Student Government stalls

Restructuring leads to gradual changes, uncertain progress

By MATT BRAMANTI
New Writer

After months of work, the restructuring of student government is far from over. It began after former student body president Pat Hallahan’s October report to the Board of Trustees. In that report, Hallahan’s administration proposed changing the mission and composition of the Campus Life Council to promote the views of students on university policy decisions.

One of the council’s primary concerns was the lack of faculty participation. The group’s proposal emphasized the need for increased faculty participation in decision-making processes.

The council is currently in the process of restructuring, with plans to hold public meetings to discuss the proposed changes. The goal is to create a more inclusive and representative body that better reflects the diversity of the student body.

Grant to help fight Indiana ‘brain drain’

By LAUREN O’BRIEN
New Writer

Saint Mary’s College was awarded a $375,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment to support its “Initiative to Promote Opportunity Through Educational Collaborations” to help fight the phenomenon known as “brain drain.”

Lilly Endowment will donate a total of $38.9 million to 36 Indiana colleges and universities in an effort to diminish the number of students and faculty who leave the state upon graduation to work elsewhere.

At Saint Mary’s, the focus of the grant is to help students and faculty members who are interested in pursuing careers in education, research, or public service. The funds will be used to support the creation of new programs and initiatives that promote the development of professional skills and knowledge.

Asian awareness highlighted

Fliers promote keeping an open mind about ethnicity

By JENNIFER ROWLING
New Writer

Notre Dame’s Asian American population is increasing, and AAAs in the University community are raising awareness of multicultural issues—sometimes through controversial methods.

To promote the third annual AAA In Focus Student-Run Conference on Asian and Asian-American issues, the group posted fliers that stated stereotypes of Asian-Americans such as “Are all Asians overachievers?” and “Are Bruce Lee and Lucy Liu the only Asian presence in Hollywood?”

The fliers were anonymously removed from several dorms, and a table publicizing the conference in LaFortune was taken down.

Ryan Leung, executive chair of AAA In Focus, said the fliers were intended to bring attention to stereotypes and perceptions of Asians.

The first step of the program is to hire a director, who will then determine the scope of the conference. Saint Mary’s will administer summer grants to students and faculty.

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Celebrating Asian-Americans in the Workplace. Asian-Americans involved in a multi-ture of careers are leading the classroom success of Notre Dame athletics is due to a combination of the caliber of the student that chooses Notre Dame and the University’s sports traditions.

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Student-athletes succeed in class

By MIKE CHAMBLISS
News Writer

When the NCAA and USA Today honored Notre Dame with the 2003 Academic Achievement Award, it was just the most recent addition to Notre Dame’s long tradition of academic excellence among athletes.

Patrick Holmes, director of academic services for student-athletes, says, “We need to look at this as starting from scratch.”

The theme of this year’s conference was “Personal Journeys in Professional Lives.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Oh Canada

It feels so great to be 21. Want to get to the high-class bars of South Bend? Sure thing! Want a beer at T.G.I. Friday’s? No problem. Now that I’m 21, I don’t have to worry about making trips up to Canada in order to hit the bars, right?

So, anybody want to go to Windsor?

I’m sorry, but after four months of tasting the South Bend scene and the scene held around Detroit, while it can be nice, none of it compares to the experience of a night in downtown Windsor.

Though many students around South Bend may not be up to travel- ing three hours to get up there, Windsor is definitely worth the trip. Besides the fact that it is to Canadian. It is an excellent place to hang out with friends. It also is a great opportunity make fun of random Canadians for all sorts of things, whether it be the play money they use or the way they say "caut" and "about." It can even be fun trying around with the Windsor patrons, who are basically useless. No, I take that back — the cops are always hard at work standing outside the club doing nothing, maybe hitting on a couple of girls standing in line waiting to get in.

Of course, Windsor has its dirty hangouts. For the guys, there’s Cheetah’s, and for the ladies, there’s Danny’s. True Canadian class in these joints.

But when it comes down to it, with all the Canadian-bashing one could possibly do, they do have one thing going for them: The girls there are ridiculously hot. Unlike the girls one might see dancing up on stage at Heartland or the ones you see hook- ing up on the second floor of Boat Club, these ladies from the North are some prize pieces if I ever saw one.

Then, of course, there’s the Windsor Casino. For those of you who like to gamble, this is the place to be. It can also be an excellent source of beer money for those going to the bars.

And for the guys under 21, instead of tasting the Canadian-bashing one could do, they can simply go to the Windsor schools to figure out what caught a homeowner’s sofa on fire.

Firefighters believe the fire started when sunshine came through a large set of windows and through the glass ball. Bars ban bladder bursts.

Crystal ball predicts fire

Firefighters in this central Oklahoma town peeled into a crystal ball and found the cause for a fire.

It didn’t take long for Shawnee Firefighter Officer Jimmy Gibson to figure out what caused a homeowner’s sofa on fire and brought fire crews to the rescue.

Once the couch was extinguished, Gibson reached into a hole burned into the sofa and found a glass gazing ball. Soon, sunlight shining through the ball burned two holes in the leg of his pants.

Firefighters then placed the ball in the grass, and within 30 seconds the ground was smoking.

"It has dynamic heat. We were caught off guard," Gibson said. "I couldn’t believe how quickly it burned."

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Bars ban bladder bursts.

MINNEAPOLIS — "Go before you go." That’s the slogan under considera- tion for a new campaign in Minneapolis to combat public urination.

The bar business is thriving in the city’s Warehouse District, and many patrons are appar­ently leaving with a full bladder.

The Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association plans to spend $10,000 in an effort of convince patrons to use the bar restrooms before they call it a night.

Public urination is also a civil crime punishable by an $80 fine.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR PREDICTION FOR THE SUPER BOWL?

Kristin McIntyre  Betsy Brown  Roz Byrne  Katy Carl  Brigid Kelly  Molly Welton

Junior LeMans  Junior Holy Cross Hall  Junior Holy Cross Hall  Junior LeMans  Senior Holy Cross Hall  Senior LeMans

"The Eagles."  "The Panthers."  "The Patriots because it's stupid if the Panthers win. It's like when the Marlins win."

"I have no idea. What's the halftime show?"

"Panthers. They're my favorite animal."

"Tom Brady is hot."

Offbeat

IN BRIEF

Come discuss diversity and multicultural issues at Notre Dame as the third annual Asian American Awareness In Focus Conference at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center.

Enjoy the romantic notes of Notre Dame music professors Georgine Resick and John Blacklow tonight at 7 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum. The two will present a recital of music for voice and piano titled entitled "Late Romantic Songs." This concert is part of the 2003-2004 Notre Dame Dept. of Music Faculty Artist Series.

Flash back to the 80’s at Legends tonight starting at 9:30 p.m. Band Son of Glam: A Tribute to the 80’s will play memorable songs from the decade.

Watch the St. Edward’s Hall Players’ performance of One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest Saturday night from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Come cheer on local band Sudsbury Shore live at Reckers on Saturday night at 10:00 p.m. as they play familiar covers and original hits from their new album, Tsunami.

Check out the SUB showing of Jack Black’s comedy School of Rock on Saturday night at 8 and 10 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
SMC adjusts parking system

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary’s has adjusted its parking system to more efficiently handle overcrowding and other problems due to the recent snow and inclement weather.

Although the parking lot behind Angela’s Athletic Center is designated as the main student lot, the College now permits students to park in the LeMans, Regina, Madeleva and Dalloway’s Clubhouse parking lots from 5:30 p.m. until 7 a.m. Two other lots have also been set aside for special purposes. The Senior Parking Lot is located next to the Angela Parking Lot, and Rows 2-8 of the Science lot have been reserved for commuting students.

Despite these measures, however, students expressed anger at citations they received for parking violations while they were trying to find parking in the snow. "I am frustrated by the small amount of parking space and the confusion about where I can and cannot park," freshman Claire Andersen said. "I am especially upset over this because I have received three parking violations from parking in the wrong lot at the wrong time."

Additional parking is something toward which the Saint Mary’s community continues to work. However, there are no definite plans to create new parking sites in the near future, said Security and Safety Program Coordinator Chris Pennino.

"During the first part of each academic year, there are some complaints about parking, but our students get acclimated to the College’s parking lots, rules and procedures rather quickly," said Pennino.

In addition to extra parking, SMC Security also provides an escort service to safely drive students from their cars to their dorms during hours of darkness.

"Students are asked to remain in the warmth and safety of their car with their headlights on so that our escort driver is alerted to their location," Pennino said.

Saint Mary’s students are allowed to have a car throughout all four years of school, as long as they purchase a $500 year-long parking pass and abide by all parking and driving regulations. Students who are found in violation of the rules may be fined a $15 fee.

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Cars parked at Saint Mary’s are often not only covered with snow and ice, but face difficulty getting in and out of the lots.

E-mail hoax claims to be from Observer

A series of hoax e-mails were sent Wednesday evening and early Thursday morning to over 100 members of the junior class, fraudulently claiming The Observer was conducting a poll for an upcoming article. The e-mails were sent from a variation of the address ndonmoobserver@hotmail.com and claimed The Observer was conducting a poll to determine the five hottest junior men and women. The Observer is not conducting such a poll. The Office of Information Technology is currently investigating the incident.

Lecturer to speak on "other" Americas

J. Michael Dash, professor of French and director of the Africana Studies Program at New York University, will deliver a lecture titled "The Relating Island: The South of the South in the Americas" at 4 p.m. Monday at the Eck Center auditorium.

Presented by the University’s Working Group for the Americas, in conjunction with its Institute for Latino Studies and African and African-American Studies Program, the event is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception. The lecture is a continuation of the "Caribbean In inventions" conference held last fall at Notre Dame.

BORN IN TRINIDAD, Dash previously served for 21 years as professor of Francophone literature and chair of modern languages at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. He specializes in the study of Haitian literature and French Caribbean writers, especially Edouard Glissant, whose works "The Rigening" and "Caribbean Discourse" he has translated into English. He is the author of numerous books, including "The Other America: Caribbean Literature in a New World Context," "L’Haiti: A Haitian Anthology" (with Charles Arbib), and "Caribs and Customs of Haiti."
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In November, a structure began to emerge. The plan was to create two major sides of student governance and policy. The programming side would devote itself to coordinating on-campus events, both at the campus and dorm levels. In the past, there have been scheduling conflicts and other problems that led to ineffective programming efforts. According to student leaders, the proposed Campus Programming Council would bring together dorm representatives to decide on events, which would apparently improve publicity efforts, reduce scheduling problems and increase event quality.

Last semester, council members pledged to have a structure set by the beginning of 2004, with only the details to flush out. Leaders began holding working sessions every Sunday. The goal was to hammer out the details in these informal sessions, then bring the measures to council meetings for rapid closure. So the question remains: what's taking so long?

Student body president Jeremy Lao, who assumed the office in February, said the process is slow by its nature. "The devil's in the details." He certainly is. Some of these "details" are important, like where off-campus representatives would be represented in the new scheme. But others, while time-consuming, aren't quite so compelling. In order to give student leaders enough time to evaluate new proposals, the council enacted a rule last semester requiring three days' notice before debating. The measure appeared to slow the progress of the council's work — just as Lao insists, but he admitted that leaders would have to adapt to a very different system, which is still in flux.

"Transition, no matter what, is not going to be easy," he said. "People will just have to adjust in the end."

The problem is multiplied on the residence hall level. Under the proposed structure, each dorm would elect three key officials: a president, a campus program representative and a policy representative. However, several halls have already elected their hall presidents under the old system, and it is unclear whether those elections would have to be held again.

What is clear, however, is that during the process of rewriting the constitution, the council representatives has not been working on specific student issues. Lao said those matters have been turned over to other bodies in student government.

"We still have the student senate and the office of the president to work on issues," he said. "Nothing has shut down for this. We still have the policy and issues bodies working."

Though notably absent from the list of presidential candidates, Lao and his vice president, Emily Chin, said the difficulties this year made no impact on their decision not to run for reelection.

"Running would just take too much time away from writing a good constitution," Lao said.

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the third semester, King assigns mandatory study hall hours to golfers whose grades fall below the 3.0 mark.

"It's a tough commitment for them with class in the morning and practice in the afternoon," she said.

Swimmer Courtney Choura feels that Notre Dame offers a supportive atmosphere for student-athletes.

"The coaches and the Office of Academic Services for Student-Athletes are motivational, but they also try not to put too much extra pressure on us," Choura said. "During busy times of the semester, the coaches are pretty lenient and make sure we have time for studying."

The Office of Academic Services for Student-Athletes is an important aid that offers tutoring and mentoring for varsity athletes, cheerleaders, managers and trainers. The program helps student-athletes who are struggling in class, and provides faculty mentoring for exceptionally high-achieving athletes.

The program, which began in the mid 1990s, was one of the first of its kind. "Fifty years ago, Notre Dame was on the cutting edge in providing academic guidance to student-athletes: now it has become an NCAA requirement," Holmes said.

Holmes is pleased with his office's role in ensuring that student-athletes excel and graduate in four years.

"We can't control playing time or transfers," Holges said, "But over the last measured ten-year period, we have graduated either 99 or 100 percent of the athletes who exhaust their eligibility at Notre Dame."

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The $750,000 grant will be spread out over five years, with a built-in evaluation process of the program and the overall career development services agenda.

"Saint Mary's is committed to being a national college, but we want to make students aware of the opportunities in Indiana," White said.

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REVUE SEASON

Residents of Keenan Hall perform in the Keenan Revue Thursday night. The Revue will take the stage of O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's tonight and Saturday night at 7:30 pm. No more tickets are available for the popular comedy show.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Budget deficit expected to soar

Bush budget projects $154 billion rise in Medicare expenses, deficit to hit $534 B

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush’s new budget projects the Medicare overhaul he just signed on to be one-third more costly than estimated and this year’s federal deficit will surge past a half trillion dollars for the first time, administration and congressional officials said Thursday.

The White House will emphasize the cost, creating prescription drug benefits and revamping the mammoth health-care program for the elderly and disabled at $344 billion for the decade that ends in 2011, the officials said. The number will be in the 2005 budget Bush proposes Monday.

While muscling the Medicare package through Congress in November, Bush and Republican leaders won pivotal votes by reassuring conservatives that the cost over that period would track the Congressional Budget Office’s estimate of $395 billion. The measure passed both chambers narrowly, giving the president his top legislative triumphs since taking office.

The new figures represent the first time the White House has released its projections of the bill’s costs. They could deepen an election-year wedge between the White House and conservative Republicans over spending and budget deficits that they say have grown too high in the administration.

The numbers raise questions about whether administration officials revealed everything they knew before the vote on Medicare, some conservatives complained privately. Bush signed the bill Dec. 8.

“No one voted for it—no one voted for me anymore in my short political career,” said Rep. Joe Hensarling, R-Texas. “I hope this will embolden conservatives and others to control spending.”

Hensarling was among several conservatives who voted for the measure after being told by Bush, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and others that the costs would fall within the Congressional Budget Office estimate.

Rep. John Shadegg, R-Ariz., a conservative who voted against the bill, said he never believed the $395 billion cost estimate because such long-term forecasts are “meaningless.”

The White House is reluctant to antagonize conservatives, the base of the GOP, an election year. Such internal party divisions could make it harder to push legislation through Congress, which Republicans control by narrow margins.

Nearly everyone expects the cost of the Medicare bill to increase over the years, as the huge baby boom generation retires and medical costs grow.

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, director of the Congressional Budget Office, has said the measure’s costs in its second decade could exceed $1.5 trillion.

Administration officials said their Medicare cost estimate was not ready until now. Bush included a less detailed 1-year, $400 billion estimate for the bill’s price tag in his budget last February.

White House spokesman Trent Duffy and other administration officials said the estimating difference with the Congressional Budget Office was understandable and relatively close, considering the millions of beneficiaries, hundreds of billions of dollars and time period involved.

“The president made a commitment to seniors and he kept it, and part of that was providing prescription drug coverage,” Duffy said. “The president is committed to making sure cost controls continue in Medicare.”

Administration officials said they could not initially explain precisely why the projections differed.

Joe Antos, a health policy expert at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, said it was probably due to different estimates of the number of people expected to participate in federally subsidized health plans and health care tax breaks that the bill would create.

AFGHANISTAN

Explosion kills seven U.S. troops

Associated Press

KABUL — An explosion at a weapons cache in killed seven U.S. soldiers and wounded three more Thursday, in one of the deadliest incidents since U.S. forces deployed in Afghanistan. The Central Command also said an American soldier was missing.

An Afghan interpreter also was wounded by the 3 p.m. explosion near the city of Ghazni, 60 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul. The soldiers were working around a weapons cache when the blast happened.

Centcom spokesman Capt. Bruce Frame said the cause had yet to be determined in the blast, among the most damaging blows to American troops since they deployed in Afghanistan more than two years ago.

The Taliban were driven from power but sporadic fighting has continued. This month, the U.S. death toll reached 190. Sixteen of those deaths occurred in combat — including seven when two helicopters took enemy fire in March 2002. The toll includes deaths in other areas of Operation Enduring Freedom, such as a helicopter crash in the Philippines nearly two years ago that killed 10 American soldiers — the deadliest in the operation.

Seven soldiers were also killed on Jan. 9, 2002 when their tanker plane slammed into a mountain in Pakistan.

The United States provides 9,000 of the 11,000-member coalition troops stationed in Afghanistan.

LOCAL NEWS

Same-sex marriage ban supported

INDIANAPOLIS — A majority of members in the Indiana House — all 49 Republicans and five Democrats — have signed on to a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage.

House Republicans said Thursday that support for the proposed amendment to the Indiana Constitution should persuade Democratic leaders to give it a chance to advance in the House.

Suicide bomber kills 10, wounds 50

JERUSALEM — A suicide bomber struck a bus near Prime Minister Ariel Sharon’s Jerusalem residence Thursday, killing 10 Israelis and wounding 50 in the deadliest attack in four months and disrupting modest U.S. efforts to restart peace talks.

The blast blew out the back and roof of the green city bus and sent body parts flying into nearby buildings. Survivors crawled out of broken bus windows. The bombing was only 50 feet from Sharon’s house, but he was away at the time.

The bomber was a Palestinian police officer — causing much chagrin within the Palestinian Authority, which has been under intense pressure to use its police force to stop such attacks.

Unions: Overtime law hurts veterans

WASHINGTON — Labor unions fighting the Bush administration’s overtime proposal enlisted help from veterans Thursday, contending many would lose the premium pay if they had received training in the military for white-collar jobs they now hold.

“That’s not a way to thank people for what they’ve done for this country,” said Chris Groff, director for the AFL-CIO.

The administration rejected the criticism, contending the proposal makes no change from the current law regarding military experience.

Air quality still needs improvement

WASHINGTON — Despite progress in cleaning the air over the past three decades, the government could do more by cracking down on groups of pollutants and letting companies trade rights to foul the sky, scientific experts said Thursday.

They also said air quality standards should take into account climate change whenever possible.

The Clean Air Act of 1980 requires the government to set national health-based air quality standards to protect against carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, ozone, lead and particulate matter, or soot. States have to devise plans to meet those standards.
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Poll: Guest worker plan incomplete

BUSH team defends Patriot Act

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration intensified its defense of the anti-terrorism Patriot Act on Thursday, threatening to veto legislation in Congress that would scale back its provisions.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, in a letter to Senate leaders, said the changes proposed in the Security and Freedom Finance Act, known as SAFE, would "undermine our ongoing campaign to detect and prevent catastrophic attacks."

Ashcroft told reporters that President Bush would veto the bill if it reached his desk.

The threat came a week after Bush, in his State of the Union address, urged Congress to reauthorize the Patriot Act before it expires in 2005. A few months earlier, Ashcroft embarked on a 32-city Speaking tour in a bid to answer critics who contend the law is unconstitutional.

Ashcroft said the law is "red-blooded" and "undermining a key portion of the law, and the American public and governments also have gone on record opposing it."

The attorney general's attack on the SAFE Act shows how out of step the Bush administration is with growing national concern over the act, Romer said.

Earlier this month in Los Angeles, a federal judge issued the first court ruling striking down a portion of the law. U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins ruled that provisions barring "export advice or assistance" to groups designated foreign terrorist organizations was too vague, the beginning First and Fifth Amendment rights.

The SAFE Act, which has not yet had a hearing in either the House or Senate, was introduced last fall by Sens. Larry Craig, R-Idaho; Dick Durbin, D-Ill.; and other lawmakers of both parties who say the Patriot Act has gone too far.

Bendixen responded to Duffy's objection by saying that the number of years was less important than the fact that immigrants would be forced to leave legally.

Pollsters between Jan. 20-26 conducted a telephone survey of 898 people with Latino surnames who identified themselves as being Hispanic.

Such methodology is sometimes used by pollsters but critics say it is not as reliable as drawing a sample through random-digit dialing. The sam­pling error margin was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Bush's proposal would give currently undocumented immi­grant s renewable three-year permits to stay in the U.S. Three-quarters of respon­ dents said they preferred a plan that lets legal foreign workers earn citizenship through their work as a central theme.

This president doesn't make decisions based on polls, he makes decisions based on what he thinks is right," Duffy said.

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Congress.
Microsoft offers $250K reward
Company announces compensation for information regarding virus author

associated Press
WASHINGTON — Microsoft Corp. promised Thursday to pay $250,000 to anyone who helps authorities find and prosecute the author of a fast-spreadung computer virus.

The cash reward is the third so far under a $5 million program announced in early November to help U.S. authorities nab authors of widely damaging Internet infections aimed at consumers of the company’s software products.

The “Mydoom.B” virus, spread by e-mail, causes clients to launch an electronic attack starting Tuesday against Microsoft’s own Web site, and prevents victims from visiting the Web sites of leading antivirus companies. The virus poses as an authentic-looking error message.

Among the only clues to the identity of the possible author was a mysterious message inside the virus. “Andy: I’m just doing my job, nothing personal, sorry.”

“This worm is a criminal act,” said Brad Smith, Microsoft’s vice president and general counsel. “Microsoft wants to help the authorities catch this criminal.”

In a second report from the department, new claims for unemployment benefits last week dipped by a seasonally adjusted 1,000 to 342,000, the lowest level since the end of December, a sign that the pace of layoffs is stabilizing.

Judge delays Stewart case testimony
NEW YORK — A federal judge placed a roadblock in the government’s case against Martha Stewart on Thursday, delaying the testimony of its star witness and chastising prosecutors for withholding information that might undermine the witness’ credibility.

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The decision by U.S. District Judge Miriam Cedarbaum came moments before Douglas Faneuil, the former brokerage assistant to Martha Stewart, said that MBNA Corp. would not pay rewards to anyone involved in creating the virus.

Previous rewards of $250,000 each were offered for information about those responsible for the Blaster and Sobig viruses, which spread rapidly last year among hundreds of thousands of computers running Windows.
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NASA to reevaluate Hubble decision

Associated Press

BOSTON — NASA's chief agreed Thursday to review his decision to scrap a new observatory. The decision comes after the space agency said it would no longer pursue a new observatory. The agency decided not to proceed with the project after reviews showed it was not feasible. The decision was met with criticism from some members of Congress and scientists, who argued that the new observatory was needed to advance research in astrophysics.

Arnold to decide clemency plea

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Still on his death row, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is facing his first plea for clemency from an inmate. The inmate, one of the convicted murderers, has asked the governor to review the case and grant him clemency. Schwarzenegger has previously said he would not grant clemency to any inmate, but he has not ruled out the possibility of granting clemency in the future.

"Somewhere down the line, we will have to consider all options. I don't want to rule anything out," Schwarzenegger said during a recent interview.

The inmate, whose name is being withheld, has been on death row for more than a decade. He was convicted of murder in 1989 and has exhausted all appeals. His case has been widely publicized and has sparked debate about the fairness of the criminal justice system.

"The inmate is a good example of how the system can fail," said one legal expert. "We need to do more to ensure that everyone gets a fair trial and that justice is served.

The inmate's case is just one of many that are currently undergoing clemency reviews. The governor has already granted clemency to four other inmates in recent years.

"We are committed to ensuring that justice is served in every case," Schwarzenegger said.

The inmate's case is now in the hands of the governor's office, which will review the case and make a decision on whether to grant clemency. The governor is expected to make a decision in the coming months.

"We are confident that we will make the right decision," said Schwarzenegger.

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The bargain of indulgent letters arrives every year, complaining and protesting — both before and after — the Keenan Revue. Various groups complain, how and rant by highlighting insults and demanding retractions. They cry discrimination and disrespect, and they shamelessly bash the Keenanites involved for material deemed vulgar and irreverent. The critics are correct in their complaints. It is vulgar and irreverent. It’s also clever and hilarious. The Revue is a tradition of comedy and wit, affectionately satirizing all we know and love about Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. It’s time to stop complaining. Thankfully, the waiting ticket lines and insanely fast sellout times indicate that the majority of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s community have largely ignored the criticism leveled by a select few. Most people realize there is a difference between good-natured comedy and mean-spirited ridicule, and the Keenan Revue is unquestionably characterized by the former. Yes, the Keenanites make fun of Saint Mary’s students. They also pick on Notre Dame girls and Zahm Hall. Even The Observer is often one of their favorite targets. Do we care? No. Most correctly understand that the jokes in the Revue should be taken with a grain of salt. The show, while exploiting common stereotypes, simultaneously rips apart the stereotypes themselves. People don’t just carelessly throw around deep-rooted, malicious prejudices. If Keenanites really believed the insulting claims they toss around, it is highly doubtful that they would publically stand behind them. Chicago legendary columnist Mike Royko poked fun at various ethnic groups for years and invoked waves of hate mail campaigns and protests. What many failed to understand was that Royko’s political incorrectness was an indirect indication of acceptance. If Royko made fun of a group, he believed they were truly part of the Chicago community, and it’s usually OK to make fun of your own ilk.

In the same strain, if Keenanites taunt a specific group or institution, it’s only because they know they can. Their material focuses on aspects considered integral to Notre Dame, and mocked groups should feel more honored than insulted. It’s a banter, built on the roasting elements of the Notre Dame community. It’s Saturday Night Live, South Bend-style. So when attending the Keenan Revue, sit back, take it lightly, and laugh out loud. And to those in the Revue, have fun and good luck.

And please try not to be too hard on The Observer.

Remembering Professor Tom Stritch

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Last week, an era at Notre Dame ended with the passing of Thomas J. Stritch, professor emeritus of American Studies. At the age of 91, Stritch was the last of American literature and journalism, the University’s mid-twentieth century thrives in the students he touched, was readily recognizable when passing with the passing of Thomas J. Stritch. He single-handedly established the character on the Chips in the world beyond, his influence making the focus of his life during those most sacred of dormitories. In today’s digital existence, attention or understanding at the time, I can be contacted at hottline@aol.com.

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Should the Keenan Revue remain at Saint Mary’s?

YES 65%

NO 35%

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The unexamined life is not worth living."
Focus on diversity, not stereotypes

It is amazing how living "down the street" from a subsidized housing project in Annapolis automatically qualified Patrick Duncan as an expert on black culture. In a Jan. 28 editorial, Duncan made an allegation that was as credible as Bill Clinton's claim. "I did not have relations with that woman." According to Duncan, blacks spend all their money on "cell phones, cars with bizarre and costly modifications, very expensive footwear, and cigarettes," among other superficial things. Moreover, he stated that one of many reasons blacks perform so poorly on standardized tests is because of their "total immersion in a crude pop culture. Pumping 50 Cent into your ears all day will keep you from ever learning at all." If that was the case, then Justin Timberlake's lyrics must be laced with subliminal messages containing many answers to difficult analogies and algebraic computations.

His article was one of many targeting affirmative action. Discrepancies about affirmative action arise because students do not have a clear understanding of the law's policies. Affirmative action does not rob others from opportunities, it simply gives preference to minorities who possess the same merit and qualifications as the majority. To make a mockery of affirmative action by comparing it to the demographics of the NBA is absurd. In a Jan. 26 editorial, Greg Farnell stated, "Blacks compose only 12 percent of the population, but 75 percent of NBA players are black. Is it sensible then to place a quota on the number of blacks who can play in the NBA, so that the races are more evenly distributed?" This suggestion is as ludicrous as the idea of setting a quota on the number of African American players in the National Hockey League or adding another layer of cream to an Oreo cookie to make the percentages of black and white parts equal.

Instead of engaging in frivolous debates, students should push to erase campus-wide narrow-mindedness by incorporating a real introduction to other cultures. The focus of a liberal arts education is to create truly well-rounded individuals. In addition to two semesters of theology and philosophy, perhaps two semesters should be devoted to the study of diversity.

Two years ago, when I first considered attending this institution, I did not own a cell phone. I did not drive a car with bizarre and costly modifications and 50 Cent was nothing more than the price I payed for a copy of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Nowadays, but Notre Dame, amongst some of the nation's brightest, most athletically and academically talented students, will you find such blatant ignorance.

Maryana Ezighs
freshman
Pasquilla Halls
Jan. 29

Minorities put in the work, too

Only at Notre Dame would a school newspaper have the audacity to print an editorial such as that of Patrick Duncan's. As a minority student attending this school, I am appalled and deeply offended by this display of outright classism. Duncan cited Farnell's column that stated that poor whites perform better academically than middle-class blacks and Andrea sees it just as a matter of socioeconomic class. Well, it is. Try living in a society that puts you down since birth; try living in a society that tells you that you are sub par; try living in a society that outright says that whites are better than blacks and see how motivated you are to do better. Many of these children are self-prophesied prophets, because they are told by people such as Duncan that they are underachievers since the time they enter school, they believe what they are told and, thus, do not strive to better themselves. It is a matter of socioeconomic class. People that live in impoverished neighborhoods sometimes do not have the means to reach their full intellectual capacities, and they deserve the chance to do so. And they lack the chance due to backward thinking of the majority which seems to fear that division and mockery are a means of motivation.

As for immigrant children excelling where the blacks do not, it is a matter of culture. When immigrant families move to America, they feel the need to prove themselves and achieve more than most Americans do. Also, they have not yet suffered from the classism and racism that runs rampant in this country; trust me, I know. My mom was an immigrant to this country, and I am a first generation American. I have yet to have my spirit killed by this culture, and that is why I made it to Notre Dame. As I said before, minorities are self-fulfilling prophecies because of articles such as Duncan's. Furthermore, what does music have to do with anything? Listening to Garth Brooks or Aerosmith all day is not going to make you smarter. A person's musical preference is a means of attack shows his profound lack of morals and virtue, and I believe his prejudiced state of mind.

Duncan was correct about one thing — blacks, and other minorities, are "the victims of patronizing whites who would rather exacerbate the problem and feel good about trying to make it better." If, then you have absolutely no right to make the claim that a poor black would not make it into Harvard. Again, the patronizing is not necessary.

Additionally, the claim that middle-class black children who are outperformed by lower-class whites are the ones getting into the schools of their choice is base. I happen to be a middle-class minority; are you trying to say that I only got into Notre Dame due to my monkey alarms? Nothing could be further from the truth. All the students here, worked extremely hard to make it here. In fact, I had to work twice as hard as any Caucasian, alumni legacy or male that applied. If anything, minorities have to prove they are worth to get into Notre Dame, and once in, anything, we have to over-perform; you have it backwards. Additionally, we don't get rewarded for our efforts, we get insulting articles in school papers discrediting our achievements and ridiculing our merit, as well as questioning our intelligence. Some Notre Dame family.

Fabiola Quinones
sophomore
Cavanaugh Hall
Jan. 29

Student section disappointing

After attending the game tonight against Miami, we would just like to say how ashamed we were of the student section. We were appalled that the students booed Chris Thomas, a player on our team, as he reentered the game. The treatment he received from the student section, generically during the second half of the game, was worse than anything dished out to the Miami players. We're pretty sure that he was wearing an Irish uniform, and yet the way he was treated you would have thought that he was wearing a Hurricane uniform. Even if Thomas was having a bad game, he is still on our team, and yelling things like "airball" when he misses a shot is not doing him any good or us any good. We're not so sure that we're behind them 100 percent of the time, not just when they're playing well.

Clare and Maura Hoyt
sophomores, freshmen
Le Moyne Hall, McCourtney Hall
Jan. 28
Keenan Revue fights crime on Saint Mar

Combining comedy, music and the Ninja Turtles, Keenan continues one of the most popular events of the year

By LAUREN WENDEL
Scene Writer

South Bend winters are usually filled with scenes of bundled-up students braving the frozen tundra known as South Quad, late-night snowball fights outside of Coleman Morse and the always controvers¬
yal, yet always entertaining, Keenan Revue. The winter of 2004 is no different, with the 28th annual Revue adding comedic insight to everything from Michael Jackson to dorm dances to the Middle East peace process.

Keenan residents have been performing the Revue since 1976, when original creators Tom Lenz and Rick Thomas noticed the musical and comedic talents of fellow hall mates during a basement talent show. The show grew from there and has become a campus-wide tradition, drawing crowds from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross. All of the skits are written and performed by over half the residents of Keenan Hall, who often spend two weeks devoted to perfecting their material for this signature event. Although censors often reject a large number of their ideas, the residents still manage to create an off-the-wall, exciting and mostly crude two-hour show.

The free tickets for the Revue were handed out last week to students. All were gone within a half hour, making it one of the most popular events during the school year.

Director Patrick Downey and producer Trevor Kusick, along with countless other volunteers, including writers, stage managers and choreographers, have been working for the past four months on creating a theme and organizing the many other aspects that go into making the Keenan Revue a success. Close to $13,000 was raised this year, mostly from alumni donations, to offset production costs that accompany the show.

This year's theme should not disappoint viewers. The residents settled on a "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle" theme and peppered the show with skits dedicated to those teenagers-turned-crime-fighting-turtles. The show's opener reveals the real way in which the teens morphed into turtles — by stumbling upon a radioactive beer can in Notre Dame's tunnels.

The inspirations for such ideas come from the news and events that happen around campus and the dorm.

"We don't take ourselves too seriously, we just want people to laugh," Downey said. "This show has something for everyone, for a good hour, you'll be laughing, consistently throughout the first half.

The second half brings much of the same satirical and often explicit humor, with such skits as "Cracker-I," "Stephen Hawking's Drama 101," Michael Jackson surprising some young admirers of bundled-up students braving the frozen tundra, and the creative "The Keenan Revue News." One of the most relatable skits shows two students expecting knockout dates for their dance, only to discover they have been set up with 6'5" lady boys. The show does not lack its share of dorm and St. Mary's jokes, although most are toned down after the Wednesday dress rehearsal.

The Keenan Revue offers humor for all types and shows the creative talents of the hall's residents.

When asked what his favorite skit from the Revue is, one Keenan resident replied, "Let the show speak for itself." Indeed, these men show that, like the group's favorite Ninja Turtle, Raphael, they are "cool but crude." As the cast likes to remind us, if you have any complaints, keep them to yourself, because tickets were free.

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OK Go to Legends this weekend for Revue alternative

The great music of OK Go continues the Legends list of hot up-and-coming acts to perform on campus

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Writer

This Saturday, the majority of campus will have two major options: trek all the way to Saint Mary's to watch the Keenan revue, or take the short trip to Legends and watch professionals put on an incredible concert. The rumors flying around campus are true — OK Go, a Chicago-based, nationally known band is coming to Legends Saturday, and the best news is, as always, it's free! (And by free, I mean there is no cover charge.)

OK Go is a well-known four-piece band that plays punk rock with a pop twist (think Phantom Planet, Rooney and a more upbeat Guster). Their self-titled album, "OK Go," is a 12-song masterpiece that any respectable college student is obligated to own. Some of their best known songs are Get Over It! ("Hey! Get, get, get, get, over it!"), Here's for the Animals, and You're So Damn Hot! ("You don't love me at all, but don't think that it bothers me at all.

/ You're a bad heart, boy trap, baby doll, but you're...(I'm just so damn hot.)"), The songs are memorable and will get stuck in your head for days, but you'll be happy about it because they are just that good. One critic calls them "part indie rock, part stadium rock, part straight-up pop with the occasional whiff of The Pixies, or The Cars or Elliott Smith."

With a mix of fast, slow, light, hard and everything in between, OK Go is enjoyable for everyone and everywhere. There is not a single song on their album that allows standing still, and don't try to fight Saturday, and the best news is, as always, it's free! (And by free, I mean there is no cover charge.)

Beyond simply their great music, OK Go is known for putting on a terrific live show. With Damian Kulash on vocals and guitar, Tim Nordwind on bass, Dan Konopka on drums and Andy Duncan on keyboards and guitar, OK Go is not an act to be missed. They are four fun and smart guys that have fun with who they are and what they do. If that isn't enough for some of you who are sitting on the fence, all four of the members of the band just recently made the "Elle girl" list of "The 50 Hottest Rockers," which is a big deal no one ever at the Saint Mary's auditorium can make.

The night is going to be kicked off by a modern rock, New Jersey-based band called Spiralizing, which has the reputation as one of the East Coast's best independent bands. With a sound a bit harder than OK Go's, Spiralizing is a four-piece band that has become known without the support of a label, but just through support of fans due to their tremendous talent.

Doors open at 8:45 p.m. at Legends for one of the biggest nights Legends has yet presented. This is a concert any average college student would put down $20 to see, and it is available to students for free — and you didn't even have to wait in line for tickets! Do yourself and your music collection a favor, and take the short trip to Legends this Saturday night for an unforgettable concert — and say hello to your new favorite band.

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Besides being amazing musicians, all four members of the band were voted to The 50 Hottest Rockers list in Elle magazine.
Saint Mary's Campus
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Preparing a super Super Bowl party

Super Bowl Sunday is around the corner, and if you’re planning on watching the game, you’re probably expecting the same old get together — football, beer and maybe some potato chips if you’re lucky. Why don’t you spice up your Sunday and throw a gridiron bash that’s sure to impress your friends? All it takes is a quick trip to Martin’s, a stop at the Huddle or, if you’re daring enough, just a run to the Dining Hall with some baggies and drink coasters. There isn’t even any need to whip up a gourmet meal for this event. If you want so save time, Subway offers delicious super-size hoagies that can be divided into individual servings. For an appetizer the easy but tasty Artichoke Dip with Pita Crisps is a winner. And for dessert, these Rocky Road Brownies will satisfy everyone’s sweet tooth. Even if your team loses, everyone wins if you get to watch the game with good food and good friends.

And if you want to be extra festive...
• Plant a sports flag or a small plastic field goal post in the dip.
• Cut football shapes out of heavy brown construction paper for drink coasters.

Some Like It Hot Artichoke Dip

1 (14 oz.) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
1 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 cup mayonnaise
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a 1 quart casserole, combine all ingredients. Bake uncovered 25 minutes. Serve with pita crisps.

Courtesy of Beth Reed

Pita Crisps

Pita bread
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Italian seasoning
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut bread rounds into 6 wedges each. Separate each wedge into 2 pieces. Brush with olive oil, then sprinkle with Italian seasoning. Bake until slightly brown.

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Rocky Road Brownies

6 (1-ounce) squares unsweetened baking chocolate
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
3 large eggs
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
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2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 cup walnut pieces
1/2 cup caramel or chocolate sauce, store bought
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a glass mixing bowl, melt the chocolate and butter together in the microwave on high for 1 to 2 minutes or until the butter is just melted. Mix it up to melt the chocolate completely. Stir the sugar into the melted chocolate until dissolved. Mix in the vanilla and eggs. Stir in the flour and salt just until combined. Spread the batter evenly into the prepared pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Allow to cool. Drizzle the caramel or chocolate sauce over the cooled brownies before cutting. Yields nine large brownies.

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Murray’s overtime goal leads Bruins to 2-1 win

Associated Press

BOSTON — Glen Murray’s 500th career point came at a perfect time for the Boston Bruins.

Murray reached that milestone when he scored his second goal of the game 2:25 into overtime, giving Boston a 2-1 victory over the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

The Bruins had lost two straight at home. Andrew Raycroft made 31 saves for Boston.

Murray leads the team with 17 goals, and this was his first game-winner of the season.

“They really haven’t been going in a lot this year, but if you keep getting chances eventually you’ll get one in,” Murray said. “It’s always nice to get the game-winner in overtime.”

Murray came off the bench on a shift change and surprised Jason Blake, who didn’t realize anybody was on him until it was too late.

Murray stole the puck from Blake at center ice and beat goaltender Rick DiPietro with a backhand flip on a breakaway.

“Our hockey club played well tonight,” Murray said. “It helped my fault. I turned the puck over in a 24-hour period of the game and it cost us.” Blake said.

Murray had scored just three goals in his last 15 games. It was his second two-goal game of the season, the other coming in a 4-0 win at Columbus on Nov. 14.

Murray increased his point total to 500 through the second period on Oleg Kvasha’s second short-handed goal of the season, a wrist shot from the right circle.

The second 10,110th, was the 10th short-handed goal allowed by Boston this season, the second-highest total in the NHL.

**Capsitals, Hurricanes 3**

On paper, the Carolina Hurricanes should have no problem with the Washington Capitals. On the ice, it’s another matter.

Bates Battaglia broke a third-period tie and Peter Bondra scored twice to help Washington beat the Hurricanes 5-3 Thursday night.

Carolina leads the Capitals in the Southeast Division standings and outshot them 35-19 Thursday night. But Washington has won five straight against the Hurricanes dating to last season.

“Sometimes the shot clock isn’t always indicative of what happens in a game,” Carolina goaltender Kevin Weekes said. “They’re a highly skilled team. You give them time and space and play-power opportunites, they’re going to capitalize. It’s a tough win.”

Bondra had one of two goals in the Capitals’ three-game winning streak, and it was his second two-goal game of the season.

**Predators, Blue Jackets 6**

Scott Walker cared more about the final score than his big goal.

Walker tied the Nashville franchise record for goals, leading the Predators to a 6-4 victory over Columbus.

Walker had a goal and an assist, and Martin Erat and Vladimir Orszagh each had a goal and an assist, and Marek Zidlicky and Andreas Johnsson had three assists apiece.

“They got frustrated. Everyone could see that,” Johnsson said of the Blue Jackets. “That opened up a lot of different opportunities for us. We could take a shot or pass — they were running around and making it easy for us.”

Devils’ Brodeur threatening single-season shutout record

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Standing in his goaltender’s crease during a morning skate Wednesday, Martin Brodeur, who leads his New Jersey Devils teammates coming toward him and kicked out his leg.

A dull thud echoed through the Prudential Continental Airlines Arena as the slapshot hit off his leg and back toward his chest.

It was another routine stop for Brodeur, who is following his 10th straight winning season with a spectacular career point came at a 6-4 victory over Columbus.

During the morning skate, as Brodeur readied to face the next group of players, veteran forward Sergei Brylin glided toward the net, seemingly out of the goalie’s sight line.

Within seconds, there was another thud and the puck fell in front of the crease. Brylin got his stick on it and almost immediately snapped it toward net.

The puck never made it in. Brodeur fanned out his glove hand and picked the puck out of the air like a first baseman snagging a bad throw from an infielder.

“He loves to make saves like that,” Brylin said with a smile. “He tries all the time. He can’t let up. He never quits.”

Igor Larionov added: “He is the best goaltender in the world.”

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NBA

Kidd scores 33 points to help Nets to win over Magic

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jason Kidd snapped out of his slump to keep the New Jersey Nets rolling under new coach Lawrence Frank.

Kidd scored 20 of his 33 points in the first half to help the Nets beat Orlando 89-79 Thursday night, giving Frank his first victory since taking over for the fired Byron Scott earlier this week.

"With any team, your best players have to perform," Lawrence said. "Jason Kidd is in our difference-maker. He's the one who got out of a slump that saw him score just eight points in our last two games. He also had 10 rebounds for his 24th double-double of the season. "I think he could see that and get guys involved," said Kidd, who had eight assists. "But my job - to make sure a lot of the other guys were fired," Kidd said.

New Jersey opened a 13-point lead in the third quarter, outscoring the Magic 14-6 in a five-minute span.

Trail Blazers 93, Hawks 85

ATLANTA — The Portland Trail Blazers sure enjoyed the third quarter.

Rashied Wallace hardly could miss, and Damon Stoudamire kept finding him.

Darius Miles got a couple of offensive rebounds off a technical.

"That's my job - to make some shots once in a while," Kidd said.

Kenyon Martin had 18 points while Richard Jefferson added 13. Lucious Harris scored all 12 of his points in the final quarter.

Tracy McGrady, announced as an All-Star starter before the game, scored 22 points. Keith Bogans scored 13 and Rod Strickland came off the bench to add 12.

McGrady would have passed Allen Iverson for the NBA scoring lead with a fifth-straight 30-point game. After a 10-point opening quarter, it appeared fairly certain McGrady would break ahead in his quest for a second straight scoring title.

But Jefferson's light defense shut down McGrady the rest of the way. McGrady missed 14 of 20 shots, and blamed a schedule that had Orlando playing its fourth game in five nights.

"I was tired, so I'm pretty sure a lot of the other guys were tired," McGrady said.

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O'Neal, Lakers win 7th straight

SAN ANTONIO — Shaquille O'Neal led the Los Angeles Lakers to their seventh straight win.

O'Neal, the center in the Detroit Pistons, and the guards are Philadelphia's Allen Iverson and Orlando's Tracy McGrady.

Bryant is charged with sexual assault for allegedly raping a 19-year-old employee at a Colorado resort during the off-season. He faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if convicted of felony sexual assault, Bryant, 25, says the two had consensual sex.

It's been a tough season for Bryant on the court as well.

He leads Los Angeles in scoring at 21.7 points per game, but he missed six games because of a sprained right shoulder and has heard plenty of boos on the road, where the Lakers are 7-12.

The 29 head coaches will vote for the reserves in their respective conferences. Those results will be announced Feb. 3.

Indiana's Rick Carlisle will coach the Eastern Conference All-Stars. Flip Saunders of the Minnesota Timberwolves will lead the West.

Fans select Kobe as All Star despite sex scandal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kobe Bryant was selected to start in the NBA All-Star game, voted in by fans despite a sexual assault charge.

The Los Angeles Lakers star led Western Conference forwards with 1,759,717 votes in final results released Thursday, fourth among all players.

He was picked to start in front of his hometown fans at Staples Center on Feb. 15 in the 53rd NBA All-Star game.

Bryant's teammate, Shaquille O'Neal, was beaten out for the second straight year by Houston's Yao Ming. The Chinese center edged O'Neal by less than 12,000 votes.

"That's cool," O'Neal said. "Where he's from, there are 2 trillion people."

But it was O'Neal who got more electronic votes from fans around the world, while Yao had the advantage in paper ballots available in the United States and Canada.

Joining Bryant and Yao on the Western Conference squad were Portland's Zach Randolph, San Antonio's Tim Duncan and Minnesota forward Kevin Garnett, last year's All-Star game MVP.

Toronto Raptors forward Vince Carter led all players with 2,127,183 votes. It's the fourth time he's finished first in the voting, tied for second all-time with Julius Erving.

Michael Jordan holds the record with nine.
Safin knocks Agassi out of Australian Open

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andre Agassi put his fingers to his lips and bowed after going five sets with Marat Safin. He blew kisses to all corners of the court in what has become a postmatch ritual.

"You never know when it's your last," Agassi said. "So you want to say bye properly.

It was certainly goodbye for the 33-year-old Agassi at this Australian Open. The defending champion rallied after dropping the first two sets but lost Thursday's semifinal to an opponent who has fortified his game and is playing as if he were No. 1 again.

Safin, who upstaged top-ranked Andy Roddick in the quarterfinals, won 7-6 (6), 7-6 (6), 5-7, 6-3 in a calm, consistent and powerful display.

The Russian ended Agassi's 36-match winning streak at the Australian Open — an Open era record — and denied the American a shot at the grand slam title.

"It couldn't go any better," said Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion. "I think I played one of my best matches in my whole life.

Safin next meets the winner of Friday's semifinal between Wimbledon champion Roger Federer and French Open champ Juan Carlos Ferrero, a showdown for the No. 1 ranking.

Justine Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters will play for the women's No. 1 spot after winning their semifinals.

Henin-Hardenne knocked No. 3 Fabiola Zuluaga of Columbia 6-2, 6-2, and Clijsters eliminated No. 22 Patty Schnyder of Switzerland, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (3).

This will be the third all-Belgian final in four Grand Slams, and the second straight not to feature the Williams sisters. Clijsters is 0-3 in Grand Slam finals, including two losses to Henin-Hardenne.

"In those matches, I knew there was a problem was lying and I knew that it wasn't psychological," said Clijsters, who has a 9-8 edge in head-to-heads. "I was a little bit exhausted at the end of those two Slams. This year, I think I've become a little bit smarter.

Henin-Hardenne made 25 unforced errors, including 15 in the second set against Zuluaga, the first Colombian woman to reach a Grand Slam semifinal.

"People are going to make a lot of noise. again. — it's an all-Belgian final, which I understand is huge for a little country," Henin-Hardenne said. "But I think that both Kim and me are getting familiar used to this situation."

Agassi won Australian titles in 2000, 2001 and 2003 and hadn't lost a match at Melbourne Park since the fourth round in 1999.

"You have to play really great against Andre to beat him," Safin said.

Safin took the tournament ranked No. 86 after struggling all of 2003 with a wrist injury sustained in the first round of last season's Australian Open.

"I came here to try to win it. And I'm almost there, just one left to go," he said. "Everything is going my way for the moment."

Agassi, seeded fourth, was tested like never before in Melbourne.

"I could possibly have won in straight sets — it's a four-point swing there," he said. "It certainly the toughest day I've had."

After giving up triple match point with a wayward backhand return, Agassi then watched as Safin ripped a backhand winner down the line to seal victory.

Before facing Agassi, Safin beat four other Americans — Brian Vahaly, Todd Martin, James Blake, and Roddick, the U.S. Open champion.

All three semifinals were played under the roof at Rod Laver Arena because of rain. The cooler conditions worked for Safin, who had spent more than 15 hours on court in five matches.

Agassi was fresher after four straight-sets wins and a default in the quarterfinals when an injured Sebastien Grosjean pulled out in the second set.

Safin reached the Australian final in 2002 when Agassi was out with an injured wrist. He hasn't been back to the final at a major since and missed the last three in 2003 after withdrawing in the third round in Australia.

Against Agassi, he resembled the player who upset Pete Sampras to win the 2000 U.S. Open.

"I managed to stay with him on the baseline. I managed to serve 33 aces — for me it's a big thing," said Safin, who did not have a double-fault. "It gives you much more confidence."

He also kept his temper in check, though he belted one ball back into the net and disputed a few calls. He muttered to himself in the fourth set, but even Agassi marveled at his
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### In Brief

*Pitino returns after two-day medical leave*

LOS ANGELES — Rick Pitino returned to Louisville on Thursday and resumed his coaching duties after a two-day medical leave.

The 51-year-old Pitino underwent tests at the Cleveland Clinic on Tuesday and Wednesday to determine the cause of a "urological pain" that's persisted in his left side for months.

Assistant coach Kevin Willard stepped in for Pitino and led the fourth-ranked Cardinals to a 64-48 win over Houston on Wednesday night.

Pitino was not available for comment Thursday, but was expected to discuss his medical condition in a news conference Friday, sports information director Ken Kein.

The Cardinals (16-1) play Marquette on Saturday at Freedom Hall.

**Closer clears waivers and is released**

SEATTLE — Former Seattle Mariners closer Kazuhiro Sasaki cleared waivers Thursday and was released.

Sasaki, who turns 36 next month, plans to continue his career in Japan. He completed paperwork this week in Seattle to terminate his contract, giving up a guaranteed $8.5 million for next season.

Sasaki said he wanted to be with his family in Japan. He spent four seasons in Seattle, becoming the team's career leader with 129 saves.

**Olympic trials will be held in South Bend**

BUCKTOWN, Tenn. — Canoe and kayak slalom trials for the U.S. Olympic team will be held in South Bend, Ind., instead of the Ocoee River because organizers failed to raise the money needed to stage the event in Tennessee.

The team trials were to be held on the Ocoee River in April, but organizers couldn't raise the $200,000 needed.

"There are unique circumstances surrounding the Ocoee. It's an expensive place," said David Yarborough, chairman of USA Canoe/Kayak.

The primary difference between the Ocoee and other runs is the cost of the water. Yarborough said Tennessee Valley Authority offered to help sponsor the event, but not pay the $55,000 cost to release water from the Blue Ridge Dam to create the whitewater racing conditions.

South Bend was the only other bid.

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**Fans look on at a Dodgers game on July 1, 2003. Frank McCourt bought the franchise from News Corporation for $430 million yesterday.**

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**Money talks for McCourt**

LOS ANGELES — Frank McCourt talks a good game. Time will tell if his team plays enough of them.

The $430 million sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers from News Corp. to McCourt was unanimously approved by baseball owners Thursday, more than three months after the sides reached an agreement.

Under scrutiny over his finances and a target of local criticism, McCourt made some bold promises at a Dodgers news conference.

"Welcome to a new era of Dodger baseball," he said.

"I intend to restore the glory days of Dodger baseball with a team worthy of support from our fans. We've committed not just to buy this team, but to win a world championship."

The Dodgers haven't won a postseason game since beating Oakland in the 1988 World Series.

"That's way too long," McCourt said. "My first objective is to end the drought. I truly know I can win."

"I'm the one who needs a lot of energy," McCourt said. "I'm not going to run the team. I'm going to run the business."

"I need stability there. We need a lot of energy. Having an unresolved ownership situation was, frankly, hurting the franchise,"

McCourt said his wife, Jamie, will be vice chairman of the team, and Corey Busch, who helped negotiate the purchase, will be part of the front office.

"While today is not the day to talk about specific personnel changes, I do want to say I plan to act quickly and decisively to make the changes I feel necessary to get to our goal," McCourt said.

The O'Malley family controlled the Dodgers for nearly 48 years before selling to News Corp. in March 1998. The corporation quickly tired of running the club, and former movie executive Robert Daly took over as chief executive officer in October 1999 after purchasing a minority stake.
By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The upcoming weekend is the final opportunity for recruits to make official visits before signing national letters of intent on Feb. 4.

After losing and dropping a few players from its list, Notre Dame will welcome just one recruit this weekend — Willibong, N.J. native El Ash. Ash is 6-foot-6, 258 pounds and can play both sides of the ball, according to Irish Insider columnist Mike Frank.

"Ash can play a number of positions," Frank said. "He can play defensive end, defensive tackle, offensive tackle and offensive guard. I think the coaches will really make a push for him this weekend.

Ash primarily played offensive tackle in high school.

Notre Dame has received 16 verbal commitments, and that number may not climb much higher with only Ash visiting and with recent developments of remaining prospects.

New Jersey linebacker Brian Toal, rated third by ESPN recruiter analyst Tom Lemming and third by Rivals100.com, chose to visit local Rugers over Notre Dame and other schools this weekend. Toal visited Boston College, Miami, Penn State and Tennessee, as well.

According to Frank, family ties could have kept Toal out of Irish coach Tyrone Willingham's sights. Greg, plays for Boston College.

"Look at the flipside, if I were a player and my coaches told me we had to go to B.C., I would — I would be too happy about that," Frank said.

Los Angeles defensive tackle Darryl Richard visited Notre Dame in October but will decide between Georgia Tech and Miami (Fla.), Frank said.

Wide receivers Bobby McCoy (Houston, Tex.) and Chancellor Young (Seattle, Wash.) are out of the picture, McCoy chose Arizona over Notre Dame, and uncommitted reports say the Indianapolis Colts are revoking a scholarship from Young.

Frank said he spoke to Young and believes coaches will not continue to seek Young's commitment because they have less of a need at wide receiver.

"Notre Dame got four terrific wide receivers last year," Frank said, "and at this point, coach[es] probably don't want to take someone who won't challenge the people in front of him. That would be a waste of a scholarship. That's probably how they feel.

The Irish have no commitments at wide-out yet, but head coach Tyrone Willingham is vitally interested in a four-foot-tall, 210-pound Chris Paul on Saturday.

Vaughn played just two years at the St. Thomas More School in Oakland, Conn., but his athleticism has Boston College, Iowa, Michigan State and UCLA after him in addition to Notre Dame.

The Irish are still working to sign players because with just 16 verbal commitments, Willingham and his staff have more spots to fill if they choose to.

"The maximum [amount of players] they want to take is 19, but they could go as high as 23," Frank said.

Smith announces tomorrow, Lambert waits

Offensive tackle Allen Smith from Corona del Sol High School in Tucson, Ariz. will announce his decision tomorrow in an ESPN.com chat with recruiting expert Tom Lemming at 2 p.m.

Terral Lambert, a top defensive back choosing between Notre Dame and Florida State, may wait until signing day to make an announcement.

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FOOTBALL

Irish moving into the home stretch

Coaching staff to entertain only one recruit in this final weekend

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Mike Rucker and Brenten Bundock would make great top-three choices for the Julius Peppers highlight film. His fellow defensive linemen on Notre Dame's Panthers already have some clips picked up to their name.

Rucker's favorite came in the preseason, when Peppers leaped to block a pass, was hit around his knees, flipped and still managed to land on his feet.

The one Buckner remembers best was "seeing how quickly he goes from zero to 60" after Peppers intercepted a pass against Dallas in the playoffs and returned it 34 yards.

They're both good picks. Yet there's one thing missing — something from his specialty, pushing the quarterback.

His versatility is typical of what makes Carolina's defensive line so tough. Any offensive line can concentrate on trying to stop Peppers is risking..." You would think [Peppers] would break a muscle doing the things he can do."

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Despite losing starter Damien Woody to a knee injury before the AFC championship.

New England's offense isn't flashy. Quarterback Tom Brady manages a balanced run-pass system that lacks a headline-gripping name. This week it works because they're efficient and have few weaknesses.

Whatever the Patriots try, Carolina's defense will be ready, especially up front. Rucker said the beauty of the line is that they stop running backs as well as quarterbacks.

"When a team comes in here, they're not saying, 'Hey, this guy is just going to run forfield, so we can trap him or we can draw him or just block him against him.'" Rucker said. "They can't do that. We're all going to stop the run, we're going to pass rush."

Rucker led the team with 12 sacks. Peppers had seven, although he pressured quarterbacks another 32 times. 12 more than Rucker. Jenkins finished second as did reserve end Al Wallace.

Still, the unmentioned attention-getters. After playing football and baseball at North Carolina, he was the second pick of the Panthers in the first NFL draft. He had 12 sacks in his first 12 games, then was suspened from the final four for taking a banned dietary supplement.

He won rookie of the year anyway.

Although his numbers were down this season, Peppers thinks he's playing better, especially against the run.

And he still makes plays no other can come close to duplicating.

"They definitely does some crazy things with his body," he said. "You would think you'd tear a muscle doing the things he can do."

The craziest was the flip.

"It looked like he was going to land on his neck, but he landed on his feet," Rucker said. "We reawoke that probably 10, 15 times because we didn't understand what he was doing. And he still makes plays others can't even fathom."

Rucker said there are times when he's barely out of his stance and Peppers is going into his third step.

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**ND Women's Swimming**

Swimmers to face 3 Big Ten opponents

**By MATT PUGLISI**
Sports Writer

The women's swimming and diving team looks to take care of a trio of Big Ten opponents and continue their bid to host the Big Ten East Championships when the ND women's swimming and diving team traveled to Michigan State, Lansing, Mich., tonight to challenge Michigan State (1-7) and Ohio State (8-3) at 5 p.m., before returning home to host No. 16 Michigan (7-1) Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m.

"OSU has one of the best diving teams in the country and a really good breaststroker from Australia," head coach Bailey Weathers said. "Michigan is pretty comparable to Indiana and is one of our toughest meets."

On the strength of four meet victories by senior Marie Labosky, including three of the top six, the Irish concluded the first day of the two-day Michigan Invitational, the Irish trailed to edge Illinois, 197-173, in the squad's most recent meet on Jan. 16 and 17. In addition, on the strength of the 200-meter individual medley — Notre Dame's sole victory on the Invitational's first day — Labosky picked up first place finishes in both the 400-meter individual medley and the 200-meter backstroke before joining freshman, Ann Barrett, and Ellen Johnson to post a victory in the 800-meter freestyle relay. Carroll (100-meter freestyle) and seniors Lisa Garcia (200-meter butterfly) and Meghan Perry (100-meter backstroke) rounded out the first place finishers for the Irish.

With the squad trailing by 20-10 in the second to last event, the senior diver began with a 2-meter board, setting a Notre Dame record with a score of 335.85 and preserving her undefeated mark in the event this season. The Irish squad looks to finish off an impressive January when the Irish (3-7) welcome St. Bonaventure (6-4) to the Rolfs Aquatic Center Saturday at noon. "We just need to keep swimming strong, fast races," freshman Ted Brown said. "Our main focus is the Big East (Championships), but we would like to finish on a strong note."

After stumbling to a 1-5 start, the Irish have rebounded to go 4-2 in January, dropping only a pair of away meets to No. 15 Northwestern and No. 17 Pittsburgh. Despite taking at least two of the top three spots in 10 of the 12 individual races and three of the top five spots in 13 of the 14 overall swimming events, the Irish fell just shy in their bid to upset heavily favored Northwestern, losing 155-133.

While three freshmen — Brown (200-yard freestyle), Louis Cuckler (100-yard backstroke), and Scott Coyle (1-meter board) — each produced an event victory and six other Irish swimmers — freshmen Tim Kegelman and Alan Carter, sophomore Tim Randolph, Tyler Grenda and Steve Shoomberger and senior co-captain Matt Obringer — each recorded at least one second place finish, Notre Dame's inability to take the top spot in the various events ultimately cost the Irish the meet.

"The coaches and swimmers were pleased with how close we were to No. 15 Northwestern," Brown said. "I think it shows we've been working hard and belong among the top teams in the country."

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**Irish Tennis**

Irish go on the road to face No. 8 Duke

**By KATE GALES**
Sports Writer

On paper, calling Sunday's road match with Duke "tough" seems like an understatement.

The team is ranked No. 8, with the addition of All-American Phillip King leading the way.

His number two, Ludovic Bayliss, said of Scott, ranked No. 10 nationally, "With Walter, anybody who's competitive sets yesterday and has only competed on the road. He's pretty well in this situation," Louderback said.

"Over the years, we've played pretty well in this situation," Bayliss said.

Two years ago, Notre Dame traveled to Duke in January and beat the top-10 Blue Devil squad.

"It's a big challenge but we're optimistic, and I think we'll play a great match," he said.

"They're better than that, probably," said Bayliss of Duke's No. 8 ranking. "They have a chance to be a Final Four team this year — I expect them to be one of the very top teams in the country."

The No. 49 Irish are 3-1 (1-0 Big East). King is unranked after sitting out the fall season. However, he is ranked nationally before entering college, taking expensive money but no prizes.

"He entered Duke as a freshman in singles with a 130-30, might be a little challenging," Walter said.

"If we can beat Duke in doubles, the team is still a plus," senior epeeist Kerry Bednarski knows that going 2-2 in the tournament in November. This could be disheartening to the Irish, ranked No. 10 in the nation.

"We're having a pretty good week of practice, we played some competitive sets yesterday and we worked hard in doubles," Bayliss said Tuesday night. "We're getting into that time of the year when things heat up."

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winning streak against the team. The Buckeyes finished fourth last year in the Big Ten and No. 47 overall with a 12-12 record. Ohio State is coming off a 4-3 loss to No. 74 Tennessee State, and looks to be a threat to Notre Dame with six returning starters.

"They have a good indoor team with big kids who hit the ball well," said Irish coach Tom Bontempo, a former Ohio State head coach.

An Irish victory over the Buckeyes Sunday depends on the health of Wisconsin's top singles player.

"They've had some injuries," Louderback said. "Our No. 1 player is out right now, so the kids are always ready — even on a down year."

Wisconsin has already found success as a team this season with a 7-0 sweep of Drake and a 5-2 win over Western Michigan last weekend. The team has returned from a 3-2 Irish victory, Louderback says he expects a "far better outcome this weekend."

"The kids worked hard to get in shape, they've really been preparing in practice," Louderback said.

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**FENCING**

Champion fencers to host meet

**By MATT MOONEY**
Sports Writer

For the first time all season, the Notre Dame campus will finally get to see their defending national champions. The Irish fencing team will play host to the Notre Dame Dual Meet, beginning Saturday morning and continuing through Sunday.

The home fencing will be a nice change for a team which has only competed on the road.

"Not traveling the day before, not having to worry about packing, being able to just have a plus," senior epeeist Kenny Walton said. "A lot of people here and there will be a plus for them, so for us it's a great note."

"I've been preparing in practice, that's what we've been doing," senior foilist Matt Bontempo said. "We're just going to follow our game plan and try to come out on top."

"It was tough, but it's something that we're learning from," he said.

Even the freshmen possess a renewed vigor. Rookie foilist Frankie Bontempo is eager to redeem himself after last weekend's disappointing performance in a morale booster.

A plethora of teams coming from the sojourn to the two-day Michigan Invitational, including three of the very top teams in the country. Expect things to be in the familiar dining hall.

"I want Boaz Ellis, Bontempo said. "He's going down." The women will face a stiff challenge as well. While the women's team did take the conference championship last year, they did so by the slimmest of margins. They managed to nip Ohio State by a tight 425-420 score. However, they will look to continue the success that has brought them a 10-0 record.

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"To do so, Notre Dame (10-5, 4-2 in the Big East) will have to win in one of the most hostile atmospheres in the Big East. Rutgers (11-6, 3-4) is 8-1 in the Rutgers Athletic Center this year, with their only loss a one-point defeat against Connecticut."

"They," Brey said, "seem to shoot it unguarded in that building."

However, Notre Dame has enjoyed most of its success this season on the road. The team's "road team," as the 'Irish" mentality carried them to solid wins against Villanova and College of New Jersey, since Tech, and the Irish narrowly missed ending Pittsburgh's home winning streak in a close loss versus the Panthers in early January.

And going on the road gives Notre Dame — which has often played well in one game, then struggled dramatically in the next — a chance to maintain the level of play the Irish exhibited against Miami last night. "It's getting later now, and what you have to start thinking about is consistency," Jordan Cornette said. "You have to be consistent for 40 minutes in a game and consistent from game to game. We had a great game (against Miami), but you can't go into the RAC saying that. 'Oh, we played good against Miami,'

nd Track
Irish face tough test at home
By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer
for the second week in a row, the Notre Dame track and field team will compete in the distance events.
Mike Gilloon
The Irish host another, more challenging meet this weekend.
Notre Dame women sprint to the finish in the 60 meter dash during last week's home meet.
The Irish should be very strong in the sprints," he said.
Mike Gilloon
Piane also believes the Irish will be challenged by Butler and Marquette in the distance events.
Notre Dame will have to do without their distance quartet of Ayesha Boyd, Tiffany Gunn, Kevin Manion and Alishia Small. Without their distance quartet of Piane said.

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The meet is sponsored by the Marquette and Butler women's teams.
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SMC Swimming
Belles face close contest in evenly matched meet
By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer
Saint Mary's swimming coach Greg Petcoff thinks this weekend's meet against the University of Chicago could be close. Just how close?
"It could come down to the last relay," Petcoff said.
As the end of the 2003-04 swimming season nears, Saint Mary's faces the challenge of trying to defeat a team that is very similar to themselves, both in and out of the pool.
"They are more like us than any other team we have competed against this season," Petcoff said. "They are more like us with times but have also faced similar struggles.
Both teams have had similar best times this season but have also suffered injuries and seen swimmers not return for a second season.
The Belles, who currently stand at 0-6 in the MIAA, must defeat Chicago on the road this weekend to claim their first victory of the season.
Fortunately for Saint Mary's, Chicago is coming off an 8-2 weekend against Carthage College and Wheaton College. The team has struggled against competition for most of the year after beginning the season with a pair of victories. Despite losses, Chicago swam very comparable times to Saint Mary's, which competed against Alma College last weekend.
Saint Mary's will probably have to perform season best times, as the Belles face competition of equal talent.
Leading Saint Mary's are seniors Megan Ramsey and Maureen Patchack, who continue to be the backbone of the team.
The two veterans hope to pull off victories in the 50-meter freestyle and the 200-meter individual medley, as they will face Chicago's Sonja Swanson and Emily Costa.
The race of the meet, however, will be in the 200-meter freestyle between Saint Mary's sophomore Kelly Nelis and Chicago's Deb Ayoub. Those women's races, at separate meets, were only separated by .3 seconds.
"Kelly (Nelis) was able to hit the same splits in practice as she did last week," Petcoff said. "But we need her to get out in the first half of the race and compete."
One of the toughest challenges Saint Mary's will face is Chicago's rising freshman Katharine Elam, who was third in the 1000-meter freestyle in a time of 11:38.99 seconds last weekend.
"Yang is someone a lot of us feel we need," Brey said. "She's been out there, and she's got a great opportunity.
But Saint Mary's cannot hold anything back if they expect to earn a victory this weekend.
"It is time to get ready, if we take our races too tentatively, that is not all right," Petcoff said. "We need to be the aggressive ones.
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Wisconsin at the Joyce Center Dec. 4.

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ACROSS

1. Eastern competitor (21)
   2. Regrettably (8)
   3. Dogma (6)
   12. "I figured it out!" (11)
   14. Split off from the band (8)
   15. Goes back to (6)
   16. Murdered his brother (12)
   17. Delusory recital piece (8)
   18. Research papers (7)
   19. Infuses with bubbles (8)
   22. Blessed (11)
   23. Tomakovsky ballet nites (14)
   24. After homework period (9)

DOWN

1. Sully (11)
   2. Words heard after an interruption (13)
   3. Vaudeville comedians (10)
   4. Liquor (9)
   5. Tour locale (8)
   6. Puppetry and ventriloquism, e.g. (11)
   7. Zane's Mobula _Soko (12)
   8. Without holding back (13)
   9. The Breakfast Club actor (12)
   10. Babble (9)
   11. Columnist (9)
   12. Brown bread (11)
   13. Gangster's gun (11)
   14. Trump with a cameo in "The First Wives Club" (12)
   15. Syrian leader (21)
   16. "The Mysterious Island" author (21)

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28. "Yum" (11)
29. Turner and others (12)
30. Crazes (13)
31. Throw in, as a question (13)
32. Love objects Santa (12)
33. Period of unrestricted activity (13)
34. Port of old Rome (9)
35. Commercial property holder, often (13)
36. Blackmail (11)
37. Goes downhill (13)
38. Antifur org. (11)
39. Commercial property holder, often (13)
40. Neighborhood (11)
41. Neighborhood (11)
42. Port of (11)
43. Antifur org. (11)
44. Fixed engine parts (9)
45. Liquid (9)
46. Square figures (11)
47. Number of letters (11)
48. "No more!" (8)
49. Walked (8)
50. "The Far Pavilions," e.g. (9)
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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Women face No. 23 Boston College

By HEATHER VAN HOOGARDEN
Sporn Writer

So much for enjoying a win. Just two days after defeating No. 16 Miami in Coral Gables, Fla., Notre Dame will face another ranked opponent, No. 23 Boston College, at the Joyce Center Saturday at noon. The Irish (12-7, 5-2 in the Big East) are 5-3 against ranked opponents this season.

The Golden Eagles (11-4, 3-3) are fresh off a 76-42 pounding of Providence Wednesday, where guard Amber Jacobs scored 18 points on 6-of-10 shooting.

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said stopping the guard trio of Jacobs, Jesalyn Deveny and Claire Dusech will be her team’s first priority.

“Boston College’s guards are just really good. They don’t beat themselves,” McGraw said.

Dusech comes off the bench to score 7.9 points per game. Those three are the center of an Eagles offense that shot 54 percent against Providence Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, the Irish will look to win their fifth straight game against a ranked opponent. Notre Dame has beaten Virginia Tech, Connecticut, Villanova and Miami since Jan. 10. Those wins have put Notre Dame in a tie for second place in the conference, with Miami and West Virginia at 5-2.

Connacht, whom Notre Dame defeated 66-51 on Jan. 13, leads the Big East at 6-1.

On Wednesday, Notre Dame faced a 16-1 Miami team averaging 75 points a game. But the Irish defense, which has suffocated opponents for the past three weeks, used a zone to hold the Hurricanes to a mere 50 points, including just 22 in the second half.

McGraw praised her team’s defense after the game but said she was even more excited about the performances of bench players Crystal Erwin, Katie Douglas and Megan Duffy.

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Muffet McGraw
Head coach

Irish head to nightmarish Rutgers

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Mike Brey has a dream. Actually, it’s more like a nightmare.

When Brey goes to bed at night, he has a flashback to Notre Dame’s journey to Rutgers last year. There, Brey watched Scarlet Knight guard Jerome Coleman hoist up 3-pointers after 3-pointer — and 4.6 assists a contest.

Devsey averages 16.1 points and 6.1 rebounds per game and Jacobs tallies 15.7 points and 4.6 assists a contest.

They’re not good basketball shots,” Brey said. “But they go in.

In that game, Coleman drained 7-of-12 3-pointers en route to helping Rutgers to a 95-82 win against Notre Dame a year ago. The Irish, who haven’t won in Piscataway, N.J., since Brey’s first year at Notre Dame, hope to avenge that loss Saturday.

The nationally ranked duo of senior Alicia Salas and sophomore Lauren Connelly garnered an 8-6 win at No. 5 over Michigan’s Elizabeth Exxon and Kavitha Tipparnen.

Faring better in singles, the Irish claimed victories with No. 4 Lauren Buescher defeating Exon 6-2, 6-4; No. 4 Connelly winning 6-4, 6-3 over Chrisisa Nolan, and No. 6 Statzky 6-7(3), 6-4, 5-7 triumphing over Nora Delicata.

The Irish look to secure victories this weekend and gain momentum for the rest of the season in meets against No. 47 Ohio State and No. 62 Wisconsin.

On Saturday, the Irish will challenge the Buckeyes, hoping to continue their eight-match winning streak.