University reviews security monitors’ effectiveness

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

Security monitors in female residence halls fear that a University review of their duties may eliminate their positions at the end of the year. Several monitors told The Observer that Notre Dame plans to re-examine the duties of female monitors in residence halls since co-education began in 1972.

Associate vice president of Residence Life Bill Kirk said that a committee composed of both external and internal officials — including officers from other universities — was formed to evaluate the monitors’ role in keeping the dorms safe. Based on the committee’s report, NDSF plans to make a recommendation on the future of the monitors to the Office of Residence Life and Housing in March.

"About five years ago we developed a strategic planning process that committed our department to examining all phases of our department for increasing efficiency and service," Rakow said in an e-mail. "With that in mind, this year we decided to review the whole issue of residence hall security monitors.

The internal review is part of a larger review that has been going on for several years that is looking at the future of the 23 female security monitors. Notre Dame has used security monitors in all of its female residence halls since co-education began in 1972.

Managing Editor. They step into their current positions at March 15. As Managing Editor, Downes will serve as assistant editor, while Hettler will serve as Assistant Managing Editor. They step into those roles on March 15.

The four tickets for Student Body President debate Sunday evening in the Carey Auditorium of Hesburgh Library. From left, Ryan Craft, Steve Lynch, Charlie Ebersol, James Leito, Mark Healy, Mike Healy, Karla Bell and Adam Istvan.

"Also, we're not running as freshmen," said Mark Healy. "We're running as a voice for everyone. We spent the year in the most important position of student government — as students."
INSIDE COLUMN

Sacred Ground

Knute Rockne would roll over in his grave. The proposed U2 and Bruce Springsteen concert would have hosted 65,000 screaming fans in the largest concert in Notre Dame history. It would have been the biggest name concert since U2 kicked off its Elevation tour on Oct. 10, 2001. I know the Stadium is the only venue on campus that can hold more than 15,000 participants, and bands want to go to locations with large audiences because the big crowds bring in more money. Unfortunately, that's just a fact of life that in South Bend, a city without a major professional sports team. I wish there was a venue of that size for students and local residents to experience large concerts of this type.

The concert would have been something I want to see more of on this campus - a major entertainment event I would be more likely to attend while in college. The combination of artists for this concert would have been awesome. I'm not debating that at all - U2 and the Boss, wow. I don't think any other campus could match a concert with that lineup. But it shouldn't be held in the Stadium. Regardless of what departments did or didn't give their stamp of approval on this potential concert, Notre Dame Stadium is there for one reason and one reason only - football. That might sound to some like a stupid opinion from the associate sports editor, but football is what brought the University to national prominence in the first half of this century and allowed it to evolve into the top-flight school it is today.

The concert wasn't supposed to interfere with any football events and supposedly no damage to the Stadium or the field would occur. I don't think that's the issue at hand. I'm more concerned about the decision made by any of the departments who could give approval or say no. That's my goal. I'll leave that to the letters to the editor in the Viewpoint section. I am actually applauding the ultimate decision for not letting a concert take place in the Stadium. A concert doesn't belong in the Stadium.

Notre Dame Stadium has seen 74 years of football, 373 games, seven national championships and countless moments that will give you goose bumps just talking about them. It was named one of the world's top 20 sporting venues of the 20th century by Sports Illustrated in 1999. That's why a concert doesn't belong in the Stadium.

It's sacred ground.

The views expressed in the Inside Columns are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

In today's issue of The Observer the headline "Housing survey not out" should read "Housing survey to be out" and the subtitle "Students sampled surveys about future of on-campus housing" should read "Students will be e-mailed surveys about future of on-campus housing." The Observer apologizes for the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDHOOD BOOK?

Anika Ayala, Junior, Welsh Family

"Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak.

Anne Ryckboest, Junior, Off-Campus

"The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein.

Kevin McCabe, Sophomore, Knott Hall

"Nauséa" by Jean-Paul Sartre.

Mike Subialka, Sophomore, Keenan

"The Witches" by Roald Dahl.

Sarah Sobzczak, Sophomore, Lewis

"Little House on the Prairie" by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Taylor Clary, Junior, Off-Campus

"The Polar Bear Express" by Edward Packard.

OFFBEAT

Robot dogs installed with social conscience

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — They sniff, wag their tails, fetch and run in packs. Inside their plastic and metallic skins, robotic dogs programmed by engineering students at Yale University even have a social conscience.

The mechanical canines, equipped with just about everything but a wet nose, are wired to sniff out toxic materials at former landfills and radioactive sites, providing environmental information about parks, school yards and other public spaces.

The robots have spurred toxic search projects in the United States, Europe and Australia. They are the brainchild of Natalie Jeremijenko, a lecturer in engineering at Yale and self-described technologist.

"Technology is a social actor," she said.

One hundred NY men seek right to wear skirts

NEW YORK — About 100 men in minis, midis and even tutus took to the streets of Manhattan to call for an end to the tyranny of trousers. "We're not transvestites, homosexuals or cross-dressers," David Johnson told the New York Times for Sunday editions. "We don't want you to call us Jean or Sally. We're men. Men who want the right to wear a skirt."

Johnson, a retired teacher from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and the other pants opponents walked several blocks from the Guggenheim Museum to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where they visited an exhibit called "Bravehearts: Men in Skirts."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Student body president and vice president elections will be held today. Voting can be conducted on-line at https://appa.nd.edu/elections nd begins at 8 a.m.

Interested students may attend an information session regarding funding opportunities for public interest research. The session will occur from 6 to 7 p.m. in 226 DeBartolo Hall.

As part of its Women's Concerns Week, Cavanagh Hall will sponsor a showing of the movie "Whale Rider" and hosting a post-film discussion. The viewing will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall 129.

Legends is sponsoring all-day speed dating tomorrow in preparation for Valentine's Day. Interested students may e-mail legends@nd.edu to sign up.

An information session from 6 to 7 p.m. in 117 Haggar Hall will feature three former CAPP graduates who will discuss post-graduate careers and the Computer Applications major. A question and answer session will follow.

As part of its International Film Series, International Student Services and Activities will show the film "Henrietta," starring Cat Blanchett. The movie will run from 7 to 9 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall 115.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observerweekly.edu.

LOCAL WEATHER

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Corrections
Difficulties with venue lead to cancellation of formal Saint Mary's promises to progam future events to replace college-wide dance

By ANGELA SAOUD

News Writer

The annual Saint Mary's All School Formal has been cancelled because of venue problems, according to Residence Hall Association president Shay Jolly. The formal was supposed to have occurred Feb. 21, but was cancelled three weeks before the dance. Jolly said because of the late cancellation, there was not enough time to rearrange the already-planned dance.

"With the dance being only two weeks away, and with Little Sibs weekend being this past weekend, we didn't have the time or the resources to create a fun dance that our students deserve," Jolly said.

"We want to assure students that we checked into other venues in the area, we checked everywhere we could, but nothing was available that would fit our needs."

Shay Jolly
president, Residence Hall Association

Two weeks ago, Saint Mary's students received two e-mails regarding the cancellation of the dance. The e-mails stated that the dance had been cancelled due to a problem with the location, and said that all venues within a 45-mile radius had been consulted. The e-mails also assured students that an alternate activity was being planned for later in the semester.

"We are going to rectify the situation," Jolly said. "We're planning an event for later in the semester. Whether it's going to be an All School Formal or another event, I can't say yet, but that information should be released by the end of this week. The event will most likely take place in March, Jolly said.

"The All School Formal has occurred in the past at such locations as The Century Center and Covelleski Stadium. The location of this year's dance was not released.

Despite the explanations, some students said they are saddened by the cancellation of the dance.

Sophomore Francesca Muscarello said she was disappointed, but recognizes that it is out of RHA's control.

"While the cancellation is a disappointment to all of us, people need to realize that the reasons for the cancellation were out of our control," Muscarello said.

"Place the blame upon those in charge is futile. I have confidence that the people in charge will do their best to redeem the unfortunate situation."

Jolly said she understood that some students had to change their plans due to the cancellation, but she also said she received an overwhelming number of negative e-mails.

"We did receive emails and complaints from some girls who are senior and people who won't go to the dance because of the cancellation, but it was a case of the dance got cancelled," Jolly said. "Overall, the feedback I've gotten has been very positive, and a lot of students told me that they don't care how well we handled the situation."

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Ethics week hosts Enron discussion

Ethics week is this week with the topic of the first presentation of the Ethical Week lecture series Monday through Thursday. Titled "Enron: A Multidimensional Examination of An Unethical Enterprise," the presentation will feature three Notre Dame faculty members and will begin at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Giovannini Commons of the Mendoza Center for Business.

Matthew Barnett, professor of law; Thomas Frecka, Vincent and Rose Lizzadro Professor of Accountancy; and James Seida, assistant professor of accountancy, will offer remarks on a panel discussion to be moderated by William Schwartz, dean of the School of Business at Indiana University-South Bend.

All Ethics Week events, which are free and open to the public, will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Giovannini Commons. Other topics and speakers are:

Feb. 16 - "Ethical Dimensions of Corporate Governance," presented by Barry Rigler, partner, Crowe Chizek
Feb. 18 — "Ethical Implications of Operating a Multinational Corporation," presented by John Gochwitz, general counsel, General Electric Supply
Feb. 19 — "Ethics: Crisis at a Bank," presented by Steve Waits, president and chief executive officer, Solycki Bank

All events feature free food and drink. Limited space is available for a workshop with Chuck Klosterman on Tuesday from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Email mshub63@nd.edu to reserve space. Sponsored by the SUB.

for more info: www.nd.edu/~sub
Debate
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Istvan-Bell stressed the experience they have had outside of student government as necessary in developing the right skills for leaders.

"We've earned our experience, we were volunteers. In Experience has become a huge issue, but I don't see why (our ticket) is so far away from that. It's about having the best personality as well as the best platform, and we've got that," said Istan.

As the only two candidates currently holding positions in student government, Ebersol and Leito often called attention to their knowledge of the intricacies of the structure and members of the campus leadership.

Student involvement in the process of student government was also a main issue, stemming from the Ebersol-Leito goal of putting a student on the Board of Trustees and taking open door policy that would give all students the opportunity to become involved in governing.

"The biggest complaint is that monitors don't have a voice in the administration," said Leito, defending the idea of a Board of Trustees student representative. "This was one of the issues we share concerns with the administration, and the administration can likewise share their concerns with the students," said Mark Healy.

Thomas said that her own relationship with the dorm's security monitor but was unsure of what the "fact-finding group" would conclude so far.

"I went to a session with some rectors and folks that came as objective observers and was asked to share the experiences of my security monitor, but I don't know where that fits in the big picture," she said. "Each rector had her own stories based on the length of time they'd had that monitor.

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Prof. Jeff Succo, a highly successful businessman and current member of the CAPP faculty, will then offer concluding remarks with his reflections and insights about CAPP and the business world.

A question/answer period and reception will follow. Please join us to discover how you can get the most out of CAPP or to learn more about becoming a CAPP major.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rumsfeld lauds Croatian gov't

ZAGREB, Croatia — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld praised the leaders of Croatia's new government Sunday and encouraged their pursuit of defense reforms designed to make the Balkan nation eligible for NATO membership.

In a three-hour visit, Rumsfeld also thanked the government for letting Mesic and other gov-

ernment officials for supporting the U.S.-led fight against terrorism. Croatia has a small contingent of military police in Afghanistan but it has not yet asked the Parliament to approve troops for Iraq.

At a joint news conference with Rumsfeld, Prime Minister Ivo Sanader said, "Croatia sees in the United States not only a friend and partner but also an ally." He also said his government supports President Bush's policy of pre-emptive military action to stop terrorists before they can strike.

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President Bush is scheduled to appear on a Sunday talk show this weekend. Bush said he was going to appear on NBC's "Meet the Press" to answer criticism from the administration's chief of staff, Steve Hadley, who recently suggested that administration officials may have been wrong about reasons the reports that there is no...  

National News

Two shootings occur minutes apart

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ohio — A van and a Mercedes were shot minutes apart Sunday on an interstate highway in a region where a series of 21 sniper shootings have occurred, investigators said.

The gunfire seems consistent with the sniper shootings along Interstate 77 south of Columbus, based on initial evidence, Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Marvin said. He did not link this weekend's two shootings to the serial sniper.

No one was injured in shootings that occurred in Sunday's shootings, which happened about 11:30 a.m. at Interstate 71 near Jeffersonville, about 40 miles south of Columbus, said Jerri Redfern, a dispatcher with the State Highway Patrol.

Rover takes microscopic images

LARGE DROPS of water found Sunday on the surface of Mars that scientists hope will answer questions about whether the rock could have developed a nuclear weapon.

"I do think America can stand by and hope for the best," the president said.

Asked about whether the rock could have formed in the country, and we'll find out.

The president said he remained confident in CIA Director George Tenet. Bush shook his head from side to side when asked if Tenet's job was in jeopardy.

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local news

Teacher charged with sex crime

FISHERS — A Hamilton Southeastern High School band teacher was charged Friday with raping a student, the school district said with a female student, authorities said.

Dimitri Alano, 39, faces five felony counts of sexual misconduct with a student.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Sonya Lea said in an interview with the Associated Press that the district had received a report regarding a possible sexual assault involving an older student.

Two Michigan state senator-tackled the Maine win and its modest margin, "I'm truly surprised," Kucinich said in a statement in which he said he was "truly surprised," presidential hopeful Wesley Clark told reporters Sunday.

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Kerry's campaign is getting ready to find Iraq's cache of weapons.

"They could have been destroyed during the war," Bush said.

Bush said there was a dictator who brutalized his own people.

"What we've got here is a president who simply doesn't want to be held accountable," presidential hopeful Wesley Clark told reporters Sunday.

Bush did not directly address election-year allegations that his administration exaggerated intel-

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Kerry takes Maine, sweeps weekend

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"There has been a great deal of talk in the past three weeks among members of the faculty and administration to reinvigorate the concert and see it through next spring," he said. "This is not some pipe dream." 

Hettler said the plan is effectively dead.

"The proposal remains off the table," he said. "I am not aware of any ongoing discussions toward resurrecting the idea, whether for 2005 or any other date."

The Nelson Mandela Foundation would have been the prime beneficiary of the event. The foundation sponsors efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, including public awareness and research initiatives.

Ebersol said the AFRIC epidemic in Africa merits the attention of students at Notre Dame and nationwide.

"It's important for students to take a much stronger and more educated stance on Africa and the black plague that is decimating an entire continent," he said. "This is the single most important thing I have ever or ever will work on at Notre Dame."

The concert's magnitude raised eyebrows in the administration.

Associate athletic director John Heisler said his office met with Ebersol to discuss the plan, but that the stadium location never received final approval.

"We're aware of [the proposal]," Heisler said. "But I don't know that we ever got to the point of these decisions being made."

Bob Zerr, director of risk management and safety, said his office would also be involved in approval for such a significant event. He said risk management officials met with Ebersol, and the office gave him specific recommendations.

"We laid out what he needed to do to get approval," Zerr said.

The overall budget for the production would have been about $1.25 million, Ebersol said. He said SUB had received nearly $1.5 million in pledges from several major corporations. The pledges would cover all expenses associated with the concert, Ebersol said.

"That would more than cover the cost of the event and afford us the ability to donate every dollar raised," he said.

In particular, SUB received a $1 million pledge from telecom giant AT&T.

Ebersol said he expected the 50,000-seat concert would sell out easily, raising millions for the charities.

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U.S., Australia ink trade pact

Agreement will increase food trade, eliminate tariffs on manufactured goods

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States and Australia reached a free-trade agreement Sunday that officials say will eliminate duties from more than 99 percent of manufactured exports to Australia.

The deal, which requires congressional approval, also will boost most agricultural trade between the two countries on products ranging from beef to fruit to macadamia nuts.

One notable exception is sugar, where current rules will remain unchanged. American sugar producers had lobbied hard against opening U.S. markets to more Australian sugar, and U.S. officials were unwilling to risk an election-year backlash despite pressure from Australia.

The agreement also calls for lengthy phase-in periods to increase Australian beef and dairy exports, responding to pressure from U.S. dairy farmers, and cattle ranchers who had complained that a flood of cheaper Australian products could cost thousands of jobs.

On the Australian side, the deal removes tariffs on more than 97 percent of exports to the United States, such as timber and apples. The agreement also opens a second stream of imports from Australia to roam the United States.

The agreement also does little to open Australian markets to U.S. pharmaceuticals, a key Australian concern.

Officials from both countries played down any pledges, instead highlighting the agreement as a landmark achievement that should bring already-close buddies even closer.

The deal is the first U.S.-Australian free-trade agreement with a developed country since one with Canada in 1988, five years before the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement that linked the United States, Canada and Mexico.

At a joint news conference Sunday, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick and Australian Trade Minister Mark Vaile said the agreement could boost manufacturing in both countries by billions of dollars.

Zoellick called the deal "the most significant immediate cut in industrial tariffs ever achieved in a U.S.-free-trade-agreement." Australia, the United States' 13th largest export market, buys more goods from the United States than from any other country. The U.S. economy has a $9 billion surplus in two-way trade that totaled about $28 billion in 2002. After almost a year's negotiation, the deal was struck Saturday after a telephone call between President Bush and Australia's prime minister, John Howard.

"The president talked to the prime minister about how it was time to get this deal done for both countries, how it would be good for both countries, how dairy was a concern," Zoellick said.

Australia also will boost most agricultural trade to the United States by billions of dollars. Among those benefiting would be aircraft, autos and auto parts, machinery, computers, chemicals and wood and paper products.

Australian exports to the United States also will grow, largely in light commercial vehicles, auto parts and agriculture.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, left, meets Australian Trade Minister Mark Vaile in Washington Sunday. After three weeks of tough negotiations, the two countries signed a trade deal that will eliminate tariffs on most manufactured goods.
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U.S. unable to seize suspected assets

Officials lack evidence to tie bank accounts to Saddam Hussein

Associated Press

BERN — The United States believes it has found at least $300 million Saddam Hussein hid in banks, yet doesn't have enough evidence to get countries such as Syria and Switzerland to hand over the money, U.S. and European officials told The Associated Press.

The funds at stake could go to the Iraq insurgency or the country's reconstruction — depending on who gets it first. What troubles investigators more is that much of Saddam's cash may already be gone.

The weak U.S. intelligence and the slow-moving investigation, now in its 11th month, have given suspects more than enough time to empty accounts and possibly transfer some funds to Iraq's insurgency, which has hatched hundreds of American lives, officials involved in the search said.

Treasury investigators have been quick to identify leads in the hunt but have been scrambling to come up with solid evidence that could hold up in a court or get the approval of a U.N. sanctions committee.

Much to the frustration of the Bush administration, countries that acted quickly on relatively weak evidence involving al-Qaida funds have been unwilling to do the same on Iraq, partly because of growing doubts about the quality of U.S. intelligence.

For months, Swiss officials have asked Washington to provide more information on an account belonging to a Panamanian-registered front company that U.S. officials believe is tied to the former Iraqi regime. The account contains an equivalent of $80 million and U.S. officials are still trying to gather enough information for the Swiss to act.

Were the account held in a U.S. bank, federal authorities wouldn't need any more evidence than they already have because the Patriot Act, passed after Sept. 11, 2001, gives them expanded powers of search and seizure.

"We know a lot of countries cannot use intelligence information the way we can use it now," said Juan Zarate, the Treasury Department's deputy assistant secretary for terrorist financing and financial crimes.

With the approval of a U.N. sanctions committee, the U.S. special envoy to Iraq, Paul Wolfowitz, has declined to comment on the possible change in the Hussein's route.

He said the United States has no problem with the concept of a security barrier, but Washington objects to its planned route because of the disruption it has caused to Palestinians.

The barrier, which is about one-quarter built, reaches deep into the West Bank in some areas, restricting Palestinian movement and preventing residents from reaching jobs, farm and social services.

Shoval said the changes in the route would be around Qalqilya, a West Bank town near to Israel. The town is largely encircled by the barrier.

Israel wants to "make things as easy as possible for Palestinians who need to get to their fields (and) to have fewer checkpoints," Shoval said.

He said changes would be made around other Palestinian communities as well. He said this could include taking down or moving concrete barriers that have already been built.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Salam Fayyad, head of the Palestinian Authority will oppose the barrier if it infringes "even one centimeter" on lands Palestinian want for a future state.

"If they want to build a wall, they must build it on the Green Line," Shobaki said, referring to the boundary that existed before Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the 1967 Mideast war.
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Gay marriage opponents gather in Mass.

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boisterous opponents of same-sex marriage sang, cheered and chanted Sunday at a rally to build support for a state constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

The demonstration on the Boston Common, a short distance from the Massachusetts Statehouse, broke out into chants of "Let the people vote!" while demonstrators held aloft banners with phrases such as "Marriage, ancient, sacred," and "Repeat or perish!" Police estimated the crowd at 2,000 people.

Archbishop Sean O'Malley of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston said the rally was not about "hate mongering," but about defending marriage laws.

We are here because we are concerned about marriage and about family," he told the cheering crowd. "Good strong marriage and family are good for our country, for society."

Massachusetts' highest court, the Supreme Judicial Court, ruled 4-3 in November that same-sex couples had a right under the state constitution to the benefits of marriage.

This past week it ruled by the same ratio that only marriage — not civil union — would satisfy its initial decision.

The court gave the Legislature a mid-May deadline to comply with its ruling. Legislators, meanwhile, are meeting Wednesday for a constitutional convention to consider an amendment banning gay marriage, but 2006 is the soonest voters could approve such an amendment.

Demonstrator Ed Zicko, 69, acknowledged that gay marriage could become the law before residents in the state have a chance to vote on it. "We'll just have to wait for that time to vote, unless they find some way to delay it, which I hope they can," Zicko said.

He said he came to the rally because marriage is a tradition going back thousands of years and "I think people should have the opportunity to vote on it."

During the rally, several hundred supporters of gay marriage demonstrated loudly at the Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Paul across the street.

A poll released Sunday by Merrimack College's Center for Public Opinion Research suggested that support for gay marriage may be slipping, and support for legalizing civil unions growing.

Of 501 adults interviewed by phone in late January and early February, 33 percent said the state should recognize gay marriages, compared to 37 percent in November. The margin of error was 4.5 percentage points.

Gay marriage opponents win big at Grammys

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Balladeer Luther Vandross, recovering from a stroke, won four Grammys Sunday including song of the year for "Don't You Know It's Love," and Beyonce earned a recording setting five new records.

OutKast won album of the year for "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below" at the 49th annual ceremony televised by CBS on a five-minute delay to avoid anything like Janet Jackson's Super Bowl flash.

Beyonce's self-scripted show devoid of outrageousness or spontaneity — a marked contrast to today's pop scene — Jackson's breast-baring at the hands of a colleague, partner Justin Timberlake remained the major subplot, as CBS and Jackson offered conflicting reports about why she was not at the show.

"I know it's been a rough week on everybody," said Timberlake, stiffness a self-deprecating laugh while accepting the best male pop vocal performance award for "Cry Me a River." He brought his mother as his date. "What occurred was unintentional, completely regrettable, and I apologize if you guys are offended."

Vandross won for best song, best R&B album and best male R&B performance for "Dance With My Father"; and best R&B performance by a duo or group with vocals for "The Closer I Get to You," a remake he did with Beyonce.

He was unable to attend, but sent a videotaped message, his first public remarks since his April 2003 stroke. "I wish I could be with you there tonight, I want to thank everyone for your love and support," said Vandross, looking Vandross. "And remember, when I say goodbye it's not for long because — and he sang — "I believe in the power of love," Beyonce tied a record for female artists with five awards, but won one of the top categories of song, record or album of the year.

The moody British rock band Coldplay, up against four hip-hop nominees for record of the year, won for their song "Clocks."

Rockers Evanesence won best new artist in an upset over rapper 50 Cent — who briefly walked onstage as Evanesence accepted their award.

"Thank you, 50," said Evanesence's Amy Lee as the rap star smiled for the camera.

Evanesence's "Leave on the Air" was one of the top categories of song, record or album of the year.

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Diversity comes through dialogue

Over the past two weeks, you have witnessed Notre Dame students, faculty and alumni use The Observer as a means to express their very passionate views and perspectives on the issues of affirmative action and diversity. On one end of the spectrum, there are some who feel affirmative action policies are simply a mode of expression of all opinion through their desire to reverse discrimination, over-emphasizing race and failing to help those minority students most in need of assistance. On the other, there are those who maintain that affirmative action is a necessary policy to address the biased social, economic and political structures in America that seek to truncate minority ascension in educational and occupational fields.

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The Observer

Mon., Feb. 16, 18. This week will include a debate between current faculty members who will be sharing both sides of this sensitive issue, followed by a question-and-answer session. We ask that you stop by and enjoy the debate.

Greg Parnell is a Sophomore Plan student.

Walter Bagehot economist

"It was government by discussion that broke the bond of ages and set free the originality of mankind."

有一位人士被指称是“改变世界的天才”，他就是中国女经济学家张五常。他的文章《改变世界的天才》在中国知识界引起了广泛关注。该文通过张五常对经济学的批判和创新，展示了他对经济学的深刻见解。

张五常认为，经济学的目的是要解决社会经济与政治问题，而这些问题往往是复杂的，需要对各种因素进行深入分析。他强调，经济学不仅要关注市场和利润，还要考虑人类情感、社会关系等因素。

张五常通过具体的例子，展示了经济学在不同领域中的应用。例如，他分析了中国城市化进程中的问题，指出城市的扩张不仅会带来经济效益，还会对环境和社会造成影响。

张五常还对西方经济学进行了反思，指出它过于注重市场和利润，而忽视了社会和环境因素。他认为，经济学应该更加注重人类的福祉，关注社会的公平和正义。

总之，张五常的文章为经济学的未来指明了方向，他以其独到的见解和深刻的洞察力，不仅对中国经济学界产生了重要影响，而且对全球经济学界也有深远的启示意义。
### Letters to the Editor

**Debating the effects of ‘Monologues’**

*Play promotes further violence against women*

Mike Marchand

I am a graduate student in electrical engineering and a concerned father of three girls. I am concerned that those who call themselves Vagina Monologues (‘TVM’), are unaware that they are helping Planned Parenthood. By attending TVM they are providing free advertising for Eire Nester’s text. TVM should concentrate their efforts on educating the public and on exposing the facts of the sales of TVM text go directly to the V-Day foundation. One of my many controversial beneficiaries of these donations is Planned Parenthood (see back of TVM V-Day edition).

Although VDF purports to end violence against women, they seem to be blinding the greatest victimizer of women, abortion. There is evidence that as many as nine out of ten abortion oriented women will choose to keep their babies when shown an ultrasound. Abortion clinics hide the truth as they fight to end life-affirming ultrasound and succeed in California’s courts.

As a result, roughly 20 million American women, who would have chosen life, suffer needlessly from the physical and emotional scars from their abortions. Was all this deceit and carnage due to Roe? No, the defendant in this case was her child for adoption. Mr. Justice Briben was frequently noted. The Court’s statement of facts in this case makes clear, however, that the record in no way indicates the presence of such a pastriff. What, then, has led us down a path to make a woman’s womb a target for death?

The answer is clear. Why does anyone want to discount the teachings of our Pope and the Church? Those who profet from selling sin will go bankrupt. Planned parenthood has over $3.0 billion of tax payers dollars to lose. With abortions throughout the world totaling over 46 million annually, an industry conservatively stated to lose $30 billion if ultrasound are provided to abortion-oriented women.

I would like to propose an alternate event to rally the student body to end violence against women: Victory Day, this Feb. 14. “Victory of the blessed Virgin Mary over Violence Insitilled on the Womb.”

In order to aid Our Lady this day we can:

1. Attend reconciliation (4 to 5 p.m. at the Crypt).
2. Attend the 5 p.m. mass at the Crypt and pray for a woman who has been victimized by abortion.
3. Recite the Rosary at the Grotto (6:45 p.m.).
4. Send a donation to the Women’s Care Center.

5. Support legislation to require abortion clinics to provide life-informative ultrasound to their clients.

Let’s start with the NFL, a self-promotion (her new single is out now, from her album to be released March

**Conversation is necessary for healing**

Little has appeared in Viewpoint about why many subjects in "The Vagina Monologues" — however offensive to younger brothers — must be discussed. "Telling the story" is how we control and control our own sexuality. Eire Nester herself was abused as a child, and now "Monologues" gives others unpreced­ented permission to talk and heal.

Maybe my story can provide a new perspec­tive. I was molested by older teenage boys, at 14 and 15. That pain poisoned my trust and hurt the innocence of my worldview. It’s taken five years — sobbing cathartically last year — to let in the air, blessed with amazing friendships — to recover to where I talk openly about those shadows which swal­lowed too deep. So many women (and men) have been used for their bodies. You know it. I know it.

But now I know: almost-aggressive-joy (as in "My Short Skirt") is exactly that confidence we desire to have in the beauty and power of our bodies, saying, "This va-va-voom is not your fault. You must start your trust and love to merit my freely gifted power.

Sexual self-possession isn’t an endpoint; real love is mutual self-gift. But that short-skirt, radiant self-confidence is a prophetic sign of when we won’t fear or wield our body’s power and thus love without jealousy or greed. Whether starting with the Monologues or Pope John Paul II’s “Theology of the Body,” my point remains: we need to start talking about our bodies, about the damage that has been done and the wholeness which can bloom from these experiences.

Ideally, no one would feel the need to stand on stage and shout that women should be respected as self-realizing individuals. But it’s a place to start the serious conversa­tions. Listen to the real issues behind the entertainment. And they’re supposed to be there. It’s sacred literature. If you don’t read Swift’s "A Modest Proposal" and then eat Irish babies, seriously. One in four women will be sexu­ally abused by the time she leaves college. Please. Listen. Think. Ask. Pray. Be not afraid to talk. See the mosaic, chiroscuro reality of post-Ibiza, post-Easter sexuality. And let’s start making ours a culture where the darkness of fear dissolves into light: a culture of life.
New faces in the Notre Dame Literary Festival

After 36 years as the Sophomore Literary Festival, the Notre Dame Literary Festival has adopted a new name and six new acclaimed authors to campus.

By KATIE WAGNER
Scene Writers

Six well-known and talented authors have come to campus this week for the 37th annual Notre Dame Literary Festival. This six-day celebration of literature consists of six interactive presentations by distinguished writers, a writer’s workshop, a special lecture called “theology on tap” and a showcase of students’ writing during Thursday night’s Acousticafe.

All of the writers’ lectures are followed by catered receptions. The bookstore will be selling some of each writer’s works during the receptions for some of these writers to stick around campus for a few days after their lectures to visit some of Notre Dame’s classes. This aspect of the festival is brand new this year thanks to the efforts of sophomore Mike Subialka, chairman of the festival.

Another major change that Subialka and his committee have made in the festival is to officially change the festival’s name from the Sophomore Literary Festival to the Notre Dame Literary Festival. This was a huge project, since the festival were impossible val aren’t usually easy to contact.

“While the name does have its history, it is all kind of misleading and has caused a lot of friction for the festival in the past,” Subialka said about the name of the festival. “As with everything at Notre Dame, there’s always red tape, but in the end it all worked out.”

Subialka said about his experiences with instigating this change, “With the name does have historical significance, it is all kind of misleading and has caused a lot of problems for the festival in the past.”

By changing the festival’s name students and administrators hope to put an end to the formerly popular held belief that the festival is only meant for sophomores. Members of Notre Dame’s junior classes all worked on a committee to create this year’s festival.

The writers Helena Maria Viramontes, critically acclaimed short story writer and novelist, kicked off the festival Sunday afternoon. She read selections from some of her works in the Reekers Hospitality room and led a discussion session in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Not only do attendees of the festival get to hear some of their favorite writers read and lecture and enjoy some high quality snacks, but they also have the chance to speak to these authors one-on-one. This is a rare opportunity, since writers as famous as those featured in this festival aren’t usually easy to contact.

Some of the authors in the festival were impossible to contact directly. In order to get in touch with some of the writers in the festival, Subialka first had to speak to their agents. Although some agents were excited to have their writers participate in the festival, others were not interested.

“All they are really interested in is the money,” said Subialka. “Since we’re working on a limited budget, it’s been difficult to find authors.”

Subialka started his search by working with junior Taylor Clary, co-chairman of the Literary Festival. To come up with a list of all the authors that they wanted to see in the festival.

“At the very beginning it was like putting together a wish list,” said Subialka.

Ultimately, Subialka and Clary narrowed down the list to six authors, based on which authors they felt would be most appropriate for the festival and on the availability of the authors on their list. Although the committee could not offer the women. She also writes short stories and novel projects. She is most noted for her work as a professor of English at the University of Colorado. Jim Shepard, the guest speaker, writes novels, short stories, and essays. His work has been featured in Harper’s, The New Yorker, and The Paris Review. He is also a professor of English at the University of Colorado. On Monday at 7:30 p.m. in DeBartolo 141 Jennifer Sanders, author of A Tempered Faith - the riveting story of her journey through despair after the death of her husband in terrorist attacks on 9/11 - will give a powerful multimedia presentation at 10:00 p.m. in the LaFortune Acoustic Cafe. Sanders will be joined by student artists and authors who will be reading from their own works.
Dame Literary Festival al, the Notre Dame Literary Festival welcomes campus to discuss writing and social issues

authors much money, several were still excited to participate. "The authors feel like it's a chance to give their knowledge to the students," Clary said.

A few writers are interested in getting their authors' names out there and to connect with the college population," said Subialka.

Overcoming the initial struggles to find the best authors to participate in the festival, the committee ultimately decided on a notable group of six very different writers. With the help of their committee and a few members of the Notre Dame faculty, Subialka and Clary have worked very hard to make this year's festival appealing to students as well as majors, by including writers that deal with several different aspects of American culture and society. The festival features famous published authors who have really been a big hit in the world of literature.

Viramontes, the first featured author, writes about politics, religion, and sexuality and has devoted a great deal of her writing to the significance of women and migrant workers' need for equality. "Under the Feet of Jesus," one of her very famous works, is dedicated to Cesar Chavez, the founder and leader of the migrant workers' protests in the United States. Viramontes' writing has made her a major voice for Chicana women. In many of her works, she describes the daily problems that society and culture create for these women. She also emphasizes Chicana women's domestic struggles. She is most noted for her short story writing, and she is an assistant professor of English at Cornell University.

Jim Shepard, the festival's second guest speaker, writes science fiction novels, short stories, and poetry. His work has been featured, among other places, in The New Yorker, Harper's, and The Paris Review. Shepard currently teaches at Williams College in Massachusetts.

On Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room above South Dining Hall, Chuck Klosterman, the pop-culture essayist and senior writer for SPIN magazine will be discussing some of his works. Klosterman writes many essays that Thursday humor to share his takes on popular television shows, musical artists, bands, celebrities and other aspects of the media. Klosterman gained his first real recognition from his publication of "Fargo Rock City: A Heavy Metal Odyssey in Rural North Dakota" in 2001. The book is a comic defense of hair metal.

In this novel and in a lot of his other writings, Klosterman uses humor to speak about pop-culture. He will be running a writer's workshop focusing on memoir writing on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Foster Room in LaFortune.

Klosterman is also known for "Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs: A Low Culture Manifesto," a collection of essays about pop-culture. "He has a really engaging writing style that I think people are really drawn to," said Clary.

On Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room, Alisa Valdez-Rodriguez will be reading some of her works, lecturing, and holding a discussion. She is a former journalist for the Boston Globe and the L.A. Times, but quit the journalism business to be a novelist. Her New York Times bestselling novel "The Dirty Girls Social Club," published in 2003, is currently being made into a film. Rodriguez has emphasized the issue of sexism as one of the themes of her writing.

Frances Sherwood, award-winning fiction writer and English professor at Indiana University-South Bend, will speak on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room. Her novel "Vindication" was placed on the New York Times list of notable fiction in 1993 and on the Publishers Weekly list of top novels. She has published two other novels and writes short stories as well.

On the same night at 10 p.m. in Legends, Jennifer Sands will give a lecture entitled "Theology on Tap." Sands lost her husband Jim during the September 11 terrorist attacks. Her novel "A Tempered Faith: Rediscovering Hope in the Ashes of Loss" explains how she was able to regain her faith after this tragedy. Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in room 141 DeBartolo, Sands will be speaking about her writing and holding a discussion. Her reception will be held in the DeBartolo atrium immediately following her lecture.

The festival will conclude with readings by Notre Dame writers as part of Acousticafe. This session of Acousticafe will be held in LaFortune's basement between 7 p.m. and midnight on Thursday.

All events in the festival are free. Students invited to participate in Klosterman's writers' workshop can e-mail Taylor Clary at clary@nd.edu.

Contact Katie Wagner at kwagner@nd.edu

WORKS BY AUTHORS ATTENDING ND LITERARY FESTIVAL

SEX, DRUGS, AND COCOA PUFFS

CHUCK KLOSTERMAN

AUTHOR OF FARGO ROCK CITY

In another cultural hit, Chuck Klosterman examines pop culture from reality television to the Dixie Chicks.

The Dirty Girls Social Club tells the stories of six Latina women who first met at Boston University. As the girls get older, their particular voices and virtues shine through in their lives take.

VIRAMONTES

Helena Viramontes, a spokesperson for Chicana women, develops her deep concern with women and migrant worker's rights in Under the Feet of Jesus.
NBA

Miller leads Pacers to 97-91 win over Heat

Guard nails five 3-pointers, scores 15

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller scored 15 of his 20 points in the second half and Indianapolis native Ron Artest added 19 as the Miami Heat lost to the Indiana Pacers 97-91 Sunday.

In the fourth quarter, Miller was 3-for-3 from the field, hit two free throws and Johnson finished off the heat with four straight free throws in the final 38 seconds.

Miller's efficient scoring set up a final in which Utah without Al Jefferson, who had 25 points and 13 rebounds, beat Denver 88-83.

Joseph Johnson was the top reserve for the Pacers with 18 points, scores 15 and 12 rebounds and scored 15 points — his most since coming in a crucial run that helped Memphis end the Timberwolves' 14-game home winning streak with a 99-98 victory.

Miller, who had 18 points and six assists.

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo is expecting his team to keep improving.

A 3-pointer from the right corner gave the Pacers a 16-14 lead with under 5:56 remaining after Askia Cotton hit a 3-pointer from halfcourt out of bounds with 13.9 seconds remaining to give the Heat a 98-97 lead.

But Memphis scored the next six points, on two Mike Miller free throws and consecutive hook shots by Gasol, the second after Gasol was stripped of an inbounds pass by Earl Watson.

"We tried to be more aggressive with my scoring," Gasol said. "I've been a little hot up until I'm feeling better and I feel like I'm playing better."
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VooDoo win first ever game

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — John Fitzgerald threw four touchdown passes to help the New Orleans VooDoo beat his former team, the Philadelphia Soul 42-34 Sunday in the first Arena Football League game for both expansion franchises.

Soul owner Ben Joel and guitarist Richie Sambora, who holds a 2-percent stake in the team, mingled with Bill Belichick and Doug Flutie before the game, which drew 17,484.

The VooDoo trailed at the half, but Fitzgerald threw two touchdown passes in the third quarter to lead the New Orleans to a 54-28 victory over twice on downs, and a field-goal attempt was blocked.

In a relatively low-scoring game belying what is jokingly called hockey's dead-puck era, 43-year-old Mark Messier turned back the clock and Joe Sakic scored three goals, but the Dragons-dominated in the Eastern Conference's 6-4 victory over the Western Conference.

"There's no question he deserved to be here," Rangers teammate Jaromir Jagr said of Messier, whose selection was questioned for being more sentimental than reflective of his current skills.

Despite the big games by players (Messier and Sakic) with a combined 39 seasons of NHL experience, it was only the second All-Star game with fewer than 10 goals in the last 12 seasons. Nine goals were scored in 1996.

Only two goals were scored in the first period against goalies Martin Brodeur of the East and Marty Turco and in the third against the East's Roberto Luongo and the West's Dwayne Roloson as all four made a series of exceptional saves.

"I thought it was high tempo, it was quick out there, but the goaltending was great," the West's Jarome Iginla said. "It could have been a really high-scoring game if they weren't so good."

Not likely. Though the final score would be a shootout by today's standards in a sport where scoring had dropped by 2 1/2 goals per game in the last 12 years to an average of five per game, it was far below that of the 16-goal average of the last 14 All-Star games. Only three years ago, North America beat the World All-Stars by the football-like score of 14-12 in Denver, a game derided by hockey purists as being more like a home run derby than a real game.

On Saturday, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said the league's general manager and a league-wide committee will look at ways to pump up the offense.

"I think we can make a lot of changes, but we're never going to have the scoring we once did and today is proof of it," Messier said. "I think a 4-4 All-Star game with that many chances, you can take out every red line and blue line in the game and you're never going to have the goal scoring that we had in the 90s."

This game actually had some contact and some checking, a rarity in a mostly hitting-free game in which the last thing any player wants to do is get hurt.

After the East's Jeremy Roenick delivered a hard check on the West's Keith Tkachuk during the first period, Tkachuk responded by slamming Roenick into the boards, drawing one of the few big ovations from the sellout crowd of 19,434.
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Irish show depth in win over Boilermakers

By KATES GALES
Sports Writer

From the beginning, Irish coach Bobby Baylis has cited the depth of this year's team as his biggest asset. He has strong singles players such as freshman Ryan Keckley, the nation's No. 11 Buffaloes. Haddock was representing Irish came out strong in doubles and continued their effective play through the singles matches.

Irish dominated the first half, shooting 59 percent. They made four straight 3-pointers, two by Dutton, and went on a 14-4 run to lead by 16. "I think that segment right there shows how horrible our defense was," Colorado center Tera Bjorklund said. "They were coming off one screen, shooting a 3 and drilling it." The Buffaloes went into halftime up 41-30, Colorado. Colorado made 11 points and 10 rebounds. Randell Wirz and Veronica Johns-Richardson added 10 points each.

Wecker returns the favor at home before 14,363 fans, the largest crowd in Carrier Dome history. With the win, Kansas State (18-4, 7-2) in the Big Ten, which hadn't lost since a 13-point defeat on the road against then-No. 14 North Carolina on Dec. 30. Kansas State won the first matchup of the season 75-56 on Jan. 22 in State College, Pa. But Minnesota, ranked 13th, returned the favor at home before 14,363 fans, the largest crowd in Carrier Dome history. The Lady Lions took their final lead on a Reicina Russell jump shot that put Penn State ahead 45-44 with 9:56 to play. Over the next three minutes, Penn State returned the favor. The Gophers went on a 12-2 run that featured two driving layups by Whalen and a pair of three-point plays by McCarrville, the last one giving Minnesota a 56-47 lead.

The Gophers surged early, taking an 11-2 lead before Penn State could get back in the game. The Gophers are 5-0 in the Big Ten. "We're up 5-0 and we're going to play the best we can," said Springbank coach John Foster. "It's not going to get any harder than this." The Gophers are 12-2 in the Big Ten. The Gophers are 5-0 in the Big Ten. "We're up 5-0 and we're going to play the best we can," said Springbank coach John Foster. "It's not going to get any harder than this." The Gophers are 5-0 in the Big Ten.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Flying Dutch soar over Belles

Hope drills Saint Mary's by 20 points

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

On Wednesday, Saint Mary's fell by 23 points to 20th-ranked Hope in a second-place team rivalry. Calvin, in their worst loss of the season. Things didn't turn around much when they played division leader Hope on Saturday.

In the 92-72 loss, Hope outscored Saint Mary's by 18 points in the first half and the Belles could never recover.

Hope was led by a balanced scoring attack as five players reached double digits for the Flying Dutch. Aedelynn Vilmann had 15 points, Linda Ebels had 14, Brisa Ebels scored 13, Ellen Wood scored 12 and Kelly Taylor tallied 11 points for Hope. Linda Ebels was 7-of-9 from the floor and added nine rebounds for Hope.

Saint Mary's has now dropped two games in a row in disappointing fashion after ending their seven-game losing streak against MIAA opponents in their Feb. 2 win over Olivet.

Saint Mary's fought back in the second half, only being outscored 45-43. But the first half margin was too large for an Irish comeback, falling by 23 points to the MIAA's.

Saint Mary's will be back in action when they host Augustana on Monday, Feb. 9.

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Saint Mary's Emily Creachbaum passes earlier this season.

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team recorded their seventh winning season in nine years as the Irish (8-7) hummed past the Ohio Northern Oakies (9-6) on Saturday.

Cleveland State and Oakland, 145-96 and 183-100, respectively, in a pair of separate dual meets at the Rolls Aquatic Center this weekend.

"Irish coach Tim (Webb) had us prepared pretty well going into this weekend," freshman Ted Brown said. "We came in focused knowing we were leaving the last two dual meets of the season, so we could end up with a winning record.

The Irish had no trouble taking care of the VBs (9-3) for the ninth consecutive year and 17th time in their last 18 meetings, notching the top three spots in four of the meet's first eight events and ultimately winning eight of 13 overall events.

Sophomore Patricia Davis (200-yard individual medley, 200-yard breaststroke) led the charge for the Irish, posting a pair of first place finishes for the second straight meet. Brown (1,000-yard freestyle) and Scott Cogle (3-meter board), sophomores Chris Barnes (100-yard freestyle), junior Frank Krakowski (100-yard freestyle), senior Matt McBride (200-yard butterfly) and Scott Cogle (3-meter board) all contributed with victory.

Less than 24 hours after defeating Cleveland State, the Irish were back in the water and were buoying apart Oakland (5-4). Claiming 12 of the meet's 16 events and sweeping the top three spots in four of the first five individual races, the Irish quickly turned the typically hotly-contested Oakland meet into a laugher.

Cogle (1 and 3-meter board), Brown (200-yard freestyle), Keelman (100-yard butterfly), Bauman (100-yard backstroke), Hope freshman Brian Freeman (200-yard breaststroke) and Justin Barber (100-yard individual medley), sophomores Patrick Davis (1,000-yard freestyle) and Patrick Heffernan (200-yard butterfly) and junior J.R. Teddy (500-yard freestyle) all recorded individual event victories in the region.

The No. 21 women's squad wrapped up another successful regular season with a 176-117 dual meet triumph over Oakland in the Rolls Aquatic Center on Saturday.

"I think as a whole, everyone swam really well," freshman Abigail Strag said. "We were just trying to work on our racing and our races correctly going into Big East.

Beginning with a victory in the 200-yard medley relay, the Irish (8-2) never looked back, ultimately winning 12 events on the afternoon.

Freshmen Katie Carroll (200-yard freestyle), Ellen Johnson (100-yard backstroke) and Strang (1,650-yard freestyle), sophomore Courtney Chours (100-yard breaststroke), junior Kelli Barton (200-yard breaststroke), 500-yard freestyle) and seniors Lisa Garcia (200-yard butterfly), Megan Perry Eaton (1-3 and 3-meter board) and Marie Labosky (200-yard backstroke, 200-yard individual medley) all turned in individual victories.

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NOTRE DAME 145, CLEVELAND STATE 96

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400 medley relay: Doug Baumg, Tim Randolph, Tim Kegelman, Frank Krakowski (ND), 3:46.6 1,000 freestyle: Doug Baumg, Tim Kegelman, Frank Krakowski (ND), 9:52.0 200 freestyle: Matt O'Brien (ND), 1:46.0 200 breaststroke: Peter Parker (CS), 2:15.55 200 breaststroke: Peter Parker (CS), 2:15.55 50 freestyle: Chris Barnes (ND), 21.27 500 freestyle: Chris Barnes (ND), 21.27 500 freestyle: Kevin Thomasman (CS), 1:46.22 400 freestyle relay: Warren Vickers, Adam Weasley, Chris Barnes, Kevin Thomasman (ND), 3:05.44 3-meter diving: John Jones (CS), 276.38 3-meter diving: Scott Clyde (CS), 277.58

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**Tennis**

U.S. Davis Cup team sweeps Austria

Andy Roddick of the United States returns a shot against Stefan Koubeck of Austria during the first round of Davis Cup play. Roddick helped the U.S. team complete a 5-0 sweep of Austria.

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**In Brief**

Track worker killed by race car

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — A worker at Daytona International Speedway was struck and killed by a paraplegic driver going more than 100 mph during a race for compact cars Sunday.

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"Basically it was just one of those games where we couldn’t catch a break," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We had a lot of shots that would normally go down that just didn’t seem to fall today." Notre Dame's leading scorer Jacqueline Batteast was hampered by foul trouble, and was limited to only nine points on 3-15 shooting. La’Tania Severe also scored nine points, and Courtney LaVere added eight off the bench.

"I thought we played pretty good defense, but our offense really struggled today," McGraw said. In the first half, the Irish went on a 10-0 run, led by two power moves by Crystal Erwin, to put them up 14-10 with 11:50 remaining in the half. They extended the lead to 11-3, before extended the lead to 21-13, the biggest lead of the game, before finishing the half with a 23-17 lead.

However, the second half was another story, as the game went back and forth. The Irish gained a 33-29 lead on a three-point play by Severe. But Seton Hall hit two free throws to put them ahead 41-40 with 4:40 remaining. Ashley Bush (nine points, six rebounds, five steals), scored on a drive to put the Pirates ahead 43-41 with 3:21 left. Batteast then hit one of two free throws with 2:11 remaining to cut the lead to one. But Brown was too much, as she hit a 14-foot jumper with 43 seconds left and the shot clock winding down. Seton Hall's Melissa Langelier (13 points) made four free throws in the final 25 seconds to seal the win.

For the Pirates, it was their first win over a top-25 opponent since 1994 when they defeated then-No. 25 Texas in the NCAA Tournament. "Give a lot of credit to Seton Hall, they played us very tough and were in our faces for the whole 40 minutes," McGraw said.

SETON HALL 51, NOTRE DAME 45 at the WALSH GYM NOTRE DAME (14-6, 7-0) Batteast 3-15 3-9, Severe 2-5 5-9, Erwin 3-7 0-0 6, Duffy 1-6 0-0 2, Hernandez 0-2 0-0, LaVere 3-11 2-4 8. Notre Dame 3-11 2-4 8. 5-June 1-1, Batteast 0-1, Seton Hall 2-4 (Langelier 1-0, Shultz 1-1, Ellis 0-1, Costello 0-1). Fouled out: Notre Dame 22, Seton Hall 22. Notre Dame 6. Seton Hall 13. Notre Dame forward Crystal Erwin dribbles with the ball in a game against Boston College Jan. 31.

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Men's Golf

Irish tee off spring season at Rice Invite

On the heels of one of its most successful fall seasons, the Notre Dame men's golf team will open its 2004 spring campaign today as the defending champion of the Rice Intercollegiate in Cypress, Texas. The Irish will be making their first appearance at the four-year-old tournament, which is being contested at the Black Horse Golf Club, located just northwest of Houston.

Notre Dame enjoyed tremendous improvement last fall, posting a pair of top-20 finishes and the lowest 54-hole score in school history. The Irish also won their first tournament in more than four years, claiming a one-stroke victory at the SMU/Stonebridge Invitational in October. This year's Rice Intercollegiate features a 15-team field that includes Denver, Louisiana-Lafayette, Mississippi State, North Texas, Northwestern, Rice, Sam Houston State, San Diego, Stephen F. Austin, Texas-Arlington, Texas-Pan American, Texas-San Antonio, Texas State and Virginia.

Northwestern is the defending tournament champion, winning last year's event by 18 strokes with a one-over par 865. The Wildcats also are the only other Midwest District team competing with Notre Dame in this week's tournament, and they are one of two participating teams ranked in the Top 50 of the latest Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index ratings — the Wildcats are No. 22, while Texas-San Antonio checks in at No. 46.

Third-year Notre Dame head coach John Jasienski is bringing a very young squad to Houston for this week's tournament. Of the eight players in the travel party, seven are freshmen or sophomores, with senior captain Gavin Ferlic serving as the only returning veteran. All-Big East sophomores Scott Gustafson and Tommy Baldwin are likely to be in the Irish lineup, along with a pair of talented freshmen in Cole Ishan and Shane Sigbee. The fifth spot is still to be decided, with sophomores Mark Baldwin and Eric Deutsch having the inside track.

Gustafson set the pace for Notre Dame during the fall season, carding a career-best 73.86 stroke average that included a career-low six-under par 66. He finished second at the Rice Invite and a third-place finish at the SMU/Stonebridge Invitational. Ishan gave a glimpse of things to come for the Irish, turning in the second-best stroke average on the team in the fall (74.30) and shooting 73 or lower in 10 of his final 13 rounds. As a team, Notre Dame had a 298.57 fall stroke average, which would stand as the third-best mark in school history for the fall stroke average, which would stand as the third-best mark in school history.
Emotions on thin ice for Irish against Miami

Oxford, Ohio — Notre Dame really came out at the end of Saturday night's game and showed why they're known as the Fighting Irish. With frustrations building as the team skated toward its second loss against No. 7 Miami this weekend, two Irish players and two Miami players exchanged game misconducts for fighting. All told, a total of nine penalties encompassing 50 penalty minutes (including the four-10-minute misconducts) were given out at 18:25 of the third period Saturday night.

It was an anomaly for an Irish team that came into this weekend as the second-least penalized team in the CCHA, but if there was a series this season that could have caused tempers to erupt, it was this weekend as the second-least themed in the gate better, outshooting the Irish 37-33. Puck stopped, saw a blocked shot lead to a goal, and saw numerous chances either stifled by Miami goalie Brandon Crawford-West or the fickle hockey gods.

Brandon Crawford-West, who started both games for the RedHawks, made 33 saves in Miami's shutout win over Michigan.

Neither team would score in the first period, however, as he beat Cey to the glove side in the first period on a break just 1:48 into the first period.

Saturday, the Irish came out of the gate better, outshooting the RedHawks 13-10 in the first period. Unfortunately, the score board still read the same as Friday, this time with Andy Nelson collecting the tally for Miami. A defensive breakdown by the Irish saw two Notre Dame defenders skate toward Kompon, who found a wide-open Nelson in the slot.

"There was a much better start tonight," Poulin said Saturday. "Throughout the game we were really getting good chances. We just had to get the puck in when the justins just aren't there.

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Miami 5, Notre Dame 2 at the Goggin Arena

Notre Dame came out buzzing in the third period, hoping to continue what would be its biggest comeback of the season. Mike Kompon would have none of it, however, as he beat Cey to the glove side in the first period on a break just 1:48 into the first period.

"The Irish have already beaten several ranked teams on the road this season, including then-No. 1 Boston College and then-No. 4 Wisconsin, but they were unable to duplicate that success against No. 7 Miami, who now leads the CCHA by three points over Notre Dame.

Cey started both games for the Irish, playing well in each but unable to outplay Miami's Brandon Crawford-West, who started both games for the RedHawks. Crawford-West made 33 saves in Miami's shutout win Saturday, the third time this season that the Irish have been shut out.

"We couldn't solve the kid, although I thought we played great. We had great chances all night, but we just couldn't score a goal," Poulin said.

Friday, the Irish were completely outplayed in a first period that saw the RedHawks outshoot the Irish 13-4. Notre Dame was fortunate to get through the first period with a goal at the end of the period. That goal was scored by Geoff Smith, who made a nifty stick-handling move to beat Morgan Cey five-hole at 14:24 of the first period.

Miami's momentum continued into the second period, as the RedHawks would score three more unanswered goals. Taylor Hall picked up a goal on a low shot five minutes into the second period, and Derek Edwardson connected on a wrap-around goal just 53 seconds later.

Notre Dame came out buzzing once again at the start of the third period, unfortunately stage 2-0 on the weekend and saw any chance of a comeback lead to a Miami goal.

Greg Hogeboom skated down the left side and attempted to send a pass across the crease to a surprised Hogeboom, who wristed it past Cey.

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**FOOTBALL**

Baker yet to decide on commitment

*By PAT LEONARD*

Sporn Writer

Indianapolis defensive end Ryan Baker can’t seem to make up his mind.
The Bishop Chatard High School senior made a verbal commitment to Notre Dame on Jan. 25 but has yet to sign an official letter of intent. Baker is the only player to make a verbal commitment to Notre Dame and not sign a letter of intent on signing day.

Baker could not be reached for comment for the weekend because he was in a basketball tournament in Evansville, Ind. He returned home midday Sunday but could not be reached for comment.

Baker’s father insisted Friday that his son would not have time to make an educated decision over the weekend due to a busy schedule, though Baker is anticipated to make a decision sometime this week.

Notre Dame and Purdue have been the two primary schools competing for Baker’s commitment.

Baker, 6-foot-6, 225 pounds, is considered a top prospect in the state and considered making five of his 10 3-point attempts.

But aside from Jones, the only other Notre Dame player to finish in double-digits with 12 points, Notre Dame struggled to find its offensive rhythm. Chris Quinn only tallied three points — on free throws — despite playing 36 minutes, and the rest of the Irish didn’t fare much better.

However, the Irish were quick to praise the Panther’s stifling defense. After letting the Irish shoot 46.4 percent in the first half, Notre Dame was held to 29.6 percent from the floor in the second.

Meanwhile, Pittsburgh finished the game shooting 49 percent from the floor.

“It’s frustrating, but it gives us hope to see what we can do,” Jones said. “It was a team that was known for their defense, and coming out with our offensive explosion that we have tonight, that shows the potential of the team and what we’re capable of doing....

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announced at halftime for Quinn was one foul.

When Thomas inevitably cooled off for stretches during the game, Quinn kept up his aggressive defense from the last two games. The sophomore tried to help an anemic Irish offense that scored 19 points in a 22-minute stretch Saturday night.

However, Quinn scored only three points in the second half — all on free throws.

Those statistics aren’t meant to take away from Quinn, who had hard coming into the game but just had a rough night at the office.

Since only one of these players seems to play well against a top team, the Irish have always had a chance at the end.

That is what continues to give the Irish hope every time they play a team that can give them a “good RPI win,” and not feel overmatched by a team before even stepping on the court.

“Sometimes you would almost rather get blown out by one of these teams just to say maybe we aren’t as good as them,” Notre Dame guard Torrian Jones said. “Every game, we come out feeling like we have a chance to win and that we could win the game.”

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aged just seven points in the next 11:40. In that span, Pittsburgh turned a six-point halftime deficit into a 10-point lead with 7:42 to play.

Still, Notre Dame clawed back.

Four times, the Irish cut the lead to five points or fewer. And when Jones bailed in a jumper with 58 seconds remaining, Notre Dame trailed 59-56.

But that was as close as the Irish would get. The Panthers — the Big East’s fourth-worst free-throw shooting team — made 7 of 9 free throws in the game’s final minute to clinch the win.

“We didn’t have a rhythm offensively,” Bray said. “A lot of it was Pittsburgh, but a lot of it was having a different guy in the post for us.”

Thomas, who entered Saturday’s game shooting just 21.7 percent from the floor and averaging 9.6 points a game over the last three Irish contests, finished with 23 points — 13 of 23 shooting, including making five of his 10 3-point attempts.

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**Irish point guard Chris Quinn attempts a free throw against Pittsburgh Saturday. His three points came on free throws.**

So the Irish will go into tonight’s game against Connecticut thinking they have a chance to beat the best team on their schedule — or as Thomas put it, “probably the most talented team ever to come through the Big East.”

For the Irish to even have a prayer, they will need Thomas and Quinn to play at their best for the 35-40 minutes Bray will leave them on the court for tonight.

“Thomas and Quinn have to get into some kind of rhythm together on the court against Pittsburgh or against Connecticut,” Bray said. “If you are going to beat a team, you are going to get 36 minutes together against Connecticut.”

Maybe Thomas and Quinn will finally put it together, and the Irish will get their long awaited big win of the season.

But the coach is quick to point out it could be another tough loss at home and another opportunity to lose.

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Huddle shatters own record at Meyo Invitational

Sophomore’s time in 3,000-meter puts her third nationally

By MIKE GILLOON

Even the record books are having a hard time keeping up with Molly Huddle this season. The Irish distance runner broke her own school mark in the 3,000-meter race last week.

Huddle finished third nationally in the Meyo Invitational. The Irish men were led by Dwight Ellick, who qualified for the NCAA meet by posting the third fastest time in the nation for the 5,000-meters, along with Alex Fortunato, who finished seventh.

Arguably the most exciting event in the meet was the Meyo Mile. Michigan's Nick Willis came in first with a time of 3:56.53 to post the fastest time in the nation so far this season. Willis was one of four runners to finish in under four minutes.

The Irish men are looking to make a statement this season and Huddle said that she is just going to keep pushing herself and the team to be the best they can be.

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Michigan also took first place in the women's mile as Lindsay Gallo finished in a time of 4:40.91. A number of Irish athletes achieved personal bests this weekend. Freshman Justin Opped showed great improvement in the pole vault with a height of 4.80 meters and junior Tiffany Gunn ran the 400-meter run in 55.35 to place sixth.

Huddle’s personal record of 9:14.13 now puts her in third place nationally. Her time of 9 minutes, 8.60 seconds, good enough to shatter her old school record of 9:14.13 set just last week. Her time now puts her in third place nationally.

“I was pretty much aiming for a personal record in the 3,000 meters and the school record just came with it,” Huddle said.

“It made the evening even more exciting for me. I was pretty proud of it.”

Huddle also teamed up with senior Kristen Dodd and juniors Lauren King and Kerry Meagher to finish a close second to Georgetown in the distance medley relay with a time of 11:07.94, destroying the school record by 17 seconds.

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Thomas Chamney placed ninth in the 800-meter run in a time of 1:51.53, while fellow sophomore Ryan Postel took third in the 400 meters with a time of 47.33.

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With the ND men's basketball team struggling to get shots to fall in the JACC, Coach Brey is forced to find a place where he knows they can score.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers claw past Irish

With Francis out, Notre Dame falls to No. 4 Pittsburgh

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Torin Francis had just hit a jumper, Notre Dame held a double-digit first-half lead on the fourth-ranked team, the Joyce Center was rocking and the Irish showed no signs of slowing down.

But then Francis left the game with back spasms, Pittsburgh's defense shut down Notre Dame's offense and the 13-point Irish lead gradually turned into a 10-point Panther one. And even though the Irish had an opportunity to win with a minute left in the game, they couldn't pull out the victory in a 66-58 loss to No. 4 Pittsburgh Saturday night.

Thus, the opponent might have been different but the storyline stayed the same, as Notre Dame missed another golden chance to beat one of the Big East's elite teams.

"We played our hearts out, and we gave it everything we had," Notre Dame guard Torrian Jones said. "They were able to get it done, and we weren't."

The Irish (10-9, 4-5 in the Big East) are now under .500 in league play for the first time since the Mike Brey era and are 0-5 against ranked teams.

Notre Dame will face another West Coast team this weekend, and the difficulty of playing ranked teams on the road finally ran out as the Irish suffered pairings this weekend.

Irish point guard Chris Quinn drives to the basket for a layup but misses in Saturday's 66-58 loss to No. 4 Pittsburgh.


ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish stumble on the road

By HEATHER VAN HOGERDAN
Sports Writer

After allowing only 17 points in the first half, Notre Dame gave up 34 points and blew its six-point lead in the second half to lose to Seton Hall 51-45.

The No. 23 Irish (14-8, 7-3 Big East) found themselves unable to score in the second half, as they tallied only 22 points in the frame, which didn't play its part in the first half.

Meanwhile the Pirates (13-8, 5-5 Big East) were led by reserve center LaNedra Brown, who scored all 10 of her points in the final 9:21 on 4-for-7 shooting. In the second half, Seton Hall shot 54.5 percent after only shooting 22.2 percent in the first 20 minutes of play.

The loss puts the Irish at an abysmal 3-8 on the road this season and drops them into a tie with Rutgers for third place in the Big East behind Connecticut and West Virginia.


HOCKEY

Irish suffer pair of losses to No. 7 Miami

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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OXFORD, Ohio — The student section at Coggin Ice Arena was singing "Na, Na, Na, Hey, Hey, Hey, Goodbye" at the end of both games this weekend against the Irish. That's not a good thing if you're an Irish fan.

Notre Dame's success this season against ranked teams on the road finally ran out as the Irish dropped a pair of games on the road against conference-opponent Miami.

Despite keeping Miami's highly potent power play — the best in the CCHA this season — off the scoreboard, the Irish were unable to take care of business against the RedHawks, falling 5-2 Friday night and 2-0 Saturday.

"If you would have told me at the start of this series that they would blow us out on the power play and that we would score a power play goal, I would have thought that we'd be in good shape for the weekend," Irish coach Dave Poulin said.

It was a disappointing outcome for the Irish, who defeated Miami 3-1 earlier in the season. The series is part of IRISH/page 25