Ebersol, Istvan tickets advance to run-off

Winning tickets vow to step up campaigns for Thursday election

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

The tickets of Charlie Ebersol-James Leito and Adam Istvan and Karla Bell will advance to a runoff election for student body president and vice president on Thursday after Monday's primary. The two tickets in the run-off election, Ebersol and Leito and Istvan and Bell, received 46.4 and 21.4 percent of the vote respectively. The remaining tickets, Ryan Craft and Steve Lynch and Mark and Mike Healy, received 14 and 11.4 percent of the vote respectively. A total of 3,496 students cast ballots in Monday's primary, with 7.3 percent of voters abstaining.

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Losing tickets express no regrets, endorse Istvan-Bell team

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

The Ryan Craft-Steve Lynch and Mark Healy-Mike Healy tickets will be excluded from Thursday's runoff election after receiving 14 percent and 11.4 percent of the primary vote, respectively.

Both tickets endorsed Adam Istvan and Karla Bell after learning the results, citing the pair's strong policies and similar goals as their reasoning.

"We believe they have the best platform to support. It focuses on getting things done that the students will see, and I like its feasibility. I think they'll do the best job in office," said Mark Healy. Lynch agreed.

"We all had pretty similar platforms," he said. "I would rather see them in office. Everyone should see TRUSTEES/page 4

Trustees reach no decision on vacancies

By SHEILA FLYNN
News Writer

At a time when several top-level University positions are empty or in transition, the Board of Trustees made "no major decisions" last week at their meeting on campus.

University spokesman Matt Storin said, A trustee said previously the status of these executive offices remains uncertain. The University has yet to fill the position of executive vice president, empty since June 30, when the resignation of Father Timothy Scully took effect. Carol Mooney, vice president and associate provost, will be

VICTORY!

Ushers attempt to prevent students from rushing the court after the men's basketball team beat the No. 5 Huskies 80-74. Exactly one year ago Monday, the Irish defeated No. 4 Pittsburgh.

Quaranto advocates voter registration drive

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives convened Monday evening in LaFortune Student Center to discuss a voter registration drive.

Peter Quaranto, a sophomore who works at the Center for Social Concerns in the justice education program, spoke to the body regarding a proposed voter registration drive. He said there is significant room for improvement in political awareness among students.

Notre Dame has typically seen a very bad record of political engagement and voter turnout during election years," Quaranto said. He encouraged student leaders to assist in the "Rock the Vote" effort, with the goal of registering students and distributing absentee ballots, allowing them to vote in hometown elections while at Notre Dame.

In literature accompanying his presentation, Quaranto cited a study indicating that 92 percent of registered voters between 25 and 29 registered during their college years.

Quaranto proposed including the drive's efforts in campus events, like lectures, Student Union Board concerts and other programs. In his
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Women’s Concern Week commences

By STEPHANIE YAHN
New Writer

Cavanaugh Hall kicked off their annual Women’s Concerns Week Monday evening with a viewing of "Whale Rider," a film that explores one woman’s struggle to redefine traditional female roles. Women’s Concerns began five years ago as a one night event featuring five Notre Dame women of different walks of life and has now evolved into a week-long series that explores a variety of issues.

"[This year’s topics] are a lot broader than what you might expect from the title of Women's Concerns," said Rebecca Chimahusky, program coordinator.

This week’s talks and events will focus on the ideas of female empowerment and the roles of women in politics, the Catholic Church and cultures other than our own.

Monday’s movie provided a powerful example of what it means to break cultural barriers. Chimahusky said.

The story told of the life of a girl named Pai in the patriarchal New Zealand tribe of the Whangara people. Pai believed that she was destined to be the new chief; a role traditionally given to the first-born male of the family. She had to fight against the customs of her culture, which were preventing her from fulfilling her calling. Thirteen year old Keisha Castle-Hughes, the main actress, is a nominee for Best Actress in for this year’s Academy Awards.

Following the movie, the week’s events continue tonight with a talk by Layna Mosley, a Political Science assistant professor at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. An open discussion on the role of Women in the Church will be held Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the basement of Cavanaugh Hall and the final event, Thursday night, will take place at 6:45 p.m. in Coleman-Morse Lounge and feature four international graduate students speaking about their lives as women in their native countries.

Cavanaugh traditionally sponsor Women’s Concerns Week during the month of February, which is Women’s Concerns month but this is the first year that the talks and discussions have been open to the campus community. Chimahusky and Sister Patricia Dearthough, the rector of Cavanaugh, said that they hope that by spreading the events out beyond Cavanaugh to different forums throughout the campus they will encourage both men and women from across campus to attend.

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SMC gears up for board elections

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD
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Presidential elections for Residence Hall Association and Student Diversity Board, two of Saint Mary’s most active student government branches, will be held online today via PRSSM.

Junior Martha Hottenstein and Jill Funnell are running unopposed for the respective RHA president and vice president positions. Hottenstein, Little Sibs Weekend co-chair, and Funnell, health and wellness chair, currently serve on the board under president Shay Jolly and vice president Jackie Zins. This is Hottenstein’s second year as a board member.

"Watching two presidents prior to running has helped me see what the job entails," Hottenstein said. "My experience gives me a strong base for the position and it helps to know that if I have any questions, Shay will still be around to answer them."

Perhaps the largest responsibility on Hottenstein and Funnell’s platform is that of providing Opus Apartments, Saint Mary’s new on-campus housing complex, a representative voice on RHA. Other platform goals include strengthening the bond between Saint Mary’s, Notre Dame and Holy Cross and increasing awareness of intramural sports.

Hottenstein said that the ticket plans to make no changes to the current structure of the board, and instead hopes to expand upon strides already taken.

"Despite only having one ticket, it is important for students to have a voice in their leaders for next year." said Nicole Haebeler, elections commissioner.

Doughty describes herself as a strong leader, primarily due to her work as a board member and as a tutor at the Robinson Community Learning Center.

"I’ve had good experiences and I’m ready to step up to the challenge of leading Student Diversity Board," she said.

According to elections commissioner Nicole Haebeler, it is a common trend that just one ticket is running for each of these presidential positions. Candidates typically rise from within the board and are encouraged to run by the performance of the president that they served under, she explained.

This, however, should not deter students from voting.

"In each election there are three options: a vote of yes affirming the candidates, a vote of no signaling a lack of confidence in the candidates and an abstention signaling ambivalence in the election," Haebeler said. "Despite only having one ticket, it is important for students to have a voice in their leaders for next year."

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dorm of Keenan, Istvan and Bell won Bell's dorm Walsh, Healy and Healy won Mark Healy's dorm Zach, and Ebersol and Leito won Leito's dorm Siegfried and Ebersol's former dorm Keough. Overall, Ebersol-Leito garnered the highest percentage of votes from freshmen to seniors, in addition to Old College.

Both Ebersol and Istvan expressed confidence in their ticket's ability to win the runoff election, and each said they will be stepping up campaigning within the next few days.

Istvan said his confidence comes from the support he will receive from both Craft and Mark Healy, who is endorsed his ticket, as well as good campaigning.

"I think we have a good shot," he said. "Both the Craft and Healy tickets have said that freshmen can be involved that they'll endorse us. I feel differently had they the chance to vote," he said.

Great was never elected to serve as the student body president, and he said he is fully prepared to take over as the eleventh president of the university.

"I plan on visiting a lot of people in the community, I feel confident that with their support and continued campaigning, we can win this election," he said.

"I think a focus of the remainder of his campaign will be to explain the extent of his platform and how he will go about explaining our platform to people our platform. I've been seen as a one­liner, not a good debate candidate like SYRs ... And we've been picked over because we have no experience, and that's not true," Ebersol said that while he feels good about the results, his goal is to make sure students continue to stay interested.

"I think that we're going to try to maintain the number of students that came out ... make sure students stay involved in the election," said Healy. "We'll be in dorms — as many as possible — and we'll be increasing the amount of publicity to focus on the difference between [our ticket] and Adam's ticket."

Ebersol also emphasized the need for the next student body president to be prepared for the office.

"I just think the single most important thing for a candidate to be prepared to take over the presidency is about understanding how the University works," said Ebersol. "I think that because he's worked at the University he understands how to work with the University. They're completely different things."

There will be a second round of debates between the remaining candidates Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

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Chairman Ebersol awaits the election results on Monday.

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leaving her office June 1 to take over as the eleventh president of the University.

"Provo" Nathan Hatch has begun a search process in which he will consider candidates both inside and outside the University," Storin said of the quest to replace Mooney. "He has asked the deans and department heads to suggest candidates, and he has a search consultant assisting him. The opening will be advertised in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

And while the hunts for Mooney and Scully replacements proceed, the term of University President Father Edward Malloy is scheduled to expire in 2006. — and the Board plays an integral role in deciding whether or not he will retire from the office.

Malloy has held the post since 1998, and in 2000, he acquiesced to a request from the Board of Trustees to continue as President for another five-year term until 2005. The Board elects the president, who must be a priest from the Indiana Province of the Holy Cross order — unlike the executive vice president, who can be a lay person. Presidential candidates are recommended by the Board's governance and nominating committee.

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Proposal, student volunteers will host tables at these events, offering voter registration forms that are valid in most states.

Senior class president Jazmin Garcia said registration in the February 13 runoff election will broaden the range of students to Rock the Vote can reach.

"That way it's open to all students who are interested in going to class events, SUB events, and dorm events," Garcia said.

The senior class council is co-sponsoring the initiative, along with the College Republicans and College Democrats.

Quaranto asked student leaders for their support in registering as many voters as possible.

"We're looking for funding, support and leadership from student government," he said. "Student government would be the perfect place to take the lead on this sort of thing." Members also discussed the ongoing restructuring of the student union constitution, as the discussion began, however, judicial board president Elliot Maizala moved to close the meeting. The motion passed without opposition or debate.

In other COR news:

• Sophomore class president James Leito encouraged students to attend a Valentine card­making session in LaFortune's Dooley Room on Feb. 12. Leito suggested the men in his class might even find their Valentine there.

There's usually about a 10- to one ratio of girls to guys.

• Student body vice president Emily Chic announced that members of the office of the president's diversity council will address the Student Senate regarding recent affirmative action debates taking place in the Viewpoint pages of The Observer.

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choral hall to bear donors' names

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame has received a significant gift from a trustee and his wife for the Chris and Amanda Beeghly Choral Hall in the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Elected a trustee last June, Beeghly said the gift is the result of a five-year term until 2005.

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HPC Council continues to focus on student government issues, such as voter registration.

The office of Student Activities is currently accepting new club proposals. If you have an idea for a club whose purpose is not currently served by an existing club, the Office of Student Activities produces a new club proposal to the Student Activities Office for review. More information can be found at: www.nd.edu/~studentoffice/activities.html. All requirements must be completed before a new club proposal will be reviewed, including:

- Budget
- Advisor
- Bylaws and purpose statement
- List of planned events/activities
- List of officers

Submit the required information to Amy Geist, 314 LaFortune, by 5pm Friday, February 13, 2004 for review this year. The next new club review will not occur until January 2005. Contact the Student Activities Office with any questions!
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japan nears N. Korea sanctions

TOKYO — Japan passed a law Monday making it easier to impose economic sanctions on impoverished North Korea, prompting the communist country to demand that Tokyo be barred from future multilateral talks on the nuclear issue.

The law allows Japan to impose sanctions on North Korean entities without having to first investigate them. It does not specifically mention North Korea, but lawmakers have said it is aimed at the ruling conservative Liberal Democratic Party.

Tokyo could use the law to take steps such as considering banning travel and trade with North Korea, said Shigeki Takashina, a member of the LDP. Most analysts, however, said the law is unlikely to have a significant impact.

On Wednesday, the United States announced that it will begin imposing sanctions on North Korea, saying it will block funds from the country and prevent exports of technology to the country.

WOMAN SURVIVES WEED IN RUBBLE OF ACCIDENT

A 24-year-old woman was pulled out alive Monday after a week buried in the rubble of a collapsed apartment building - a dramatic rescue that came after teams heard her screaming in the debris.

Yasemin Yapracik, covered in dust, was carried on a stretcher into an ambulance as residents applauded. The rescuers worked for four hours to free her feet, which were trapped under decaying bodies.

The woman, a military hospital in Ankara where she was in critical condition, suffering from gangrene, internal bleeding and broken ribs.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bishop claims innocence in trial

PHOENIX — Catholic Bishop Thomas O’Brien testified at his hit-and-run trial Monday that he heard a loud crash on the night he struck and killed a jaywalking pedestrian while drunk.

O’Brien, speaking publicly for the first time about the accident that ended his 21-year career as head of the Phoenix Diocese, said he winced and put up his right hand upon hearing the noise on the passenger side of his car.

He said he looked around the road and saw his windshield had been damaged but did not see anyone. The accident caused a split in the middle of the passenger side of the windshield.

Had he been sober, he said, he would have stayed at the scene to help the pedestrian. "I would have stopped because that’s the human thing to do," O’Brien said. "I couldn’t imagine not stopping."

Greyhound bus crash hurts 17

WICHITA, Kan. — A 17-year-old woman was pulled out alive Monday after a Greyhound bus carrying commuters from Kansas to Missouri swerved to avoid hitting a jackknifed tractor-trailer.

Several hundred passengers were trapped under decaying bodies. Many of the others injured suffered bruises.

One passenger was in critical condition. Many of the others injured suffered cuts and bruises.

LOCAL NEWS

Guard unit returns from Iraq

INDIANAPOLIS — Several hundred members of an Indiana National Guard unit that was activated for the war in Iraq more than a year ago will be returning home over the course of the next few weeks.

About 220 soldiers from the 152nd Infantry unit, based in southeast Indiana, are expected to arrive early Thursday at Indianapolis International Airport, with family and friends invited to attend.

The next groups from the unit returning — about 150 members of the 152nd’s Alpha and Charlie companies — are scheduled to arrive in Indianapolis on Sunday.

A number of veteran lawmakers confirmed for the remainder of the battalion’s some 650 members.

The 152nd Infantry has companies based in Vincennes, Jasper, Washington, Linton, Martinsville and Tell City.

IRAQ

Letter says Obama low on recruits

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A letter seized from an al-Qaida courier shows Obama bin Laden has made little headway in recruiting Iraqis for a holy war against America, raising questions about President Bush’s advisers’ suggestion that Iraq is the central front in the war on terror.

The 17-page letter, cited as a key piece of intelligence that offered a rare glimpse into foreign terrorist operations in Iraq, appealed to al-Qaida leaders to help spark a civil war between Iraq’s Shiites and Sunnis in an effort to “tear the country apart.”

One senior U.S. officer, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, warned the plotters could mean more “spectacular” attacks because the rebels were despairing that their devastating car bombs and steady killing of U.S. troops were failing to show the Americans from Iraq or spark mass disorder.

The letter was believed written by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian suspected of al-Qaida links. Al-Zarqawi is the chief suspect in several recent bombings and the letter administration cited his presence in Iraq as evidence of Iraq’s terrorist connections even before the war.

Having found no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, the administration has been shifting the focus for going to war to the fight against global terrorism and to oust Saddam Hussein.

Military and coalition officials who rarely speak about intelligence information were quick to describe the letter as proof of a terrorist role in the Iraqi resistance.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said that the letter, first reported Monday by The New York Times, shows that “Iraq is the central front in the war on terrorism.”

“There are foreign terrorists who realize the stakes are high and they seek to do everything they can to undermine the aspirations of the Iraqi people,” McClellan said. “But democracy and freedom are taking root in Iraq and there’s no turning back.”

The letter, as quoted by the Times, acknowledges problems in recruiting Iraqis to join the fight against an “internal force" growing stronger day after day.

White House would honor you as a guest and give you refuge, for you are a Muslim brother,” it said. “However, they will not allow you to make your home a base for operations or a safe house.”

Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry speaks Monday at a campaign rally in Indiana. Kerry has come under fire since revealing that he received over $120,000 in speaking fees during his tenure in the Senate.

Kerry took $120K for speeches

Records show candidate raised money from companies, lobbyists while in Senate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John Kerry took a small fraction of the $5 million in political action committee money a handful of his colleagues have raised in recent decades, and later collected more than $300,000 in speaking fees from companies and lobbying groups as a new senator, records show.

Between 1985 and 1990, when Congress outlawed speaking fees, Kerry pocketed annual payments slightly under the limits for speaking fees by lawmakers. Unlike many of his colleagues, he donated a speaking fee to charity only once, according to annual financial disclosure reports reviewed by The Associated Press.

The fees came from interests ranging from Democratic groups and unions in oil companies and the liquor lobby.

One of the companies to pay Kerry $1,000 for a speech in 1987, Miami-based Metalcon, was later indicted, along with two executives, on charges that it helped the Cali drug cartel in Colombia launder money in the United States.

The charges eventually were dropped because the firm was defunct.

At the time of the 1987 speech to Metalbanc, Kerry was chairman of the Senate subcommittee that investigated drug trafficking and money laundering.

Kerry, now the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, said he didn’t learn about the drug connection to the company or its executives, who also gave him political donations, until The Boston Globe, a San Diego newspaper, in 1996. He donated several thousand dollars to charity to make amends.

Kerry’s ethics reports show he made more than 90 paid speeches between 1985, when he first took office, and 1990, when Congress enacted the law to end honoraria.

The senator’s campaign said he accepted the speaking fees, but also gave several speeches a year for free.

Kerry said he refrained from accepting money from organizations that appeared before his Senate committees. He said he stopped taking speaker fees before Congress enacted its ban because he wanted to avoid the appearance of money in politics.

“I personally stopped accepting any honoraria because I came to think it was inappropriate and I stopped voluntarily before the law,” Kerry said at a press conference Monday.

Kerry has railed against the influence of special interest money on the presidential campaign trail and said he has never taken a dime from PACs, the donating arms of special interest groups, since he joined the Senate.

But records from his unsuccessful race for the House in 1972 show Kerry collected about $220,000 from PACs, most of them associated with labor unions. For instance, the AFL-CIO’s PAC gave him $3,000, and the ‘cable clerks’, workers’ and state, county and municipal workers’ PACs donated $500 apiece.

Kerry’s spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter confirmed Kerry took the PAC money in 1972, a sum which ranged from $30,000 to $50,000.

Kerry took $120K for speeches
Rebel uprising spreads, death toll rises to 41

Associated Press

ST. MARC — An armed uprising spread to nearly a dozen towns in western and northern Haiti on Monday, the strongest challenge yet to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. At least 41 people have been killed in what the government says is an attempted coup.

After sporadic gunbattles, police regained control of the important port city of St. Marc, 45 miles west of Port-au-Prince. At least two men were shot and another was allegedly shot and killed by Aristide supporters. His body was left at the side of the road.

"We are in a situation of armed popular insurrection," said opposition politician Hinthe Rebu, who led a failed coup against Aristide in 1991 and was then ousted months later by the army. He was restored in a 1994 U.S. invasion, and later disbanded the army.

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"Aristide can no longer save the situation for his regime. The end is looming," former President Leslie Manigat said by telephone Monday. The army ousted Manigat in June 1988, after five months in office.

Haitian Inhabitants of Grand Goave carry their belongings while fleeing the city on Monday. The town is one of 11 in the northwest region of the country to witness rebel violence.

Theology on Tap
Why does God allow suffering? Is there hope in grief?

Come to Legends this Wednesday to hear Jennifer Sands, a victim of 9/11, discuss her experience with finding hope in her faith in the midst of tragedy

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COMPANY BRIEFS

Juniper to buy NetScreen for $3.5B
SAN JOSE, Calif. — Juniper Networks Inc., a rival of networking gear giant Cisco Systems Inc., is buying security technology company NetScreen Technologies Inc. for about $3.5 billion in stock.

The deal, announced Monday, expands Juniper's product portfolio so it can better compete for business from service providers, government agencies and enterprises, analysts said.

Sun Valley-based Juniper, the No. 2 network equipment maker behind Cisco, reported last month that its quarterly sales topped $200 million for the first time since September 2001.

Kodak sells unit for $725M
Eastman Kodak Co., the nation's second-largest toy maker behind Mattel Inc., said its earnings rose 23 percent in the fourth quarter due to strong sales of new products, classic board games and core brands.

The Pawtucket, R.I.-based toy maker on Monday said it earned $76.6 million, or 43 cents per share for the three months ended Dec. 28. That compared with $62.16 million, or 36 cents per share, for the same period a year ago.

The earnings results included charges of $18.4 million related to severance payments stemming from the closing of toy manufacturing operations at its Valencia, Spain, facility and $14 million related to exiting legacy icon and severances for employees of the remaining Wizards of the Coast retail stores.

IRS has $2B in unclaimed refunds

WASHINGTON — Nearly 2 million people, retirees and others stand to lose $2.5 billion in refunds if they don't act quickly to claim the money.

The Internal Revenue Service said Monday that anyone who should claim a refund must file a return by April 15 or lose the money.

"Don't wait until it's too late," said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson. "We want all taxpayers to get the refunds they are due."
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Killer given stay of execution

SAN FRANCISCO — A convicted killer whose plea for clemency was rejected by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger won a stay of execution Monday, hours before he was to die by lethal injection for hacking four people to death.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted the stay to consider whether DNA evidence connecting Kevin Cooper to the crime should be retested and repeated claims that Cooper was framed by law enforcement. Cooper, 46, had been set to die at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday in California's first execution in two years.

The appeals court did not say when it would hear the challenge.

Hours after the ruling, and with no word from the 9th Circuit, lawyers for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to vacate the stay. A deputy to Lockyer said the law does not allow Cooper to reopen his case so close to his execution date, calling the court's order "an unwarranted intrusion on California's ability to carry out a lawful and final judgment."

Late last month, Schwarzenegger denied Cooper's bid for clemency, the first such plea to cross the governor's desk. Schwarzenegger said the evidence of Cooper's guilt was overwhelming.

The appeals court decision was welcomed by Cooper's celebrity supporters, including actor Denzel Washington and the Rev. Jesse Jackson. But prosecutors and family members of the victims were outraged.

Cooper was convicted of stabbing and hacking to death Douglas and Peggy Ryen, both 41, their 10-year-old daughter, Jessica, and 11-year-old Christopher Hughes after escaping from prison in 1983.

The Ryens' son, Joshua, then 8, survived a slit throat. John Kochis, the prosecutor of the victims were

First lady donates red suit

NEW YORK — First lady Laura Bush lent a crimson silk and taffeta suit Monday to a collection of red dresses being used to highlight an educational campaign on women's heart disease.

Bush wore the suit as she joined its designer, Oscar de la Renta, at Fashion Week, which began Friday in tents set up in a midtown park for designers to preview their clothes for next fall.

The suit, which Bush has worn to meetings with heads of state including former Chinese President Jiang Zemin, will be added to a collection that will be shown in Chicago, Dallas, Miami, Philadelphia and San Diego in March and April. The tour will also provide health screening and information on heart disease.

"Nothing attracts attention like a red dress, so designers have agreed to bring attention to heart disease with these beautiful dresses," said Fern Mallis, who oversees the weeklong event, "but we all know that being healthy on the inside is what matters most."

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women; 366,000 women died from it in 2000, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which is promoting the awareness campaign. By comparison, 42,000 women died from breast cancer that year.
Believing in a thing called love

Kamaria Porter

Breaking the Habit

During Black History Month in February, mind turns towards the abominable legacy of discrimination against African-Americans in this country. While racism remains a crippling poison infecting our national and Notre Dame community, open and hateful attacks have intensified against homosexuals. On the national plane, the debate over the ability of homosexuals to build a family unit recognized by the government rages from Massachusetts to Mississippi—centering on the proposal of the Federal Marriage Amendment. Locally, after receiving the shameful brand by The Princeton Review of being the least welcoming institution for alternative lifestyles, our University must contemplate the authenticity of its “Notre Dame Family” image, which seems so central to its character.

As a cultural institution, marriage not only serves the individual desire to share a life with another and build a family unit, but it also functions as a visible sign of commitment between two people. Additionally, civil marriage grants couples around 1,049 federal benefits plus state level privileges.

In my opinion, the denial of same-sex civil marriage is outright discrimination. To prevent one section of society from participating in national institutions and gaining the rights associated with it is to deny citizenship and perpetuate poverty in the country. Yet opponents of civil marriage for homosexual couples appeal to various ideological arguments to hide their intolerance. While some religious communities, like the Catholic Church, do not support homosexuality in practice, a civil marriage would not interfere with doctrine — save for on an individual basis. Thus, the United States, unconnected to any religion, could rightfully acknowledge gay marriage. Others argue gay marriage threatens the integrity of marriage between a woman and man. Heterosexuals do enough on their own to devalue the sanctity of marriage with infidelity, divorce and domestic violence.

Many also criticize comparisons of denying homosexual marriage to the historical interracial marriage bans. The chief impetus behind anti-miscegenation laws that prohibited blacks and whites from cohabiting, marrying and starting a family was solely racial discrimination.

In 1958 Mildred and Richard Loving — a black woman and a white man, were exiled from Virginia after being convicted of miscegenation. The couple brought a case against the state in 1963 and won in 1967, overturning the remaining interracial bans in 16 other states. Critics declared the impossibility of producing mixed progeny was ample reason to outlaw interracial marriage. While this argument was obviously false, the racist climate in America led citizens to believe the claim.

Opponents of gay marriage also argue the inability of same sex couples to start a family. Understanding that homosexual couples are biologically unable to produce offspring alone, in vitro fertilization and adoption refute these claims. However, there also exists opposition to same sex adoptions, partly based on the inability of a gay couple to model both sex roles to children. The image of family, excluding homosexuals, has expanded itself over the years to include many diverse compositions. Instead of being preoccupied with a child’s socialization into rigid sex roles which are mostly used to narrow the understanding of gender, we ought to look at a parent — gay or straight — and their ability to love, provide and model themes of fairness and caring to their children.

Court victories, in Massachusetts, are encouraging and allow these issues to surface, but it is only the first step. We all know the law exudes a limited climate. Secondly, the Queer Film Festival which runs Wednesday through Saturday, promises to be a great event featuring acclaimed filmmakers and directors. The festival focuses on the human experiences of people who also happen to be gay. I urge everyone to patronize the event to broaden her or his understanding of gender, sexuality and the human condition. Plus, it is a chance to see great movies for free and meet some famous filmmakers. Sounds fine by me.

Kamaria Porter is guided by the rhythm of her heart, which is on fire in the ignition. And she really does like those candy hearts with words on them. Happy Valentine's Day. She can be contacted at porter.k@nd.edu.

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Editorial Cartoon

The Observer Poll

Do you think Notre Dame should host the “Queer Film Festival” and “The Vagina Monologues”? Vote by 5 p.m. Thursday at www.ndsmcobserver.com

“Your advice to you is to get married. If you find a good wife, you'll be happy; if not, you'll become a philosopher.”

Socrates

philosopher
Explaining Church’s view on gay marriage

Geoff Johnston
A Domer at Oxford

Today I am going to address homosexuality. What does that have to do with Oxford? Nothing. Actually, I have nothing interesting to say about Oxford this week (no surprise) and so I picked a scrap of paper out of the random selection hat, opened it and found this topic written on it. More specifically, let us talk civil unions. I am not going to attempt to render a verdict; all I want to do is state what and why the Church believes what it does — which will admittedly consume most of the piece — and what objections can be raised. I will let you decide.

Now, the Church opposes the recognition of civil unions between homosexuals if these unions are equivalent — in terms of benefits, rights, legal recognition — with traditional marriage of members of the opposite sex. The Church does advocate that single-sex couples can receive some benefits, namely, those that are directed toward the well-being of children, as opposed to the marriage itself. Why is this the belief of the Church, or at least, many of its leaders? The Church relies on the twin pillars of scripture and tradition. However, these two sources of data may conflict, or at least present the appearance of doing so, or may be difficult to contextualize into modern life. This problem of reinterpretation is aided by models, which are ways of viewing the sources in a larger philosophical and moral context, and some of these models exert a great influence over Church teaching. One model which is very prominent is that of St. Thomas Aquinas, who inherited his model from Aristotle and subsequently applied it to the twin pillars of Catholicism. Now, this model posits that for every existing being, there is a good, a fitting end. This end is inherent in the species of the being’s existence and is ordained by God. Now, the end for humans is eudemonia, i.e. human flourishing. This is a state of happiness and goodness, and all other goods to which humans are directed are ordered toward achievement of this final end. One of these goods for humanity is procreation. In fact, the Catholic Church believes that sex is inherently ordered toward procreation as the goal of its activity, and such sexual acts which are not ordered to this proper end are to quote the Catechism s.x homosexual activity — “disordered.”

This is, in a nutshell, why the Church opposes homosexuality. But why does it oppose civil unions? After all, civil unions are a state’s recognition of certain rights and this recognition might not concern the Church. Well, here my knowledge grows a little hazier, but let me take a crack at it. Now, the Church believes law and society should be oriented toward the good of all, toward aiding all in their quest for flourishing. Since the Church views homosexual acts as disordered, these acts should be (or are not) for the betterment of society; for these actions are ordered toward something improper to them, anuous causes. This harm may be evidenced in the disintegration of the nuclear family, since, the Church believes, marriage is oriented to fostering the unity of a procreative couple, and marriage between homosexuals violates the principle that marriage is for pro creation. Thus the family will suffer, and children living in a family should be living with two parents of opposite sex; proper marriage is essential to a family. Thus the Church’s argument against recognition of civil unions boils down to the fact that homosexual marriages inherently violate the function of a family, since a family presupposes heterosexuality — assuming, of course, that the law is to be ordered to the common good.

Is this a valid concern? One objection to this follows. Many homosexual couples are in love, as much as any humans can be, and they desire to raise children well. There are many gay couples that adopt children who are well-adjusted as any other children. Thus the Church, in assuming the function of the family, is gravely diverted by homosexual parents, is mistaken. This objection tries to prove the Church wrong by disputing its conclusion. This argument could continue. Is not the burden of proof on the Church to show that homosexual marriages are not in accordance with the traditions? After all, people are autonomous, rational beings, and even if one argues that the Church has quoted scientific evidence in previous debates — specifically contraception — this is to prove the Church wrong. What should a good Catholic believer believe? What should a non-Catholic, rational person believe? Now that I have laid out the groundwork, I will leave it up to your good judgment.

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Defending a fundraiser for a worthwhile cause

As a student body that is committed (I hope) both to a fuller understanding of our sexuality in a very real sense and to allowing those among us who have been hurt by sexual violence an opportunity to express their pain and grief, I cannot allow the Vagina Monologues to become an issue of good versus evil.

To those who oppose the monologues so vehemently, I would urge you, do not be content to simply label them as something awful and fight against them. Read them (most copies of the monologues are available in the library), try to understand what the monologues have not done so, and then listen to the women who have been hurt by them. To those who are opposed to the monologues have not been so done, and then listen to the women who have been hurt by them and start them down road to healing. There is reason these monologues are so popular, and it is because of the good that they do. So simply away with them and let the good continue.

To those who fight for and put on the monologues, I ask that you listen to those who oppose them. They are not opposed to them because they are bad people or because they are in favor of violence against women; instead they see something in the monologues that promotes a secular understanding of sexuality and negates the beauty that comes from understanding our bodies in the way that John Paul II calls us to understand our bodies.

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Cooking up a tasty V-day

Valentine recipes that will warm your heart

To the aggravation of singles everywhere, Valentine's Day is fast approaching. Instead of watching your roommate and her oh-so-perfect boyfriend go out for a night on the town (in Mishawaka, so you can't be all that jealous), invite some other dateless friends over and have an Anti-Valentine's Day soiree. Trust me, it's much better than wallowing over a pint of Ken & Jerry's. Show your love to your friends and make them some scrumptious treats. Paula Deen's Is It Really Better Than Sex? Cake is the one to die for, and you're sure to love the Double-Dipped Strawberries.

And if you want to be extra festive... Make a mix with such songs as "Love Stinks" by J. Geils Band and "Why Do Foods Fall in Love?" by Diana Ross. Or you could add a few drops of red food coloring to light colored drinks, such as champagne or Sprite for a rosy hue.

Is It Really Better Than Sex? Cake

1 1/3 cups sugar
1 (20-ounce) box crushed pineapple
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
1 cup flaked, sweetened toasted coconut
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare yellow cake mix as directed using a greased 13-by-9-by-2-inch pan and bake for 30 to 35 minutes. While cake is baking, combine the pineapple and one cup of sugar in a saucepan, and bring to a boil over medium heat stirring constantly. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly. Remove cake from oven and using a fork, pierce holes into cake. Pour pineapple mixture over hot cake and set aside.

Chilling. Whip heavy cream and remaining sugar until stiff. Top each slice of cake with whipped cream and sprinkle toasted coconut on top. Courtesy of Paula Deen.

Double Dipped Strawberries

36 strawberries (about two 1-pint baskets), unhulled
1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips (about 9 ounces)
1 tablespoon vegetable shortening
1 1/2 cups chocolate sprinkles (about 6 ounces)
Line large baking sheet with waxed paper. Wipe strawberries clean; dry with paper towels. Stir chocolate chips and shortening in top of double boiler set over simmering water until chocolate melts and mixture is smooth. Place chocolate sprinkles in shallow bowl. Holding one strawberry by its green top, dip 3/4 of berry into melted chocolate. Let excess chocolate drip off, then dip into chocolate sprinkles. Place on waxed-paper-lined sheet. Repeat dipping remaining strawberries into chocolate, then into sprinkles. Refrigerate until chocolate coating is firm, about 1 hour. (Can be prepared 8 hours ahead. Keep refrigerated.)

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Notre Dame's F:

This four-day festival of films, events, and speak-
The acclaimed 1994 film "Go Fish" will be presented on Friday night. Winner of the "Best Feature Film" award at the Berlin Film Festival and a nominee for the "Grand Jury Prize" at Sundance, the movie is about a beautiful young lesbian's search for love in Chicago.

The romantic comedy "All Over the Guy," written and starring Cameron Mitchell, is being shown Saturday afternoon as a part of the festival. Described on the festival's website as a film about "the quest to find 'the one'" and "the one doesn't know he's the one," it is sure to please everyone in the audience.

Closing out the Festival on Saturday night is "The Opposite of Sex," one of the most well-known and acclaimed films of the week and the only one with a very close Notre Dame connection. The director and writer of the film is Don Roos, a graduate of Notre Dame. The film is the most well-known and acclaimed film of the week and the only one with a very close Notre Dame connection.

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CJ Barrett scores 20 points in leading the Pirates to 6-3 in the Big East

NCAA BASKETBALL

Barrett scores 20 points in leading the Pirates to 6-3 in the Big East

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Andre Barrett scored 20 of his season-high 26 points in the game's final 12 minutes to lead Seton Hall to a 68-67 victory over No. 14 Pittsburgh on Monday night, giving the Pirates their third straight win.

Barrett had four of his points on a 3-point shot with 1.1 seconds left that tied it at 67. Seton Hall didn't get a shot on the final possession.

Each team scored four points in the first overtime, the first to rebound a missed free throw. In the second overtime, the second free throw attempt by Duke's Kyle Singler hit the front rim with .3 seconds remaining.

Barrett was fouled by Duke's Kyle Singler with 2.6 seconds on the clock, giving the Pirates a 1-0 lead in the game that went to 67-67. After a timeout, Barrett's free throw attempt was off the right side of the rim. The ball hit the backboard and went in.

Seton Hall's Hairston missed the first free throw but made the second.

Freshman Antonio Graves, who played a total of three minutes and came in to foul out of the game in the first overtime, scored 5 points.

Barrett was named the game's most valuable player.

"I thought he was outstanding," said Seton Hall coach P.J. Carlesimo. "He was outstanding. He gave us everything we needed from him."

"It's just the second loss of the season for the Panthers," said Pittsburgh coach John Beilein. "It's not a tired team. It's not a team that's (lost)."
Singh closes in on record after Pebble Beach finish

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Vijay Singh is starting to hear his name associated with some of golf's greatest players.

His victory at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am was his 12th consecutive finish in the top 10, leaving him two short of the modern-day record set by Jack Nicklaus in 1977.

The streak includes three victories in his last nine starts, allowing him to nudge closer to replacing Tiger Woods at No. 1 in the world ranking, a spot no other player has occupied since 1999.

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Men's Tennis

Roddick leads U.S. to a 5-0 win over Austria in Davis Cup

Associated Press

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Patrick McEnroe made one thing perfectly clear when he replaced his brother John as U.S. Davis Cup captain in 2000: He wanted a roster of players eager to play in the event. And he hoped to assemble a team in the truest sense, rather than a collection of individuals.

Well, it looks as though his plan is coming together. Led by Andy Roddick, a formidable U.S. team completed a 5-0 first-round sweep of Austria on Sunday. The players' camaraderie and passion for Davis Cup, not just their tennis talent, impress their captain.

"There's a lot of frivolity with this team. They have a good time. They get along well. It's nothing that we talk about. It is real," McEnroe said.

"The bottom line is you have to be great tennis players. We all know that. But the fact that the guys enjoy it and like being around each other, and like being part of a team in a sort of a broader concept, is refreshing."

This group is pretty solid when it comes to the bottom line, too. Roddick powered his way to two straight-set victories and set a record by hitting serves at 150 mph, the doubles team of twins Bob and Mike Bryan breezed through their match, and Robby Ginepri became the first U.S. rookie in Davis Cup history to win after dropping the first two sets.

"It excites Patrick, like it does the rest of us, that we have a pretty young core of guys who are very willing and very eager to play," said Roddick, who beat Jurgen Melzer 6-4, 6-2 on Sunday. "So I only see our team getting better as the years go on."

First, though, the Americans will try to get to the seminals by beating Sweden at home in April. The other quarterfinal matchups are: Belarus vs. Argentina, Switzerland vs. France, and Netherlands vs. Spain.

Sweden advanced by knocking off defending champion Australia 4-1. The Swedes have won the Davis Cup seven times, including a 5-0 victory over the United States in the 1997 final.

"We are going to be tested against them," Roddick said. "But I certainly like our chances, especially playing at home."

He's trying to lead his team to its 32nd Davis Cup title — and first since 1995. That's the longest drought for the country since the 11-year gap between victories in 1926 and 1937. In the 1995 final against Russia, Pete Sampras won two singles matches and the doubles. He also helped win the 1992 title, while Andre Agassi was on three Davis Cup championship teams.

But both played only sporadically later in their careers, with Agassi last a member of the team in 2000. John McEnroe cited an inability to get those victories in 1997.

"When I first started this, the only question I was asked is, 'How come Sampras and Agassi don't play?'" Patrick McEnroe said Sunday. "I said, 'Well, I am interested in the guys that want to play.' Because those are the guys you are going to build around."

Roddick is not a bad place to start. He likes to play for his country, and he likes to be around his teammates. Oh, yeah, and he ended last year as the No. 1 person ranked No. 1.

Roddick and the Bryans got matching buzz cuts in an Olympic year.

The Observer

Men's Swimming

Hall looks towards Olympics

Associated Press

ISLAMORADA, Fla. — Six months from now, his body must be ready, his mind rested, his stroke at its sharpest.

That is why Gary Hall Jr. isn't overly concerned about winning or losing at the U.S. Spring National Championships, which open in Orlando on Tuesday.

His thoughts are on the Athens Olympics, where he can become the most decorated American men's swimmer in history.

This prospect once seemed farfetched. Should be match the four medals he won in Atlanta in 1996 and Sydney four years ago, he'd have 12 — one more than Mark Spitz and Matt Biondi.

That provides far more motivation than a U.S. national meet certain to be forgotten in an Olympic year.

"I use meets like this as a barometer of where I am with my training," Hall said. "I've climbed Mount Olympus twice now. I know the path I have to take. I could swim really fast at nationals, but it's going to be detrimental to my performance at the Olympic trials and Olympic Games."

The Spring Nationals run through Saturday, featuring more than 1,000 swimmers, ranging in age from 12 to 42.

Hall is entered in the 50-meter Freestyle, his premier event and one where he's the Olympic champion, plus the 100-meter free.

Among those expected to compete at one of the major tuneups for the Olympic trials at Long Beach, Calif., in July are 2000 gold medalists Lenny Krazelburg, Michael Phelps, Tom Malchow, Brooke Bennett, Missy Hyman, Diana Munz, Lindsay Benko and Courtney Shealy.
Larry Fitzgerald runs off the field following the Continental Tire Bowl, his last game in a Pittsburgh Panthers uniform. Fitzgerald will forego his final two years at Pittsburgh to enter the NFL draft.

Sophomore Fitzgerald to enter NFL draft

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald will enter the NFL draft and not return to Pittsburgh for his junior year.

The star receiver made the announcement Monday, four days after he was declared eligible by the NFL for the draft. He is expected to be among the first picks in the draft.

Fitzgerald left the Academic of Holy Angels in Richfield, Minn., midway through his senior year in 2001 and transferred to Valley Forge (Pa.) Military Academy to boost his grades for college.

The NFL cleared the way for Fitzgerald to enter the April draft because he is three years past his senior year of high school.

The league's decision on Fitzgerald came on the same day a federal judge ruled running back Maurice Clarett could also turn pro despite playing only one season at Ohio State.

In that ruling last Thursday, the judge said NFL rules regarding its draft violate federal antitrust laws. The ruling overturned the league's rule barring players from being eligible for the draft before they were out of high school for three years.

The 20-year-old Fitzgerald was a dominating receiver for the Panthers last season. He finished a close second to Oklahoma quarterback Jason White in voting for the Heisman Trophy, nearly becoming the first sophomore to win the award.

He was the most profi cient receiver in Pittsburgh history with an NCAA-record 34 touchdown catches in his freshman and sophomore years.

Fitzgerald also holds the NCAA record for touchdown receptions in 18 consecutive games.

Sophomore Fitzgerald was the fourth receiver in school history with over 1,000 yards receiving. The Panthers' fifth all-time leading receiver in catches, Fitzgerald hauled in 71 passes for 1,005 yards and 11 touchdowns.

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In 2003, Fitzgerald caught 87 passes and led all NCAA receivers with 1,595 yards. He had 22 touchdown catches, at least one in each of Pitt's regular season games.

He played in all 13 games as a freshman and became a starter in his third game. In 2002, he had 69 receptions for 1,005 yards, easily surpassing Antonio Bryant, who caught 51 passes for 844 yards as a freshman in 1999.

He also broke a 22-year-old record with 12 touchdown catches, beating Dwight Collins' record of 10 TD catches in 1980.

In Brief

Panthers hire third head coach this season

MIAMI — Rick Dudley left his job as the Florida Panthers' coach Monday to focus on his duties as general manager. Assistant coach John Torchetti will coach the team the rest of the season.

Dudley timed the move so he could attend this week's meetings of NHL general managers in Las Vegas. Torchetti will make his debut as an NHL head coach Tuesday at home against Montreal.

Torchetti becomes the Panthers' third coach this season and their fifth since 2000. He most likely will return next season if the team plays well in its final 27 games, Dudley said.

At 38, Torchetti becomes the league's third-youngest coach.

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Adu, 14, joins D.C. United

BRADENTON, Fla. — Freddy Adu sat on a golf cart, fiddling with his cell phone, and waiting for the start of his first professional practice.

"You'd think they would have called me," the 14-year-old soccer phenom joked Monday.

Adu's first official day on the job for D.C. United began with nearly an hour wait for his teammates. He most likely will return next season if the team plays well in its final 27 games, Dudley said.

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Facing Virginia Tech, Connecticut, Miami, Villanova and Boston College in a month, the Irish play no ranked opponents the rest of the season. Notre Dame faces three teams with losing records in their last five games.

However, McGraw said no matter what the competition is, her team must improve on the road.

“We didn’t handle Seton Hall,” McGraw said. “I’m concerned about us on the road. We’re trying to get everybody’s ‘A’ game, every night.”

Sunday was a typical road game for the Irish. Despite playing excellent defense in the first half and holding the Pirates to just 17 points, the team couldn’t find any offensive rhythm and lost by six. No Notre Dame player scored in double figures for the game.

“We’re playing well defensively, so we are in every game but we need to play equally as well on both ends,” McGraw said.

After beginning the season with a difficult schedule, the Irish are looking to end the season strong and make a push for a higher seed in the Big East and NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame hosts the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament at the Joyce Center.

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four months without throwing a baseball.

When Manship threw again, he said his arm felt fine. But two weeks ago when he took the mound against live batters, Manship said his arm tightened up again. After an MRI, doctors determined that he would need the surgery.

Tommy John surgery has occurred more frequently with professional and collegiate pitchers in the last several years. The surgery involves removing a tendon from another part of the body and attaching it to the elbow to function as a ligament. The recovery time is usually one year and, according to Mainieri, the player can even come back stronger and healthier than before the surgery.

“There’s no question in my mind Jeff has the mental toughness and the desire, and he will do everything he can to get himself back to being healthy and strong,” Mainieri said.

Manship is a two-time high school All-American, who went 22-2 with a 0.65 earned run average in his final two seasons. He had almost an 8-to-1 strikeout to walk ratio and allowed just 2.2 walks per nine innings in 2002 and 2003.

The Irish are now without two of their top pitchers. Manship joins Axford on the injured list and both pitchers were expected to see significant innings this season — likely in the starting rotation.

Mainieri said he needs his other pitchers to improve their game to help Notre Dame have success this season.

“With Jeff and John Axford now both out, other kids are getting a chance to step up and they need to take advantage of it,” Mainieri said.

Mainieri has never seen this many players on one team need “Tommy John” surgery in such a short period of time.

“When Manship threw again, I said the Irish staff continues to monitor players and does not push players over any limitations they may have during practice or a game.

“There’s not a school in the country that takes better care of their pitchers or shows more concern for the health of their pitchers,” Mainieri said. “They don’t ever pitch on short rest and we do everything we can do to ensure their health. So when these things happen it’s so frustrating and discouraging because we know we’re doing everything we can in our kids’ best interest.”

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Jacqueline Batteast drives Feb. 4 against Georgetown.

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seven first-half minutes due to back spasms, Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas put the Irish on his back and scored 31 points, highlighted by his 9-9 shooting in the second half. Brey said.

To cap the night off for Thomas, he

led by Quinn's 17 points and Torrian Jones, who had 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

The big moment on the night came after Connecticut tied the game at 69 with 3:06 remaining. A 3-pointer from Thomas sent the Irish on a 9-0 run and put the finishing touches on Notre Dame's best game of the season.

"That's where I thought we took a big step," Brey said. "I kept talking to them in the huddle and told them I didn't want to see any weak body language. We just had to keep fighting.

On a night playing against one of the top teams in the country, the Irish didn't play a perfect basketball game to pull the upset. Connecticut shot better from the field, got more rebounds and dominated inside the paint.

But the Irish played an intense and focused 40 minutes for the first time this season and earned their first big win on the season.

"We did what we needed to do to win," Notre Dame forward Jordan Cornette said. "That's what great teams do."

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CONNECTICUT (19-4, 7-2)

Villanueva 4-12, 2-9, Brown 3-7, 2-2, Okai, 10-17, 4-4, Gordon 8-16, 2-2, 22, Brown 7, 3-7, 0-0, Armstrong 0-6, 0-0, 0, Calcaterra 2-5, 0-0, 4, Tiles 0-0, 0-0, Anderson 3-7, 0-0.

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Pittsburgh midway through the first half with back spasms, started but couldn't finish Notre Dame's win against Connecticut Wednesday with the same injury. But the Irish weren't expecting much out of the sophomore, who didn't practice Sunday.

"We prepared yesterday like Torin wasn't going to be here," Brey said. "At 8 a.m. no way, at 3 p.m., maybe, [and] I said warm up and tell me if you can go. If you can go, we'll start you. And he gave it a try, but he's not ready. We need to get him some rest."

Francis was adamant that he would be ready to play Saturday against Seton Hall, but he also said that he would probably not practice for the next few days in order to get better.

Graves returns to South Bend

Former Notre Dame guard David Graves, who graduated in 2002, attended Notre Dame's win Monday night.

Notre Dame's 80-74 victory against Connecticut Monday subdued images of Graves' sophomore year, when the Irish beat the No. 2 Huskies in Hartford. Notre Dame then knocked off Connecticut again a month later in South Bend, touching off a court-rushing scene similar to the helmet that ensued after the fans rushed the court Monday.

"This brings back good memories," Graves smiled.

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head coach for the calm way he directed Notre Dame’s thrilling 80-74 upset of No. 5 Connecticut.

“When Thomas’ demeanor is like it was tonight, we can play with anybody,” Brey said. “But he struggled a little bit, he hadn’t shot well. If he doubts, we kind of doubt a little bit.

As a matter of fact, if he doubts, I doubt. Because he’s very important to us.

There was no doubting Thomas — or the rest of the Irish — the rest of the Irish season. For a Notre Dame team that had come so close, yet never beaten, top-ranked teams, Monday night was filled with a sense of losing and a player sick of being criticized.

“This past summer has made me more patient and play with a lot more poise,” said Thomas, who helped the Irish commit few — yes, zero — turnovers in the second half. “Every game to show it, but at least I’m showing it now.”

Those who claim Notre Dame would be better without Thomas than with him are sadly mistaken. When Thomas struggles, as he has most of the season, Notre Dame struggles as well. But when Thomas is on fire, as he was against the Huskies, Notre Dame can compete with and beat virtually every team it plays.

“Chris is capable of 30 every night,” Huskies coach Jim Calhoun shrugged after the game.

He’s also capable of struggling, as Notre Dame fans have seen all too well. Before Monday’s 31-point, 60-percent-from-3-point-range effort, Thomas was only shooting a measly 30 percent from behind the arc.

He could have blamed his bum knee, but he didn’t. He could have lashed out at the fans who booed him in Notre Dame’s win against Miami two weeks ago, but he didn’t.

He went to the gym, worked on his shot, and rallied the Irish when they needed them most.

“We’ve been hearing that Chris Quinn and I can never play good together on the same night,” Thomas said. “We figured this was our last stand, and we couldn’t take it any more.”

Notre Dame entered Monday’s game believing Francis wasn’t going to play, something Brey thought made the rest of the Irish focus more. But they couldn’t have expected Chris Quinn to tumble to the Joyce Center in pain midway through the second half.

But as hard as Thomas and Torrian Jones watched Quinn writhe in pain on the floor, they refused to back down.

Want examples of Notre Dame’s composure? There are many in the first half. Emeka Okafor swatted Rick Cornett’s shot at the backboard and earned a buzz of boos from fans who thought it was goal-shaming. On the sideline, Brey looked as if he winced in his head was about to burst as he angrily danced in front of Notre Dame’s bench.

But in a strong ironic twist — and Monday night was filled with them — the coach who preached composure all year lost his while the players on the floor rallied.

Even as the crowd jeered, Jones stoked the ball and threw it back to Thomas at midcourt. The crowd was still booping the missed call when Thomas drove into the lane and passed to Quinn, who nailed a 3-pointer to draw the Irish to 28-27.

“That just showed right there us growing up and maturing,” Jones said. “Earlier, we’d be whining at the refs and complaining about the call instead attacking after the ball. Tonight we did what we have to do, we hit every big play, got every loose ball, did everything we have to do to get the WC.”

Like when Notre Dame got a defensive stop, passed to Thomas, who simply stood and let the other nine players on the court sprint up in transition. Or when the Irish answered Connecticut down the stretch shot for shot.

This was the Notre Dame team Irish players had been trying to convince reporters existed during a stretch when the Irish had lost six of their last eight. This was a Notre Dame team that exuded the confident attitude of the top-ranked team it was supposed to be all season long.

Fans who left the Joyce Center scratching their heads had to be wondering two things. First, why did this team play tonight to show up? And second, where was this team all season long?

“If I could pick any part of my life, it feels like I’m fitting puberty right now,” Jones said. “You understand what you have to do and what is important in the game. If we start building on tonight’s points of emphasis, we’ll be ready right now.”

Jones may be the team’s most vocal player; Quinn may be the team’s most efficient. Francis might be Notre Dame’s best big man. Cornette may be the team’s most versatile and Timmerman’s might be the team’s toughest.

But as Brey said of Thomas after the game, “He is our program.”

And after Monday, nobody doubted either of them.

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Men’s Golf

Irish in fifth place at opening tournament

By ANNIE BRUSKY

The Notre Dame men’s golf team heads into today’s final round of the Rice Intercollegiate in fifth place — and only 13 strokes behind the leader — after a strong performance by the team in yesterday’s afternoon round.

After shooting the best team score of the tournament, a one-over par 289, in the second round yesterday, the Irish sit with a 597 team score after 36 holes at the par-72 Blackhorse North Golf Club in Cypress, Texas.

Freshman Cole Ishan leads the way in sixth place, with 145. Sophomore Tommy Balderston is tied for 11th place in the individual score of the tournament.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

No doubting Thomas

31-point effort leads to 80-74 upset of No. 5 Connecticut

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

One year later, it happened again.

Exactly 365 days after No. 4 Pittsburgh fell 66-64 at home to unranked Connecticut, Notre Dame got the upset, 80-74, last night in Steampipe Arena.

The win was No. 5 Connecticut’s first loss on national television and against a ranked opponent this season. Connecticut (19-4, 7-2) lost for the first time in five games and for the first time this year after leading at halftime.

"Not many people gave us a chance, but the 15 guys in this locker room believe we can play with anybody," Notre Dame guard Chris Quinn said.

With Notre Dame forward Torin Francis only able to play 14 minutes due to a knee injury, it was the Irish’s overall effort that won the game.

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Manship is the fourth Notre Dame player, and third pitcher, since April 2002 to require the season-ending operation. Shortstop Matt Macri and pitchers Grant Johnson and John Axford have all had the same injury.

While playing summer ball with the U.S. Junior National Team, Manship threw 130 pitches in a seven-inning game. He then threw four days later, but had to leave that game in the fourth inning with soreness in his elbow.

"It’s just tightened up on me. It didn’t feel right at all," Manship said. "I knew something was wrong."

Manship did not pitch again until coming to Notre Dame in the fall — one month later. He then began throwing with the Irish, but felt pain again once he threw from the mound. Mainieri and the Notre Dame coaching staff decided to shut Manship down and he went through surgery on April 2002.

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Weary Irish relish week-long break

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

With the tank nearly empty, the Irish finally get a break.

After playing at least one midweek game since Dec. 29, Notre Dame has the week off before facing Providence Saturday at the Joyce Center.

"It’s a great thing," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We’ve been going since Christmas break and this [break] couldn’t have come at a better time. We really need it. It could really rejuvenate us."

The team will not practice until Thursday.

The Irish (14-8, 6-3) are coming off a 51-45 loss at Seton Hall Sunday. The defeat dropped the team to third in the Big East, two games behind Connecticut for the conference lead.

Notre Dame has beaten five straight ranked teams, is 10-0 at home this season and has used outstanding defense to shut opponents down. But the Weary Irish relish week-long break...