Students speak out on Iraq

By KRISTIN KLEIN and LUKE BUSAM

News Waver

It was standing room only at the Peace Coalition's discussion Tuesday as more than 100 people filled the Reckers Hospitality Room to discuss the idea of the United States going to war against Iraq.

A panel composed of 10 students from various organizations on campus, including College Republicans and Pax Christi, presented multiple viewpoints for those gathered.

Of the ten, one member supported war with Iraq, six were against it and three were undecided.

The audience mirrored the panel, with over half against any form of war in Iraq, about 40 percent undecided and 10 percent supporting the war only with U.S. support. Less than 10 people supported a war without backing from the United Nations.

The first panel member to speak, Mark Hayes of the College Republicans, believed that the United States should go to war with Iraq.

"Giving more time to the weapons inspectors will only delay the inevitable," said Hayes.

Hayes also said that President Bush does not want to go to war with Iraq but it is necessary to enforce the UN resolutions.

Another panel member, Dennis Hayes, a former member of the Marine Corps and law student, did not take a side. Creed said he believes that the United States is "trying to clean up our Cold War mess," by going to war with Iraq. He encouraged students to actively lobby their elected representatives.

"The best way to take action is to hold elections today," said Hayes.

Board elects Soukup as new editor in chief

By JASON McFARLEY

News Waver

The Boat Club, a popular spot on campus, has sailed, but the police raid that turned up more than 100 minors Friday doesn't bode well for the popular student tavern.

It's going to get the weekend programming initiatives off to a slow start, said excise commissioner DePrez.

"If you've got a situation where it's that many minors in a tavern, it's going to get the attention of the prosecutor," said the Indiana Alcoholic and Tobacco Commission, said Penny Davis, superintendent of the Indiana Alcoholic and Tobacco Commission.

Early Friday morning, excise police oversaw the raid of Boat Club, 106 N. Hill St., where they ticked 213 underaged patrons, mostly Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. It ranked among the biggest raids of underage drinking to ever occur in South Bend, police said.

Today, investigators at the excise police District 1 office in Michigan City expect to forward their report to the raid to Davis. After she inspects it to "make sure all the elements are there," Davis said she will forward the report to the Indiana Alcoholic and Tobacco Commission.

The ATC prosecutor will review the case, including any past legal action against Boat Club, before determining any possible sanctions for last week's raid, said ATC chairwoman Mary DePrez.

DePrez declined to comment specifically on the Boat Club case.

But generally, DePrez said, big busts or checkered histories translate into stiff penalties for bars. Bar owners face fines and suspension or revocation of their liquor licenses.

"Normally, any action we take will come in the form of fines," she said. "If there are a lot of citations involved, there may be heavier fines or loss of license.

Punishment — if bars receive any — typically is swift. DePrez estimated that more than 30 days passes between when bars are raided and when they hear from the ATC prosecutor.

Boat Club remained open over the weekend and was open Monday.

The bar's owner did not return phone calls requesting comment.

The bar was raided about 12:40 a.m. Friday, following a two-month investigation into complaints about underage drinking there, police said.

Authorities said they were barred from disclosing who lodged the complaints against the bar.

In most cases, raids are complaint-generated, said excise chief Davis.

"The people who usually come forward are usually a disgruntled employee who's been fired or a parent with good information that illegal activity is happening in an establishment," Davis said.

The Boat Club was well known among Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students as a haven for minors. The bar was a popular destination for students on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Between 200 and 300 people were inside the bar at the time of the raid, police said.

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

As an assistant managing editor, he oversaw the sports department while working on a variety of special projects and editorial operations.

"I just kind of seemed like a natural progression to me," said Soukup of his promotion.

In addition to his work with The Observer, Soukup gained professional experience last summer as a sports intern with the South Bend Tribune.

Among the projects Soukup hopes to undertake during his tenure include improving the Observer's Web site (observer.nd.edu) and strengthening recruiting, training and reporting methods.

"I'm excited to see what I could do to see The Observer improve the next year," said Soukup.

"And I'm extremely eager to work with a very talented staff.

A resident of Knott Hall, Soukup has a minor in journalism, ethics and democracy.
In Wednesday's article, "Incorrect student file police report," the Observer erroneously reported, "South Bend police did not even phase calls asking con- cerns about the investigation." In reality, the police were unable to provide the requested information at that time.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not neces- sarily those of The Observer. Contact Tom Haight at thaight@nd.edu.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND
- Runtcatcher, International Film Series. United Student Government. 9 p.m. at the Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune Student Center.
- Lecture, "Religious Reasons, Liberal Theology, and Commerce." Nicholas Woltersloft, Yale University. 2 p.m. room 136, DeBartolo Hall.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC
- Semester Around the World Interviews, 1 p.m. Stapleton Lounge, LeMans Hall.
- Kaplan Test Preparation, 6 p.m., room 315 Makeleve Hall.
- Student Senior Comprehensive Auditions, 7 p.m., Little Theater, Mureen Center for the Arts.

WHAT'S WHAT'S UP

Assistant Ad Design Manager
Tom Haight

INSIDE COLUMN

The answer to 3/4 = 28%

If you're actually reading this, you've undoubtedly seen the famous "tangent" campaign implemented by the Office of Alcohol and Drug Ignorance with the slogan "When does 3/4 = 28%?" You've also probably won- dered what kind of idiotic decision it was to run a whole month without- out answering the question. While I can't answer why it's taken the program so long to come out with the answer (though I have no doubt that the Sheriff's department and the in- terests behind this campaign will be hot on the trail of the answer), I've been asked to do a little math work to realize the numbers work out to be essentially the same. I just happened to see an earlier variation of the argu- ment, something they apparently either didn't understand or didn't want to discuss.

So back to the dirty conscience: 72 percent of the alcohol is consumed by 1/4 of the student body. Doesn't that still constitute one heck of a major problem (at least if you're trying to preserve our culture and traditional values)?"

I guess they didn't take that into account when they came up with this fun fact. This is like telling people to look on the bright side of a train wreck just because nobody everybody dies in it. That is the ultimate boogey man to the administration using UIS in a pathetic attempt to curry favor. As if taking our hard alcohol and tailgating privileges away on top of banning in- dustry ads wasn't enough. Now they have to listen to this drivel trying to con- vince people that the school isn't that bad. As a minority of the student body who drink more than a beer and laying a guilt trip on those who drink more. These are your tuition dollars hard at work.

The case is being investigated further. student taken back to dorm North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: boiled linguine, tortellini with basil cheese sauce, puerto pizz, chicken sea gumbo, honey-garlic pork chop, white beans with ham, whipped potatoes, baked lemon perch, vegetable rice pilaf, zeschuan vegan noodles, cali- fornia rancho rice, broccoli quesoell, mexican dipping sauce.

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Linguine with vegeta- bles, Puerto Rican pasta sauce, sausage calzones, honey-garlic pork chop, white pizzas, chicken breast teriyaki, chicken chops, baked potato, broccoli, oatmeal raisin cookies, seven layer bars, french onion soup, cream of broccoli soup.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: chicken strips, maca- reni and cheese, bronze sauce, chicken gray, whipped potatoes, lentil and bar- ley soup, beef jerky, baked oyster, oriental vegetables, vegetable potato- to casserole, barbeque chicken, sea- soned fries, baked beans, cornbread, fried pork rice, baked chinese noodles, vegetable egg rolls, refried beans.

South Dining Hall
Today's Dinner: Puerto Rican pasta sauce, sausage calzones, cauliflower au gratin, zum potato salad, grilled ham steak, beef potato pie, parslad potatoes, rice valenciana, lemon-baked perch, Jamaican-jerked pork loin, BBQ chicken, soft pretzels.

SOUTH DATING HALL
Today's Lunch: Linguine with vegeta- bles, Puerto Rican pasta sauce, sausage calzones, honey-garlic pork chop, white pizzas, chicken breast teriyaki, chicken chops, baked potato, broccoli, oatmeal raisin cookies, seven layer bars, french onion soup, cream of broccoli soup.

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Students prepare for annual fair

By NATHASHA GRANT

November 22, 2009

The annual Winter Career and Internship Fair, sponsored by Notre Dame's Career Center, will be held today in the Joyce Center from 4 to 8 p.m. Notre Dame students are encouraged to attend the fair, which offers the opportunity to present their resumes for consideration for full-time positions and internships and discuss career options with recruiters from over 130 companies.

Career Center Associate Director Anita Rees said she is impressed at the response from employers given the state of the economy.

"The economy is very volatile and these companies still think that it's important to recruit Notre Dame students," she said. "Employers are padding the number of schools at which they are recruiting.

In anticipation of the career fair, Rees said that the career center has offered multiple job preparation sessions where students were welcome to go over their resumes with a counselor and learn helpful interviewing tips. These sessions have helped Rees gauge how students are responding to the preparations.

"I sense excitement in some of them," Rees said. "In other students, I'm a little afraid that they think people aren't hiring. It's not just a display, they truly are hiring."

According to Rees, because of timing of hiring, it is very hard to track exactly how many students are hired through the career fairs.

"We're hoping this year to do a follow-up with employers to get feedback," she said.

Rees is very optimistic that students will be well received.

"We have fantastic students and I think that these employers are going to be excited to meet them and see their qualifications," she said.

While students are also excited about the fair, some are also nervous as to what to expect from their efforts.

Senior Gail Thompson said she is going out every day to networking and researching companies in which she is interested in hopes of finding a good impression.

"After spending four years at such an accredited University, it's embarrassing to go home without a job," Thompson said.

"I know that my family will be there to support me no matter what but I'd like to stand on my own two feet."

Thompson said that the career fair is just one of the many options that she is exploring.

Although senior Joseph Lordi already has a job offer, he said he views the career fair as a chance to explore other opportunities.

"We're constantly being told that as Arts and Letters majors that we are not the most marketable people, but the career fair gives us a sense of hope and offers students the opportunity to get an abstention in order to show judgment to the single ticket on this year's ballot. The board members said that the editorial contained false information. It is embarrassing to go home without a job," Thompson said. "I know that my family will be there to support me no matter what but I'd like to stand on my own two feet."

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The Board of Governance responds to election editorial

By MEGAN O'NEIL

November 22, 2009

The Board of Governance responded to requests for money from various student organizations, initiated a fund to benefit needy students and discussed voting procedures for today's student presidential elections at its weekly meeting Monday.

Voting procedures and today's election evoked the most discussion among BOG members, in response to an editorial that appeared in Monday's issue of The Observer. The piece urged Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students to abstain in order to show judgment to the single ticket on this year's ballot.

The board members said that the editorial contained false information.

"To abstain adds neither to the yes or no count," explained Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Delh. "It is a majority of no's which would start the process over."

Board members were also dismayed that the editorial said the current candidates would be the only ones willing to run for office. They said that the term "willing" was used in a negative manner, and somehow implied the candidates were sacrificing themselves in order to run for a student government position.

"Our election process is fair," said board member Kevin Matha, defending the election "and everyone should take the time to vote."

"The board issued a written response to the editorial," which appears in today's Observer.

The BOG voted to provide $150 to the Student Nurses Association, to allow 13 nursing majors to attend the State Nurses Association Conference in Indianapolis. The board members said they hope the students attending the conference will be able to share with them the information they learn with the student body at the annual Health Fair in the spring.

Special Friends, a Notre Dame-Saint Mary's club, will also receive $500 to help pay the expenses of a seminar on autism that appears in today's Observer.

The seminar will include a guest speaker with expertise in the field and will be delivered at Notre Dame.

The BOG also granted $400 to the Saint Mary's Advertising Club, the club, which has doubled the number of its partnerships in the past year, requested the funds in order to embark on a unique joint project with Belline Media Group. The money will enable the advertising club to research and assist other organizations and interest them in advertising in the magazine. The club, which sells the magazine, has the magazine be financially independent through advertisement sales.

The idea of creating a fund for needy students was re-invented at the meeting. The fund would exist to assist those students who may find it difficult to attend school functions because of financial limitations. Activities the fund could be used for include retreats, dances and other social events.

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Legends

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constraints. "Every dollar we save on construction costs can go towards better sound and lighting equipment," he said.

In other Exec Cab news:
- Student leaders continued their organizations' strategic planning initiatives, begun last semester. Next week's executive cabinet meeting will feature presentations by student union treasurer Andrew Oxenreiter and freshman class president Dave Baron.
- Junior class president Meghan O'Donnell encouraged Saint Mary's students to vote in Tuesday's election, calling an Observer editorial "bogus." The Observer on Monday called for students to abstain from voting. "It's bogus to ask everyone to abstain simply because there's only one ticket running," O'Donnell said.
- Senior class president Matt Smith outlined several upcoming events for seniors. Thursday, seniors will have the opportunity to tour Notre Dame Stadium, followed by a class dinner at BW3's. On Feb. 5, the class council will host a reception in the Joyce Center Monogram Room, honoring the women's basketball team before tipoff against Georgetown. A cash bar will be available. Smith also announced that registration for Senior Week events is available online at www.nd.edu/-class03.
- Student body president Libby Bishop encouraged students to attend the performance of "Sex Signals," a dutiful work that deals with dating, gender relations, and sexual assault. The performance will be held Feb. 6 in the LaFortune Ballroom.
- The freshman class council announced that a rosary service will be held at the Grotto Tuesday evening at 6:45 in honor of missing student Chad Sharan. Baron asked students to light candles for the student, who disappeared Dec. 13. "We hope to find some solace in the Grotto," Baron said.
- Judicial council president Danielle Ledesma announced that the development of online elections is proceeding, and that a pilot system will be in place over the next few days. "About 100 students will test the system," Ledesma said.

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Three-quarters of all Notre Dame students drink only 28% of all the alcohol that is consumed here!

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Office of Alcohol and Drug Education
United Nations

U.N. inspections bolster chances for war in Iraq

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

U.N. weapons inspectors bolstered the United States' case Monday that Iraq has failed to cooperate with them wholeheartedly, but also laid out at least a "few months" to give the process a chance to avert a war. The United Nations rejected Iraq's response to U.N. disarmament demands as inadequate, with Secretary of State Colin Powell warning that Saddam Hussein has "not much more time" to "turn on the light" about his weapons programs. China, Russia and France countered that the reports support the need for inspectors to continue to do their work.

"Iraq appears not to have come to a genuine acceptance, not even today, of the disarmament that was demanded of it," Blix said. He said Iraq failed to provide inspectors evidence supporting claims that they indeed had destroyed their weapons, such as the deadly nerve agent VX, anthrax and Scud-type missiles with a range of more than 90 miles. Blix said his team now believe Iraq's claims that it was not successful in producing VX were untrue. "There are indications that the agent was produce. ... Blix inspectors have also discovered a mustard gas precursor during recent inspections.

Mohamed ElBaradei, who heads the U.N. nuclear control agency, said nuclear inspections of 106 sites had turned up no evidence so far that Iraq was reviving its nuclear program. With Iraq's cooperation, he said, "we should be able to work within a few months" to provide credible assurance that Iraq has no nuclear weapons program.

"These few months would be a valuable investment in peace because it could help avoid a war," ElBaradei told the council.

While ElBaradei asked for more time to carry out inspections, Blix said he no longer required the ongoing working of his 15-page report, delivered at an earlier meeting.

But Blix's spokesman, Ewen Buchanan, said there were no differences with ElBaradei and that Blix has mapped out a program of future inspections, which he referred to in the report. "This is an update of an ongoing and continuing process of inspections. It is not the end of the road," Buchanan said.


"Iraq's response to the calls of the international community has been clear," Blix charged that Iraq has never genuinely accepted U.N. resolutions demanding its disarmament and warned that "cooperation on substance" is necessary for a peaceful solution. "There are indications that the agent was produce. ... Blix inspectors have also discovered a mustard gas precursor during recent inspections.

Israel

Confident Sharon finalizes Israeli election campaign

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Confident of victory in Tuesday's election, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon withdrew to his office on the last day of campaigning while his rival, opposition leader Amram Mitzna phoned wavering voters in a desperate attempt to cement his fragile position. Shin Bet, the Israeli security agency, has warned that the upcoming election, which is expected to emerge as the largest spy trial in Israel's history, will be the most difficult ever. The nation's largest residential mortgage group Hamas and Islamic Jihad announced Monday they will not halt attacks on Israelis, ending Egypt's months-long effort to pave the way for a truce and resumption of peace talks. There had been some expectation that a truce announcement could be made before Israel's vote. With Sharon's right-wing Likud expected to emerge as the largest faction, polls have shown the winning 30 to 33 seats — attention has already shifted to post-election coalition troubles that could significantly weaken the prime minister.

World News Briefs

Internet worm still affecting banks: The weekend attack on the Internet crippled some sensitive corporate and government systems, including banking operations and 911 centers, far more seriously than many experts believed possible. The nation's largest residential mortgage firm, Countrywide Financial Corp., told customers who called Monday it was still suffering from the attack. Its Web site, where customers usually can make payments and check their loans, was closed with a note about "emergency maintenance." Police and fire dispatchers outside Seattle reported to paper and pencil for hours Saturday after the virus-like attack disrupted operations for the 911 center that serves two suburban police departments and at least 14 fire departments. American Express Co. confirmed that customers could reach its Web site to check credit statements and account balances during parts of the weekend.

Possible death penalty spy case opens: The first spy trial in 50 years that could result in the death penalty opened Monday with prosecutors portraying a retired Air Force master sergeant as willing to sell out his country for a price and his lawyers saying he had nothing of value to offer. Brian Patrick Regan is charged with offering classified information to Iraq, Libya and China. If convicted, Regan could become the first American executed for spying since Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in 1953. After 12 jurors and four alternates were seated, lawyers for both sides delivered opening statements before U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee. "Brian Regan took an oath of loyalty to the United States. It is an oath he did not keep," Assistant U.S. Attorney Patricia Haynes told the jurors. She read a letter that Regan allegedly wrote to Saddam Hussein offering the Iraqi president information to help the Iraqis hide anti-aircraft missiles in exchange for $13 million in Swiss francs.
Panel continued from page 1

is to get out there and vote," said Creed.

can make it easier for stu-
dents to voice their opinions in
other ways, the Center for So-
cial Concerns provided paper
and envelopes for stu-
dents to send their views to
hometown politicians and
other people involved with
the decision to go to war with
Iraq.

"At what point is Saddam
Hussein enough of a threat to
take action against him?"
questioned Creed.

Numerous other panel mem-
bers asked similar questions,
though no one seemed to have
an answer.

"According to the U.N.
Atomic Energy Report, if there
were no inspectors in Iraq, the
earliest Iraq could build a
weapon to pose a threat to the
United States is eight years," said
panelist Yakoob Bangash
as a reason not to go to war
with Iraq.

Two panelists, Mohammad
Hamad, a member of the
University Muslim Association,
and Peter Quaranto, Pax
Christi, gave a humanitarian
view of the war.

Hamad cited many statistics
about the Iraqi children who
do not have enough food, good
health care or education, and
he cautioned that a war in
Iraq would only make it
worse.

"We forget the people of
Iraq, if they die, it is no differ-
ent than us dying," said
Quaranto.

North Korea's nuclear
weapons was another com-
men thread throughout the
discussion.

Casey Wong, Peace Coalition
believes that other countries
pose a more immediate threat
and that the United States
should be going after them.

"I don't believe Iraq poses an
immediate threat, but
Pakistan and North Korea
both have nuclear weapons."

After the panel presented
their views, questions were
taken from the audience.

"What is the viable alterna-
tive to the war?" asked sopho-
more Greg Cannon, a common
question from members of the
audience.

Cannon also said that the
war is the only way he sees to
right the immorality occurring
in Iraq.

"Using immorality to fix
immorality, in my opinion, just
doesn't work," said Quaranto.

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Wall Street credit-rating agencies, partly blamed by lawmakers for the massive accounting failure at Enron Corp., are being scrutinized by federal regulators for possibly stifling competition in their field. The Securities and Exchange Commission has been investigating since last year the role of the credit raters and considering whether they should be more tightly regulated. Their gradings of companies' creditworthiness are institutions invest. Despite their power, the SEC allows them largely to police themselves.

Home buyers took advantage of some of the lowest mortgage rates in decades and cash in on sales of previously owned homes in 2002 to the highest level since 2000.

The housing market thrived even as the American economy knocked back by the 2001 recession, struggling to return to that year to regain a solid footing and suffering through uneven growth. The lure of low mortgage rates proved irresistible to many people who opted to make big-ticket financial commitments despite the muddled economic environment.

Previously owned homes sold at an annual rate of 5.56 million in 2002, shattering the record of 5.3 million reached in 2001, the National Association of Realtors reported Monday.

"Housing remains one of the sole pillars of strength for the U.S. economy," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America Capital Management.

"Consumers remain willing to undertake longer-term commitments in terms of purchases of both auto and homes," she said. While low mortgage rates have stoked home sales, fee-financing and other incentives have buoyed car sales.

But on Wall Street, there's fear about war with Iraq piled on stock market weakness. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 141.45 points to close at 7,989.56, the first time in three months that it fell below 8,000.

Sales of previously owned homes rose seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.86 million last month representing a 6.5 percent increase from November's level. The annualized rate reflects how many homes would sell if the same number of homes in a month continued for all 12 months.

"Exceptionally low mortgage interest rates are the primary factor in record levels of home sales," said David Lereah, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors.

The average interest rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 6.05 percent in December, a record monthly low, the association said. For 2002, the average rate on a 30-year mortgage was 6.95 percent, the lowest annual average since Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, began tracking them in 1971.

Low mortgage rates encouraged many people to buy homes last year or refinance those they already owned. The extra monthly cash that homeowners save by refinancing mortgages at lower rates has helped consumer spending remain the primary force keeping the economy going.

Another factor motivating home buyers is solid appreciation of housing values. That offers people attractive investment, especially given the turbulent stock market, economists said.

The national median home price last year was $158,300, up 7.7 percent from 2001. The median price is where half sell for more and half sell for less. The 7.1 percent increase was the largest annual increase since 1980, when the median sales price shot up by 11.7 percent.

By region, existing-home sales in the West rose by 7.5 percent in 2002 from the previous year to 1.49 million. In the Midwest, sales rose by 4.9 percent to 1.22 million, and in the South sales went up 4.1 percent to 2.2 million. In the Northeast, sales increased to 635,000, a 2.4 percent rise from 2001.

Economists believe the Federal Reserve will hold short-term interest rates at a 41-year low of 1.25 percent at the close of a two-day meeting Wednesday. By keeping rates low, policy-makers hope the Fed will entice consumers to continue to spend and motivate businesses to step up investment, forces that would help the sputtering recovery.

The euro hit a new three-year high against the dollar Monday, breaking above $1.09 in a rally that comes amid concerns over a possible war on Iraq.

The euro rose to $1.0907 in European trading Monday, breaking the $1.08 mark on Friday. It last traded higher than $1.08 on Oct. 15, 1999, when it reached $1.0912.

By late in the New York trading day, however, the euro had eased back and changed hands at $1.0852, up from $1.0844 late Friday. The euro's recent rise is viewed by economists less as a spike in the currency itself than a decline in the dollar, which slumped also against the British pound as rising fears of military action in the Persian Gulf prompted selling across financial markets.

If you compare this to what happened during the Gulf War a decade ago it's exactly the same," said Michael Schubert, an economist at Commerzbank in Frankfurt. "If military action takes place, it goes in the other direction, but so long as there is uncertainty there will be a tendency for the dollar to depreciate.

Schubert said he forecasts the euro rising as high as $1.12 if the uncertainty continues through Europe's common currency has gained more than 20 percent against the dollar in the past year, as worries about the U.S. economy and stock markets turned to alarm that an Iraq conflict could drive up oil prices and dry up investment.

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Visit to Baghdad inspires concern for Iraqi people, opposition to war

Last fall, 30,000 academics signed a petition opposing the apparently impending war with Iraq. In response, the weakness of Baghdad invited observers to the petition to visit Baghdad to learn more. Thirty-two people included, accepted the invitation and traveled to Baghdad from Jan. 11 to Jan. 24. The delegation included academics in the fields of archaeology, communications, computer science, educational studies, government, history, philosophy, political science, psychology, political science, religious studies, social work and sociology. While our delegation does not support the regime of Saddam Hussein, we traveled with the hope of learning more about and showing support for Iraqi people. We did not accept financial assistance from our hosts so as to maintain the independence of our group.

Before leaving, I had concerns. Frustration over U.S. foreign policy might translate into aggression from Iraq. A crisis might occur and make it difficult to leave. The message of the trip could be twisted both in Iraq and the U.S. by various groups. It was likely that the trip would be so closely managed by the Iraqi government that genuine interaction with Iraqis would be difficult or impossible.

Upon arrival, though these concerns did not melt away, I had the sense that it had been right to face my fears. The Iraq I saw is filled with ordinary people trying to live ordinary lives — students eager to practice their English, shopkeepers anxious to sell souvenirs, professors excited to exchange academic ideas and children excited to interact with foreign visitors. Yet overshadowing this ordinary life is a deep sadness and frustration, as foreign soldiers bomb and occupy a nation weary from years of war, sanctions and international isolation.

Iraq has been and should be a prosperous country, with fertile land fed by the Tigris and Euphrates, an abundance of oil and a populace that places a high value on education. However, the end of the 1991 Gulf War, sanctions imposed on Iraq have resulted in deaths from malnutrition and disease as well as economic devastation and the isolation of ordinary Iraqis.

Iraq's health care system, once among the best in the Middle East, now struggles with many patients. A study that followed the U.S. invasion found that a "serious decline in health care..." had occurred, which had "driven a significant increase in mortality and morbidity rates." A report by the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, "Doctors Without Borders" observed that "Iraq is a country where the majority of its doctors have left."

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Peace movement ignores need for removal of Saddam

As a result of the peace protests last weekend and the calls for no war in Iraq that have surfaced on this campus, I feel compelled to respond to you. I know many of the students personally who are involved in the protests, and they are very sincere people who have a worldwide worthy of respect. I even had the privilege of attending the delightful Sheila Provencher's talk on what she witnessed on a recent peace coalition trip to Iraq. She is a true person of non-violence and very brave to do what she did. Yet, a nagging fact remains that if the counsels of the peace movement are followed, at the end of the day Saddam Hussein will remain in power. This is an injustice that cannot be simply overlooked.

Now I realize that no one in the peace movement cares for Saddam Hussein, and they are certainly not among his apologists. But the fact remains that by opposing any military action to remove him, they are indirectly supporting the status quo and the continued oppression of the Iraqi people. There are many reasons to support regime change in Iraq, and all of these have merit, but there is one that is better than myself. The first is the fact that Saddam Hussein has broken every law on genocide and human rights. As a result, Congress under President Clinton passed the Iraq Liberation Act calling for Saddam's removal many years before this current debate. Second is Saddam's continual efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction in violation of several U.N. resolutions over the past decade. A third is that the Iraqi secret police are known actors in the international underworld of terror. In fact, regime change has already happened in Iraqi Kurdistan. Due to American and British enforced "no-fly" zones the Kurds have successfully constructed a flourishing civil society complete with newspapers in several languages, TV stations, Internet cafes and satellite dishes. At the University of Sulaimaniya, a significant number of the students are home.

If the peace movement wishes to remain consistent, they should protest that these no-fly zones be lifted since they are ongoing measures from the last Gulf War. Then we would see how quickly Saddam's death squads would move in and attempt to annihilate the Kurds once again as they did in 1988 and at the end of the last war. Surely a principled peace movement would not ignore these self-determined peoples.

There remain objections that have been raised and that merit serious consideration. One of the most ubiquitous is that this is a war for oil. On one side, I feel that if it were simply about oil, it would not be easier for President Bush to call for the lifting of the sanctions and give Saddam a green light to do as he pleased, only asking in return for the U.S. doing nothing to Saddam's oil. I find it hard to believe that Saddam would not jump if given that chance. On the other hand, I guess one can say it is about oil.

A consensual government in Iraq would ideally raise the oil production to over three million barrels and allow the world price of oil to decline or stabilize. This would benefit millions of people outside the United States, and it would allow the Iraqi people to benefit from oil profits to rebuild their country instead of the money going toward Hussein's anthrax labs or palaces while the people starve. If there is anyone who does not want the current oil situation to change, it is the large oil companies that rely on the large profits that come from the status quo of a tight world oil supply. Those who accuse the United States of being economically imperialistic need only reflect that there was no oil to be found in Grenada, Panama, Somalia or Kosovo, all places where the United States has carried out military operations in the past twenty years. What is in place now in Iraq are crippling economic sanctions that I would agree are immoral. They punish the Iraqi people while letting Saddam keep a grip on power. Yet, they cannot be lifted while he is still there since this would allow his regime to regroup and pursue weapons of mass destruction.

What the peace movement should be advocating is a coherent policy for a post-Saddam Iraq. This is an area where we can reasonably support the current administration's commitment to staying the course after the war. Iraq will be very fragile once Saddam is gone and could "Balkanize" with all the different ethnic factions fighting among themselves. Jeffersonian democracy will not catch overnight and will require many years of multi-lateral presence in order to keep the peace and help the Iraqis construct a democracy. We would owe the Iraqi people no less. A new government in Iraq could serve as beacon from which waves of democratic reform could emanate to the failed regimes that surround it. In the end, if the views of the peace movement had been followed over the past decade, Kuwait would no longer exist as a country, having long ago been gobbed up by Iraq and Saddam Hussein would have nuclear weapons. This would risk a much bloodier more destabilizing conflict than we can now imagine if he were to ever return. Continuing with this thought, if the peace movement prevailed in 1995 Kosovo would currently be ethnically cleansed. As an interesting note is that Saddam Hussein came out against the removal of Slobodan Milosevic, a man who was using Sunni Muslims, members of Saddam's own sect. These reactionaries dictators tend to stick together. When their abilities with all odds is a holy must make a hands-off approach to Saddam more problematic. This leads me to ask my friends in the peace movement if it really is about peace.

Damian Zuro
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Calls for participation in Saint Mary's student government elections

Board of Governance clarifies voting process

We, the Saint Mary's College Board of Governance, representing the Saint Mary's College students in an effort to clarify the election process, feel the need to issue this statement.

According to the Saint Mary's College Student Government Association Constitution, voting procedures are as follows: if one ticket emerges, a vote of "yes" signifies support of the candidates, a vote of "no" indicates a vote of no confidence in the candidates and a vote of "abstain" indicates a vote of no opinion on the candidates in the election. The election process will begin again only if the ticket receives 50 percent plus 1 vote in the "no" category. Abstention votes count in the over one percentage.

Students are reminded they have until 11:59 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, Jan. 28, to request that their ballots be mailed or to vote in person at the student body elections. We would like to state that all current Saint Mary's students have the right to vote in this election.

As the student's voice, we would like to clarify that all current Saint Mary's College students and junior high and high school students were invited to attend election information meetings and to form tickets. Many students attended those meetings with one ticket emerging. Our election process is a free and fair one.

We encourage all students to vote and to consult www.saintmarys.edu/sga with further questions in regards to voting procedures for election day. You are always welcome to call the Student Government Office at 284-5373 with any comments, questions, or concerns.

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Elec Jablonski-Diehl and Brown

As a first-year student at Saint Mary's, I found The Observer's endorsement of an abstention campaign in Saint Mary's upcoming election to be both disappointing and disturbing. Not only are Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown willing to run, but they are truly the best candidates for the position. The women in our student body who are standing quietly aside are doing so out of fear or intimidation, but in support of a ticket that has faithfully and beneficially served our student body.

I agree that student government should be about adequate representation and that we should elect the ticket who will do the best job on behalf of our students. That is why I stand behind Jablonski-Diehl and Brown and offer them my complete support. They have already shown us their amazing capabilities as young leaders in the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame communities, and I believe that their efforts will only improve the already satisfied student body. They should not be met with hostility as they seek our support in this election. Instead, those of us who truly know these candidates and their abilities should stand in their support and cast our vote in their favor this Tuesday.

We are currently represented, and represented well, in Saint Mary's student government. I encourage all of you to continue to support those who continue to sacrifice their personal time and effort for us; let's elect Jablonski-Diehl and Brown.

Anna Bauer
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Matchbox 20 show they’re more

By JON GARGANO
Some Music Critic

More Than You Think You Are, Matchbox 20’s third album, is easily their most versatile to date. Possessing intense lyrics, swirling guitar riffs and propulsive choruses, this album further expands and diversifies the band’s image as the face of radio pop-rock. In this quintet of experiments with different styles and sounds incorporating gospel, country-twang and hard-rock, Unplugged, attempts to capture all the band and the crowd? How about the gospel sound, but midway through turns to soul, complete with a gospel choir. The result is an incredible and inventive sound enriched by lyrics of lost love, “I want you back again.” This is an excellent live album, and the only flaw in this is the crowd’s annoying sing-along. Because of this, the rest of the band comes out and plays

Dashboard fans unplug

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Some Music Critic

What makes a good live album? A good setlist? Lots of witty banter between the band and the crowd? How about the quality of the recording? Dashboard Confessional’s latest release, MTV Unplugged, attempts to capture all the elements of a perfect live show, but they fall short.

Unplugged should be the perfect setting for an entirely acoustic band, and Dashboard takes an opportunity to create an intimate atmosphere. Chris Carrabas, originally a solo acoustic act, created Dashboard Confessional. With his relentlessly sad and impossibly frail acoustic songs, he ultimately created the emo-core genre. This is the perfect band to take the stage on MTV’s historic Unplugged series. Being an acoustic based band, Dashboard’s sound on Unplugged is no different than their studio sound. One major difference, however, is the presence of the audience. On most live albums the crowd is mixed out of the recording and you can barely hear them, but on this album the crowd is all you can hear on several tracks.

Microphones were placed in the crowd in order to pick up the audience’s voices as they sing along with Chris Carraba on every single song. On several quieter tracks you can barely hear Carraba’s voice and guitar over the audience’s singing. This is very annoying and takes away from the music, which is wonderful­ly played. The sing-along works only on one song, the first track “Swiss Army Romance.” Carraba plays solo and stops singing during the chorus at the end and lets the crowd take over. This creates a very intimate setting, but the crowd singing has been left out after the track. The crowd

MTV Unplugged
Dashboard Confessional
Vagrant Records

Dashboard fans unplug. But unfortunately the fans sing along too.

Dashboard Confessional’s acoustic sound remains strong on Unplugged, but unfortunately the fans sing along too.
Dylan thunderous in revue

By JULIE BENDER
Assistant Scene Editor

There is no one quite so hard to define as Bob Dylan. It seems that every time he appears in the news he has radically transformed his image, his sound, his message, or some combination of the three. Most recently, Dylan made an appearance at the Newport Folk Festival sporting a shoulder-length wig, a fake beard and a fake mustache. His purpose for doing this? No one knows.

Over the years, Dylan's live performances have echoed his chameleon-like personality. Rarely does he play a song true to its original version. Instead he alters them or some combination of the three. Most that is, if Dylan even chooses to include it.

Dylan-philes have been circling bootleg tapes for decades, highlighting the abundant workings of his numerous songs. But now the bootlegs have become official. Dylan has started releasing live selections of his songs in his Bootleg Series, the most recent, Volume 5, Live 1975, The Rolling Thunder Revue. This double album showcases a wide-variety of Dylan's repertoire, sampling live cuts from his 1975 tour, The Rolling Thunder Revue. The songs traverse Dylan's career from his early folk/protest roots to his 1976 release, Desire.

Traveling with Dylan on this tour were a caravan of musicians, friends, poets, and anyone else he collected on the way. Most notably present on this album are folk-singer Joan Baez, the Byrd's Roger McGuinn; and Scarlet Rivera, a long-haired gypsy violinist whom Dylan randomly asked to join the show after seeing her on the street with a violin case.

Although the songs are all taken from different shows along the tour, they progress smoothly and are delivered as though they were all in one set. Disc one plunges into the opener, "Tonight I'll Be Staying Here With You," a song from his country-flavored album, Nashville Skyline. The song, originally recorded as a gentle, meandering number, takes on a vigorous persona, with a powerful backing band and Dylan's aggressive vocals.

Next, comes "It Ain't Me, Babe," one of his most well-known acoustic ballads. Dylan electrically transforms this song into a galloping rove, culminating in one of his expert harmonica solos.

Another shocking song adaptation is the protest song "The Lonesome Death of Hattie Carroll." The song depicts the injustice of the court system in the trial of William Zanzinger who killed Hattie Carroll, a black mother of 10 children. The original song is morphed into a plodding bass-driven beat over which Dylan croons with vengeance. "But now the bootlegs have become official," Dylan precedes the song with a plug for Carter, asking the audience, "if you've got any political pull and all, maybe you can help us get this man out of jail and back on to the streets."

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The highlight of disc one comes in the medley, "Mr. Tambourine Man." Dylan's vocals show maturity with a deep, rich sound, far different from the naivé wails of his youth. This song stays true to its original version from the Bringing It All Back Home album, but there is a certain intimacy in this live recording that the original song lacks. The gentle strum of his acoustic and his timid vocals give this song a vulnerable, endearing charm.

Disc two opens with the gorgeous "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue." As with "Mr. Tambourine Man," Dylan sticks to the original version of this song with soft acoustic strumming complementing his harmonica solos and the gentle puzzle of his lyrics. "The highway is for gamblers, better use your sense / Take what you have gathered from coincidence ... This sky, too, is fiddling under you / And, it's all over now, Baby Blue."

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Dylan's peculiarities surface every now and then, they never get in the way of his music. And as Live 1975 shows, the music is Dylan's crown and glory. There is no new material on this album, but listening to it is like listening to the songs for the first time. Each version is unique, and no matter how it has been altered from its studio to its live version, every song is inherently Dylan.

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Raiding the aftermath

**NFC Raiders**

The short-term plan failed — and the long-term troubles are just beginning for the Oakland Raiders.

While desperately pursuing their first championship in 19 years, the Raiders didn't think far into the future beyond Super Bowl Sunday. They stocked their roster with talented veterans, and pushed the limits of their salary cap for their first championship in 19 years. 1997 wasn't nearly up to the challenge.

Robbins' bizarre weekend distracted from the Raiders' dismal performance in the Super Bowl — the game on which they had focused all of their efforts this season. Even without Robbins, Oakland wasn't nearly up to the challenge posed by the Buccaneers.

A team built on veteran maturity seemed wholly unprepared to deal with Tampa Bay's swarming defense, which bullied the Raiders' offensive line and reduced their vaunted receiving corps to a bunch of spectators for nearly three quarters.

The NFL's best passing game was in ruins. Rich Gannon didn't throw a pass near Jerry Rice in the first half, and Browns caught just one pass for 9 yards on the Raiders' first drive. Three of Gannon's career-high five interceptions were returned for touchdowns — and with each one, the Raiders' title hopes were further flattened.

It's a tough one to swallow, because we've thrown the ball so well this season," Rice said. "I'm not sure what went wrong. We weren't clicking from the start, and just never got going. I can't make excuses, because I can't even think of any." Commissioner Paul Tagliabue would have to give the Lombardi Trophy to a man who has relentlessly criticized him while pursuing a $1.2 billion conspiracy suit against the NFL, Gruden, who was once Gannon's quarterback. Robbins had promised to help us try to do this thing again." "We definitely don't have a cap problem," Brown said earlier in the week. "If you know anything about football, the only time you have a cap problem is when you have players you're paying, but don't want to keep. So hopefully we have enough of these players back again to help us try to do this thing again.

**NFC Raiders**

The NFL

**Oakland, Calif.**

Police used rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse football fans who smashed windows and set cars on fire after the Oakland Raiders' Super Bowl defeat.

At least 80 people were arrested Sunday night, mostly for drunken driving, throwing rocks and bottles at police and obstructing officers, authorities said. Those arrested range in age from 16 to 36, they said. They are reviewing videotapes of the violence to try to identify some of those who escaped arrest.

"Unfortunately, you had a convergence of some young men that seemed hellbent on taking advantage of a situation to engage in lawlessness," Police Chief Richard Word said.

Police had assigned hundreds of extra officers to work the Oakland streets on Super Bowl Sunday. But trouble broke out after the 48-21 loss to Tampa Bay.

"When it was apparent that the Raiders were going to lose, we did not anticipate that people would turn to the streets to make trouble," Word said.

About 10 vehicles were set on fire in the street and windows of at least one television news van, police and witnesses said. One group threw set debris on fire in the middle of a street and then posed for news photographers.

Nine fire department vehicles and 12 police cars were damaged by thrown objects and three firefighters were injured, police said.

Police lobbed tear gas canisters into the crowds and policed scenes with rubber bullets. Streets were closed off as the crowds tried to flee to more peaceful areas of East Oakland. Police who threw things at officers and��ed off the streets quickly retreated into the crowd, often making it difficult to arrest them, the police chief said.

It was the second straight week that violence followed a Raiders game. The previous week crowds also set fires and broke windows in the area.

Police were busy from the time of the first drunk driving arrest at 5 p.m. Sunday until about 2:30 a.m. Monday.

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The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 124 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 3 cents per character, per line, including spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.
High School Basketball

James cleared after SUV investigation

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Ohio High School Athletic Association commissioner Clair Muscaro decided James did not compromise his amateur status and that his mother, Gloria, had provided proof she bought him the Hummer H2 vehicle.

"I was satisfied with the documentation that we were given," Muscaro said.

James had accepted the SUV as a gift.

High School, had obtained the automobile, which has a base retail price of $50,000.

Gloria James said she took out a bank loan in Columbus to buy the SUV — shipped from California and outfitted with three TVs and computer game hookups — for her son's 18th birthday and provided evidence to the OHSAA.

Muscaro's concern was that the loan that was granted did not violate our guidelines and was acquired only by his mother.

Muscaro said no violations of the OHSAA amateur bylaws "as currently written" were found and that James, expected to be the No. 1 pick in this year's NBA draft, is still eligible to play.

However, Muscaro thinks the OHSAA should re-examine some of its amateur bylaws.

"It's something that needs to be looked at," he said, "to make sure they are in step with current times."

If the OHSAA had ruled James ineligible, St. Vincent-St. Mary, ranked No. 1 by USA Today would have had to forfeit its games from the time he accepted the SUV.

With the investigation over, James can now concentrate on the remainder of his final season and have violated an OHSAA bylaw that states amateur status is forfeited if an athlete capitalizes on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value.

Muscaro said he was the driver when Demont Goodrich posted bond and was released.

Police said the Jan. 14 accident happened just after 2 a.m., while Goodrich was on his way home from a tipsy nightclub.

Authorities say the football player drove his BMW at speeds of more than 100 mph between a concrete barrier and a burning car involved in an earlier highway accident.

A passenger in the burning car was trying to free the driver when Demont Matthews, 23, and Joseph Wood, 21, pulled to the side of the road and ran to help.

The BMW ran into all three rescuers, killing Matthews and Wood. The third man suffered a broken leg.

Court records show that investigators collected hair and blood from a point of impact in the center of the windshield of the backup car's 2002 BMW 745i.

Tissue and hair also were found underneath weather-stripping near the windshield, and fiber and hair were found near the right headlight, the records show.

They stated that fragments of glass with blood were collected from the right dashboard, and hair samples were taken from the right front seat.

Through his attorney, Goodrich has said he initially thought he'd struck only debris from an accident on Interstate 35E in northwest Dallas. Goodrich told investigators he was the driver and sole occupant of the car.

Failure to stop and render aid is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Manslaughter is a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison.

Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill has said a grand jury could begin hearing evidence in the case next month.

Beats the Market

How do you beat the market? How does it all work?

Learn the basics of investing.

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Wednesday, Jan 29

129 DeBartolo

6:00 PM

The Nanovic Institute Film Series

The New Rebels in European Film: Britain and France

REJECTS:

January 29, Wed, "Secrets & Lies" (British 1994)

7:00 pm, 101 DeBartolo Auditorium

Peter Holland, McMeel Family Professor of Shakespeare Studies at Notre Dame will introduce the film.

January 30, Thurs, "Little Guys/Petits Freres"

(French 2001) 7:00 pm, Hesburgh Library Auditorium

French socio-linguist Louis-Jean Calvet from the Université de Provence will introduce the film.

Co-sponsored by The London Program, International Studies, Film, Television and Theatre and Gender Studies.

This program was made possible with the support of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture (CNC).
The scene is set. It'll be No. 1 against No. 2 when Duke and Connecticut meet this weekend. The Blue Devils and Huskies remained the top two teams in the AP women's basketball poll Monday — five days before they square off at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium in one of the most anticipated games of the season.

Duke (19-0), which has been No. 1 all season, received 41 of 43 first-place votes from a national media panel and had 1,073 points. Connecticut (18-0), its record winning streak now at 57, received the two other first-place votes and had 1,033 points.

With Kansas State third and Tennessee fourth, the top four stayed the same. But there were many changes after that and only one other team, No. 20 Villanova, held the same spot it did last week. Top 25 teams lost a total of 10 games to unranked opponents during the past week. Minnesota and DePaul both lost twice to unranked foes.

Big Ten co-leader Ohio State returned to the poll at No. 23 after a two-week absence. Washington entered at No. 25 for the first time since early last season.

"We're having a good season," said Washington coach June Daugherty, whose team trails first-place Stanford by a half-game in the Pac-10. "We're glad the polls are recognizing that."

DePaul and Rutgers dropped out.

Duke completed a 3-0 week by beating Florida State 81-63 Sunday despite a season-low seven points from Alana Beard. The Blue Devils already have been involved in a 1-2 matchup this season, beating then-No. 2 Tennessee 76-55 on Nov. 24.

Do you want to be more than just a player in the world's LARGEST AND BEST 5 on 5 basketball tournament?

Fill out an application to be a Bookstore Basketball Commissioner. Applications are available starting January 21st and are due January 31st. Applications can be picked up and returned to the Student Activities Office (315 LaFortune) or the Club Resource Center (314 LaFortune).
**Current Volunteer Opportunities**

**Children**
*Seeking energetic students to teach physical education class at Good Shepherd Montessori School, a new elementary school in our community currently serving children ages 6-9. Student teachers must be available on Mon and Wed afternoons and able to provide their own transportation. Contact: Dr. Nancy Siegler Weigel '78, Family Life Community Center, 631-0293 or 631-6467 to schedule an appointment for certification.*

**Elderly**
*Hospice of St. Joseph County is dedicated to providing support and comfort for persons and families facing the end of life. Volunteers are trained to serve as caregivers in patient homes, assisting patients in nursing homes and working in our Hospice House. Four-hour patient matches may be made 7 days a week in the mornings, afternoons and evenings for volunteers. Next semi-annual training is going to be offered from 9-noon Wed, Feb 12th. Opportunities are due Wed, Feb 12th.*

**Tutoring**
*A tutor is needed for a 12-year-old boy who has special needs. He can be tutored any day after 4:30 at Hesburgh Library. Contact Thanh Le at 631-8018.*

**Post-grad Service Opportunities**

***Mercy Works - Chicago***
Info Session TODAY, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the CSC
***Peace Corps***
Info Session TOMORROW, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. at the CSC

**WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO? CAREERS AS VOCATIONS: MEDICINE**
THU SUN, Feb 2, 4 - 6 PM At the CSC
A panel presentation with:
Dr. Sue Erlenborn '85, Internist, Chicago, IL
Dr. Jack Schneider, '83, Sparta Health Center, Sparta, MI
Dr. Nancy Siegler Weigel '78, Family Practice, Morehead, KY

**PLAZA MUNCH**
Pizza will be served.

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**Encuentro Chicago**

ENCUENTRO CHICAGO applications available at the Center for Social Concerns and Campus Ministry. Join us for a weekend immersion into the Mexican immigrant community of Pilsen in Chicago. February 15-16th.

**CSC Happenings**

**Summer Service & ACCION Internships**

***Last Info Session for SSI!***
Tomorrow, Jan 29th, 5:00 - 6:00 PM at the CSC

Career & Placement Internship Fair
Tonight, Jan 29th 4:00 - 8:00 PM at the JACC

Summer Service Internship and ACCION Internship info available. Former participants will be here to answer questions!

**Notice: All Drivers**

For Service/Social Action Groups and Community Volunteer Services

New vehicle request forms must be submitted for the spring semester if you plan to schedule transportation through the Center for Social Concerns. Request forms are due the Friday prior to the week of first use.

- Forms are available at the CSC reception office or can be printed from the CSC web page.
- If you did not attend a driver training session given first semester, please contact Transportation Services at 631-0293 or 631-6467 to schedule an appointment for certification.

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**HLIP!**

Hispanic Leadership Intern Program (HLIP) applications available at the CSC. An eight-week long summer internship. Interns exposed to and experience Latino communities in metropolitan Chicago where they serve as leader and student of the community. Applications due WED, JAN 29th.

**Did you know??**

... The CSC has a Satellite Office?
Located at 113 Coleman-Morse
Open Mon, Wed, & Fri 9 AM - 6 PM
Tues & Thurs 4 PM - 9 PM

(Closings will be noted ahead of time or posted outside the office.)

***Come by for applications, with questions, or to hold Center for Social Concerns-related meetings***

(Sign up ahead of time with Lauren Beyer in Satellite Office.)

**Spring Break Seminars!**

Descriptions of the Seven Spring Break Seminars & ALL APPLICATIONS are AVAILABLE at the CSC & on-line at http://centersocialconcerns.nd.edu!

Applications are due: TOMORROW WED, JAN 29th.

**NYSP**

The National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) is a 5-week summer day camp that serves over 200 disadvantaged youth from the local community. Student Leaders receive a $1,500 Stipend, Housing, and 3 Theo Credits.

Applications available at the CSC
Due: TOMORROW, Wed, Jan 29th.

**You are invited...**

To join a weekly time for faith-sharing & prayer with Center for the Homeless guests.

Every Monday morning, 7:00 – 8:00 AM
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For More Information or Questions? Email Kelly Rich at Rich.9@nd.edu
Fiji native sings victory in Phoenix

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Vijay Singh thought a good final round would win the Phoenix Open. As it turned out, it took a great one.

Singh birdied five of the first six holes and shot an 8-under par 63 Sunday to win the event for the second time. He finished at 23-under 261, six strokes ahead of John Huston to the 18th green knowing he would win the final round would win the money list with $720,000, boosting him from eighth to second on the money list with $990,929. Huston bogeyed 17 and closed with a 67. Third-round leader Harris Frazier struggled to a 69 and tied for third at 267 in the Phoenix Open.

This was the 12th tour victory for Singh, the 2000 Masters champion. He also has 21 international wins.

It also was the tour’s fifth straight win by an international player. Luke Donald and Singh started the string on the same weekend last season at the Southern Farm Bureau Classic and the Tour Championship. Ernie Els had two wins in Hawaii this year.

Mickelson and DiMarco went 15 under for the tournament—only two shots worse than his winning 267 in 2002 — but was eight shots behind in his title defense.

This time, he tied the tournament record for lowest final-round score, had the best finish by a PGA Tour winner since Jonathan Byrd’s 63 at the 2002 Buick Challenge and stroked up to the 18th green knowing he had won.

"It was a dream start for me," Singh said. "You know, I birdied 1 and 2 and then birdied 4, 5, 6. You do something like that when you’re just one or two back to start, and you’re definitely going to have good momentum."

The Fijian native had eight one putt greens on the front side while shooting a 29, which would have tied the nine-hole record except for Chris DiMarco’s 7-under 28 in the third round.

"When you’re making putts and hitting it close, you can have a good score," Singh said. "That’s what I did on the front side. I think that’s what won the golf tournament."
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Associated Press

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Marty Mornhinweg watches from the sidelines during Detroit's 23-20 loss to Arizona on Dec. 8. The Lions fired Mornhinweg after two dissimilar seasons with the Lions. Mornhinweg was widely criticized this season for choosing to take the wind instead of the ball after the Lions won an overtime coin toss against Chicago. The Bears got the kickoff and drove to the winning field goal.

When Mornhinweg was hired he set the team's sights on a first Super Bowl trip. The Lions have had only one playoff victory since winning the 1957 NFL title.

"The bar is high," he said. "The goal for this organization is to win Super Bowls." Mornhinweg had insisted on the team's weak record stemming from failed drafts from the previous regime, along with aging or injured players.

The past two years, the Lions have gotten rid of five one-time first-round picks -- Herman Moore, Johnnie Morton, Bryant Westbrook, Terry Fair and Aaron Gibson. The Lions also lost Ron Rice, Kurt Schulz and Stephen Boyd to career-ending injuries.

IN BRIEF

Edward joins Pro Bowl team

San Diego Chargers middle linebacker Donnie Edwards was added to the AFC Pro Bowl team Monday after Denver's Al Wilson and Pittsburgh's Kendrell Bell pulled out.

It will be Edwards' first Pro Bowl appearance. The game is Sunday in Honolulu.

Edwards led the Chargers with 129 tackles and five interceptions. He was named a second alternate to the Pro Bowl last month.

Last week, Chargers linebacker Junior Seau said he'll miss the Pro Bowl to have surgery to fix an ankle injury that hampered him for most of the 2002 season. Seau was selected for his 12th straight Pro Bowl.

Redskins benefit from Senate rejection

Washington Redskins players got a break Monday when a state Senate committee rejected legislation aimed at reducing the team's workers' compensation costs.

The Commerce and Labor Committee voted 9-4 to kill a proposal to allow the Redskins to reduce workers' compensation by the amount of salary paid to the player after an injury.

Late in the day, the Redskins front office decided to withdraw an identical bill in the House of Delegates so the two sides could seek a compromise outside the legislative arena, said John Rasio, a freelance publicist assisting Redskins management on the issue.

Norman D. Chirite, the Redskins' general counsel, said players who are injured continue to collect their salaries for at least a year and can receive up to $235,000 a year in disability pay for life. At the end of their careers, players who were injured also can seek workers' compensation, he said.

Such "double-dipping" by highly paid athletes is an abuse of a state law that Virginia lawmakers sought to rectify similar to that sought in Virginia. The Redskins have faced 745 workers compensation claims since 1997, he said.
Irish bowlers strike out

Special to The Observer

Beacon Bowl was again the venue for the sixth Blue and Gold Classic this weekend. 58 teams competed in mens A and B and womens divisions, including 10 of the top 20 national mens programs and seven of the top twenty womens programs. The Classic is rated one of the five Elite tournaments in the country. Morehead State captured the mens title, while Central Missouri State defeated their womens championship of a year ago, beating Nebraska by only six pins. Top individual men's honors went to Anthony Corrao of Florida State, with a 220 average for nine games. Jason Pawlik averaged 193 for the weekend to lead the Irish and finish 56th among 191 skaters. Teammates Daniel Gonzalez, 180, Donovan McFeron, 171, Jason Raver, 168 and Matt Nieves, 159 completed the A squad, while Van Koppesmith, 151, Joe Reilly, 145, J.B. Bertumen, 139, Phillip Nagel, 127, Gab Torres, 121 and Mike Faller, 121, comprised the B squad. Michele Taets led the Irish women with a 129 average, followed by Jacqueline Pimental-Gannon, 127, Daniele LaFramboise, 117, Sarah Paulson, 113, Amanda Hernandez, 113 and Betsy Schrader, 95.

Next year, the tournament will expand to 80 to 100 teams, making it second in size to only the national championships.

Mens Volleyball

The Notre Dame mens volleyball ball posted its best finish in several years at a regional tournament this weekend, finishing fifth among 18 strong teams in the Michigan Classic. The Irish dropped their opening round match to Ohio State, 25-13, 25-20. However, the Irish rebounded quickly, following the lead of all tournament player Tom Bradbeer as they swept Virginia Tech, 22-25, 25-20, 15-7. Bowling Green, 30-28, 25-21; host Michigan, 25-23, 25-20; and Michigan State, 25-14, 25-21 to place second in its pool at the end of the first day. On Sunday, the Irish opened with Duke and captured the first game 25-21 before being victimized by poor passing and dropping the second game 25-17. In the deciding game, a strong defense led by Nick Abrams and Brian Michealke, coupled with the clutch front row blocking of captain Drew Mascarenhas and the offense of outside hitter Jim Lowder helped the Irish to their fifth consecutive victory. In the quarterfinals, the Irish struggled against Cincinnati, dropping the first game 25-20, before defensive specialist Brad Welden and opposite hitter Dan Zenker gave the Irish a much needed boost to take the second game, 25-21. However, passing problems again cost the Irish as they dropped the decisive third game 15-13 to bring the tournament to a close. The Irish will now make a month break from competition to fine tune their game for a run deep into the national tournament.

Womens Ice Hockey

The womens ice hockey club continued to experience growing pains in its first year as a member of the powerful WHA. The Irish dropped two games to Michigan State at East Lansing, by the scores of 10-0 and 12-2. In the opener, the Spartans scored first at 14:43 of the first period, and scored once more late in the period for a 2-0 lead. However, a second period onslaught resulted in five goals and the outcome was determined.

In the second game, the Irish again fell behind quickly, 4-0, before Tori Blainey scored a second period goal on a slap shot from the point. Down 6-1 entering the third period, Lizzy Coghill stole the puck from a defender and opened up into a one on one, only to have Coghill stopped on a penalty shot. Irish fans were left wanting in its first year as a member of the powerful WHA.

The third game of the weekend began with a 15-7; Bowling Green, 25-20, 30-28, 25-21; host Michigan, 25-23, 25-20; and Michigan State, 25-14, 25-21 to place second in its pool at the end of the first day. On Sunday, the Irish opened with Duke and captured the first game 25-21 before being victimized by poor passing and dropping the second game 25-17. In the deciding game, a strong defense led by Nick Abrams and Brian Michealke, coupled with the clutch front row blocking of captain Drew Mascarenhas and the offense of outside hitter Jim Lowder helped the Irish to their fifth consecutive victory. In the quarterfinals, the Irish struggled against Cincinnati, dropping the first game 25-20, before defensive specialist Brad Welden and opposite hitter Dan Zenker gave the Irish a much needed boost to take the second game, 25-21. However, passing problems again cost the Irish as they dropped the decisive third game 15-13 to bring the tournament to a close. The Irish will now make a month break from competition to fine tune their game for a run deep into the national tournament.

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line. "We have a lot of good shooters on this team," Carroll said. "Guys are confident, and they know if they want points, they can get some free ones from the line."

Part of Notre Dame's success from the line comes from a drill the Irish run to end every practice. Every member of the team steps to the line to shoot one free throw. The ratio varies, but on average, only two players are allowed to miss their free throw. If more than two miss, the whole team takes off running, only to return to the line to repeat the process until enough players make their free throw.

"It's a pressure shot," Carroll said. "You've got everyone watching you, and everyone wants you to make it."

Notre Dame's foul shooting, however, has bailed them out of many a tight game. Against Boston College Saturday, for example, the Irish made 31 of 42 attempts — including 12-of-17 in overtime — while the Eagles made 19-of-31.

The most impressive foul shooting performance to date by the Irish this season came against Rutgers. The Irish made 22-of-23 shots from the line, with the lone miss coming in garbage time by the team's best free-throw shooter, Thomas.

It's also no coincidence that two of Notre Dame's losses have come when the Irish shot their worst from the line. Against Creighton, Notre Dame made 55 percent of their shots, and against Pittsburgh, the Irish hit just 53 percent.

Notes:
• The Irish returned from Boston Sunday without incident — which is more than they can say for the last time they took a road trip.
• When the team was flying back from Providence after a 71-65 win Tuesday, the chartered plane touched down safely in Indiana. Only when the Irish looked out the window, the plane wasn't at South Bend Regional Airport.
• Due to a mix-up, the Notre Dame charter plane landed in Elkhart Municipal Airport, some 15 miles short of their destination.

After a short delay, the plane took off again, cruised for five minutes and landed in South Bend around 2 p.m. "That was crazy," Carroll said. "I don't know what happened, but it was crazy."

Irish sophomore forward Thomas was named co-Big East Player of the Week, sharing honors with Miami's Darius Rice.

Thomas averaged 25.5 points, 6.5 assists and 6.5 boards in two wins over Providence and Boston College.

Contact Andrew Soukop at asoukop@nd.edu
School Daze

Happy Town

Claire O'Brien

Jumble

Henri Arnold
Mike Argirion

Birthday Baby: You will not be content to stand on the sidelines. You will be a door and will strive to be at the center of everything. You will show leadership ability at a very young age.


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MENS BASKETBALL

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The total is now up to three.

Three coaches, that is, who complained about
officializing following a game with Notre Dame.

First Seton Hall coach Louis Orr blasted the
officials for whistling his team with too few fouls,
citing a 29-9 disparity in free throws attempted.
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Senior Dan Miller takes a shot at the free-throw line during a game earlier in the season. Exceptional free
throw shooting is responsible for Notre Dame’s winning record this season.

TRACK AND FIELD

Home-opening wins propel track teams into season

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

The Irish track season got
off to a resounding start
Friday as both the mens and
women’s teams finished first
in their home openers in
their first meets of the season.

With 131 points, the Irish
women were led
by Kymia Love in the 200
meter-dash and Molly Huddle
in the 3,000. Both of their
efforts were sufficient to qual­
ify them for the NCAA Indoor
Championships in March.

“We had some outstanding
performances,” Irish coach
Joe Plane said. “Qualifying for
the NCAA’s is awfully good.”

Also posting victories for the
women were Jaime Volkmert
who won the triple jump and
placed first in the weight throw.
Also posting victories for the
runners included Luke
Watson in the mile, Eric
Morrison in the 800, Tim
Moore in the 3,000, James
Scarbrough in the 60 and
Ryan Postel in the 400.

In the field events, Chris
Staron won the high jump,
Godwin Mbagwu won the
triple jump, Juan Alba won
the shot put, and Chip Roberts
won the weight throw.

“We really had a lot of very
good performances,” Plane
said. “Ryan Postel, Luke
Watson, Selim Nurudeen,
Megan Horn were all very
good. Chip Roberts threw the
35 lb weight very well too. But
I’m not surprised at any of
them; they’re all capable of
doing those things.”

Looking forward to next
week’s match against
Michigan State, Plane will be
looking for continued success
and improvement.

“For our first meet we com­
peted really well,” said Plane.
“Both teams won so we’re
really pleased.”

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MENS AND WOMENS TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame women 131
Ball State 99
Western Michigan 93

Notre Dame men 91.5
Ball State 65.5

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