alternative lifestyle, others have a perspective of service that is quite different just as admirable.

A fall course on Leadership and Social Responsibility led by a professor at the Center for Social Concerns has students interact with local leaders who live this special kind of service, people who embrace their talents and apply them to positively impact society through work and ideas.

One leader in athletic leadership our class met is a co-director of the Mendelson Center for Sports, Character & Community, an organization that “brings social scientists and sports practitioners together to build character and promote civic responsibility through sports.” Notre Dame is abundant with “service” capital in athletic talent, and the center works with students and talented professionals to tap into the great passion in sports. For example, soon they are having a conference on Sports, Character and Responsible Citizenship, which will “explore the theme of civic engagement and the value and practicality of using sports as vehicles to promote and strengthen commitment to, or effect change.”

Another area in which some professionals are strengthening their contributions to society is corporate social responsibility and ethics. The Mendoza College of Business has an exemplar in Dean Carolyn Woo. Her education by the Maryknolls in China and perseverance through her studies in America has added to a perspective that breathes life to the idea of business.

When done at its best, Woo views the work in her field as stewardship. Maybe it is this values-oriented leadership that has led to the ethics courses that are taught in the college, gaining it the No. 1 rank by Business Week for business ethics.

There are few limits to the good a person having practical working skills can do. As Woo says, “In the life of faith, God is always transforming our boundaries outward.”

A group of leaders at the South Bend Heritage Foundation (SBHF) also give a unique and superb example of fully using various professional skills for the benefit of the greater community. Our class visited their offices in South Bend, and we discussed their innovative and grassroots methods to bolster support for revitalizing local neighborhoods. They work with SBHF to find solutions, and we project leaders to gain their attention and support. Notre Dame architecture students needing jobs were hired for projects. Banks collaborated with the group to work on financial issues. The SBHF has made pressing arguments based on solid, researched legal grounds. The media has publicized the group’s community efforts. Ministers, schools, churches and community organizations who believe in fair housing have lent their support.

Most importantly, the SBHF has involved the residents themselves in the leadership, people who have not much to prior experience with such matters but who simply have the passion and sense of citizenship to give to their community.

Because of the integration of diverse professional skills and passions, crime in the improved neighborhoods has significantly decreased. More affordable houses in better condition have been put in place, and schools have benefited. Those at the SBHF feel their work is a shared calling. “It’s a team; we’re all in this together.” Other cities offering high salaries have asked them to leave South Bend and help with the challenges in other areas. But the group has chosen to remain in at home.

Sometimes having the greatest impact on the world involves simply taking your abilities and focusing on local concerns. The visit to the South Bend Heritage Foundation was intensely inspiring and made me determined to promote the great impact one can have on society by embracing one’s professional skills.

This inspiration led me to The Observer. Meanwhile, a good friend and freshman roommate was discovering a similar passion. While I pursued a column, he gathered a talented team of students to start a non-profit magazine called “Changing Times” which debuted across the nation Tuesday. His magazine and column share a similar goal to challenge and inspire tomorrow’s leaders to connect their passion and talents with ways to contribute to the greater community.

We who have come to Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross will leave with a special power to embrace our talents and change the times. If we each respect, fulfill the social cause and joined efforts, Father Sorin’s vision would be fulfilled, and our community would become “one of the most powerful means for good in this country.”

Only time will tell if he is wrong.
Notre Dame should respect America by recognizing national holidays

Notre Dame is often referred to as a bastion of tradition. But those traditions seem to be removed from the world and unaware of what is going on outside of campus. They also have the reputation of often caring only about themselves and not recognizing the outside world. While in many cases that reputation is inaccurate, sometimes it is true. It is fueled by both new and old students and by the Administration.

One such example would be Notre Dame's disregard for national holidays. "God, Country, Notre Dame" is inscribed above the side door of the Basilica and is meant to remind the Notre Dame family about all the blessings that they have received. This is meant to be a symbol of our dedication to those causes. And yet, national holidays do not seem to qualify for official recognition on campus.

This past Monday was Martin Luther King Day, a national holiday. Banks were closed, there was no mail and in Indiana, at least, all public schools were closed for either Martin Luther King Jr. Day or Presidents Day.

Notre Dame, on the other hand, does not officially recognize either of these days. There are the events that are organized by students and clubs on campus for this week in order to celebrate King's life and its significance, but nothing really official.

Martin Luther King Jr. was not just a symbol for minorities; he stood for equality and respect for all races and all types of people. These are both things that Notre Dame, especially given our Catholic nature, should be proud to celebrate and stand behind.

Even if you disagree with Martin Luther King, you probably identify with someone who is a member of the general work force. Labor Day was set up to recognize the significance of the labor force and the contributions that American workers have made to the advancement of our country. It is because of these struggles that we are able to have today and why our country is as great as it is.

Yet, Notre Dame also fails to recognize this day. While some people may claim that it is acceptable that we do not get off for Labor Day because we get off Monday before it for "enrollment day," that is really true. Whatever the reason that Notre Dame gives us a whole day to fill in a bubble sheet (or now even just go to a web-page), it is probably not meant to signify the same thing.

And, as if ignoring Labor Day is not bad enough, what most people do not realize is that if you take summer classes, you are required to be in class on the Fourth of July. Now, how can you deny that there is something wrong with making students attend class on the day that celebrates our nation's independence? Going to class distracts us from recognizing the significance of the day while at the same time prevents us from participating in the events which are meant to be symbolic of our nation and all that we stand for.

While parades, barbecues, parties and fireworks may seem to just be fun things to do with friends and family, they also hold within themselves a distinct feeling of patriotism and national spirit. Somehow, I did not quite have the same feeling and sense of being proud to be an American while I was sitting in my statistics class.

Notre Dame needs to start to recognize the importance and significance of national holidays. While I recognize that there may be scheduling problems and a required number of class days, do these few days really make a difference in the overall academic calendar?

I checked a number of other universities' calendars and I could not find one — public, private, Catholic or otherwise — that was in school on Labor Day or Martin Luther King Day. If every other school can fit them in, why do we give ample time to celebrate our Catholic holidays, and we certainly have a spring of Notre Dame throughout campus, so now let's add in the missing piece and start to bring in more of a respect for our country and recognize national holidays. Not canceling classes serves to diminish the importance of the day and sends out a message to everyone that we do not care about or respect national holidays.

I do not think that that is really true at all, so let's start to send out the correct message and continue to try to remove another part of the Notre Dame bubble.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
MOVIE REVIEW

‘A Guy Thing’: Something to do

By EMILY HOWALD
Assistant Scene Editor

Looking for yet another meaningless romantic comedy to occupy your time? Well, then Spike Jonze’s “A Guy Thing” is for you. It’s the typical “should he get married or should he not” story. The story begins with Paul (Jason Lee, “Maltrials”) at his bachelor party. He wakes up the next morning with a strange woman in his bed and is unsure of what happened. She leaves and he writes it off as a mistake before marriage. The problem arises when his fiancé, Karen (Selma Blair, "Cruel Intentions"), introduces him to her cousin, Becky (Julia Stiles, "Save the Last Dance"), who shockingly enough, is the very same woman who woke up in his bed days earlier.

The rest of the movie focuses on the attraction between Stiles and Lee, as well as his struggle to determine if this marriage is fit for him. He also has to run circles around hiding the truth from his fiancé, as well as avoiding Stiles’ neurotic ex-boyfriend. Lee continues to get himself in and out of trouble while battling with his own complacency. The chemistry between Stiles and Lee is not only a humorous one, but also a sarcastic and cynical personal­ties match well on screen. Stiles does a good job of playing the risk-taking, foxy girl who moves from one job to another. Blair plays the ideal controlling fiancé, and it matches her put-together personal­ties match well on screen. Stiles and Lee have many screen­ings, and there is nothing about the film that makes it stick out as Oscar-worthy, but it brings a smile and beats doing nothing. It’s good for both girls and guys as well because it seems as though both sexes can relate to the fear of the commit­ment and appreciate the humor of it all.

Simply, it’s been done before, and probably will continue to be done, but at least “A Guy Thing” adds humor and some originality. Bottom line: If you’re really bored, knock yourself out, other­wise just wait for the rental.

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Karen (Selma Blair) introduces her cousin Becky (Julia Stiles) to her fiancé Paul Morse (Jason Lee). Photo courtesy of www.mgm.com

MOVIE REVIEW

‘Adaptation’ unlike anything else

By BRIAN BIRCHER
Scene Movie Critic

Writer Charlie Kaufman and director Spike Jonze of “Being John Malkovich” have teamed up again to create their latest film, “Adaptation,” a hilarious and complex look at the process of screenwriting. “Adaptation” follows screenwriter Charlie Kaufman’s (Nicolas Cage) struggles to adapt the non-fiction book “The Orchid Thief” by writer Susan Orlean (Meryl Streep) into a screenplay. “The Orchid Thief” fol­lows an orchid poacher, John Laroche (Chris Cooper), who steals rare orchids for a living. Charlie has no concrete ideas of how to turn the book about this eccentric character into a film but he is certain that he does not want it to become trite Hollywood fare.

Charlie’s doubts and inability to work stand in stark contrast to those of his twin brother, Donald (Nicolas Cage). Donald decides on a whim that he is going to become a screenwriter also. After attending a weekend screenwriting workshop, Donald sets to work writing a cliché thriller script. The ease with which Donald writes, combined with his cute girl­friend, just serve to further demoralize Charlie, In his attempts at both writing and love. In either a desperate or brilliant movie, Charlie finally decides that the only way to write the script is to put himself into it and ultimately seek out Susan Orlean for help.

To tell more of the story would detract from the joy of watching it unfold on screen. Nicolas Cage does some of the best acting work he has done in years as Charlie and Donald Cage is entertaining and believable as the un­fallable and consistently upbeat Donald yet also captures Charlie’s self-loathing and doubt. The charac­ters are so distinct and interact so well that you almost feel that Nicolas Cage has a twin who also acts. Streep gives a passable performance as Orlean but Chris Cooper is superb as Laroche, managing to be funny and eccentric yet also capable of sorrow. The per­formances are part of what makes “Adaptation” stand out from some of other offerings in theaters, such as, oh, “Kangaroo Jack”.

The sheer com­plexity of the sto­ryline, which man­ages to bring together the three threads of Kaufman, Orlean and Laroche, is mind-boggling. The narrative goes back and forth in time, but without annoying flash­backs. In a movie that features such scenes as a mon­tage of evolution of life on earth and a scene of Charles Darwin writing “The Origin of Species” this move­ment through time is part of the rules established by the film. “Adaptation” has as many lay­ers and unfaltering demeanor. The film adapts what makes “Adaptation” stand out from some of other offerings in theaters, such as, oh, “Kangaroo Jack”.

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Karen (Selma Blair) introduces her cousin Becky (Julia Stiles) to her fiancé Paul Morse (Jason Lee). Photo courtesy of www.mgm.com

Orchid thief John Laroche (Chris Cooper) searches for rare species of orchid in “Adaptation.” Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com
Catch another film if you can

By JOHN DONNELLY
Scene Movie Critic

Artists often strive to tie form to content. "Catch Me If You Can" excels in this endeavor by suggesting a breezy, fun film about a con man that cons the audience. Yet plodding morality cheats the promise of the film.

"Catch Me If You Can" is the "based on real adventures" story of Frank Abagnale Jr., played by Leonardo DiCaprio, who lived quite the life before his 21st birthday. Abagnale passes himself off as a substitute teacher, airplane pilot, doctor, and lawyer, all while cashing millions of dollars worth of forged checks. Tom Hanks, playing FBI agent Carl Hanratty, doggedly pursues Abagnale throughout the film. Christopher Walken steals the show as Frank's father.

The film has a lot going for it, and not many movies can boast of having Oscar-nominated actors in its three lead roles. Of the three, DiCaprio and Hanks turn in serviceable performances, though save one memorable moment in a car with his partners, Hanks is wrong for the part. Walken is wonderful, but his role is one of the major problems of the film.

"Catch Me If You Can" was adapted from Abagnale's book of his exploits—the book is a quick read, with Abagnale's ego running rampant. His exceptional self-assurance is what makes him a successful con artist. One cannot imagine an ordinary Joe casually strolling into an airport and hopping on a plane as a pilot. The film errs by expanding the role of Frank's family and Hanratty to pump up the narrative. The book is an unabashed joyride. Abagnale makes no apologies for his behavior—the people he cons should have been more cautious. The moral of the book is that a fool and his money are soon parted; the moral of the film, that Frank is lonely because of a broken-home life and tries to be other people because he is not happy with himself. Melodrama drags "Catch Me If You Can" down. The relationship between Abagnale Sr. and Jr. is touching, particularly in meetings between the two in a fancy restaurant and a rundown bar, but has no place in a movie that celebrates the luxurious lifestyle of a con artist. The same can be said of the relationship between pursuer and pursued, where perhaps only a fine line separates them. The film is a compromise. Half the time it gleefully follows Abagnale as he dashes from scheme to scheme, the other half tries to justify his behavior. The rationalizations for his life of crime are neither entertaining nor moving. The haphazard mixture of daring crime and lament for a lost happy childhood greatly slows the pace of a film already too long.

Movies can be breezy and entertaining. There is nothing wrong with that. This film, at a long two hours, twenty minutes, could have been far more entertaining by chopping out the deadwood melodrama and emphasizing the fun that Abagnale had living his extravagant life. If the film wanted to stress his punishment for a life of crime, then his time spent in a French prison could have been played up. By the end of the film, one is unsure whether Abagnale is to be liked or pitied.

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Jordan takes third place on all-time NBA scoring list

Associated Press

Jamal Mashburn scored 24 points and Jamaal Magloire added 16 points and 14 rebounds to help the New Orleans Hornets to a 103-94 victory over the Washington Wizards on Monday, tying up the best record in the NBA's third all-time scorer. He passed Chamberlain's total of 31,419 points with a minute left and his team fell behind by as many as 22 before rallying in the fourth period to keep from getting blown out. Jordan was 1-for-7 in the second half.

Jerry Stackhouse, who returned from missing four games with groin pull, led Washington with 26 and helped get Washington within striking distance early in the fourth. Elan Thomas hit a pair of free throws to give the Wizards within 91-81 with about 8 minutes to go. But Baron Davis responded with a jumper and David Wesley found Magloire for a reverse jam to push the lead to 14. Washington never got closer than nine after that.

Wesley scored 19 for New Orleans, hitting four 3-pointers, while Davis finished with 14. LaSalle androids added 14 for Washington.

Orlando 94, Chicago 91

The lead is getting so heavy for Tracy McGrady in Orlando that he doesn't even want to talk about it anymore. McGrady scored 31 points, handed out seven assists and played 42 minutes, all team-highs, to pound the host the Chicago Bulls Wednesday night. It was the fourth straight game that McGrady scored over 30 points and the third straight victory for McGrady, but the NBA's leading scorer wasn't happy about either of those positives. He responded with two free-throw attempts in the fourth quarter, and the Magic were only 15 of 24 from the line in the final period, helping keep Chicago in the game. McGrady was so disgusted with his free-throw shooting that he hit any characteteristically left the locker room quickly after the game.

Magic coach Doc Rivers didn't blame his star. With Grant Hill out indefinitely because of recurring ankle problems, the load too often falls squarely on McGrady, with little support from his teammates.

Mike Miller scored 17 points for the Magic, and Shawn Kemp and Darrell Armstrong had 12 apiece. But Orlando shot only 38.5 percent. The Magic scored only two field goals in the fourth quarter and only nine altogether in the second half. Though they held a 73-60 lead with 2:29 to play in the third quarter, they didn't hit another shot from the field until Andre Miller was credited for a layup with 1:47 left in the game.

Portland 112, Atlanta 110

Bonzi Wells had no trouble putting his game-winning basket in perspective.

"The biggest shot I've hit since I've been this league," he said. "I'm just happy I went from having the worst game to having a pretty good game. That's how the NBA is." Wells banked in a running one-hander with 1.4 seconds left in the second overtime to give the Portland Trail Blazers a victory Wednesday night over the Atlanta Hawks.

Wells was dribbling at the top of the key when he drove past Corey Bargnani and hit a 6-foot-10 to give the Blazers their fourth win in five games.

"We had a chance to take this team out early," said Seattle Pigpin, who led Portland with seven assists. "We just didn't play the kind of basketball we needed to put this team away.

"When you're on the road, you have to play smarter, and I don't think we played as smart basketball when we had the lead.

Atlanta lost its sixth straight Derek Anderson had 21 points to lead the Blazers, who led by as many as 11 midway through the second quarter before allowing the Hawks to go on a 29-10 run that included a 9-0 burst led by Shareef Abdur-Rahim's tip-in with 6:50 left in the third quarter.

LeBron James had two minutes later, Glenn Robinson, Atlanta's leading scorer, was elected for arguing with official Scott Wall, but the Hawks had by as many as five in the first half before falling by 11-54 in the regulation. The lead changed hands twice in the final 35.1 seconds of regulation. Anderson, Portland's best free-thower, missed two foul shots at the 14.9 mark, and Atlanta, after calling timeout, got a thunderous dunk from Benajah to take a 96-95 lead with 4.9 seconds to go.

"I didn't do anything" differently, he said. "I tried to be aggressive. We penetrated and got a lot of good looks.

Allen scored 14 points, Cassell had 14 assists and 11 rebounds, and Michael Redd added 16 points. The Bucks shot very well despite aggressive Boston defense. They hit 33 percent of their shots and 12 of 24 from 3-point range. Allen was 13-for-23 overall and 5-for-9 on 3-pointers.

"We just ran into a buzzsaw with their ability to knock down shots," Boston coach Jim O'Brien said. "We did a nice job of moving the basketball, not quite as nice as they did, though.

Boston, which ended a four-game winning streak, was led by Pierce with 30 points, Walter McCarty with 22 and rookie J.R. Groomer with 18.

"I was able to get some of the shots that (Walker) gets," McCarty said. "Paul and I made great passes. They were all looking for me."

But the Celtics missed Walker, sidelined with a sprained right knee, only the 11th game he's missed in his 6 NBA seasons and the first this season.

"They still penetrate and look for the 3," Milwaukee's Anthony Mason said. "He's a big talent loss, but they still have some good shooters out there."

"I've been this league," he said. "That's how good game. That's how the NBA is."
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MLK-Light for the journey
Mass of Celebration
7:00 p.m.
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Monday, 1.27
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mark your calendar

In the midst of a noisy culture, ever find yourself desiring a chance for quiet contemplation? Bet you never thought the rosary might be a way to find some of that peace? Come join the University community for a night of quiet prayer and song.

The folk choir will be singing, student government officers will lead the prayers, and we expect a great turnout. Consider yourself invited to the quiet, and to the contemplation....

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Dr. King Celebration
Making your Mark Speaking your Mind

by Chandra Johnson
Assistant to the President

Instead of flying-in a high-priced peace activist or organizing a multi-ethnic talent show, we tried something new this year. We sent out an e-mail to about 30 students and asked if they would be interested in participating in a dinner discussion in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All but a few said "yes." Your response to our invitation confirmed our suspicions: you've got something to say. The New York Times and More the News are becoming primary sources for theology essays and Sunday homilies. The convergence of current events with Christian values is both forming and challenging your social perspective, and there is an awakening of sorts in your minds and hearts. Throughout the past few months, The Observer has been peppered with viewpoints prompted by world and national events. Whether in class assignments or impromptu conversations, your passionate discussions on racism, affirmative action, the environment, abortion, the war on terrorism, and other social matters are not crisis-driven as in the past when misunderstandings about race fueled campus-wide unrest. Your opinions are now interest-driven. For some, you're praying more. For others, you're paying closer attention to the nightly news and daily web casts. On a Christian Catholic campus, this response to the realities of your daily life is called faith in action. You're responding to your world and talking to each other about solutions.

The Dr. King Celebration Dinner held yesterday was a new way to respond to Dr. King's message. The students we asked to participate were selected by members of the University's MLK Committee, peers who felt confident in identifying members of the student body who have solid opinions on war, race, economics and other hot topics which touch the heart of the human condition. The setting was the second floor of the Main Building with the Columbus murals as the backdrop. The controversial pictures of our country's founding prompted discussions which we hoped would yield informed and thoughtful commentary among peers. There were six tables of eight, and each table was assigned a topic: war, affirmative action, gender equity, economics and social class, the hiring of Coach Williams, and a topic self-selected by graduate students. I wish I could tell you that the event was a success, but I can't. This article was due on Tuesday and the dinner was last night. I'll let you know in this column next month. However, as we planned, what we know for sure was that as a University committee comprised of students and administrators, we were confident that the opportunity to share a meal while sharing insight would reveal the depth of our beliefs and active response to stabilize an uncertain world. But we didn't stop there. Tonight the conversation will be moved from the dinner table to the altar. Take your place at the Lord's Supper as we conclude our Dr. King celebration with Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the Keenan-Stanford Chapel. Everyone is welcome! With Fr. J. Steele leading us in prayer, and the Celebration combined choirs leading us in song, we will profess our commitment to leadership through love and rekindle the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. His message is timeless—it continues to inform and challenge us. Making your mark is believing you have something worthwhile to say. Leadership is not being afraid to say it.

By the way: the Dr. King Celebration Dinner will be opened to everyone next year. Space will be limited so be sure to sign up early! Better yet, contact me if you'd like to be a member of the committee.

considerations....

Light for the Journey - Mass of Celebration
All are Welcome
Keenan-Stanford Chapel
7:00 p.m.

Theo Fleury, who was suspended for the first 25 games of the season after violating the NHL’s substance abuse aftercare program, said he’d made a “bad choice” and was ready to accept the consequences after Ohio police said he was intoxicated following an altercation at a strip club.

“I made a bad decision,” said Fleury, whose suspension covered the first 25 games of the season.

“Whatever the consequences are, I’m fully aware. I’ll deal with the consequences when they happen.”

Blackhawks coach Brian Sutter said the matter was being handled internally.

Something happened that we regret and it’s being handled internally,” Sutter said. “Do we like it? No, but it’s being handled internally.”

Fleury met with Blackhawks general manager Steve Smith on Tuesday. NHL spokesman Frank Brown would not comment on whether the league has been notified of the incident. Fleury is under the supervision of two doctors as part of the NHL’s aftercare program.

Sgt. Brent Mull, spokesman for the Columbus, Ohio police department, said officers received a call from an attendant at a gas station across the street from the Pure Platinum strip club about 4 a.m. Sunday. A group of men had used a pay phone at the station to call a cab, and Mull said the attendant was concerned because one of the men looked as if he’d been assaulted.

The cab was gone by the time the police showed up, but another officer, Jason Gunther, saw the cab and stopped it. “Sure enough, those were the people the attendant had called about,” Mull said. According to Gunther’s report, Fleury was “intoxicated” and said he’d been “hit several times by about nine bouncers” at the strip club. He refused medical attention for a cut above his left eye, and refused to give his address or phone number.

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Sorenstam eyes the PGA tour

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Annika Sorenstam has dominated her competition on the LPGA Tour the last two seasons. Her next challenge might be against the men.

Sorenstam said Wednesday she would relish the chance to play a PGA Tour event, provided she received a sponsor's exemption and the tournament was held on a golf course that suits her game.

"If I got an invite, I would say yes in a heartbeat," she said at Bay Hill Club and Lodge during an appearance for Callaway Golf. "It's a great challenge. It's not something I want to do regularly. But it would be a great learning experience.

Her agent, Mark Steinberg of IMG, said the chances of that happening this year are "very possible," as long as it's the right tournament, the right course, and it fits her LPGA Tour schedule.

"I suspect that after today, there will be more than one tournament that is very interested," he said. "There are going to be several tournaments that will not even consider it. That would be my guess. But there will be quite a few that express some interest."

Eric Mehl, tournament director of the 84 Lumber Classic of Pennsylvania, said it is too early to determine how the new event will use its sponsor's exemptions in September.

LPGA Tour spokesman Rob Combs said the tour has no regulations against women playing, and that tournaments have the flexibility to use their exemptions to round out the field or to create interest.

He said it was "conceivable" that a tournament would offer Sorenstam an exemption.

The topic came up when Sorenstam, who won 13 times around the world last year and set or tied nearly two dozen records, was asked about Suzy Whaley.

Whaley, a Connecticut club pro, won a PGA sectional from a shorter set of tees than the men and qualified for the Greater Hartford Open in late July. She will be the first woman to play on the PGA Tour in the modern era.

"I think she's very brave," Sorenstam said. "She's doing this to show her daughters that anything is possible. I heard in an interview that she doesn't expect to break 90. At least she has a goal set, and she knows what's going to happen."

The 32-year-old Swede has higher goals if she ever gets that chance.

"If I pick the right course, I think I would do well," she said, adding that she could only compete if the course wasn't excessively long, had tight fairways and punishing rough, which she rarely gets into as the LPGA's best driver.

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Marlins catch I-Rod for $10 million

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MIAMI

The Florida Marlins and 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez agreed Wednesday on a $10 million, one-year contract.

Rodriguez played 1,479 games with the Texas Rangers, hitting .303 with 215 homers and 829 RBI and developing a reputation as one of the best catchers in baseball.

The Rangers refused to offer the 31-year-old Rodriguez salary arbitration last December in a payroll-slaying move. Rodriguez received a $2 million severance payment from the team as the end of his previous contract.

Florida will pay Rodriguez $3 million this year, with the remainder deferred without interest. The Marlins will pay him $3 million on June 1, 2004, and $2 million each on June 1 in the following two years.

His deal with the Marlins includes a no-trade clause and an agreement that the Marlins will not offer him salary arbitration after the season.

Rodriguez missed nearly two months early last season because of a herniated disk in his back, but hit .314 with 19 homers and 60 RBIs in 108 games.

He replaces sluggers Cliff Floyd and Preston Wilson in the middle of the lineup and working with a young and talented starting rotation that includes A.J. Burnett, Brad Penny and Josh Beckett.

The Marlins traded catcher Charles Johnson to Colorado in November as part of a six-player deal that brought left-hander Mike Hampton and outfielder Juan Pierre to Florida. Hampton was then traded to Atlanta.

Jim Beattie, Baltimore's executive vice president of baseball operations, had been trying to sign Rodriguez.

"I thought Ivan was a very good fit for us, playing in the AL, where he could be a designated hitter when he wasn't catching," Beattie said. "But he lives in Miami, and I'm sure those were among his considerations. We spent most of the day talking about a three-year deal, but I guess he wanted to go with more money and a shorter term. I would have been discouraged if we paid more money than we were comfortable with. The offer we made was what we thought was an appropriate amount of money. I'm satisfied with our effort. The offer we made made sense for us."

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Roddick prevails in marathon Grand Slam match

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia

They bowed to the crowd and walked off the court together well after midnight, exhausted but elated.

"Strategy was out the door; it was just pure fighting," Roddick said.

The Roddick-El Aynaoui tiebreaker in the fifth set was the longest Grand Slam tiebreaker in terms of time was 5:11 — Boris Becker's victory over Omar Camporese in 1991. The longest Grand Slam match was 5:31 when Alex Corretja beat Hernan Gumy in the third round of the 1998 French Open — but that match was played over two days because of rain.

Things were far less dramatic for Serena Williams, who defeated Meghann Shaughnessy 6-2, 6-2 to reach the Australian semifinals for the first time. She moved within two wins of completing her "Serena Slam." Williams will face Kim Clijsters, who gained her first major title last year, and Anastasia Myskina of Russia.

Roddick and El Aynaoui, the players that at 19-all in the fifth set Wednesday to reach the Australian semifinals in 2000, were the players that at 19-all in the fifth set, they handed their rackets to ballboys for a quick rest.

On El Aynaoui's last service game, his left leg was shaking with fatigue. "My legs were feeling a little bit heavy at the end," he said. "Andy kept serving really hard." At 2:23, it was the longest fifth set in the Open era, which began in 1968. It topped Mark Philippoussis' 20-18 win over Andi Sch VIDEO in the third round at Wimbledon in 2000. The U.S. Open is the only Grand Slam that plays a tiebreaker in the fifth set.

The 83-game match was the longest at the Australian Open in more that 30 years. The longest Australian Open match in terms of time was 5:11 — Boris Becker's victory over Omar Camporese in 1991. The longest Grand Slam match was 5:31 when Alex Corretja beat Hernan Gumy in the third round of the 1998 French Open — but that match was played over two days because of rain.

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When Corretja was on the court, Roddick did not know how long it would last. This was the match of the match of the 2003 Open, and Roddick had lost in the other semifinal, Andre Agassi's five-set victory against Russian Davis Cup star Mikhail Youzhney.

Younes El Aynaoui raises the hand of Andy Roddick after Roddick defeated El Aynaoui in the longest match ever at the Australian Open. The match lasted four hours and 59 minutes.
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At the time, coach Tony Granato said he hoped the injury was no worse than a bruise. On Tuesday, Sakic left the Avalanche practice facility carrying crutches, although he wasn't using them. Colorado is 17-14-10-5 and 12 points behind Vancouver in the Northwest Division, but Granato said Sakic wasn't rushing Sakic back.

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The Flames were leading the Oilers 4-0 with seven minutes left in third period when Harvey drew Edmonton's ire by hanging over the bench.

Edmonton coach Glen Hanlon said the team was not contacted by the league and no griev ance was filed.

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back injury, set the freshman up for her first start against Marquette. During that game, she proved that starting her had not been the wrong choice.

"We didn't have anyone out there with the exception of Courtney who was saying, 'Hey, give me the ball and I can score,'" McGraw said after the game.

Marquette was one of four double-doubles that LaVere has had since the Tennessee game. Her other double-doubles came against top 10 Purdue and against St. John's last Tuesday.

"It's crucial for our team that Courtney almost get a double-double," Duffy said. "And she's capable of doing that every night."

And what she did before she earned herself a starting spot was only the beginning. Since her start against Marquette on New Year's Eve, LaVere has continued to improve the new year in style. She is averaging 15.9 points and 8.4 rebounds a game, shooting 56.6 percent from the field and is in the top 20 in the Big East in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and blocked shots with 14 blocked shots in 16 games.

LaVere knows that if she can get the ball, she can score. So when her team is down, she wants to take control.

"If we're struggling offensively, I feel like I can score so I want the ball, I'll call for it," LaVere said.

The style of Notre Dame's offense has also been beneficial. As a post player in the triangle offense that revolves around getting the ball into the post, LaVere has the benefit of being the first look from her teammates. And as far as they're concerned, there's no one else they'd rather look for.

"I love to give her the ball as much as I can," Duffy said. "She's a great post player."

"The style of Notre Dame, aside from Connecticut, hasn't really been able to respond."

Connecticut's Geno Auriemma was impressed by LaVere's play on Monday when the Huskies beat the Irish 72-53.

"LaVere's going to be a great player," Auriemma. "I love the way she plays."

Although her teammate may describe her as being "goofy" off the court and tease her about the change from Southern California to the snowy South Bend weather, LaVere is has proven that Notre Dame is for her.

"For the Irish, she is for Notre Dame."

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American honors at the NCAA Championships. Senior Forest Walton returns to the team after spending last season abroad to give the Irish three All-American foils.

The sophomore duo of Alicja Kryzakale and Andrea Ament can do no better this season after combining for a 45-1 dual record in their first NCAA Championships — the only loss was Ament's to Kryzakale, who won the title by defeating Andrea for a second time.

Epee captain Viviani looks to become the first four-time All-American in Notre Dame epee history. Viviani has the best winning percentage (.949) of any epee in the school history. Sophomore Michael Sobieraj compiled a 26-1 regular-season record, but finished a disappointing 10th at the NCAA Championships.

National champion Kerry Walton currently stands fourth in the U.S. senior epee rankings and looks to repeat in her second season of collegiate fencing. Captain Anna Carnick can become another four-time All-American for the Irish. The senior from Mishawaka, Ind. is currently on the Irish in school history with a .785 career winning percentage.

This weekend, the Irish start their season at the Ohio State duals with the opportunity to compete coming from the fourth-ranked Buckeyes. Next weekend, top-ranked and defending national champion Penn State face the Irish at the Notre Dame duals.

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Freshmen aid Irish in victory

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

In their first true match of the season, the freshmen came through for the women’s tennis team.

The Irish, ranked 22nd nationally, improved to 9-1 in their past 10 home openers as they defeated the Western Michigan in singles play.

"Especially [being a] first match with three freshmen in the singles line-up, it was good," Louderback said. "It was good for our freshmen to get that first match out of the way."

For Smith, winning yesterday was an important mental victory.

"My fall was really tough, and I was really nervous," Smith said. "I just put too much pressure on myself. Coming into today, I just wanted to focus on having fun and just playing like I've been practicing."

Smith went on to defeat the Bronco’s Rattiya Hiranat 6-2, 6-3. The freshman Connolly won with the same score over Shamim Mayanja. Stastny rounded out the youth rebellion against the Broncos with her 6-0, 6-2 triumph over Valeria Stoliava.

Stotiava. Playing at No. 1, Alicia Salas, ranked 124th nationally, quickly ended Western Michigan’s Melanie Peters ouiting, 6-0, 6-2.

Junior Caylan Leslie lost 6-4, 2-6, 1-0 (10-5) in her return to the courts after 14 months of recovering from a shoulder injury.

The Irish coach Jay Louderback, beginning his 14th season with Notre Dame, was pleased with the victory.

"This was fun," he said. "Our kids are afforded a lot of good opportunities to play some really good teams," Louderback said. "We’re starting at 22 and our goal as the year goes is to keep climbing. We want to climb the rankings."

On Sunday, the Irish will face Wisconsin. Last year, the Badgers knocked Notre Dame out of the first round of the NCAA tournament.

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Belles fall to last in conference with loss

By HEATHER VAN HOEGERDEN
Sports Writer

Both Calvin and Saint Mary’s came into Wednesday night’s game at Calvin Fieldhouse in desperate need of a win.

However, the hot shooting of the Knights proved to be too much for the Belles as they lost their fourth straight game, 64-50.

Calvin (11-5, 2-3), was led by senior forward Emily Beard with 12 points while sophomore guard Kristen McDonald had ten points. Also contributing for the Belles was Audrey Gajor, who finished with ten points.

With the loss, Saint Mary’s dropped a tie for last place in the conference with a 1-4 record. The Belles are tied with Olivet, who they defeated on the road earlier this season, and Adrian, who the Belles play Saturday.

The Belles are 8-8 overall, and 1-4 in the MIAA. They have struggled of late, dropping their last two MIAA games. It looks to be a battle, as both teams are hungry for a win.

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A diamond in the rough

Freshman finds starting role, surprises struggling Irish

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

If the last several weeks have been rocky for the Irish, then Courtney LaVere has been a diamond in the rough. In the last four home games, the Irish have recorded zero victories and left nearly every game looking frustrated. But among those frustrations, there are a few glimmers of the possibility of success.

LaVere holds several of those lights. "[LaVere] deserves all the credit and we are going to it perfectly clear that if she could get the ball, she could get some things done for the Irish," said teammate Megan Duffy.

Over the holidays, the Irish began to first struggle and then to lose confidence in their abilities. They were looking for someone who would step up. LaVere made it perfectly clear that if she could get the ball, she could get some things done for the Irish.

"I think that when we were struggling someone had to step up and I was confident enough to know I could help the team." - Courtney LaVere

Freshman Courtney LaVere moves the ball down the court during Notre Dame's 64-61 loss to Rutgers on Jan. 18. The forward has been a bright spot for the Irish during their recent struggles.

Against the Vols, LaVere had a game-high 17 points and 11 rebounds. That, coupled with the aggression of Flecky's... see LAVERE/page 21

New coach, same elusive goal — a national championship

Bednarski wants to balance teamwork and individuality

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

When the national team rankings came out, first-year head coach Janusz Bednarski was a little surprised.

"We have a good image so maybe they gave us a little bit of credit and we are going to try to accomplish what they expect from Notre Dame," Bednarski said of the team's No. 2 ranking. "We have to be patient. This team is unpredictable, but they can win." Bednarski replaced retired Yves Auril in May and looks to accomplish something Auril never could — win a national title.

Returning 10 of the 12 fencers who participated in the 2002 NCAA Championships, Bednarski looks to use that experience and leadership to capture the team's first national championship since 1994.

One of the main challenges of a fencing coach is getting the team to act like that — as a team. Fencers become accustomed to being on their own out on the strip and Bednarski knows creating a team-first attitude is necessary to compete for the national title.

"Fencing is an individual sport even when you boust as a team, you are off on your own against your opponent. There is something when you are bousting for yourself and for a team," Bednarski said. "When you boust for a team, you show your real personality as a member of the group. Then you can fence better and accomplish better results than fencing on your own. It is really interesting to see people change when bousting for a group."

While most of the team... see FENCING/page 21