Trustees stand firm on dance ban

Trustee responsive to resignations

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

Student Body President Libby Bishop said the resignation of her chief of staff, Hallahan-Jeremy Lao, was the result of several factors, including the omission of a report that took a weak stance on the dance ban and the report's stature as a result of its high profile in the student government and student social life at Notre Dame.

By JASON MARKEY
Undergraduate Admissions

Notre Dame trustees weighed reinstituting in-hall dances but will keep the ban in place for at least another year, said Student Body President Libby Bishop, who delivered a report on the displaced dances and campus social life at the board's winter meeting last week.

The report, "An Update on Hall Dances and an Overview of Social Life at Notre Dame," characterized student reactions to the outlawing of in-dorm dances as mostly negative and called on administrators to provide more money and support for planning dances outside the residence halls.

Following her hourlong session with the board's Student Affairs sub-committee, Bishop said trustees immediately adopted three resolutions:

- that the University give each hall 51,000 for dances in 2003-04 contingent on the agreement that halls let school officials review their dance budgets to see where and how the money is spent;
- that student life administrators devise a plan to maximize availability of out-of-dorm dance venues, especially the most popular locations;
- and that officials work with Food Services to lower costs and increase food options for dances that are required to be canceled.

Before the report, trustees had considered a return in in-hall dances but decided against it.

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Onion comic gets laughs

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions received a record total of over 12,000 applications for fall 2003 enrollment.

"One thing we do know for sure is that we have had more students visit this year," said Bill Mundy, director of admissions operations. "That's a great incentive for them to apply."

An estimated 12,040 applications makes this year's number of applica­ tions a 23 percent jump from 2002 — 19 percent more than the previous high of 10,072 in 2000. Despite the volume of applications, the Office does not yet have the final total. The regular admission deadline was Jan. 9.

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Ebersol and Meagher, who received only 50 more votes than third-place ticket Joe Gagnet-John Kirsh, said they were excited they made the run-off and looked forward to the debate, where they want to differentiate themselves from Hallahan-Lao.

"All Hallahan's decision to make his resignation a semester and his decision to speak out against her view at last week's meeting was the opposite of what she said her office was supposed to do," said Bishop.

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SMC group announces events

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Various board members gave briefings Monday afternoon at the Saint Mary's Board of Governance meeting and the meeting included no new business.

As a result of midterms, BOG President Kim Jensen announced that the March 3 BOG is cancelled.

She went on to say that turnover of BOG positions will take place at the March 24 meeting.

Senior Class President Rachel Finely spoke briefly about Commencement proceedings, reminding the board that there are 96 days left until graduation. The senior class plans to survey Saint Mary's seniors by phone in order to plan events for senior week in May.

It was reported that the Reading Day proposal, something long worked on by students, government, goes before the Academic Standing Committee Friday for a vote. If approved, the proposal will continue on to Academic Affairs for further review.

Athletic Commissioner Ellen Burns has organized a send-off event for the Saint Mary's swim team this Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Angela Athletic facility, where goody bags will be given to the swimmers. All are encouraged to attend and show support for their fellow Belles.

The Student Activities Board is hosting acoustic guitarist Adam Richman tonight at 7 p.m. in Dalloway's.

First Year Class President Anna Bauer reported that sales of the class shirt were disappointing.

“We only ordered 150,” she said. “We are really hoping to sell them.”

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Police: NDSP played no role in Boat bust

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

Two weeks after the Jan. 24 raid on the Boat Club that resulted in over 200 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students being cited, all police jurisdictions agree that Notre Dame Security Police was not involved in the planning of the bust, but it has not been clarified whether other University officials provided information to excise police about the bust.

While police and University officials declined to comment on the details of any specific coordination for the raid, state excise police at the raid did have Notre Dame student directories that were obtained directly from the University, said Lt. Greg Delitchley, spokesperson for the District 1 office of the Indiana State Excise Police.

"We have our own [directories]," said Delitchley. According to Delitchley, Notre Dame Security Police was not involved in planning the bust. "We had gotten information that there were underage people in The Boat Club," he said. "We do our own investigation and we confirmed that.

Delitchley declined to say how excise police received information about possible underage drinking at the bar or about how such activity was confirmed.

After receiving that information, excise police began planning for the raid on The Boat Club.

"I contacted South Bend Police for assistance (and) we made arrangements for a night to go," Delitchley said.

Jeff Shoup, director of residence life at Notre Dame, declined to comment on whether the University provides information to police about what bars underage students patronize. However, Shoup said Residence Life became involved only after the bust occurred.

The police get those reports and then they forward them to me," he said. "Notre Dame students cited in the Boat Club bust were given letters Jan. 29 stating that they were required to attend conferences at Residence Life.

Shoup said he feels that raids are one way to promote a different attitude about drinking among students.

It starts to build an atmosphere where people are aware of what the community standards are," Shoup said.

The bust was led by excise police and also included South Bend police and regular state police. While the raid was taking place, Delitchley said police requested assistance from NDSP.

"I had an officer contact NDSP while we were there. We were having some trouble verifying addresses [of students who were being cited]," he said.

Delitchley could not say exactly what the difficulties were or how NDSP was able to help resolve them.

Rex Rakow, director of NDSP, said his office did not have any prior information about the Jan. 24 raid, but did become involved while the bust was taking place.

“We’re not really involved in the planning and coordination. One of the [NDSP] sergeants and assistant directors went down there to help [identify people],” he said.

"We’re concerned in situations like [the Boat Club raid] that students are treated fairly," he said.

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EXECUTIVE CABINET

Group discusses budget increase

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Student government's Executive Cabinet met Monday night to discuss the Financial Management Board's proposal for an annual increase in the student activities fee as well as student body president Libby Bishop's report to the Board of Trustees. The FMB proposed increasing the activities fee by 75 percent of the rate of tuition increases. Student union treasurer Andrew Oxenreiter said the plan is aimed at maintaining their current level of programming.

"It was a good balance between tying the increase [at the rate of] inflation and tying it to the full tuition increase," O'Connor said. Trip Foley, student body vice president, welcomed the move, calling it a "sound investment." He said the plan is aimed at helping to support under-funded campus organizations.

"We're a lot of our peer institutions," Foley said. Cabinet members voted unanimously to support the resolution but added a suggestion to consider a direct increase with the rate of tuition. Bishop also spoke about her report to the University's Board of Trustees at their meeting last week in Naples, Fla. The report primarily dealt with student reaction to the dance policy that went into effect last fall. Bishop's findings had been the subject of considerable debate in Student Senate, as several senators felt her recommendations were too weakly worded. Bishop said the board welcomed the report, but confirmed its position on the dance policy. "[The trustees] received it very well, but they all agreed that they wanted to invest in the new system for the next couple of years," Bishop said. She also applauded the board's decision to grant $1,000 to each residence hall next year to aid in planning dances.

In other Exec Cab news:
• Junior class president Meghan O'Donnell announced her class will sponsor a letter-writing campaign aimed at American military personnel stationed overseas.
• "We wanted to do this because a lot of people have had to leave their friends and families behind," O'Donnell said.
• Freshman class president Dave Baron encouraged members of his class to attend "Vegas Night" Saturday in the LaFortune Ballroom. The event, titled "Let's All Get Lucky," will feature casino games including roulette, craps and blackjack, as well as a deejay. Gamblers will have the chance to win DVD players, TVs and other prizes.
• Student Union Board manager Stephen Christ told cabinet members that this week's Acousticafe will be replaced by an event called "ND Unplugged." The event, to be held Thursday night in the Huddle, will feature live poetry readings by Notre Dame students.

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"She may say that it was dis­loyal but I would say that it was dishonest that she did not inform senators," said Hallahan. Bishop said it was not a conscious decision but to inform senators of the administrators' decision. She said Hallahan should have expressed his comments privately to remain professional and not expressed them in a public Senate meeting. Bishop said she met with Hallahan after the Senate meet­ing because she was surprised by his comments and, because they had previously discussed their views about full dances, she was unaware of the depth of his opposition.

With regard to Hallahan's time commitment to Bishop's office, Hallahan said he informed Bishop when he decid­ed to run for student body presi­dent that his first priority was to the Office of the Student Body President and he would work other commitments around this schedule.

Bishop, however, disagreed. "When lines of campaign issues that I am in conflict and I did not have a problem," she said. The rule of the chief of staff is to run the daily operations of the office, act as the student body presi­dent's primary representative, coordinate projects and moti­vate members of the staff.

Trip Foley, student body vice president, said Hallahan's resig­nation was due to ongoing frus­tration between Hallahan and Bishop than escalated at the Feb. 3 Senate meeting. Foley declined to comment on what the ongoing frustrations were.

Foley said the timing of Hallahan's resignation was not politically motivated, and occurred because Bishop informed a staff member of Hallahan's resignation before a final decision had been made. Hallahan said, "If it was politi­cally motivated than it would have been coming a long time ago and my resignation would have come Monday night after I stood up for students' rights against her view. I don't think this is helping me politically." Another member of Bishop's staff, Erin LaRuffa, director of public relations, said she resigned Sunday due to the han­dling of Hallahan's resignation. LaRuffa, who worked on Hallahan's campaign, said she and Bishop talked Sunday about the comments she made in Friday's Observer regarding Hallahan's resignation and whether she could still represent her office as director of public relations. LaRuffa decided to resign following their discussion.

"I didn't think I could serve her in a public relations role anymore because I disagreed so strongly with the direction that the office was going," LaRuffa said. Bishop said she didn't believe LaRuffa needed to resign at that point. She expected to meet with LaRuffa again Monday to dis­cuss the issue.

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Bush claims French decision will hurl alliance

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
President Bush is reviving the decision by France, Germany and Belgium to deny Turkey NATO protection against Iraq threats to hurl the multilateral alliance into a fresh crisis.

Saddam Hussein has to disarm. If he doesn’t, we will disarm him,” Bush said after a meeting at the Oval Office Monday. Howard strongly agreed with Bush’s belief that the decision to deny to hury NATO protection will negatively impact the Western alliance.

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NASA finds computer, part of left wing amid debris

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER
NASA said Monday it had found one of Columbia’s computers apparently in fair condition and determined that a piece of broken wing was from the space shuttle’s troubled left side.

Michae1 Pace, a deputy associate administrator, said the general purpose computer was found in a debris field east of Fort Worth. It was being kept at the Johnson Space Center for analysis.

Bill Readdy, NASA associate administrator, added: “This may give us some clues as to what actually occurred on the ship.”

The wing fragment includes 2-foot piece of carbon-composite panel, a dense material used in the shuttle. Engineers are not yet certain where the piece fits, Kostelnik said.

It wasn’t yet known whether the carbon panel or the silica glass-fiber thermal tiles on the wing had been burned through by the intense heat of re-entry or damaged in accidents at sea.

“Tha1’s something tha1t the engineers will be looking at,” Pace said.

NASA said Friday that the piece was found near Fort Worth. On Monday, Pace, who was present, said the wing fragment was found further east, “closer to Lufkin.” 180 miles southeast of Fort Worth. The discrepancy was not explained.

This fragment could be extremely important, given that all the trouble apparently began in the left wing during the final minutes of Columbia’s flight Feb. 1. The shuttle broke up above Texas as it returned to Earth, killing all seven aboard.

After the wing fragment was found last week, Kostelnik called it “a significant recovery.”

NASA said it also has found the cover of one of the two landing gear compartments, another potentially critical piece because a temperature surge inside the left wheel well was the first sign of trouble. But officials do not yet know whether that is the right or left side of Columbia.

NASA Administrator Sean O’Keefe said debris would be taken this week to Kennedy Air Force Base in Cape Canaveral, Fla., where it will be cataloged and assembled.

Engineers will reassemble as much of the shuttle as they can in a hangar on the Kennedy grounds, and an independent board investigating the disaster will have offices in the hangar.

Kostelnik said engineers are still looking at high resolution photographs of Columbia taken by a powerful Air Force telescope camera, but said “no engineer­ing judgment” has been made on the images.

One photo, taken a minute or two before Columbia broke up, is drawing special interest. A dark gray streak can be seen trailing the left wing, and the leading edge of that wing appears to have received damage. Kostelnik said resolution on the photos was not better than what was released to the public Friday.

World News Briefs

S. Korea believes North has no nukes:
In sharp differences with Washington, South Korea said North Korea does not have nuclear weapons and the United States should open direct talks with Pyongyang on the crisis. South Korean Prime Minister Kim Suk-soo told police Monday that there is no proof the North has produced nuclear weapons despite U.S. assertions that Pyongyang has one or two atomic bombs. "North Korea is believed to have extracted enough plutonium to make one or two bombs before 1994," Kim said. "Since then, there has been no confirmation that North Korea has actually produced nuclear weapons, we believe that they do not have any," Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld said Sunday. Gordon Graham, a top U.S. intelligence service official, warned last week that North Korea has "one or two nuclear weapons" and "may have up to 100".

Islamic charity leader pleads guilty:
The head of a Muslim charity accused of funneling money to Osama bin Laden’s terrorist network pleaded guilty Monday to illegally buying boots and uniforms for fighting forces in Bosnia and Chechnya. As part of plea bargain, prosecutors dropped prosecuted that Enam Arnaout, of Chicago, aided bin Laden. But they still acknowledged he was a member of the military and then blame anti-Iraq coalition for civilian casualties in the event of war.

Saddam Hussein has broken every promise to disarm. He has shown complete contempt for the international community,” Bush told the broadcast­ers. "His says so to stall for time," he added.

Later, with Howard, Bush said Australia was a member of his “coalition of the willing,” a term he usually uses to describe countries willing to disarm Iraq even without U.N. approval. Bush said it was up to Howard to say how far Australia was willing to go.

The prime minister did not specifically commit troops to the Bush coalition, but said Saddam is a rogue leader who poses a grave threat.

National News Briefs

Ridge: Alert is most serious since 9/11:
Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Monday the latest terrorism alert issued by the Bush administration represented “the most significant” such warning since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. "One of the reasons we are raising this alert is that because we believe the threat has substantially increased in the last couple of weeks," Ridge said on CBS’s "The Early Show." On Friday, the administration increased the level of alert from yellow to orange, citing intelligence that suggested a growing threat from Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaeda terrorist network.

On the five-step alert scale, red is the highest, but no such terrorist warning level has yet been issued. Ridge and his deputies also advised various indus­tries and local governments how to increase securi­ty in response to the threat. On Friday, Homeland Security officials recommended that hotels inspect all cars and that malls and offices prohibit delivery trucks from entering underground parking garages.
Students respond to potential economics split

By NATASHA GRANT

Students across the economics major have differing opinions about whether the potential split in Notre Dame's economics department would be beneficial or disadvantageous, while others said they are choosing to reserve judgment until more information is available.

The economics department as a whole has not informed students of any imminent changes and sophomore major Stephanie Hill said that she would hold off on forming an opinion until more information became available.

"I don't think that enough has been said either way," she said.

Hill said that students should have some input, but even more importantly, the opinions of the faculty should also be considered.

"Professors should have some input as well," she said. "If you disagree with it, it will not go very well.

While Hill believes the split and the name change would cause students to look first to the Department of Economics before considering a major in Economics Thought and Policy, she said the there would not be an even distribution between the two schools.

Junior Derrick Evans, who supports the potential split, believes the new name would cause students to look first to the Department of Economics before considering a major in Economics Thought and Policy, by whatever name it is called.

"I don't think that although he does not know all that the split entails, he believes that it would be positive and give students a better framework for getting their degree," he said.

"I don't think that it will diminish the department," he said. "For the state that they are majoring in, the fact that they have, I think that the split will be in their favor.

While Evans said he believes that the final decision should rest with the department, he thinks that students should have some say as well.

Junior Elliot Poindexter, who is against the split, agreed that students should have a say in the final decision. Poindexter said he feels that the split would raise many concerns that are not easily resolvable.

"I think there's a need for both types of major of studies but the fact that the Department of Economics Thought and Policy will not be recognized as a concern of mine," he said.

Poindexter also voiced concerns about the potential of funding and said that he was worried that both departments would not receive equal funding.

He said he also worries about the University's reasons for pushing for the split and said he believes the University's main reason for making the change would be a boost in rankings.

Poindexter said that he does not believe that students initially came to Notre Dame because of the national ranking of its economics department.

Moreover, Poindexter is afraid that the split should be a precedent for more of its kind.

"If this could happen to the economic department, what's to stop the other Notre Dame departments to do this to their departments?" said Poindexter.

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Panel discusses sexual orientation

By SHANNON NELLIGAN

The Saint Mary's community continued its discussion of the Catholic Common Initiative Monday afternoon as benefits, administration and students participated in the conversation "Sexual Orientation: Questions and Challenges".

The Catholic Common Ground Initiative was founded in 2001 to decrease polarization between church leaders and parishioners that obstruct church unity and community building.

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Caroleyn Call, psychology professor at Saint Mary's, said she believes the issue of sexual orientation is as controversial as no big deal.

She also expressed the idea that there is little focus on lesbians and bi-sexuals on campus, especially after the dissolution of the Feminist Collective on campus.

"It is remarkable that we have such a large group of people here to discuss sexual orientation," she said.

Call elaborated on what is known as the traditionally conservative and liberal views of homosexuality. She lamented the crowding of the space between the conservative and liberal that currently differentiate these views. She elaborated on her research and discovered that those who possess conservative views tend to focus on the morality often open to the negative mention of the act in both the Old and New Testaments. Moreover, those who have some input as to the moral orientation of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative began in spring 2001.

The issue of discussion on sexual orientation provided a chance for the entire community to share their views and discuss concerns about the Catholic perspective on sexual orientation. The dialogue also focused on how the College approaches the subject.

According to Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Students and Chief Facilitator of the conversation, the discussion did not shy away from hard questions.

"The purpose [was] to gather together to listen and initiate civil adult conversation," said Dolphin.

To begin the forum, Dolphin read a quote from the current viewpoint of the Catholic Gethsemane so participants were able to have an institutional Catholic perspective on sexuality.

She then opened the podium to the remaining five conversation starters to present their perspectives on sexual orientation.

"Theory is not one thing and most psychologists see. This issue as no big deal."

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Energy costs soar dangerously

\* Cold, threat of war cause market spike

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON Prices for heating oil and gasoline are soaring and likely to keep rising as energy markets cope with a colder than expected winter, the loss of Venezuela’s production and worries about war with Iraq. A deep freeze in the Northeast caused heating oil prices to spike by 20 percent last week. The Energy Department, citing low stocks — as well as a higher natural gas prices — said heating bills could be 50 percent higher this year than last winter.

Consumers are getting hit at the gasoline pumps as well.

Nationally, gasoline prices increased for the ninth straight week to an average of $1.61 a gallon for regular grades, 51 cents a gallon higher than a year ago, according to the federal Energy Information Administration. Many parts of the country have hit price hikes of 20 cents a gallon in recent weeks.

Crude oil on Friday moved above $35 a barrel, the highest it has been in two years. Government analysts expect prices will probably stay above $30 a barrel this year, even if a war is avoided in Iraq.

The price of light sweet crude was $34.78 per barrel at noon Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Although OPEC oil producers have boosted production, they have yet to make up for the loss for its major political unrest in Venezuela. Crude inventories fell “well below the low end of the normal range” at the end of January, said the Energy Department. With high crude prices and some shortages, refiners scaled back operations, choosing to perform normal maintenance a few weeks early, some analysts said.

That has caused suppliers to draw heavily on heating oil stockpiles, causing prices to jump. On Friday, wholesale heating oil prices on the New York exchange soared to $1.20 a gallon, a jump of 30 cents from a week earlier.

After a New Hampshire terminal couldn’t get heating oil for four days, Jack Sullivan, chief executive of the New England Fuel Institute, warned in a letter to the Energy Department of “a supply and pricing crisis” if more heating oil isn’t made available.

“The demand is extraordinary. It’s absolutely horrific,” Sullivan said in an interview Monday. His organization, which represents 1,000 heating oil companies, urged the government to release stocks from an emergency heating oil stockpile. No decision on such a release has been made.

Economists say that the supply crunch and price spiral stem from a variety of factors, especially the lack of oil from Iraq, the disruption of oil exports from Venezuela and extremely cold weather, said Kyle Cooper, an energy analyst for Smith Barney. Heating oil stocks in the Northeast are 35 percent below the 10-year average, according to the American Petroleum Institute. Gasoline stocks, while still at comfortable levels, fell 3.4 million barrels last week, the government said.

If the cold winter persists, refiners will need to keep up the heating oil supply and postpone their push to making gasoline. If so, gasoline inventories may not recover, leading to higher gas prices this spring and summer, analysts said.

“Oil markets now are as tight as a fully stretched rubber band,” said an Energy Department analyst. “Whether the rubber bands break or not will largely depend on the pace of demand in coming weeks.”

**Johnson & Johnson acquires Scios**

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. Johnson & Johnson, the health-care giant known for its baby, skin and wound-care products, is boosting its biotech might with the acquisition of Scios Inc. in a $2.4 billion cash-stock deal announced Monday.

Buying Scios, a 22-year-old biotech company with one product on the market: J&J’s Aids drug, it also has lucrative, innovative heart drug and a possible future blockbuster, while Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Scios should get sales and research support that will help it grow quickly, analysts say.

The deal, expected to close in this year's second quarter, would be the third acquisition of a biotechnology company in less than four years for the New Brunswick-based maker of No More Tears shampoo and Band-Aids.

It would give Johnson & Johnson biotech sales approaching those of industry leader Amgen Inc. of Thousand Oaks, Calif., about $5 billion last year, said Glenn Lieberman, hospital supply analyst at Morgan Stanley.

“Psychologically, I think that’s important to them,” Reicin said, adding it confirms J&J still prefers acquiring much-smaller companies and giving them sales and research resources to help them grow quickly, rather than buying “large, ugly companies which have to grow revenues by cost-cutting.”

Under terms of the acquisition agreement, Scios shareholders will receive $45 for each outstanding Scios share — a 30 percent premium over the trading level Thursday, before talks between the two companies were reported. Scios will retain its name, management team and other resources.

Reicin estimated J&J’s huge market-building staff could boost sales from around $100 million last year to $600 million by promoting it in more hospitals and particularly in emergency rooms.

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**Venezuela continues dollar ban**

Venezuela's ban on dollar sales will continue until at least the end of the month to give President Hugo Chavez's government time to implement strict controls on foreign exchange, a central bank director said Monday.

The government needs until at least the end of February to set up the agency in charge of enforcing the new controls, Domingo Maza told state news agency Venpres. In the meantime, citizens cannot buy any foreign currencies.

Chavez imposed the freeze Jan. 21 amid an unsuccessful two-month strike seeking his ouster. The strike ended last week in all industries except oil, which provides half of government income and 70 percent of export revenues.

**Paperwork delays Fastow case**

A federal judge granted a 90-day delay Monday in the case of former Enron Corp. chief financial officer Andrew Fastow because of the huge amount of paperwork that the government’s prosecution of the case has generated.

Fastow was not present when U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt granted the delay in his case, which is not yet set for trial. Hoyt gave attorneys on both sides to allow attorneys on both sides to help them grow quickly, rather than buying “large, ugly companies which have to grow revenues by cost-cutting.”

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by Kevin Allen

Onion comic speaks at festival

Throughout the 36 years of the annual Sophomore Literary Festival, a distinguished list of satirists has graced Notre Dame with their wit and anecdotes. Monday night another popular and widely-read satirist joined writers like Joseph Heller and Kurt Vonnegut on that list. But unlike timeless names like Heller and Vonnegut, the latest addition to that list is better-known by his pseudonym.

"Joke Legendary" Joe Garden, writer and editor for the immensely popular weekly spoof newspaper The Onion, took the stage at Washington Hall last night and entertained an enthusiastic crowd of approximately 150 for over an hour. "I feel very privileged to be speaking here in Indiana. Indians is the only state in which the Onion has won and strong against the tyranny of daylight savings," joked Garden in his opening remarks. Garden evoked a steady stream of laughter from the receptive crowd for his 80 minutes on stage.

With thinning hair that appeared to defy gravity, the tall, energetic Garden, creator of columns written under the guises of Jim "The Boss" Roosevelt, a bow-tie and Jackie Harvey, appeared as the quintessential stereotype of a quirky comic writer.

Garden appeared as comfortable on stage as he presumably is writing at a computer. Dressed casually and sporting a Hemingway's Old Style beer T-shirt, pay homage to his home state. Where he continues to be with big prices and little jokes on them. Then I started making signs with little prices and big jokes on them, recalled Garden.

While a student at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where The Onion was founded in 1988, several free weekly magazines and newspapers competed for his attention. "I started out making signs with little prices and big jokes on them," recalled Garden. After seeing the signs, Vebber asked Garden to submit some story ideas.

A considerable portion of Garden's lecture was spent fielding questions from the audience, and he attended a reception and book-signing in the basement of Zahn Hall after his lecture.

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student visitors was a positive sign that more students were interested in Notre Dame and would likely apply. As seasons changed, the Notre Dame appeal was also noted by recruiters who traveled to other sites, Mundy said.

"We sensed in the fall that some of our typical events were more heavily attended than in the past," he said.

During this time, the early action applications rose 30 percent to 3,100. Just under 1,400 applicants in the early action pool were accepted.

But another critical full factor was the Notre Dame football team's return to glory under the leadership of first-year coach Tyrone Willingham.

"You throw in a great football season and an exciting fall with a new coach who's captured the imaginations of a lot of Notre Dame follow- ers, ... I think you can put a lot of those things together and come up with reasons for [the increase]," Mundy said.

Accepted in the early action pool and visiting the campus Monday, Kelly Wilkinson of Arlington, Texas, said she applied because of the alumni pride and the school's academic reputation.

"It seemed like there are a lot more people who actually are interested," Wilkinson said, adding with a smile that the football team's success "is a little bitty factor."

In addition to campus visits and football success, some hold that financial aid is another strong pull.

By promising to meet the financial needs of every student, Notre Dame has appealed to many students and their families, said Kathy Utz, guidance counselor at South Bend's St. Joseph High School, which draws many local students each year.

"It looks like the school is offering more financial aid to students and I think that certainly makes a big difference with the economy," Utz said, adding that the school's annual financial aid meeting for parents was more heavily attended this year.

Although St. Joseph had a notch, she noted that the increase in applications could be a larger trend. Indiana colleges such as Ball State University and Indiana University-Bloomington sent her notices that they have received more applications this year than before and that students should send in their applications swiftly.

Some believe the increase in college applications is linked to the weak economy.

"When the economy is tight, there's more of an awareness of the importance of education," said Jim Malloy, associate director of student financial services.

The current economic environment differs from just a decade ago when more Notre Dame families and students had more to contribute financially, Malloy said. However, even as the endowment has dropped, the University has kept financial aid as a priority.

"The ability of the school to say we meet the full financial aid of each student is a very solid foundation," Malloy said.

Most students do not receive their financial aid packages until March or April, but in the meantime, the admissions office review applications with the goal of sending decisions by the first week of April.

"Everything gets turned up a notch," Mundy said.

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Matt Padberg-David Rail received 19.3, 16.2, 9.7, 3.2 and 5 percent of the vote, respectively.

Malkowski endorsed Halfakan-Lau, saying, "Their personalities and experiences fit what I would like to endorse." Muto said he had not yet made a decision who he would endorse.

Rott said he and Kirsh are not choosing to endorse either of the remaining tickets.

"In some ways we had similar platform ideas but for the most part, our general philoso- phy differed from both of theirs," Rott said.

McCarthy said he and Gagnon, in the spirit of their campaign, intend to endorse themselves again for next year.

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My favorite article at the recently opened International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., is a small lipstick-shaped pistol. No wonder the Cold War spawned suspicion and paranoia. The attractive woman next to you could reach for her weapon in a split second, twist the tube and bang! Dead in Red.

We live in an age when terrorism is glorified and wars are hot, more so than the pending conflict with Iraq. Given that Russia has shifted from a Cold War foe to one of the strongest allies of the United States in the war on terrorism, her continued opposition to the war on Iraq is worth pondering.

I would like to consider here some reasons for Russian resistance before returning to the notion of spying and its relevance for our country's foreign policy. Russia offers perspective on the price of using allies as reluctant supporters when we have escalated into war, rather than as participants in decision-making.

Russian opposition to the war on Iraq falls into several categories. The first concerns Russia's traditional ties to the region and investment in Iraq's infrastructure. Put simply, strategically, Iraq owes Russia billions of dollars, and some U.S. government officials assume that this debt is Russia's chief concern. I am sure that the flurry of communication among countries in the weeks last included assurances to Russia that Iraq's debts would be honored in the event of an invasion. Yet this has not been persuasion enough.

The Russian media have almost universally denounced the U.S. claim that a war against Iraq would be a "preventive strike." Newspapers in Russia occupy a wide ideological spectrum, while television even narrower range. Though under President Vladimir Putin the ability of especially the television media to criticize this has been curtailed in significant ways, coverage of foreign policy is not generally one of them. Editorial comment has nevertheless been universal in arguing that preventive war — asserting a pending threat — fails to characterize Iraqi mobilization.

With global war on terrorism absorbing many resources, Russian critics wonder about the need to expand the front and express concern about a North American resistance. The more paranoid, possibly lip-stick-toting among them believe that the U.S. campaign against Iraq is just one more step in a post-Cold War effort to assert American global domination.

Finally, Putin has built a pro-western foreign policy around the core for better trade relations and more foreign investment for the Russian economy. Putin has an especially strong European focus. He sees Germany as one of Russia's most important partners. Russia is in the painful position of having to choose between alliance with the dominant powers of Europe on the war alliance or alliance with the lone superpower. So far, Putin has chosen the former.

The current mania for spying in the U.S. (in the museum's interactive exhibits, film, even Barbie dolls) neglects the risk of looking through a pre-determined filter of analysis: We are watching this factory because we think we are under surveillance, not because we have discovered something. We are watching this person because we think they are suspicious. The danger has always been that setting our gaze with intent shapes perception and interpretation. What the president considers irrefutable evidence of Saddam Hussein's support for al-Qaeda, for example, has been neglected by the court of international opinion. The CIA recently offered an assessment to Congress that Iraq does not present a compelling security risk at present. Could this independence be sustained during wartime?

Wars privilege the intelligence community, but they also shake the range of sources for interpretation. This is one reason why long wars are bad for governments: Southern California researchers, Russia's civil wars with Chechnya (1994-96 and 1999-present) offer a textbook case of the expansion of state sovereignty and the sacrifice of individual lives — be they soldiers, victims of soldiers or audience members in a theater in Moscow — for something defined, with less accountability, as the good.

We move closer to war with the support of staunch but doubting allies, such as Great Britain and Australia, and staunchly grateful allies, such as the countries of Eastern Europe. Any military effort by the United States is a chance for friendly countries to demonstrate their loyalty and to reap the rewards of doing so, in addition to gaining significance as international players.

Given what appears to be a long-standing personal determination on the part of President Bush to wage war on Iraq, most countries are now deliberating whether they should stand in front of an accelerating train or jump on, Russia quickly responds for a continuation of diplomatic efforts. If Russia does end up supporting the war on Iraq, it will happen because the United States was unstoppable, not because the U.S. has a monopoly on wisdom. And therein lies one difference between foreign policy and the ongoing struggle to see clearly.

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Bengal Bouts represent Notre Dame at its best

Notre Dame students are supposed to be smart, right? So it's no surprise that of them signed up for the Bengal Bouts. They do all the sit-ups, push-ups, running and retiring. Additionally, they suffer for the controlled vio­

ity which can give a new facia­

l configuration. As a “reward,” they are allowed to climb into a ring to run the risk of embarrass­

ment, if not uncon­

sciousness, before thousands of peo­

ple.

Those young men are very strong and fit. They do it for the love of campus sports. They do it for the sake of Notre Dame. They do it for the sake of their own natural, for others it is their adopted home. Among those who have made the choice to go there, one of the few characters who differentiate them from the local religious is a need to know the Notre Dame foot­

ball scorer.

The members of the Boxing Club themselves run the Bengal Bouts under the direction of Nick O'Leary of Roe Sports. The captains this year are Clay Connell, Shawn Newburg, John Lynk, Andrew Harmon, Tom Pierce, Pat Farrell, Tim Dyer, and Tommy Davis. The captains run the prac­

tices with the guidance of former coaches — Chicago attorney Terry Johnson and Columbus develop­

per Tom Suder. Both are former Bengal champs who even take their time, as do the assistant coaches, includ­ing Pat Farrell, the University pilot, Judge Rolan Chambless, a four-time Bengal champ and former boxing coach, Rans '98, Chip Edidin '98, and Mark Bird of the athletics and Sweet C. Robinson. The head train­

er, Jack Mooney, a liv­ing icon who admits to 89 years, clearly was literallyekteatebeecumty's paper boy and was smugged by Rockne on the sidelines of the home games. Jack is the main man, the one the former boxers ask for first when they come back. His assistant trainer, Jack Zimmerman, is not only a former professional boxer, as is Jack Mooney, but also a poet and professional accountant.

The primary emphasis of the pro­

gram is on safety, with EMTs present at all practices under the supervision of University physician, Dr. James Moriarty. The boxers sell ads and tickets and they pay for their own equipment with the profits from the missions. The contributions from the Bouts to the missions have recently grown by two­

fold. This is largely due to the acumen of the business managers who now are Laura Anderson and Mark Reynolds and the promotional efforts of the Women's Boxing Club under co-presi­

dents Laura Young and Shelley Skiba.

So, apart from latent masochism, why do these allegedly smart guys enlist for this punishing regime? "Any number," said coach and former captain, Jack Mooney. "Well, it's unique. We want to make real friends and we can make a life-saving difference for people who need it halfway around the world.”

Members of the Notre Dame commu­

nity are encouraged to visit the prac­

tices every weekday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the JACC Boxing Room. The Bengal Bouts will be held at the JACC on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. and the finals on Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. Please support this effort which exemplifies the spirit of Notre Dame at its best.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Economics department needs reform

As news of the proposal to divide the current eco­

nomics department into two new departments has become public, genuine concerns from students are being expressed. Without the proper preparation the University seeks to rectify have persisted for many years. The core of the problem is that the Economics department into two new departments has been a reason. In the past, the Economics department has been the source of some of the top quality programs in the country.

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Interpol inters pretense, exhumes beauty

By BJ STREW
Scene Scene Editor

Somehow, out of the sinister TRL-Dave Matthews-joy Division/John Mayer-sinister void, another just crawled out. Fans of Joy Division and The Smiths, ditto for The Cure—even The Pains. Though rectors or law students might recall them from their salad days, this music precedes the tastes of your average undergrads, but it’s not inaccessible to them. Interpol exhibits its debt to the post-punk forebears in their debut Turn on the Bright Lights while managing to preserve its own unique sound.

This balancing act boasts a set of ex-NYU students, clad in Exeter-meets-Goth garb, all of whom shared dorms or classes as undergraduates, and, presumably, a passion for Joy Division. A stroke of luck brought them together, but they didn’t owe their success to chance. Interpol sweated to get here, unlike their local contemporaries, the “garage revival” inventions of impetuous A&R marketing machinery. Not until they cut their teeth in Europe did the Matador brass sign them.

Interpol didn’t mind that, by the band’s own admission, the song titles on Turn on the Bright Lights are pretty arbitrary and insignificant, maybe even a little absurdist. As any listener quickly learns, it is the songs themselves that matter. These lyrics bring you over with authentic wit and emotion, not the overweening bromidery that seem all the rage today. And Paul Banks’ vocals, channeling John Cale and Ian Curtis, lend them a patina of melancholy that makes the clever verses all the more poignant.

This patina coats every track and blends flawlessly with lilting guitar work and serrated minor-chord melodies. Kicking it off with “Untitled,” a lone guitar trembles and echoes for a minute before the drums thump and the bass rolls, and finally, vocals join with brooding, plainspoken lyricism. Reprised from a recent three-song EP, “POA” and “NYC” share more than three-letter titles with their abrasive lyrics and understated riffs, throwbacks to both The Pixies and The Smiths, they are arguably the standouts here.

Topping it off, the last track, “Leif Erikson,” closes with laconic lyrics sailing alongside relentless, deliberate percussion. By the end, Turn on the Bright Lights has proved itself an astonishing Gestalt that’s representative without being monotonous. Its elegiac tenor lingers long after listening, as its sparse beauty avoids the lyrical poignancy of “mash rock.”

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Out of New York City, Interpol provides a refreshing, post-punk sound on the state music scene with their debut album Turn on the Bright Lights.

Interpol’s music might be described as volatilized language; it is mesmeric post-punk wizardry sans Strokes-style “garage revival” pretense, with the concomitant denim, sullen air and impeccably tousled hairdos. Turn on the Bright Lights inaugurates a band undeniably worthy of its spiraling publicity, one that should survive and flourish well beyond the media’s brief love affair. Believe the hype: The New York music scene is alive, Interpol is here and the emotion is real.

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Gettin’ rootsy with the Roots

By JULIE BENDER
Assistant Scene Editor

For those who believe that the phrase “intelligent rap” is an oxymoron, one listen to the Roots latest album, Phrenology, is the antidote you need for an attitude change. With their fifth studio album, a follow-up to 1999’s Things Fall Apart, the Roots augment their repertoire with thoughtful provoking, funk- and jazz-filled rhythms. This six-piece group stands apart from other hip-hop groups of the day by using exactly what their name signifies: raw, earthy, “roots” and good instrumentation. Unlike other hip-hop acts that contaminate top 40 stations, the Roots don’t rely on a deejay, and with few exceptions, don’t sample the work of other artists in their music.

Phrenology is defined by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as “the study of the conformation of the skull based on the belief that it is indicative of mental faculties and character.” Digging deep into the levels of intrigue that the fall from the speakers, the listener can actually feel the engendered rhythms and grooves that underly every track and sound.

The album opens with a brief, spoken passage by Ursula Rucker, who personifies hip-hop, “In the beginning, there was me. I was rhythm. Life. Two turn tables, one microphone.” The smooth cello back­ground suddenly twists and),( down into the punching beat of “Rock You,” a number defining what the songs to follow intend to do, “We will rock you.”

“Track three, aptly titled “!!!!!!,” is a 24-second rage of screaming punk infliction that bleeds into the chilled, pop-friendly, “Sacrifice.” This track features Nelly Furtado on background vocals and makes reference to guitarist-great Eric Clapton, “But if I go to heaven / would you all know my name / or would it be the same for you / like I was Eric Clapton.”

The gem of the album is “The Seed (2.0),” which is an expert combination of R&B, soul and rock. A steady drumbeat and a catchy hook repetition form the background to an oscillation between rap and smooth singing supplied by guest Cody Chesnutt. The rapping of sung play a pleasant appeal while the sung lyrics provide a not-so-subtle sexual innuendo, “I don’t ask for much these days / I don’t ask for much / I don’t ask for much / Flori if I don’t get my way...”

Some other excellent songs on the album are “Water,” which has a booming bass back drop with rhyming reminiscing about the early days of the group in Philadelphia, and “Passy Galore,” which has MC Black Thought quoting the great Robert Heffner’s father of soul, James Brown, “The world is a sex machine,” in a rant about the ubiquitous role of sex in society, “Every time I turn around it’s pussy galore.”

With earthy grooves and real instrumentation, the Roots continue to mature and progress their hip hop sound.

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Shania pops back "Up!"

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Some Music Critic

With the release of her latest album Up!, country music superstar Shania Twain offers a two-CD set of 19 radio-friendly tracks sure to score with her fans. Unfortunately, Shania does little in the way of reinventing her sound, opting instead for her usual methods of recording huge hit songs. The result is an album that is a little too recognizable, mimicking the same patterns as 1997's Come On Over and even 1995's The Woman in Me. Yet Up! is one of the most charming recent country albums.

One of the most innovative ideas on the album is the two-disc set; the "green disc" features boot-stomping country songs, while the red disc includes the exact same songs with what Shania calls an electric, rockier-edged sound. The fact that these two versions are nearly indistinguishable does nothing to refute critics who accuse Shania of achieving crossover success by abandoning her country roots. In most cases, the country version is superfluous, usually for the instrumentation.

Shania's lovely vocals complement wonderful strings played by The Irish Film Orchestra. Sadly, though, she resents to her old habits of brainless lyrics and ending song titles with irritating exclamation points. The words to the recently released title track include such absurdity as: "I love you, I'm acting weird/ I wish that I could grow a beard."

A few songs stand out lyrically and musically, such as "She's Not Just A Pretty Face," one of Shania's anthems celebrating women but without her often-disparaging jabs at men. "Forever And For Always" is a light, up-beat love song with pretentious lyrics, mandolins and fiddle playing.

The album begins with "Girl," where Richey's voice shines on this strong track and provides an emotional start to the album. She continues

Richey rises to a new sound

By KATE WILLIAMS
Some Music Critic

"To me, rise means a gentle lift, like smoke rising. When you get so wrapped up in what's going on in your own tiny little world and things start to spin, you have to lift up and look at what else is going on around you, get a different perspective and rise above it all," said Kim Richey on the High Road Touring Web site. And that is the message her new album, Rise, emphasizes in all its aspects.

Richey started her career as a Nashville singer and songwriter, and has provided background vocals for artists such as Ryan Adams to Mary Chapin Carpenter to Reba McEntire. She has also had songs performed by many of country's most famous singers. Though she is strongly involved in the Nashville music scene her new album Rise exhibits a departure from her country roots.

Released through Lost Highway Records, a Universal Music Company, Rise contains 13 songs written and performed by Richey. Rise represents Richey's fourth album, and has been voted the Best Alternative Country Record of 2002 by Entertainment Weekly.

Richey's style is reminiscent of Joni Mitchell and Aimee Mann, yet her sound and phrasing set her apart from other performers. Richey's voice shines on this track and provides an emotional start to the album. She continues

for square dancing. "Na!" has a better-off-without-him attitude and catchy shuffling beat. "In My Car (I'll Be the Driver)" is another fun ride, even with words like: "Ah, it's all right if you sleep with your socks on -- Oh, babe! It's okay!" The only true slow ballad reminiscent of Come On Over is the poignant "When You Kiss Me," which is better in its country form with the addition of the string orchestra.

Shania's album is worth a listen, even if there is nothing new in her sound. Shania delivers what is expected of her, but doesn't put her talent to use to reach beyond expectations.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Shania Twain continues to reign as the queen of country pop with her album Up!

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Kim Richey is currently on tour with the Indigo Girls to promote her new album, Rise.
**Hull scores 700th goal in 5-4 win over San Jose**

Brett Hull became the sixth NHL player to score 700 regular-season goals when he beat San Jose's Evgeni Nabokov with a wrist shot in the second period of Detroit's 5-4 win over San Jose Monday night.

"It's a great feeling," Hull said. "And I'm proud to be a Red Wing." Hull, who played the 1983-84 season with the Blues before being traded to St. Louis during the 1987-88 season, said it was with the Blues that he became "The Golden Brett" a takeoff of his father's nickname "The Golden Jet," stemming from their blond hair. In 10-plus seasons in St. Louis, the 38-year-old Hull scored 527 goals, including 72 in 1995-96, 86 the following year for the Blues, which was a single-season record for a right wing - and 70 goals this season, setting the 50th mark in each of the next two seasons.

Following a 27-goal campaign in 1997-98, Hull signed as a free agent with Dallas. He scored 95 goals in three seasons with the Stars, including 22 in 1998-99.

Hull added eight goals in the playoffs and scored the heavily disputed Stanley Cup winning goal in triple overtime in Game 6 of the finals in Buffalo.

Hull signed with the Red Wings before last season and scored 30 goals, helping Detroit to another Stanley Cup title.

OME 12 players have scored 700 goals, but Hull has reached his milestone in the shortest amount of games. Hull had 254 goals in his first 294 games with the Blues over the first seven seasons. He needed 216 games for 225 goals in his first seven seasons in St. Louis. Hull's total of 700 goals places him fourth in NHL history. Only Wayne Gretzky, Mike Bossy and Gordie Howe have scored more than Hull.

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"I have nothing to lose," Sorenstam said. "It would be a real challenge." Her only stipulation was to play a course where she would not be at a huge disadvantage off the tee. Colonial is only 7,080 yards, although it plays a lot tougher.

Messages left for Sorenstam's agent and her husband by The Associated Press were not immediately returned.

If Sorenstam were to play Colonial, she would need to have played either a Colonial room from Connecticut club Suzy Whaley, who has said she will play in the Greater Hartford Open in July. Whaley qualified by winning a PGA of America sectional tournament, even though she was allowed to compete from a shorter set of tees.

**WOMENS BASKETBALL**

New Mexico State players clash with coach

Associated Press

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1 of 10 Aggies would quit if coach reinstated

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**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** Several players on New Mexico State's women's basketball team contend their former coach pulled a teammate's hair and made a sick run player when she collapsed and was hospitalized.

The accusations were made against Nikki Lowry, who was placed on administrative leave in December over what athletics director Brian Falcon termed "philosophical differences in coaching management."

Two coaches deny the accusations, saying the players are complaining about the discipline the team is taking to win.

After Lowry was placed on leave, assistant Marlene Stollings became interim coach. She and the other coaches walked off the job in protest last week, saying the athletics department had stopped communicating with them.

Faison termed the situation "a rankling of the rails against the program."

Players attending a news conference Sunday, and nine raised their hands when asked if they would quit if Lowry were reinstated. The 10th, Mari Sanchez, said she would stay because she is a senior.

Aggies guard Princess Moore said Lowry grabbed her hair once during practice and released it with an expletive at her.

Forward Orpehe Chertubin said she showed up for practice ill on her birthday.

She said she was the only player ordered to run up and down stairs.

Lowry and Stollings denied making Chertubin run stairs, but said she had to climb stairs to get to the bathroom.

"She came to me and told me she was ill," Lowry said. "I sent her over to the trainer. If the trainer knew she was ill, it's the trainer's job to take her out of practice."
NHL

Bryden’s bid to buy approved

* Courts must approve offer to buy Senators

Associated Press

OTTAWA

Rod Bryden’s bid to buy back the Ottawa Senators was accepted by the team’s creditors but still must be approved by the court.

Bryden’s offer is believed to be worth more than $130 million, and he said Monday he was optimistic the court would agree to the deal. He said the sale will make the team debt free.

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Earlier Monday, the Senators received additional financing and an extension until April 17 on bankruptcy protection from creditors.

However, there was confusion in court over who would foot the bill to allow the Senators to keep playing and make a payment to players Friday.

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The deal is for the team only but is contingent on the sale of the Corel Centre to Bryden in a separate agreement.

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However, the deal approved by creditors on Monday is only “the first of what will be a few steps to conclude the change in ownership of the hockey club,” he added.

Bryden said he is still dealing with Covanta Energy, a U.S. firm owed more than $210 million on the arena, to buy Covanta’s interest in the arena. Covanta is also in bankruptcy protection and its creditors are part of any sale.

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Green edges Earnhardt to win Daytona pole

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. had planned to beat everybody this month. He just hadn’t figured on Jeff Green.

The unheralded Green, driving for Richard Childress Racing, the team for which the late Dale Earnhardt won six of his seven Winston Cup championships, beat Earnhardt Jr. for the Daytona 500 pole Monday — though not by much.

In fact, the difference between Green’s lap of 186.606 mph and Earnhardt’s 186.382 was a mere 0.058 seconds.

As much of a shock as Green’s performance was to many people in the Winston Cup garage and Daytona International Speedway’s grandstand, it came as no surprise to the driver.

“I really expected it,” he said. “A lot of people, I think, looked at me like I had four eyes when I said that. But we didn’t practice a whole lot Saturday. We knew we had a great race car.”

That confidence made Sunday’s rainout of qualifying agonizing for Green.

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The two drivers who came out on top Monday were more than halfway down the 51-car qualifying line and had to wait through a 75-minute rain delay and about 90 minutes of qualifying before getting their chance.

Earnhardt, who went into qualifying heavily favored to take his first Daytona pole after showdown muscle by winning Saturday night’s Bud Shootout, went first and, as expected, vaulted right to the top.

Green, the next in line, drove onto the 2 1/2-mile oval and regaled the surprised Earnhardt to second.

“It was kind of bittersweet to lose the pole, but, in a way, we have so much to be proud of because we’ve improved so much,” Earnhardt said. “It was a fantastic lap.”

While the top Chevrolets are the only cars with guaranteed starting positions for NASCAR’s premier race, while Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr. teammates Michael Waltrip and Steve Park would wound up a disappointing second, fourth and 17th, it was a particularly good day for the Childress team, which had a miserable year in 2002.

Green’s teammates, Robbie Gordon and Kevin Harvick, were third and sixth in qualifying.

That delighted Childress, who added Green as a third driver and had considerable turnover of personnel last year.

“We’ve got some long-range plans at RCR,” the car owner said. “Last year, we had some short-term sacrifices for long-term success.”

Green, who won the Busch Series title in 2000, is starting his second full season with Childress. The 40-year-old driver, one of three racing brothers from Owensboro, Ky., said there is a new feeling around the team.

“Last year, we were just getting to the racetrack, not getting,” Green said. “There’s been a lot of work done in the last few months in our shop and the new Monte Carlo is a phenomenal car. Chevrolet gave us something this year we can really work with.”

Chevrolet took the top four positions and six of the top eight.

Despite the qualifying results, Earnhardt and Waltrip remain the drivers to beat, having won six of the last eight races at Daytona and Talladega, NASCAR’s two biggest and fastest ovals.

“It’s going to be tough to beat those guys,” Green said. “But there are 40 other guys out there that you’ve got to beat, too — not just the DEI cars. My philosophy is to get in front of the [No. 8 Earnhardt car] and let me push you all the way to the end.”

“That’s what I’m going to do. I’m going to block my butt off to keep him behind me. They’ve got a great combination, but I think RCR is right there with them now.”

With the front row decided on Monday — 24 hours after rain prevented qualifying — the rest of the 43-car field will be filled Thursday.

Under the unique qualifying format for the 500, positions 1 through 30 are determined in twin 125-mile qualifying races, with 14 coming out of each race. Positions 31-36 go to the fastest drivers Monday who haven’t already qualified.

The rest of the lineup is filled by provisional starters, based on last year’s car-owner points.

Series champion Tony Stewart blew his engine on his first of two qualifying laps and failed to post a time.

He will start no worse than 37th, on car-owner points, but will try to improve on that Thursday.

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Phillies avoid arbitration by signing Adams

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA Right-hander Terry Adams avoided arbitration by signing a one-year, $2.9 million deal with the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday.

Adams was 7-9 with a 4.35 ERA in 46 appearances in his first season with the Phillies last year. He began the season as a starter, before moving to the bullpen, where he had spent most of his eight-year career.

"It was great to have Terry decide to come back to us after filing for free agency," Phillies general manager Ed Wade said. "We think he'll prosper in the role of full-time relief pitcher."

The Phillies also signed left-handed reliever Hector Mercado was 2-2 with a 4.62 ERA in 31 appearances, including three starts. He'll make $204,000 on the major league roster, or $204,000 if he pitches in the minors.

Adams was Philadelphia's only significant offseason acquisition last year after winning a career-high 12 games with the last January. and opened the season as the No. 3 starter behind Kevin Millwood and extended the contract of left fielder Pat Burrell.

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Philadelphia has been the most aggressive team in the majors this offseason, signing first baseman Jim Thome, third baseman David Bell, acquiring Placido Polanco, acquired from the St. Louis Cardinals last July, signed a one-year contract worth $2,875,000 on Jan. 30.

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-Nelson Mandela's Inaugural Speech
Cash-strapped Pens deal Kovalev to Rangers

The New York Rangers added another high-priced All-Star to their struggling lineup, acquiring high-scoring forward Alexei Kovalev from the cash-strapped Pittsburgh Penguins in an eight-player trade Monday.

The Rangers got one of the elite players in the league and a world-class offensive talent, while the Penguins got four guys who will probably be fringe players for them, plus somewhere in the neighborhood of $4 million. That exchange of players combined with the fact that Pittsburgh also got rid of the careers of Janne Laukkanen and Mike Wilson says a lot about the motives and current economic status of the Penguins.

On the ice, Kovalev is going to help New York's power play and defensively increase its 5-on-5 scoring. He is a player that opponents are afraid of and will always be up against the opponents' top checker, centerman and defensive pairing, and that will free up room for a lot of other guys.

But the Rangers still have other issues to address. They got a great scorer and did not give up a top-six forward from their roster, but New York has some serious holes to fill defensively, has a poor penalty-killing unit and has to find a way to keep the puck out of the net. Kovalev is not the one missing piece that is going to get New York into the playoffs. The Rangers still have a $70 million, high-payout over $70 million, are desperate to make the playoffs for the first time since 1997. The Penguins sent Kovalev, their second-leading scorer, forward Dan LaCouture, and defensemen Janne Laukkanen and Mike Wilson to the struggling Rangers for forwards Rico Fata and Mikael Samuelsson, defensemen Richard Lintner and Joel Bouchard, and what is believed to be $4 million in cash.

The financially troubled Penguins said recently that any deal involving Kovalev would require a $4 million payment — the most allowed by the NHL. "I don't think it's a salary dump at all. I think it's a trade," Rangers general manager-coach Glen Sather said of the deal, three weeks in the making.

Kovalev has 27 goals and 37 assists this season and was coveted by many teams.

New York is in 11th place in the Eastern Conference and trails in the race for the final playoff spot by six points despite its league-high payroll.

Dollars mattered most to Pittsburgh. Kovalev, who will turn 30 later this month, turned down an estimated $30 million offer before the season started, apparently because he wants a deal in the $8 million a year range. He is earning $4.6 million this year.

"This is a trade I don't think many teams would turn down," Sather said. "We were fortunate to be there at the right time."

The right wing is eligible for arbitration after this season and an award in that price range wouldn't fit into the Penguins' $32 million payroll. Penguins owner and player Mario Lemieux expects the team to lose money this year.
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) Brandon Mouton scored 14 points and Royal Ivey hit the key 3-pointer as No. 6 Texas defeated (No. 4) ESPNU/Poll/USA Today, No. 5 AP) Oklahoma 67-64 Monday night, snapping a nine-game losing streak against the Sooners.

The Longhorns (16-4, 7-2 Big 12) hadn’t beaten their border rivals since Jan. 15, 2000. The skid included three straight defeats in the Big 12 tournament and an overtime loss in Austin last season.

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Mens Basketball

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**Around the Dial**

**College Basketball**

The Arizona Wildcats, led by coach Lute Olsen, returned to No. 1 in the Associated Press poll this week. This is the Wildcats’ third trip to the top spot this season.

Wildcats reclaim top spot in AP poll

**Mens Basketball Polls**

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**In Brief**

**Ferguson hired as Seahawks new GM**

Bob Ferguson was hired as the Seattle Seahawks general manager Monday, taking over for Mike Holmgren who relinquished the job to concentrate solely on coaching the team.

Ferguson, 51, has spent 29 years in the NFL, including the last seven with the Arizona Cardinals. He became the Arizona general manager in 1999 but was fired last month after the 5-11 Cardinals completed their season with a 37-7 loss at Denver. It was their ninth defeat in 10 games.

Before joining the Cardinals’ front office in 1996, Ferguson spent 11 seasons in Buffalo and Denver, during which time those teams went to six Super Bowls.

He joined Buffalo in 1985 and was promoted to assistant general manager-director of pro personnel in 1989. The Bills won four consecutive AFC titles from 1990-93.

After his time in Buffalo, Ferguson became the director of player personnel for the Broncos from 1993-95. Before joining the Bills, Ferguson handled performance testing for the Dallas Cowboys from 1984-85.

**Former Georgia Tech coach dies**

John “Whack” Hyder, the second winningest basketball coach at Georgia Tech, died Sunday. He was 90.

Hyder won 292 games with Georgia Tech between 1959-71. Hyder led Georgia Tech to its first NCAA, a victory total surpassed only by Bobby Cremins. Tournament appearance in 1960 and also took the Yellow Jackets to the NIT twice.

Hyder coached Tech’s first two all-America players in Roger Kaiser and Rich Yunkus and was twice chosen Southeastern Conference coach of the year.

Hyder’s most famous victory was Jan. 8, 1955, when Tech snapped Kentucky’s 129-game home winning streak with a 29-18 win.

Burf travels to Augusta

Martha Burf made her first visit to Augusta to scout possible protest sites near Augusta National Golf Club for the Masters.

Burf, the head of the National Council of Women’s Organizations, was accompanied by supporters as she studied the neighborhood for about two hours Saturday.

Burf would not give details about the planned protest.

Burf was in Atlanta to meet with players from the WNBA, who are seeking a new contract and have received her support.

The National Council of Women’s Organizations and other groups plan to protest the club’s all-male membership during The Masters in April.

Augusta-Richmond County officials have said protesters will not be allowed near the club’s main gates because of dangerous traffic on Washington Road.
The Notre Dame women took their first step in post-season championship competition by winning the MCAA Divisional Championships in both cross-country and indoor track this weekend at Crystal Mountain. The spotlight also shone brightly on the men’s squad as Mike Ryan dominated the slalom. Ryan edged out his teammate Bill Leimkuehler finishing 14th, while Ryan’s 30th place earned enough points for the men’s squad to claim third in the slalom.

In women’s slalom, Leigh Hellrung, Molly Munsterer, and Mary Butler took first, third, and fourth to run-ner up Michigan by over five seconds. Hellrung and Munsterer topped that great finish with a one-two showing in the giant slalom, while Butler placed sixth. Alanna Longvon and Lindsey May fin-ished 9th and 21st, respectively, to help the club narrow the gap in the West Division. Ironically, Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s gymnastics club opened its season in Purdue, Indiana, while the men’s squad finished 3rd and fifth in the all-division event.

The Notre Dame women’s ice hockey team displayed marked improvement through the tough read­ing, stick handling, and teamwork this weekend, yet dropped two closely contest-ed games at the Joyce Center. Although losing to Oakland by scores of 6-2 and 5-1, the Irish were competitive from start to finish in both contests and for long periods actually dominated play. Megan Mattia and Angelina Zerbach rocketed in two goals for the Irish in the opener, while Anne Weng er was credited with 21 saves. The second game was close throughout as Mattia again scored midway through the second period. A late Oakland goal in the third period ended the Irish hopes for the come-back.

After being ousted 27-13 in the first game, the Irish attack equalled Oakland on Sunday, with 17 shots on goal for each squad.

Gymnastics
Building upon a rich her­itage of success, the Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s gymnastics club opened its season in Oxford, Ohio at the Miami Cup. The women’s squad has been ranked among the top seven teams in the country for each of the past five years, while the men’s squad boasts five top five finishes, including two national cham-pionships.

Club Sports
Ski club continues to dominate the slopes in slalom

Womens Water Polo
Led by Brigette Alge and Sarah Todnem, the Irish fin-ished 3rd in the weekly host Michigan State Invitational. The women opened with a 13-2 victory over the Spartans, the two time defending national champ-ion. Kristy Bohling’s three goals led the Irish, with fel­low freshman Katie Lancoz and junior Allison Gienko each finding the net once.

The Irish rebounded to defeat Ohio State 12-2 in the second game as Gienko and Bohling each scored three goals, and Margo Klosterman and Kimmy Moore each splashed home a pair. Kendra Harmon and Christina Hoover completed the scoring for the Irish. The Irish continued to display a well balanced attack as Moore, Sarah Todnem, Bohling, Lancoz, and Meghan Grezak all ripped the nets in a close 7-5 loss to Purdue. Again rebounding from defeat, the Irish forced Northwestern to overtime and then controlled action in the second period. Geinko and Bohling again tallied twice each, while Klosterman, Moore, and Lancoz all fired home goals.

A tired Irish squad came out on top in a shootout, Eastern Michigan 12-8 in the finale. Lancoz had another huge performance as she accounted for four goals. Klosterman, Gienko, and Bohling each contributed two goals, with Moore and Grezak each finding the net once. Saint Mary’s Marta Ascadi, second, Claire Berezowitz, third, and Alexa Garot, sixth represented the club in the walk-trot-canter event, while Heather Dzidezic, second, Elena Burton, fourth, Marita Murphy and Cecilia Hopkins, who each tied for sixth, per­formed in the walk-trot event.

Highlights of Sunday’s action saw Heywood, Hoffman, and Kopacz place second, third, and fifth in open fences, with Hoffman 2nd in open flat as well.

Katy Ryan finished third in novice fences, Liz Bell took second in intermediate flats, and Marta Ascadi earned sec­ond in walk-trot-canter.

Equestrian
The Notre Dame / Saint Mary’s equestrian club fea-tured several fine perfor­mances at the Purdue Invitational this weekend. In open fences, Molly Kopacz and and Kimmy Moore each tied for sixth, per­haps the best of recent editions, Pete Doulin was the top performer for the men, com­peting in floor exercise, still rings, and high bar. Mike Gartner, Eric Eddy, and freshmen Aaron Robers and Andrew Roberts complet-ed the Irish line-up.

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wants to keep his team focused on the possibility of winning its second West Division title in three years.

Notre Dame’s victory over the Panthers expanded its lead to seven teams in the country, while the men’s squad placed second among seven teams in the country.

"Let’s just focus on Pittsburgh and the West Division," Brey said he told his team last week. "We said if we can beat Pittsburgh, we’re right tied up in this thing, knotted up in the struch. And think that helps us stay focused on our day-to-day stuff, instead of, ‘Are we going to be in the Big Ten?’ The road doesn’t get much easier after Saturday’s game. The Irish host Virginia Tech No. 23 Connecticut and Syracuse and travel to West Virginia and Rutgers.

The Irish is counting on senior Matt Carroll to help keep the Irish focused on winning the West Division title. As a sophomore two years ago, Carroll played a key role in helping the Irish capture a division title and hang a ban­ner in the Joyce Center.

Now, he — and the rest of the Irish — has a chance to do it again.

I think our guys know," Brey said. "They can say, ‘We’re tied for first. We’re playing for a banner.’"

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can discover all sorts of new information if you are open to discuss topics that you may have shied away from in the past. Sign up for a seminar or conference that will interest you to organize financial undertakings.

TARDEC (April 20-May 20): Your tendency will be to take on more than you can handle today, so decide what is most important to you and focus on that alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll have enough energy to open any door that interests you today. You have a good understanding of what is required and what will work, and your leadership ability will be recognized.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be versatile, intelligent and curious. You are open to discuss topics that you may have shied away from in the past.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will have an active mind and a creative way of presenting new information if any of these matters are personal or of a legal nature.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your patience is probably sending you double signals, so ask him or her what's up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone you know is withdrawing information. Investigate. Hidden changes regarding a partnership are likely. You will learn a lot about yourself from the experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21: Look out for your own interests, especially if any of these matters are personal or of a legal nature. You will learn a lot about yourself from the experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be confused about the best of you. Someone is probably sending you double signals, ask him or her what's up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let frustration bog you down. If things aren't moving along according to your plans, you may want to re-adjust your tendency will be to take on more than you can handle today, so decide what is most important to you and focus on that alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're here biding your time but not too much and it's time to attract people from all walks of life. You will learn some interesting facts today that are sure to help you make positive decisions in the future.

PIECES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let others do annoy you. Changes are likely to come to you, but if you are accepting, you will find out that the situation is not as bad as you had first thought.

Birthday Baby: You will have an active mind and a creative way of presenting yourself. You will be versatile, intelligent and curious.


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MENS BASKETBALL

Big East season title still top goal for Irish

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

A blank NCAA Tournament bracket hangs in Mike Brey's office, but the Irish coach isn't too concerned about March Madness yet.

"That's why he posted the Big East West Division standings in the locker room last week, a way of reminding his team that there's still a lot of regular-season basketball to be played. But few could blame Brey and the 19-4 Irish for wanting to look ahead. They've never been in this situation before.

In Brey's first two years with the Irish, Notre Dame entered February needing to scrap its way into an NCAA Tournament berth. Thanks to a strong finish both years, they earned a sixth seed last year and an eighth seed last year.

Now, at this point in the season, they don't have to worry whether they'll make the NCAA Tournament. The only bracket-related question still left to answer is how high Notre Dame will be seeded.

"I know every day there's a mock bracket," Brey said after Notre Dame beat Pittsburgh 66-64 Sunday. "They've got us playing here, and then we're playing there, and people are starting to talk about it. It's exciting that we're involved in it."

Although the Irish lean a spot to No. 9 in the coaches' poll — they stayed at No. 10 in the media poll — the only ranking that matters now is the RPI. The Irish are 15-0 in the RPI standings, which the NCAA Committee uses to help determine seeding come March.

"Almost everything in Notre Dame's RPI resume is the number-one seed in its conference," Brey said. "We're in this situation before. We've been in this situation before. We've been No. 1 seed in this situation before. We know how to play under pressure. We know how to handle road games. We know how to play against teams that will push us to our limits."