Senate calls for Bishop to stand firm on hall dances

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
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Senators on the Board of Trustees have called for Notre Dame's President Emeritus, Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, to make a decision regarding the future of the student body by the end of this semester. The call comes after a series of meetings between the Student Senate and the Board of Trustees to discuss the impact of the Board's decision to accept the student body's proposal for an in-hall dormitory.

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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! I know it has only been a month since we celebrated New Year's Eve, but you can start 2003 all over again by celebrating the Chinese New Year. Just as when you had forgotten about all of your New Year's resolutions and are getting used to the idea of 2003, you can celebrate it all over again.

This year the Chinese New Year was celebrated last Saturday, February 1, beginning the year of the black sheep.

Last weekend I actually pre-maturely celebrated the Chinese New Year when friends of mine had a party, but I don't think anyone minds repeating the New Year just one more time. My friends did actually get into the spirit of the occasion by placing lanterns around the house, (which in retrospect probably wasn't the best idea considering the amounts of alcohol and drunk people wandering around the small paper bags and candles) pulling out champagne and counting down to midnight.

Of course one of the best parts about the Chinese New Year, at least for me, is getting to open fortune cookies. I know they are generic and made so for children of parents who suffer from cancer.

I checked my fortune:

"If you want to get your own fortune cookie, well a virtual fortune cookie, by logging onto the site [which in retrospect probably wasn't the best idea considering the amount of alcohol and drunk people], pulling out champagne and counting down to midnight. Some of which.

"It is getting to open fortune cookies. I know they are generic and made such as those of The Observer. For everyone else you can find out your Chinese zodiac prediction to see what the future holds for you, but before you do that remember to ring in the New Year."

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What's Happening @ ND

- Coffee and Conversation for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning students at the Dime, 7:30 p.m. at Coleman-Morse 316
- Last Lecture Series Professor Philip 8 p.m. at Pangborn Basement
- Ballroom dance lessons 8 to 10 p.m. at Rockne 301

What's Happening @ SMC

- Biology Department Lecture Dr. John Hindmarsh 7 p.m. at LeMans Hall, Stapleton
- Class Election Information Session 7 p.m. at Haggard College Center, Welsh Parlor
- Jobs Outlook 2003 7 p.m. at Carroll Auditorium

What's Cooking

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Vegetable lasagna, Italian sausage marinara, four-cheese pizza, cherry turnover, southern-fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp, baked danish pollock, Italian rice pilaf, sliced carrots, Italian-blend vegetables, baked potato, oatmeal, sea suggestions

Today's Dinner: Vegetable lasagna, Italian sausage marinara, cherry turnover, breadsticks, grilled pork chops, broccoli-rice casserole, brown sauce, pork gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, cherry crisp, grilled tiaipa, baked noodle casserole

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Meatless baked-ziti, meatball stroganoff, elbow macaroni, supreme pizza, pretzel sticks, pasta primavera, spinach, chicken and dumplings, baked haddock jardiniere, London broil teriyaki, garlic mashed potatoes, Philly steak sandwich, steakhouse fries, onion rings, sweet and sour chicken, chicken chimichanga

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Today's Dinner: Hot and sweet tofu, herbed pasta, marinara sauce, cornbread, fried plantains, sauteed chicken and vegetable alfredo served over fettuccini, taco and burrito bar, beef, beans and chicken, carved ham, au gratin potatoes, vegetables
Emotions ran high as Board of Governance members discussed last weekend's Keenan Revue, the annual comedic variety show put on at Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium by Notre Dame's Keenan Hall residents. The show's content has traditionally been laced with sexual humor and frequently utilizes stereotypes in skit plot lines. That concerned some Saint Mary's students. Two concerned Saint Mary's students, Katie Harrison and Jessica Bland, spoke to board members about what they found to be objectionable in the program.

Katie Harrison, a student government representative whose name and e-mail address appeared on flyers of protest distributed on the steps of O'Laughlin, explained to board members that she would draft a letter of review about the Keenan production. "We are looking at how this fits into the mission of this college," Harrison said.

Jessica Bland, co-author of the distributed flyers, was particularly distressed about the reference to the College's patron saint as "Saint Mary Magdelene, patron saint of whores." She described it as "hate language."

The board members themselves were concerned with the content of the show, as well as communication between Saint Mary's and the Revue's organizers. "The whole thing started off on the wrong foot. They never let us know when they were going to have the Revue. We had to hunt it down and show up," said Student Body President Kim Jensen, in reference to the preview performance that Saint Mary's required of Keenan participants.

Board member Ellen Burns also raised the question of whether the Revue should even remain at Saint Mary's. "If it is so negative, is it something we should keep on campus?"

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Students work to raise funds for children's camp

By LINDA SKALSKI
News Writer

Notre Dame juniors Adam Dell and Dan Doherty are close to realizing their dream as they strive to raise the remaining funds to run the Kesem camp project.

The project is a weeklong summer camp for children ages 6 to 13 in the South Bend area who has a parent who has suffered or died from cancer. The camp is the first of its kind locally and a needed addition, Dell said.

"I had a personal reason for looking into the issue, because of my experience with my mom having cancer," said Dell. "This is something I can relate to, and I know that a lot of times those needs go unmet." Doherty agreed.

Dell initially looked on campus for a school program concerning the issue of cancer, but he did not find any long-term, large-scale efforts. Instead, Dell and Doherty officially opened a business through the Indiana state government and applied for non-profit status through the Internal Revenue Service so that all donations would be tax-deductible.

They modeled Camp Kesem after a successful camp opened by Stanford University students for children of parents suffering from cancer. "When a kid's mom or dad is in the hospital, all the focus is on the parent, and the kid is just taken away from the kid," said Doherty. "You can't tell when the kid is upset because there is no physical disease that you can see."

The camp has an approximately $28,000 budget to fill, of which $8,000 has currently been raised through individual donations and the University Alumni Association.

Doherty is optimistic that they will be able to award the remaining money through grants they are currently applying for and through a collection that will be taken at Mass during Junior Parents Weekend later this month.

"The cost of hospital bills, medicine and all the other expenses is immense, and we would hate for a child to not be able to attend that reason," said Jenny Nokes, camper care Committee Leader.

At Camp Kesem children will participate in typical summer camp activities, such as swimming, drama, art and nature activities. This provides children with the opportunity to go out and have fun, getting away from other stresses, said Doherty.

"That goal is for the campers to have a really fun week and enjoy the simple joys of childhood," said Dell.

There will also be daily "cabin chats" where children will talk about topics such as who their role models is and what makes them happy or sad. Children will not be directly asked to talk about topics they may not be comfortable with, but these chats might lead to deeper discussions, according to Dell and Doherty.

"Sharing in each other's experiences and building each other's experiences will help let them know that they are not alone," they said.

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NASA engineers overlooked damaged damaged shuttle tiles

Associated Press

HOUSTON
While Columbia was still in orbit, NASA’s “best and brightest” analyzed the potential damage done to its thermal tiles by a piece of foam shedding during liftoff and concluded that the flight was in no danger, agency officials said Monday.

High-level officials at NASA concurred with the engineering report, which was issued on Day 12 of the doomed 16-day flight, the officials said.

On Monday, 48 hours after the disaster, NASA’s top spaceflight official, William Readdy, said the damage done by the broken-off piece of fuel-tank insulation is now being looked at very carefully as a possible cause of the tragedy.

"Although that may, in fact, wind up being the cause — it may certainly be the leading candidate right now — we have to go through all the data, we have to look at the pieces and then rule things out very methodically in order to arrive at the conclusion," said Readdy.

The shuttle broke up 39 miles over Texas and fell to Earth just as it was experiencing maximum re-entry heat of 3,000 degrees. All seven astronauts aboard perished.

Columbia was covered with more than 20,000 thermal tiles to protect it from burning up during re-entering Earth’s atmosphere. During liftoff Jan. 16, a hard piece of foam insulation hit the spacecraft’s left wing 80 seconds after launch.

That left NASA engineers to conduct thermal analyses and a frame by frame examination of the launch footage.

Ron Dittermore, the shuttle program manager, said Monday that photos showed the piece of insulation was about 16-by-6-by-20 inches in size and weighed about 2.7 pounds, and could have smashed into the thermal tiles on the underside of the left wing area.

"We are making the assumption from the start that the external tank was the root cause of the problem that lost Columbia," Dittermore said. "That’s a drastic assumption and it’s sobering.

Analyses were performed for different scenarios, including different weights for the debris and the possibility of tile damage caused by pieces of dust no larger than 7 inches by 32 inches, NASA said.

The engineering report cited by Readdy indicated "the potential for a large damage area to the tile. But it went on to note that the damage should be limited to the coating on the tiles and have no effect on the mission.

"These thermal analyses indicate possible localized structural damage but no burn-through and no safety-of-flight issue," the report concluded.

"We were in complete concurrence," Michael Kostelnik, a NASA spaceflight office deputy, said at a news conference Monday with Readdy.

"Readdy said he was also part of the discussions held throughout the flight on the matter.

"The best and brightest engineers we have who helped design and build this system looked carefully at all the analyses and the information we had at this time, and made a determination this was not a safety-of-flight issue," Kostelnik said.

IRAQ
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Associated Press

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"Do they really know the number at each department? No. What they have are quick fixes not necessarily what is good for the department," he said, adding that administrators should demand better performance from the department's professors.

Dutt said the problems are not as severe as the Blue Ribbon Commission is making them out to be and that the administration is acting without sufficient communication with faculty.

"I think in this case, one has to be careful how changes are made. One must bring all people together and set goals that make the department better and gain recognition for the department," Dutt said.

David Betson, who is considered an orthodox economist in the public sector, agrees that there needs to be more communication and that rather than placing blame, members of the department should take the time to evaluate how they can move forward.

"The appropriate place to discuss the path we need to take is not in the public domain but should be through a respectful dialogue between members of the faculty and the administration," he said.

At the bottom

Roche said the Economics Department was found to be the only department in the fourth quartile during the last review of the College of Arts and Letters. He attributes this to changes in theoretical economics and the inability of members of the department to keep up. As Roche put it, "the discipline of economics has moved in a way that our department on the whole, has not moved." Hence, Roche believes that split would help in improving the department and making it more attractive in terms of recruitment, so that they can bring in faculty members who can more fully realize their vision.

"Although the Department of Economics at Notre Dame has a great vision . . . Notre Dame does not have a strong voice in the profession," Roche said.

Accessibility to graduate students, according to Roche, is another benefit of the split.

"The Graduate School has made a determination in its strategic plan that it does not want to foster programs that are in the bottom quartile of graduate programs nationally," Roche said.

Going mainstream

Roche said there's been concern for years that students are not receiving the tools that they need for the continuation of their studies. He believes that if they wait any longer, the gap will become even greater.

Department chair Richard Jensen agrees.

"My own opinion is that the recommended split is the best way to allow both groups to prosper, to provide undergraduate students with the vibrant and contemporary courses that they demand and deserve and to provide graduate students with the training they need to learn how to comprehend and contribute to the frontiers of the discipline," he said.

Jensen said that the provost was in agreement with the committee that the differences between the faculty were irreconcilable.

"He also stated [at the December meeting] that he thought this would be the best way to recruit mainstream scholars while allowing both groups to prosper," Jensen said.

"The differences in mainstream and non-mainstream research methodologies are so pronounced that recruiting exceptional senior scholars has been very problematic," Jensen said.

Freedom

A major point of contention among the faculty was the side of losing academic freedom after the split.

Affleck-Graves does not see this as an issue, however, and said faculty members would have complete freedom to do whatever research they want and teach what and how they see fit. He said academic freedom is only an issue when administrators tell faculty what research they want them to do.

"Only the name being changed to reflect what they do better," Affleck-Graves said.

Dutt and Betson both believe that some questions need to be asked, but each focus on slightly different areas.

"There are really two questions," Betson said. "Does our department need to improve?" The answer is clearly yes, this recommendation the right way to go? Based on the letter my colleagues wrote and the vote of the College Council, the answer is clearly no for the simple reason it violates the spirit of academic freedom.

Jensen said that the other focus would look at what the split would bring and whether it can be avoided altogether. He doesn't see much of what the administrators speak about as coming from the split.

"What good scholars will want to come to a department in such chaos? Scholars like freedom to do work without administration telling them what to do," he said.

Dutt said that the resulting conflict, namely a lack of interest in Economics Thought and Policy, which is not a recognizable major, would be too great and not worth the risk.

Affleck-Graves does not see it that way and said it's important that the department call itself something that accurately describes what it does. People "will do things that excite them," he said. "They won't care what it's called." Other reasons why Betson disagrees with the split includes the eventual shunning of people who are not neoclassical into another department, and the thought that one department will receive all resources while the other starves.

For now, Jensen said that tenure would remain intact and that anyone wishing to could apply to the new department. As Jensen puts it, "The 'final solution' (University President) Father (Edward) Malloy."
Bush sets $2.23 trillion budget

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — President Bush shipped lawmakers a $2.23 trillion budget for 2004 on Monday, bearing record deficits and seeking deep new tax cuts, an ambitious expansion of Medicare and bolstering security at home and abroad at the expense of domestic programs.

Though Republican majorities in Congress mean Bush’s plans will get a better reception than last year’s did when Democrats ran the Senate, some elements will clearly be rebuked, like his call for a fresh 10-year, $1.3 trillion tax cut. Whatever happens, the proposal sets the stage for a partisan battle over fiscal priorities likely to rumble right into next year’s White House and congressional elections.

Democrats said the budget would deepen government debt just as it should be shifting up Social Security and Medicare for the approaching retirement of 76 million-strong baby boom generation.

“Buried in President Bush’s budget is a plan to dismantle Social Security and Medicare,” said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., the House Ways and Means Committee’s top Democrat. “Bush is demanding large tax cuts again even though there are no longer surpluses, the administration will starve the government of the means to do its job.”

The president said his plan focused on the most important challenges facing the nation.

“A recession and a war we do not expect to return to the returns of deficit,” Bush said. “We are accompanying the five-volume, 135-pound blueprint. "My administration believes in controlling the deficit and reducing it as the economy strengthens and our national security interests are met.”

One item sure to get special attention on Capitol Hill was Bush’s proposal to give NASA a modest 3 percent increase to $15.5 billion in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The budget, completed before Saturday’s space shuttle Columbia disaster, included $3.97 billion for the shuttle. The administration said that was 4.7 percent more than it expected Congress to approve for 2003 when lawmakers finish this year’s overdue spending bill.

The Justice and Labor departments were the only Cabinet-level agencies whose overall budgets would decline. But to contain burgeoning red ink, proposed cuts included some Army Corps of Engineers water projects, rural development, high technology aid to business, and state grants for fighting drugs in schools and for clean water.

While Bush predicted last year that the government would dip its toe into deficits for just three years, Monday’s spending plan acknowledged hefty shortfalls as far as the eye can see — a projection both parties fought to turn to their advantage.

Bush projected deficits of $304 billion this year and $307 billion in 2004, compared to $190 billion in 2008, the final year shown. Not factored in was a possible war with Iraq likely to cost at least tens of billions of dollars.

The highest deficit on record was $290 billion in 1992, when Bush’s father was president.

Less than two years after Bush projected $5.6 trillion in surpluses for the next decade, on Monday he estimated $1.08 trillion in cumulative deficits for the coming five years alone. The budget mostly projected five years ahead instead of the 10 years customary recently, with administration officials saying longer forecasts are guesswork.

Democrats said Bush was avoiding showing the full, bleak picture.

“I don’t think in the face of a reversal like that, they’d offer a process or plan to right the budget. There is none,” complained Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina.

American Airlines near bankruptcy

Associated Press
NEW YORK — American Airlines is burning through $5 million a day with little relief in sight, making industry experts anxious that the world’s largest carrier is increasingly at risk of falling United Airlines and US Airways into bankruptcy court.

The financial problem at American is fairly straightforward: the money it takes in from passengers is down sharply, but the company has not cut expenses fast enough to keep up. What is difficult to gauge is whether or not American can wring enough costs in the coming months, particularly from employees, to avoid Chapter 11.

The situation has put employees and shareholders under intense pressure, while fliers have had to adjust to more limited flight offerings from the Fort Worth, Texas-based carrier.

Analysts anticipate sharp conflicts between labor and management, and the uncertainty has pushed the stock price of American’s parent company, AMR Corp., below $3 a share — a level that implies a bankruptcy filing is a real possibility. A company’s stock typically becomes worthless during the bankruptcy process.

For the moment, the company’s saving grace is the $2 billion in unrestricted cash it has on hand. But even chief executive Don Carty has repeatedly said that American, which lost a record $3.3 billion in 2002, is operating at a level that is “unsustainable.”

“The key thing is their employees,” said Ray Neidl, an airline analyst at Balamore Partners in New York, summing up the popular wisdom on Wall Street.

Without combined savings of about $2 billion, or 25 percent a year, from its various labor groups, AMR “could be in bankruptcy by next winter, or even sooner,” Neidl said.
As you will have noticed, Saddam Hussein, the murderous dictator of Iraq, is defying the United Nations by refusing to withdraw from Kuwait, the act he committed on Jan. 2, 1990, or to submit to the order of Resolution No. 660, which unequivocally called upon Iraq to withdraw its forces from Kuwait. Resolution No. 687, adopted one year later, reaffirmed the demand that Iraq withdraw from Kuwait immediately. Later resolutions, including Resolution 688 (adopted June 25, 1991), gave Saddam Hussein the so-called “last chance” to withdraw within 48 hours or face a powerful force of Coalition forces. Saddam Hussein ignored the order, and the military force of the Coalition went into action on Jan. 17, 1991. It is no surprise that the military force of the Coalition is a powerful force, as the United States had prepared for this possibility for some time. The preparation was thorough and extensive, and the result was a swift and decisive victory. Saddam Hussein was defeated, and the United States emerged from the war as the dominant power in the Middle East.

As a result of the Gulf War, the United States gained significant influence in the region and its allies. It also increased its military capabilities and resources. The conflict demonstrated the importance of deterrence and the role of international law in preventing the use of force. The United States played a key role in the creation of the United Nations Security Council and the enforcement of its resolutions, which helped to prevent future conflicts.

The Gulf War also had significant economic consequences. Oil prices increased dramatically, leading to a global economic crisis. The United States helped to stabilize the oil market and promote economic recovery. However, the conflict also had negative economic impacts, including the loss of life and displacement of people, and the economic costs of the war itself.

In conclusion, the Gulf War was a significant event in modern history. It demonstrated the importance of international law and the role of the United Nations in preventing the use of force. It also highlighted the economic consequences of war and the importance of stabilizing the global economy.

The Gulf War was a turning point in modern history, with significant political, economic, and social consequences. It served as a catalyst for the development of new alliances and the strengthening of existing ones, and it helped to shape the modern Middle East.
Defending SMC trip to NOW Conference

As the faculty member who accompanied the students to the NOW Student Conference in Washington, D.C., I want to clarify a few points. These events have become high-stakes contests on an issue — abortion — that is divisive and controversial not only in the Catholic church but in society. They were well organized, they used their time wisely and the discussions were serious about the issues. They did not travel first class as needlessly insulted. Their meals were not paid for. They had no recreational time. They did homework to keep from getting behind in their classes on the airplane.

At the conference, they learned that supporting Roe v. Wade is a difficult choice. As a fellow, dedicated to students who seek knowledge, empowerment and health concerns for racially and economically marginalized women in this country, I have no doubt that these students were courageous enough to become informed on an issue they love.

These students were courageous enough to become informed on an issue that matters to many other issues that demand my attention and my priorities. But I could not have been there if another university with a list of alumni names had not been willing to be activists. Most of all, students listened to each other. What do they want to take on in the field of human rights? What is important to them? What are the leadership skills and expressed their pride in the emergence of a new generation willing to be activists.

The 13 members who attended the most recent meeting asserted that cuts to men’s sports should be the last resort in attempts to comply with Title IX and rightly so. No one wants to tell a male athlete that his dream of pursuing a particular sport in college is no longer possible.

Schools need to look to alternatives to cutting whole programs, such as reducing program size — particularly men’s football programs. Yet, even with the loss of certain sports, opportunities for men to participate in athletics abound. Furthermore, could it perhaps be men’s lack of interest in these sports that truly led to their demise?

In the end, the benefits of Title IX far outweigh the legislation’s negative consequences. It’s not perfect policy, but I believe the pros outweigh the cons.

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Folk Implosion’s music implodes

By EMILY TUMBRINK
Scene Music Critic

Although Folk Implosion has not released an album since 1999’s One Part Lullaby, it is a bit pretentious of the band to name its latest album The New Folk Implosion. Granted, some major changes have occurred since the band’s previous release, but naming the album The New Folk Implosion implies that those changes were positive, suggesting a new and improved sound.

However, the newness of Folk Implosion was definitely not by choice, and from the sound of things, the changes that made the band “new” also made the recording of this album a very long and arduous process, a process that, overall, was not even that successful. When listening to The New Folk Implosion, it is important to realize that the album is not really Folk Implosion, it is the one remaining member of the original Folk Implosion with two new members.

In the early 1990s, a musician named John Davis sent Lou Barlow of the indie-rock band Sebadoh a tape of his music that spawned correspondence between the two, eventually leading to the creation of Folk Implosion. In 2000, Davis quit the band, in the belief that the band’s existence. But despite this major setback, Barlow began working on another album with a new drummer and guitarist. Davis’ departure as well as a severe case of writer’s block greatly delayed its release.

“Our collaboration was basically the basis for Folk Implosion,” Barlow told VH1. “Now that the record is in such a weird state, I sometimes think, ‘Why the hell did I even try to do this?’”

So now that the album is finally out, the question remains: was it worth all the trouble? It sure doesn’t seem like it.

When listening to The New Folk Implosion, the importance of the collaborator between Barlow and Davis becomes evident. Without Davis, Folk Implosion sounds commonplace, dull and mundane. By stripping away the samples, a prominent feature of previous Folk Implosion albums, the tracks no longer contain the otherworldly, and upbeat quality. The tracks no longer shimmer. Instead, they come across as dark and whimsical.

But there is no need to get too disillusioned. It’s not as though Barlow sucks back-up vocals that relieve the listener of the band’s sound. The best track on the album is “Lyric,” a powerful song written by Barlow. The song begins with a restrained electric guitar, melodies, and Lencchantin’s voices then enter, and it soon explodes into a rocking anthem with an amazing guitar riff floating throughout the entire song.

The lyrics of Zwan differ very greatly from the Smashing Pumpkins’ lyrics. Corgan has matured significantly as a songwriter, and it shows on Zwan’s first album. There is a primarily religious feel to all the songs. The album begins with the lyrics, “Here comes my faith,” setting the stage for the brilliant music that follows. One song, “Jesus, I,” even draws heavily on a hymn.

Overall, this is a fantastic album. Any hardcore Smashing Pumpkins fan should pick this up to hear the ever evolving musical genius of Corgan. Any music fan should get a hold of this album, too, because of its pure pop-rock beauty. Judging by the sound of Mary Star of the Sea, Zwan will be around for a long time, and they may even surpass their predecessor, the Smashing Pumpkins.

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Zwan gives a massive debut

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

Only three years after the Smashing Pumpkins said farewell and goodnight, former front man Billy Corgan’s newest project Zwan was born.

After the release of the Pumpkin’s commercially unsuccessful final album, Machina: the Machines of God, the Chicago quartet called it quits in 2000. Shortly afterward, Corgan, along with Puto-punks drummer Jimmy Chamberlin began to collaborate with fellow Chicago rocker David Pajo, who formerly played guitar in both Slint and Tortoise. They soon added guitarist Matt Sweeney, from Chavez, and Paz Lenchantin, from A Perfect Circle, to form Zwan. Their first release,

The New Folk Implosion
The Folk Implosion
IMusic Records

Mary Star of the Sea, contains the signature Pumpkins’s sound of heavy-layered guitars, but Corgan brings back some of the more thoughtful songwriting that he began to explore on Adore and Mellon Collie & the Infinite Sadness.

Mary Star of the Sea, Zwan
Reprise Records

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Lou Barlow of the original Folk Implosion has revamped the band’s sound to mixed reviews.
CONCERT REVIEW

Indigo Girls serenade the Bend

By KATE WILLIAMS
Scene Music Critic

Promoting their new album, Become You, The Indigo Girls appeared Sunday night in downtown South Bend. The Morris Civic Auditorium was the second stop on their tour of the Midwest.

Indigo Girl Amy Ray finished a tour with The Butchies in mid-January, and joined Emily Saliers to promote their new release in an acoustic tour. Their set featured 20 songs, including some from their new album as well as many past hits.

Atlanta natives Ray and Salliers grew up together, attending the same elementary school. Both graduated from Emory University. They released their debut album, Strange Hites of 1987. In 1989, they joined with Epic records and released their first studio album, The Indigo Girls. Since then, they have released a number of recordings through the Epic label. The duo first enjoyed widespread fame with their platinum-selling album, Rites of Passage, in 1992.

Their most recent release, Become You, is their eighth album to date. The Indigo Girls blend feisty guitar parts with beautiful harmonies and evocative lyrics. Ray provides a low, rich tone while Saliers sings the lighter, softer element to their performance.

The concert began with a mellow performance from the opening act, Kim Richey, an artist who will perform a total of six times on this Indigo Girls tour. Richey released Rise, her new album with Universal in October. Featuring an Aimee Mann-esque style, Richey performed a variety of songs, ranging from upbeat folk to sultry jazz. More information on Kim Richey can be found at www.kimrichey.com.

The Indigo Girls took the stage around 9 p.m., beginning their set with “Become You,” the title track from their new album. The Girls alternated between crowd favorites and new material, moving from familiar upbeat songs to more somber selections. They switched from guitars to mandolin and banjo for “Get Out the Map,” a hit from their 1997 album. Shaming of the Sun. They continued with the first single, “Moment of Forgiveness” from their new album.

One of the brighter moments of the concert came with the performance of “Closer to Fine,” from 1993’s Curfews. Known for their laid-back and intimate stage presence, The Girls encouraged audience participation, turning the chorus over to the crowd. Throughout the concert, the Girls took requests from the audience.

Though Saliers declined a request for their song “Power of Two,” telling the crowd that a cold she was fighting would prevent her from singing her part, Ray suggested that they try an “experiment” and let the crowd sing the song instead. The Girls turned the microphones around, and provided back-up for the audience.

Their encore performance of “Galileo,” one of their most popular songs, from Rites of Passage, brought nearly all the audience to its feet, singing along and dancing. Well known for their activism in political issues ranging from gay and lesbian issues to environmental issues to gun control, the Indigo Girls often use their live performances to publicize their causes. This performance was no exception, as The Indigo Girls took opportunities to speak out against a war in Iraq and performed songs about acceptance. In the lobby after the show, flyers for peace rallies were passed out and anti-war bumper stickers were sold. On their web site, www.indigogirls.com, The Indigo Girls offer twenty reasons to not to invade Iraq and encourage participation in anti-war activities. “Not many musicians in the USA are politically or socially active, but it is just part of who we are. Our music and activist work are married,” Salliers says in an interview with musicOMH.com.


CLARE KELLEY/The Observer

The Indigo Girls gave an acoustic showing of both new and old songs Sunday at the Morris Civic Auditorium during their second stop on their tour promoting their latest album, Become You.

Amy Ray is just one half of the acoustic duo The Indigo Girls who use their live music shows to promote their opinions on political issues. On Sunday the atmosphere was heavy with anti-war sentiments.

Despite illness, moderate technical difficulties and the lovely winter weather that South Bend had to offer, the Indigo Girls gave an impressive performance, blending rock and folk into a gratifying combination. As always, the Girls showed why they have enjoyed unusual success through eight albums, crossing genres and producing unique music during a career that has spanned 14 years.

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NBA

Nets hold off Supersonics 109-108 in overtime

*Martin Kidd lead New Jersey to home victory*

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Kenyon Martin scored a career-high 35 points and Jason Kidd hit a 3-pointer with 1:31 left in overtime to lead the New Jersey Nets to a 109-108 win over the Seattle SuperSonics on Monday night.

Desmond Mason scored a season-high 30 points but missed a 3-point attempt at the buzzer in a disheartening loss for Seattle, which rallied from a 17-point deficit in the second half.

Martin added 12 rebounds and a last-second block of Rashard Lewis' shot to end the regulation. Kidd finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds, winning his point-guard matchup with Gary Payton, who had 12 points and seven assists.

Lewis added 25 points and eight rebounds for Seattle. Kidd gave the Nets a 109-106 lead with his 3-pointer with 1:31 left in the game, and then the game got a little spotty.

A turnover by Seattle, Martin had a shot blocked underneath.

Former Nets guard Kenny Anderson got Seattle within a point with a driving layup with 30.4 seconds to play.

Kidd missed a long 3-pointer with 10.2 seconds remaining, and then things got interesting.

Coming out of a timeout, Lewis appeared to have a layup off an inbounds play, but Lavar Burrell provided weakside help and batted the ball out of bounds with 4.7 seconds to go.

On the ensuing inbounds play, Richard Jefferson gave a foul just before Payton hit what would have been his automatic jumper ahead baseline jumper with 3.4 seconds left.

Seattle set up a third point and Martin made an open look, but his shot bounced off the backboard and rim, only his 12th miss in 25 attempts.

So the heat New Jersey earlier this season on a 3-pointer by Brent Barry in the final seconds.

Mason scored 10 of the SuperSonics' final 12 points in regulation, including a 3-pointer with 55 seconds to go that tied it at 100.

Neither team scored the rest of the fourth quarter, but Seattle had a couple of chances after Nets turnovers. Payton missed a jumper with about 20 seconds to go, and Martin blocked Lewis' shot near the foul line.

After trailing by as many as 17 points early in the third quarter, Seattle got back in the game with a 5-3 spurt that spanned the end of the third and the start of the fourth.

Heat 99, Hawks 79

Eddie Jones scored 26 points, including 5-of-8 shooting from 3-point range, as the Miami Heat beat Atlanta to end the Hawks' three-game winning streak.

Reserve forward LaPhonso Ellis added 15 points and Mike James had 13 as the Heat bench outscored Atlanta's reserves 39-15.

Brian Grant got his 19th double-double of the season with 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 19 points and 10 rebounds, but poor shooting by his teammates left the Hawks short of scoring. Jason Terry was 5-of-13 for 13 points, and Glenn Robinson shot 5-for-18 from the floor for 12 points.

The Heat went on a 17-0 run in the first half, the biggest of the year. They added a 10-0 spurt in the third quarter, and an 11-0 surge in the fourth.

Miami scored 24 points off 20 Atlanta turnovers.

The Heat led by only one point at halftime, then outscored the Hawks 30-15 in the third quarter. It was Miami's first double-digit win since the last time these teams played, a 107-73 Heat victory in Atlanta.

It was the last game before a weeklong layoff for the Hawks, with the All-Star game in Atlanta on Sunday.

The Boston Celtics could not bend Miami's defense. Now they will have to handle a season-high losing streak.

Mason collected 30 points, eight assists and six rebounds as the New Orleans Hornets dealt the Celtics a season-worst fourth straight defeat, 103-96.

David Wesley added 18 points and P.J. Brown 12 and for 12 rebounds as the Hornets, who had lost four of five, avoided falling below .500 for the first time this season.

The Hornets went on a 28-7 run bridging the first and second quarters and took their biggest lead, 43-27, on a pair of free throws by Jerome Moiso with 7:27 left in the half.

The Celtics got within 69-68 on a 3-pointer by Paul Pierce with 3:09 left in the third quarter but New Orleans scored the final five points of the period and Boston got no closer than three points over the final 12 minutes.

New Jersey's Kenyon Martin dunks the ball during the Nets' 109-108 overtime victory against the Seattle SuperSonics Monday night. Martin scored a game-high 35 points for New Jersey.

Pierce scored 27 points and Antoine Walker and rookie J.R. Bremer 20 points apiece for the Celtics, who had not lost four in a row since February 21-March 1.

Boston had won the first two meetings between the teams this season, including a 93-83 triumph here on January 8.

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LeBron James apologizes for accepting gifts

Associated Press

CLEVELAND
LeBron James has yet to appeal his banishment from playing high school basketball, keeping the 18-year-old superstar off the court.
James had been expected to appeal the decision Monday, but OHSAA spokesman Bob Goldring said the organization did not hear from him or his lawyer by late afternoon.
"Everything is status quo," Goldring said. "We have not heard anything about an appeal or any legal action."
James' attorney, Fred Nance, did not return phone messages.
James, regarded as the nation's top player and the next No. 1 NBA draft pick, was ruled ineligible on Friday by the Ohio High School Athletic Association for accepting two free sports jerseys worth a combined $845 from a clothing store.
As of late Monday afternoon, Nance had not filed for a temporary restraining order with Summit County Common Pleas Court, which would block the order so James could continue playing.
If James plans to appeal the decision by the OHSAA, he must do so by the agency in writing. The appeal would be heard by a state panel on Feb. 13 in Columbus.
James sat out the first game of his career Sunday, and his Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary teammates barely won without him, beating Canton McKinley 63-62.

Afterward, University of Akron police and James' own security personnel kept reporters away from him. He agreed to an exclusive interview with former NFL star Deion Sanders for CBS News' "The Early Show."
In the interview, scheduled to air Tuesday morning, James expressed remorse for accepting the trendy retro jerseys.
"If I had known I was violating anything, I would've never done it," James told Sanders. "I wouldn't've never jeopardized my eligibility. I would've never jeopardized my team."
"When I went in (to the store), you know, I was just going in there as being, you know, another player, and they were trying to reward me for my good grades," added James, who has said he has a 3.5 grade-point average.
"Yes, I'm sorry," James also said in the interview. "There's nothing I'm more sorry about, you know, than disrespecting my teammates. I love them to death. I'm so proud of them, you know, to be able to stick it out for me."
The OHSAA found that the Cleveland store gave James the Gale Sayers and Wes Unseld jerseys for free, in exchange for James posing for pictures to be displayed on the walls.
In addition to ruling James ineligible, OHSAA commissioner Clair Muscaro ordered his school to forfeit its Jan. 26 win over Akron Buchtel.
The Fighting Irish (14-1) entered Monday ranked No. 1 in Tuesday’s rankings because of the forfeit and James’ ineligibility.
James' team is scheduled to play Saturday night at the Isles Prime Time Shootout in Trenont, N.J., a charity tournament featuring 11 of the top 25 high school teams nationally.

James also spoke with former NFL star Deion Sanders for CBS News during a visit to the Green Bay Packers' green bay in December.
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"After accepting gifts in return for posing for promotional pictures, Ohio high school basketball star LeBron James was rendered ineligible. He apologized for his mistake and to his team,

LeBron James apologizes for accepting gifts

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A mentor is needed for a 17-year-old girl at Madison Center for Children. The commitment would be every other or every week for one or two hours. A student with a car would be preferable. Contact Kristen Walsh @ 631-1255.

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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 own transportation. Contact 276-3152 or email GoodShepherdMS@aol.com

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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 (inpatient setting). 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 at the Hospice office on the following days (the training session is 21 hours; all days are required to be trained): Feb 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 and 25th. For more info, contact Jackie Boynton at 243-3127.

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A tutor is needed for a 12-year-old boy who has special needs. He can be tutored any day after 2:30 at Hesburgh Library. Contact Thanh Le @ 631-8018.

Tutors are needed for athletes at Clay High School. Tutoring happens on Tues and Thurs from 3-5 PM at Clay High School. Contact Scott Dactelides @ work 243-7006 or @ home 287-3897.

Questions on the above volunteer opportunities? Please email cscvols@nd.edu.
Manning calls Vanderjagt an ‘idiot kicker’

Associated Press

HONOLULU
Peyton Manning called teammate Mike Vanderjagt an “idiot kicker” at the Pro Bowl on Sunday, three days after Vanderjagt apologized for making disparaging remarks about the Indianapolis Colts quarterback.

Vanderjagt also criticized with the Colts' president, Jim Irsay, this week.

The Associated Press was left at the office of Vanderjagt’s agent, Gil Scott, on Monday.

He also claimed Vanderjagt was “liquored up” at the time of the interview and ran his mouth off.

“Here we are,” Manning said. “It’s not in doubt because of what he said,” Dungy said.

Vanderjagt, the most accurate field-goal kicker in NFL history, apologized Thursday to Dungy.

“I’m out at my third Pro Bowl. I’m about to go in and throw a touchdown to Jerry Rice, we’re honoring the Hall of Famer, and we’re talking about your idiot kicker who got liquored up and ran his mouth off. “The sad thing is, he’s a good kicker. He’s a good kicker. But he’s an idiot.”

A message from The Associated Press was left at the office of Vanderjagt’s agent, Gil Scott, on Monday.

Vanderjagt also criticized Colts coach Tony Dungy in the interview with The Score, a Toronto-based cable sports network.

“T’m not a real big Colts fan right now, unfortunately. I just don’t see us getting better,” Vanderjagt said during the interview.

“Coach Dungy, he’s just a mild-mannered guy. He doesn’t get too excited, he doesn’t get too down and I don’t think that works, either… I think you need a motivator, I think you need a guy that is going to get in somebody’s face when they’re not performing well enough.”

Dungy said late last week that Vanderjagt’s future with the Colts rest¬ed with the veteran kicker.

“When I get home, I’ll deal with it,” Manning said. “If he’s still a teammate, we’ll deal with it. That remains to be seen.”

Burrell resigns for $50 million

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA
Left fielder Pat Burrell and the Philadelphia Phillies have agreed on a $50 million, six-year contract, in the latest big move by the team this offsea¬son.

Coming off a 14th losing season in 16 years, the Phillies have been one of the most aggressive teams, signing first baseman Jim Thome and third baseman David Bell and trad¬ging for pitcher Kevin Millwood.

The Phillies, hesitant to spend money in the past, have com¬mitted nearly $162 million to the four players as they try to build a championship team when they move into a new ballpark in 2004.

“I’m glad to be a part of the big puzzle they put together this offseason,” Burrell said. “With the team we have now, we should be winning.”

Burrell, 26, hit .252 with 37 homers and 119 RBIs in 1999. He struck out 153 times.

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Thomas believes NBA treating Pacers unfairly

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS Indiana Pacers coach Isiah Thomas doesn’t think the NBA is targeting his team for their recent combative behavior. However, he does wonder if the league is treating their outburst unfairly.

Thomas said Monday he didn’t agree with the NBA’s decision to suspend him for two games for escalating an on-court altercation and not acting as a peacemaker during a fight with the Raptors.

“I don’t understand it and I think it’s been very excessive,” he said.

Thomas will miss Tuesday’s game against the Los Angeles Lakers, but is allowed to coach practice and will lead the East team at the All-Star game in Atlanta on Sunday. The Pacers lead the Eastern Conference with a 34-14 record.

The trouble for Thomas began on Friday when he became involved in an altercation between Toronto’s Morris Peterson and Al Harrington.

Peterson tripped Harrington — on purpose, Thomas said — and when no flagrant foul was called, the Pacers coach leapt his seat and got into a shouting match with Peterson.

Thomas was restrained by Raptors coach Lenny Wilkens and ejected by referee Steve Javie. Thomas admitted that after Peterson cursed at him, he cursed back, but that was all.

Then came the news on Saturday that Stu Jackson, NBA senior vice president of basketball operations was suspending Thomas.

“Coach Thomas did not act as peacemaker during this incident,” Jackson said.

“I don’t understand it and I think it’s been very excessive.”

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Richmond was only fined $5,000 for making an obscene gesture toward fans in Detroit. He wonders why the punishment was much more severe for Artest and said prior incidents shouldn’t be a factor.

“I don’t think you can be tried for the same crime twice,” Thomas said.

Artest said he won’t change the tough, physical way he plays, but will think twice before acting.

“I just can’t be doing things to insult people. That’s it,” he said.

“I’m going to still play the same way. I’m still going to be aggressive.”

Artest also said his style of play put him on the receiving end of cheap shots that he hasn’t retaliated against. That could change soon.

“Luckily, I’m kind of big and it doesn’t hurt too much,” he said.

“If we get about 10 games over in first place, five games over, I dare somebody to give me a cheap shot.”

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Associated Press

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"I want to attack this thing," Calhoun said Monday at practice. "I'm going after it.

The 60-year-old Calhoun will take a three-to-four week medical leave, with assistant George Blaney taking over as coach on an interim basis. Surgery was scheduled for Thursday.

Calhoun's doctor, UConn Health Center urologist Peter Albertsen, said the cancer was detected early and was "relatively low-grade." "Coach Calhoun's condition appears to be very treatable and we anticipate his return to normal job-related activities within three or four weeks," said Albertsen, who will perform the surgery.

In his 17th season at Connecticut, Calhoun led the Huskies to national prominence, capped by an NCAA title in 1999. With a career record of 617-290, including 14 seasons at Northeastern, Calhoun is among the top 10 active Division I coaches with at least 600 career wins.

The 18th-ranked Huskies are coming off a 95-71 loss to Boston College on Saturday, their worst loss ever at Gampel Pavilion.

"We can handle what we have to handle," said Blaney, in his second season as head coach at Holy Cross. "He's one of the strongest guys I ever met. I know that he will fight it that's not been a question."

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INDOOR TRACK
Watson qualifies for NCAA Championships

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

The Irish track and field teams had another impressive weekend as senior Luke Watson qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 3,000 meters at the adidas Indoor Games in Boston and the Irish men and women's teams defeated Michigan State at the LoFlo Sports Complex.

Watson automatically qualified for the NCAA's by finishing 10th with a time of 15 minutes, 55.78 seconds. His qualification becomes more impressive because the strong field included an Olympic champion and professional athletes. Watson finished third among Americans in the men's and third among colleagues as well. He will be looking to improve on his third-place finish at the 2002 NCAA Championships.

In addition to Watson's performance in Boston, the men and women combined to win 22 events against Michigan State as the men knocked the Spartans 93-54, while the women won 94-67. In one of the most impressive performances of the evening, Jaime Volkmer broke her own school record in the pole vault, but she did not qualify in the pole vault, but she did very well in the triple jump.

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Jaime Volkmer prepares to do a pole vault during this weekend's home meet. Volkmer broke her own school vaulting record and is in consideration for the NCAA Championship.

CLUB SPORTS
Women grab 1st place in slalom

Special to The Observer

The women of the Notre Dame ski club continued their winning ways with first place finishes this weekend in both the slalom and giant slalom. In Saturday's slalom event, Molly Munsterer, 62.88; Mary Butler, 62.94; and Alanna Luggen, 64.02, placed fourth, fifth, and eighth to lead the squad in a tightly bunched field. The Irish edged Michigan State, 189.84 - 189.93 for first place. Western Michigan, Michigan, and Grand Valley State rounded out the field.

In Sunday's giant slalom, Munsterer's total time of 52.33 for the two runs earned first place, while teammate Leigh Heilinger's 52.55 garnered third and Mary Butler finished fifth with a 53.45 result as the Irish again topped Michigan State by the slightly more comfortable margin of 158.33 - 161.11.

The mens team wasn't able to build on last week's momentum. After capturing first place last weekend in a non-league slalom event in Ohio, the squad dropped to fifth among six schools this weekend. Bill Liemkuler, a third place medalist last week, led the club in the slalom with a combined time of 69.09.

Mens Water Polo
Tampa, Fla.'s beckoning warmth provided the perfect venue for outdoor water polo this weekend as Notre Dame squared off against some of the toughest competition in the country in the Gasparilla Classic. The Irish opened bracket play with an 8-5 victory over the Orlando Men's Club behind a solid defensive performance. In second round action, the club fell behind at the half to Florida Coast Club Team. The Irish rallied to knot the score at 9, before falling by an 11-9 count.

Advancing to the semifinals because of a goal differential advantage, the Irish then played the nationally ranked Miami Railroad. The Irish played well in a 15-9 loss. Third place was a battle against Austin Men's. Once more the Irish trailed early, 3-1, before clawing back to a 5-all tie at the end of regulation. A scoreless overtime period, and a 2-2 tie in the second overtime, led to a penalty shot shootout.

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In addition to Volkmer, Tameisha King posted three victories against the Spartans, winning the long jump, 60 meters, and 60-meter hurdles. Other winners for the women were Emily Loomis in the high jump, Meghan Hinn in the shot put, Tiffany Gunn in the 500 meters, Jennifer Handle in the 3,000 meters, Rose Bralke-Fierce in the 400 meters and Kristen Dodd in the 200 meters.

"The women are looking really tough," said Plane.

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Struggling Irish hope to notch first victory

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MENS TENNIS

With four losses and no victories so far in the spring season, the Irish men's tennis team is banking on a win to come its way soon.

The squad's next chance is today at Wisconsin. The No. 34 Irish have lost to two top 25 teams, and half of their losses were near-wins, with the Irish losing 4-3 to both Florida State and Indiana.

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