Runoff election results in stalemate

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
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The 8:30 p.m. announcement of the student body president election results threw the election into turmoil rather than bringing the closure candidates and students expected.

Judicial Council president Elliot Pofondexter informed the tickets of Charlie Ebersol-James Leito and Adam Istvan-Karla Bell that neither received the 50 percent plus one vote needed to win the runoff election. As a result, an emergency meeting of the Student Senate will be called Sunday to determine the winning ticket.

If 2.7 percent of the 3,524 votes, Istvan-Bell received 1,723 votes, or 48.9 percent, and Ebersol-Leito received 1,531 votes, or 43.6 percent. The remaining 7.5 percent accounted for 263 abstentions.

Istvan credited his increase in votes — 748 votes in Monday's election to 1,723 votes in Thursday's runoff — to increased awareness of his platform and to the endorsements of both the Mark Healy-Mike Downes ticket.

Karla Bell said they received only positive comments throughout their campaign, their opposition, Charlie Ebersol and James Leito, did not report a similar experience.

Ebersol, who also ran for the top student government position last year, losing to Pat Hallahan, said that the threats he received this year intensified since the 2003 election.

The threats include postings on the NDToday.com message boards, voicemails left on Ebersol's apartment phone and e-mails to his personal account. Ebersol added that his Hummer has been keyed and the tires on his vehicle have been deflated multiple times. Ebersol said he did not report these threats or acts of vandalism to authorities.

"It becomes such a ridiculous situation that you don't know how to react to it," he said. "The toughest thing is that I don't feel I know that many people at this campus or have done anything offensive enough to warrant the threat."

Ebersol said that while no one has directly confronted him, this year's threats have been more personal in nature. Though he said he received no direct threats or personal attacks.

Students compare standoff to 2000 presidential election

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

In a storyline that sounds all too familiar, last night's run-off election ended in a stalemate.

Neither candidate won a majority of the popular vote, so the candidate who won the most dorms will become the next president.

With the possibility of a candidate winning despite a receiving fewer popular votes, students reacted to the idea of living through another Election 2000.

"I wouldn't like a president without the popular vote, just like I didn't like it in the national election," said senior Anthony Lopeman. "I don't like the dorm-vote system they're going to, but I also don't think we can keep having elections. Whoever has the most votes should win!"

Many students agreed with this thought, despite the fact that the Student Union Constitution does not provide...
Child's play

Happy Valentine's Day, kids. I'm sorry to say it, but Cupid is bringing bad news this year: Barbara Millicent Roberts is once again single. That's right, Ken and Barbie are breaking up. The world's favorite plastic couple are calling it quits, after a 43-year relationship. They seemed so happy. Unfortunately, the puppet masters at Mattel have conspired to ruin the all-American romance just before Valentine's Day.

What is the world coming to? I mean, it's no big loss for me as a dude, but the Barbie-Ken affair represents a big chunk of American culture, and now it's gone. I shouldn't to think what else the toy industry will bring us. They've been pretty busy dishing out crap for the last decade or so, and I don't think it's going to stop.

For example, the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. Any '80s kid will tell you those hacks are just cheap, blatan ripped-offs of Voltron.

Or how about Transfomers? When I was a little kid, the Robots in Disguise weren't made of cheap plastic. They were forged from military-grade steel. I had a StarScreen that must have weighed six pounds.

Toy guns have slipped quite a bit, too. I didn't grow up with neon-colored squirt guns. I was strapped with those cheap plastic guns don't even make a sound. You need to spend some quality time those hacks are just cheap, blatan ripped-offs of Voltron.

And then there are the terrible fads. Like Tama, gotchi? Remember those? They were these insufferable little electronic pets on keychains. Whenever they were hungry, or tired, or thirsty, or bored, they beeped. And beeped. And beeped.

And the Furby was just downright creepy, even though it looked like Glimo from "Gremlins." Those things randomly wake up and speak to you. Not just programmed lines, either. They can manage the rudiments of human speech. The government even banned Furbies from the Tower of CIA headquarters, for fear they could record sensitive information. Toys should never be a risk to national security.

Maybe I'm getting on in years, but I miss the good old days.

Kids actually used to play with cars. Hot Wheels, Matchbox cars and Micro Machines were the stuff race-car dreams were made of.

The old-school metal Slinky was endless fun, and it still is. There's just simple delight in watching a big spring walk down the stairs. And even though they inevitably got gled, stretched or otherwise ruined, it was no big deal. They were like three bucks.

But if you ask a kid today if he has a Lite Brite or some Play-Doh, odds are he'll pistol whip you. Good thing those cheap plastic guns don't even hurt.

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Question of the Day: What do you fear most about Friday the 13th?

Dave Rooney  
Junior off-campus

Molly Welton  
Junior LeMans

Cole Barker  
Junior O'Neill

Julie Taylor  
Junior Holy Cross Hall

Betsy Brown  
Junior Holy Cross Hall

Dave Millar  
Junior O'Neill

"Pre-marital relations in a cabin."  
"Lions, tigers and bears, oh my!"  
"Being hacked to death with an ax."

"Bad wigs."  
"Being attacked by a man-eating black cat."  
"That I will wake up and still be in South Bend."

Offbeat

Barbie and Ken break up

NEW YORK — Just like J.Lo and Ben, the romance is over for Barbie and Ken. After 43 years as one of the world's prettiest pairs, the perfect plastic couple is breaking up. The couple's "business manager," Russell Arons, vice president of marketing at Mattel, said that Barbie and Ken "feel it's time to spend some quality time apart."

"Like other celebrity couples, their Hollywood romance has come to an end," said Arons, who quickly added that the duo "will remain friends."

Truth be told, the announcement was prompted by the fact that Mattel is releasing the Cal (as in California) Girl Barbie, arriving in stores now. Ken will still be in the picture — only now he's "just a friend," Mattel claims.

Bedbugs bite back

IOWA CITY, IOWA — Bedbugs have bitten in 35 states, including Iowa, and continue to spread across the country, pest control experts say.

Bedbugs are tiny blood-sucking insects that smell like soda pop syrup and are shaped like apple seeds. They live in bedding or furniture, or hide behind baseboards and wallpaper.

They don't carry dis­eases, but they bite while you sleep, turning brownish-red after feeding on your blood.

Infestations are on the rise across the country in metropolitan cities with high travel populations, according to Orkin Exterminating Co.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Come watch the Actors From the London Stage perform William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Student tickets cost $12 and are available for purchase in LaFortune.

Attend a reading, discussion and signing with Kevin Coyne, author of "Demons," and "Marching Home: To War and Back with the Men of One American Town." Events begin at 7 p.m. tonight in the Hames Notre Dame bookstore.

Dance into Valentine's Day at the romantic La Sairee: A Valentine's Dance tonight from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Bring a date and dress to impress.

Enjoy Irish sing-a-longs and camraderie with the traditional Irish and Scottish tunes of The Kwills tonight at Legends. Doors are at 9:45 p.m.

Watch the revolutionary 1994 film "Go Fish" as part of the ND Queer Film Festival. Winner of the Best Feature Film at the Berlin Film Festival and nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, it tells the story of a young lesbian in Chicago who has trouble find­ing love. The film begins at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Showcase your skills at a campus-wide snow sculpting extravaganza, sponsored by the Hall Presidents Council. The competition begins at 4 p.m. on South Quad.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
Man arrested on trespassing charge

Trespasser asked priest for money near Main Building

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame Security/Police arrested a man for trespassing on campus Thursday afternoon.

The suspect, a 56-year-old male, was apprehended at approximately 3:10 p.m. in front of the Main Building after soliciting money from a Holy Cross priest, said Chuck Hurley, NDSP assistant director. The suspect was transported to St. Joseph County Jail and remained in custody Thursday evening.

The individual who NDSP officials say was previously issued a trespassing warning and told not to return to campus, allegedly confronted a priest and asked for money. An officer patrolling the area noticed the encounter and approached to investigate, Hurley said.

"It's the same situation as when someone approaches a student with a hard luck story and asks for $20 or $30," Hurley said.

Chuck Hurley NDSP assistant director

The officer observed that the priest was approached by this individual and that he saw an exchange then occur which he thought to be suspicious," Hurley said.

Hurlery declined to identify the priest or elaborate on the nature of their encounter but suggested that it mirrored past incidents where members of the Notre Dame community were asked to donate money to a needy individual.

"It's the same situation [as when] someone approaches a student with a hard luck story and asks for $20 or $30," Hurley said. "It's a problem that occurs periodically." If a student is approached by someone in need, Hurley said, he should notify NDSP so the department can assess the situation and direct the individual to the appropriate organizations.

More often than not, Hurley said, the individual's story doesn't check out and money given for a good cause is actually being used to fund a drug addiction.

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Lecture discusses 'just war' theory

Linking recent events in Iraq to Catholic responsibility, author Peter Ternes articulated his opinions on just war theory when he spoke at Notre Dame Thursday night.

Ternes, President of the Antioch New England Graduate School and author of the recently published "The Just War: An American Reflection on the Morality of War in Our Time," presented a one-hour lecture entitled "Just War Thinking in a New Age" to approximately 20 students and faculty in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The just war theory, Ternes said, revolves around the idea that while "war is always wrong, [it is] sometimes necessary." He argued that choices are not always between right and wrong, but that war may end up being the lesser of two wrongs.

"As precious as peace is, peace is not enough," he said. "Justice and decency are higher values." The highest justification for war, he said, is not defense of self, but defense of an innocent third party.

Ternes explained the ambiguity found in the principles of Catholic just war theory, a concept first proposed by St. Augustine. These principles include the propositions that war must be waged by a legitimate authority, be taken as a last resort and be harmful only in proportion to the good it brings, he said.

Ternes' book adds three original ideas to the first principles. He also proposed that war may be considered just if and only if it is about the future instead of the past, is waged with the understanding that all human life is equally precious and it promotes the idea that the legitimacy of government comes from the consent of the governed.

Ternes related his belief that a war is partly justified by its after-effects to the recent controversy in Iraq. "Our obligation in Iraq is just beginning," he said.

The Program of Liberal Studies, The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and The Review of Politics cosponsored the lecture.

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for a plurality vote in such a case. However, with only 50 percent of the campus population voting, the situation is also being blamed on student apathy. I think the low voter turnout is sad," said sophomore Maddy Saunders. "At least the people that abstained voiced their opinions.

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**Debate**

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Dame is prohibited from interfering in the production by its commitment to academic freedom, said Rose Lindgren, a staff and cast member. Support has also come from such sources as Pangborn Hall, whose hall government proposed a resolution to donate funds from the hall tax to VDay. "We had to drop that idea after speaking to Student Affairs," Pangborn rector Heather Rakoczy said. Instead, she said the dorm collected spare change from residents and donated the proceeds to the group.

Performances of The Vagina Monologues have also sparked protest and criticism since the beginning. Critics accuse Ensler, who is a lesbian, of furthering an anti-marriage, pro-lesbian agenda, and describe the play as "obscene" and "pornographic." When the Notre Dame chapter of V-Day organized its first performance in February of 2002, alumni and students polled separated from those who supported the production and those who wanted the administration to ban it.

Saint Mary's students organized their own V-Day chapter and production in 2003. However, president Marilou Eldred forbade its production in their own V-Day chapter and production in the fall of 2003 as well as women's issues track in her defense of genital mutilation, establishing shelters and preventing domestic violence. Additionally, they are sponsoring "V is for Vote," providing Indiana voting registration information to all interested, as well as women's issues track records of all the 2004 presidential candidates.

On Wednesday evening, the V-Day organization sponsored an "open mike night" at Reckers. Students were offered the chance to deliver poetry, stories and personal accounts of rape or domestic violence. V-Day also sponsored the "Clothesline Project," which brought victims of sexual assault or domestic violence together and invited them to design t-shirts about women's issues. These shirts will be hung at Spagen Center for the Monologues throughout the performance and have been displayed for several days in the main lobby of O'Shaughnessy Hall.

"We are, symbolically, trying to air out our society's dirty laundry," Horvath said.

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**International News**

Most-wanted terrorist suspect dies

WASHINGTON, Wash. — One of the most-wanted terrorism suspects has died from injuries in a November shootout with security forces, a U.S. official said Thursday.

Amr Mohamed Mori, also known as al-Shihri, made it to a safehouse where he was treated by a nurse, but he later died, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Saudi Interior Ministry said in November that the five-hour shootout in a residential neighborhood of the Saudi capital, Riyadh, left one U.S. soldier and eight policemen wounded. Witnesses said several militants escaped.

The Saudi government has never declared al-Shihri to be dead.

Mexico accuses U.S., Britain of spying

MEXICO CITY — Mexico has asked the United States and Britain to explain recent accusations they spied on U.N. delegations in the run-up to the war in Iraq.

Mexico’s request came a day after Chile accused its U.S. mission telephones were tapped as the U.S. General Accounting Office’s review backed by Washington, Britain and Spain authorizing war against Saddam Hussein.

A Chinese government spokesman refused to say who was suspected of tapping the telephones, but said government officials “expressed our concern to the respective institutions.”

On Saturday, a London newspaper reported that British intelligence acted on a U.S. request for help in eavesdropping on U.N. delegates’ home and office telephones before the war.

**National News**

Clark to endorse front-runner Kerry

WASHINGTON — Wesley Clark will endorse presidential contender John Kerry, a Democrat from Massachusetts who is looking to wrap up the party’s nomination, the renegade mayor of San Francisco said Monday.

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Human embryo successfully cloned


**Local News**

House to vote on Indiana time zone

INDIANAPOLIS — A leading lawmaker expects the House to vote next week on a resolution asking the federal government to move most of Indiana to the Central time zone and have it observe daylight-saving time.

Rep. Chet Dobis, D-Merrillville, said Thursday that he senses more legislative momentum now behind making a time switch than there has been in his 34 years in the General Assembly. He also said he believed the resolution would pass.

**Human embryo successfully cloned**

Two South Korean scientists have announced the landmark achievement here Thursday said they have already been the target of street demonstrations and egg-throwing incidents in Seoul even though their work is direct ed at treating diseases and not as making cloned babies.

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Davina Kotulsik (left) and her partner Molly McKay talk to the media before applying for a marriage license outside City Hall in San Francisco, California, Thursday.

**Gay weddings performed in Calif.**

San Francisco city officials allow 15 same-sex marriages in protest of state law

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In an open challenge to California law, city authorities performed at least 15 same-sex weddings Thursday and issued about a dozen more marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples.

By misinterpretation, jubilant gay couples received marriage licenses under City Hall’s ornate gold doors and exchanging vows in two-minute ceremonies that followed one after another.

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The Bush administration favors such action and referred reporters to a statement by the president calling for "a comprehensive and effective ban."

"Human life is a creation, not a commodity, and should not be used as research material for reckless experiments," Bush said last month.

See, Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who voted against a bill passed last year by the House that called for a ban on human cloning, said there needs to be legislation that would prevent cloning of human cells, but permit " lifesaving stem cell research to proceed under strict ethical guidelines."

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Racial issues forum celebrates black history

By TRICIA DE GROOT
News Writer

Three Notre Dame history professors specializing in racial issues kicked off a celebration of Black History Month when they spoke at a forum in Welsh Family Hall on Thursday night.

Welsh multicultural commissioners Arienne Thompson and Shawtina Ferguson facilitated the event and invited their past and current professors—Emily Osborn, Tom Guglielmo and Richard Pierce—to attend the event and share their own reflections on black history with students.

Guglielmo began with an account of a life-changing Christmas present in 1989. He said the book, "Parting the Waters" by Taylor Branch, influenced his decision to become a history major.

"These struggles are still very much alive today, but we cannot allow that reality to de-emphasize the achievements of this movement," Guglielmo said. '"We can all make a difference if we organize, mobilize and are determined.'

Following Guglielmo's presentation, Osborn spoke to the group about African history in Sierra Leone, Africa. She emphasized the ties that this country shares with the United States and how important it has been to African history.

She said Sierra Leone served as an example of cultural and race relations far ahead of their time and expressed her hope that, through this example, people would see Africa in a more positive light.

While negative perception of current events often "erases this complex, very rich past," Osborn said, her goal is "to see the United States and Africa share with the world what is the African American history in a history of trauma."

The last professor to speak, Richard Pierce, told his audience that "people believe African American history is a history of trauma." However, Pierce said he views African American history as a history of resistance.

"If resistance is the lens through which I see African American history," Pierce asked, "then what is the resistance to follow?"

Pierce also described the boxing match involving Floyd Patterson and Sonny Liston as a clash Americans viewed as "good versus evil, evil versus acceptable." Pierce further related this event to his theme of resistance.

"Resistance is the base," he said. "How to resist has always been the question." The evening concluded with an opportunity to speak with the professors when the floor was opened up for questions.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Drug at center of scandal approved**

WASHINGTON — Erbitus, the drug at the center of Martha Stewart stock scandal, won government approval Thursday as a treatment for colorectal cancer patients who have run out of other options. Erbitus is one of a new class of cancer medicines designed to specifically target and disrupt certain molecules that spur tumor growth. But it has gotten more attention on Wall Street than in hospitals of the Stewart case.

Manufacturer ImClone Systems initially sought FDA approval in 2001. But the agency in December of that year said the company’s studies were so poorly done that scientists couldn’t even estimate whether Erbitus actually helped patients.

The company sent ImClone’s stock plummeting. Chief executive Sam Waksal is in prison after pleading guilty to securities fraud for dumping his stock just before the news became public. Now his friend, domestic diva Stewart, is on trial, accused of lying and securities fraud after dumping her own holdings. She denies wrongdoing.

**Study shows increase in tire ratings**

WASHINGTON - Tires are better at resisting wear than they were in 2000, when Firestone recalled millions of tires that were prone to lose their tread and blow out, according to federal data released Thursday.

But ratings at Firestone performance and heat resistance have seen little change since 2000, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said.

Six percent of tires rated between a 2000, and a 600 on resisting wear this year, meaning they can last four to six times longer than a basic tire, and at least 25 tires had a rating of 700 or higher. In 2000, there were hardly any tires with a 600 and no tires with a 700.

NHTSA has been rating tires since 1980, but made its site easier to search this year in response to a call from Congress to make tire information readily available to consumers. There are ratings for more than 2,200 tires, including some that have been discontinued but may still be on store shelves.

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“My real concern is that when the time comes to start these benefits, we’re going to find that we are in very serious fiscal difficulty,” Greenspan said. “I do think it’s important for the people who are retiring to have a sense of security that what is being promised to them as they retire will indeed be there.”

The budget rules that Greenspan favors reinstating expired in late 2002. He wants those “pay as you go” rules to apply to both spending and taxes so the deficit does not worsen. Bush is recommending they cover only spending.

If Bush got his way, he would not have to come up with the estimated $1 trillion needed to make the tax cuts permanent.

The Senate Banking Committee came out in support of the administration’s effort to reduce the deficit, as well as the debate over how much of the tax cuts were a good idea.

Microsoft chairman Steve Ballmer said the leak was a result of a breach of Microsoft’s corporate network. There was no known immediate affect on Microsoft customers, he said.

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Ebersol and Istvan. Each said, "While Ebersol-Leito won the freshman class 551 to 443 votes and the sophomore class 493 to 379 votes, Istvan-Bell won the junior class 490 to 323 votes and the senior class 409 to 170 votes. However, the Student Senate is set up with only one off campus senator and one senator from each dorm."

A further issue now complicating the election is that each dorm, regardless of size, will receive only one vote in the Senate meeting Sunday.

"I think it's unfortunate for the kids that live in the big dorms," said Istvan. "It's not like the federal system where you have drastically different views coming from the big and small states. Here, we're all one with..."

Istvan mentioned that this arrangement hurts him, because a lot of his support came from students who live off campus. "I think it would have upset me if I won that dorm, but at this point, I was just done out-right," said Istvan. "I'm sure whoever wins will be a president who will try to find a better way, but we have to go with what we have.

"Based on the last election... I think the two of us can get a pretty good idea of where the votes stand," he said. "We don't know the reasons. We can see and understand. But we can trust that Chad is one with the Lord, and we are one with Chad."

"Their vote is pretty good idea of who wins what dorms." Healy said. "We don't know the reasons. We can see and understand. But we can trust that Chad is one with the Lord, and we are one with Chad."

"I think the real interpretation," said Istvan. "The closed meeting policy is for those senators who are off campus, but it's also decided then it doesn't matter. If either of us wins 15 senators straight... we would automatically win."

Ebersol agreed with Istvan. "I don't agree with the interpretation," he said. "While there is a closed door session, I think the real interpretation is that it's closed in the event of a tie so the senators don't feel like they're being swayed by the candidates."

Because of the confusion, each candidate said he would look into the election bylaws if voted into office. "I'm sure whoever wins will probably take a serious look at it to find a better way, but we have to go with what we have for now," Istvan said.

"I think it's important that each dorm has equal representation and equal votes," Ebersol said. "During the last election, you have a pretty good idea of who wins what dorms."

"I would willingly bet that if you looked at the last election, you would be able to figure out who is going to win this election," he said. "In Monday's election, Ebersol-Leito won 22 of 27 dorms. Istvan-Bell won 3, Healy-Leito and Craft-Lynch each won one dorm."

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"This country was built on the sweat and blood off our ancestors' brows. Yet we still cannot live with the impending threat of ignorant whites who are oblivious to their privilege, demeaning our successes as handouts and our failures as a character of our blackness."

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Friday, February 13, 2004
Men compete for pageant title

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Missed the Mr. ND Pageant? There will be another chance to get your fill of Notre Dame's finest at 2 p.m. on Saturday, when male Notre Dame students compete for the title of "Mr. Cool Water" here on campus.

Legends and the magazine Sports Illustrated have designed a Cool Water cologne promotional event. "The idea generated from Sports Illustrated on Campus," said Jonathan Jorissen, program coordinator at Legends. "Cool Water is a sponsor of Sports Illustrated on Campus, and the representatives here at Notre Dame heard about the event."

The campus representatives submitted a proposal to be one of three schools hosting the event. The pageant is in affiliation with Cool Water's search for the new face of their cologne. Any male attending the event is eligible for the modeling contract, and the winning model will also win a date with a Sports Illustrated swimsuit model.

According to Jorissen, each men's dorm was eligible for one entrant in the pageant, as well as one Mr. Off-Campus. The judges will be representatives from the women's residence halls, with Cheryl Turski serving as emcee.

In addition to the title, the top three winners will receive cash prizes of $100, $50 and $25, respectively. The event will take place after the men's basketball game against Seton Hall on Saturday, scheduled for 12 noon at the Joyce.

"We're anticipating a good turnout," Jorissen said. "The guys are invited to bring support groups ... part of the competition is the crowd response, so they are encouraged to bring as many people as possible."

The event has not been heavily advertised, although all students on the Legends e-mail list received information on the competition. Posters in residence halls have also publicized the event.

The timing of the event — after the men's basketball game — should also bring people to Legends, Jorissen said.

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Threats

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death threats previously, he does not consider these recent threats to be as serious in nature.

"The thing that gets me the most is that people don't want to confront me," Ebersol said. "I am right now reacting to an invisible group that is either unwilling or doesn't want to confront me and ask me questions to find out what about me they don't like. I can't defend myself."

Ebersol added that this election's issues were lost in the men's basketball game against Istvan and Bell because of their personal dislike for Ebersol.

"I'm a CBS fan myself," freshman Dan Nickele said, referencing Ebersol's father Dick Ebersol, who is Chairman of NBC Sports.

"I've heard he's just a jerk, not that I know him personally," Nickele said. "Ebersol's running mate, Leilo, said he was not the subject of personal attacks, and that he does not believe his own campaign experience — both the negative and the positive — was unlike previous campaigns. Istvan and Bell reported an overall positive experience.

"I have received nothing but positive feedback," Istvan said. "If that disgusting stuff is happening to [Ebersol], I feel awful and that is not what this election is supposed to be about."

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Festival a step in right direction

Five years ago, Notre Dame students were participating in hunger strikes to protest the University's policy toward homosexuals.

This week, department-sponsored students are running and attending the first Queer Film Festival on campus. It's a big change — and a huge step in the right direction.

Granted, the University's policy toward homosexual individuals — both students and faculty — is still far from perfect. The same issues that prompted protests and controversy throughout the 1990s are still unresolved. Gay groups are still denied club status and the University's non-discrimination clause still does not include homosexuals.

But considering Notre Dame's outspoken, hard-core Catholic identity, its reluctance to fully and openly sanction homosexual causes or groups is somewhat understandable. The backlash from various Catholic organizations and alumni would most likely be overwhelming, and the University's cautious moves are most likely an effort to avoid such a vehement reaction.

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One thing is clear — the University is moving in the right direction. Permitting events like the Queer Film Festival taints Notre Dame's campus, but it is also a step toward more acceptance and understanding of alternative lifestyles.

Now that Notre Dame is more openly displaying this attitude, it should quicken its pace in implementing changes. Catholicism is the most identifying characteristic of the University, but that same religious commitment should be used to justify full inclusion. A main tenet of the Catholic faith is that all people are equal and love should be universal; the University should act on that tenet and include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination clause. It should be commended for its recent allowances and exhibition of a more tolerant mindset, but the administration should build upon that mindset and turn to action by taking the major steps needed to secure full equality for all people on this campus.

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"I am the Immaculate Conception."

Thus spoke the Mother of God to Saint Bernadette Soubirous in 1858, just four years after Blessed Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed the doctrine of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. Our Lady was preserved from all stain of sin from the first moment of her conception so that she would be the singular vessel of devotion in which the Word would become Flesh by the grace of God. Our Lady's Immaculate Conception is the most identifying characteristic of the Immaculate Virgin Mary with one of the four sins that cry out to Heaven for forgiveness. Our Lady was preserved from all stain of sin from the first moment of her conception so that she would be the singular vessel of devotion in which the Word would become Flesh by the grace of God. Our Lady's Immaculate Conception is the most identifying characteristic of the Immaculate Virgin Mary with one of the four sins that cry out to Heaven for forgiveness.

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Dispelling myths about Bush's economy

Bill Rinner
A Voice of Reason

Despite what you hear from Democratic political hopefuls and beltway experts, the Bush administration can take little responsibility for the state of the American economy since January 2001.

Complex macroeconomic trends, business cycles, and even the meaning of the words "grow domestic product" elude understanding of average Americans. Those with a party to push pick and choose facts to show down their threats to either disparage Bush or glorify him. Consequently, a number of myths have evolved regarding Bush's connection to economic developments that must be addressed.

Myth number one: Bush has lost millions of jobs since he took office. This claim not only ignores economic developments at work even before Bush took office, but also assumes that Bush is directly responsible for the current business's personnel decision made immediately after his inauguration. The world market bubble and ensuing tech crash, followed by the shock of Sept. 11, took a devastating toll on American businesses that had already experienced a recession inherited before Bush even took office.

The recession and bubble-burst took a double toll, cutting or freezing hiring as bad debts, but as their companies' overall spending while the country is at war?

Myth number two: Bush has allowed the outsourcing of countless jobs to foreign countries. Corollary to myth number one, this myth is not so much a falsehood as it is a misinterpretation of the nature and motivation for outsourcing jobs. Until recently, hardly any politicians seemed to pay much attention to outsourcing factory and jobs, for as the practice increased over the last few years, elected officials now perceive it as a potential hot issue, and pending legislation is piling up.

The Senate passed a bill in late January banning the outsourcing of government technical jobs to India that Bush will likely sign into law, but what effect such laws will have on the practice is unclear as the current policy is one of doomsday. Bush has signed none of the current policy statements that he is debating. The Bush administration has no apparent idea of the nature and motivation for outsourcing jobs and what effects such laws will have. Bush has signed none of the current policy statements that he is debating.

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Settling the far-left conspiracy against marriage

Gary Caruso
Capitol Comments

Today, Friday the Thirteenth, is an unlucky day for the American principle of equality, as the Massachusetts state legislature marries on race with zeal to "fulfill" the constitution of marriage from its state supreme court. This policy is nonissue, however, nicely fits the president's political agenda, it will be that and pathetic if Americans allow such acrimony to control this marriage debate in the Bush era.

When President Clinton, a man for whom I worked, signed the Defense of Marriage Act conceived by congressional Republicans, he caved on a tough political issue. Deep down inside, of all we knew it was a political stunt. Yet Clinton insisted to avoid the political baggage he suffered early in his term on the nation's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. He refused being up for princi- pal and surrendered the issue to its opponents.

Democrats are now skirting the issue again in an effort to neutralize it in the election. Today's atmosphere is reminiscent of the politically-charged fervor that steered our risks to war against Iraq. Regardless of the outcome of this year's political efforts, many who have spent their lives trying to know its irrelevance and how fundamentally wrong it is to separate this nation dedicated to equality and freedom. The issue is as outrageous as suggesting one way streets threaten our system of commerce.

By last October, President Bush "spontanized" a week as "Defense of Marriage Week" and began his steady schedule to visit and nod at his self-chosen role as America's religious president. Bush set the stage to energize the fundraising efforts of right-wing religious leaders like Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, who see themselves as political beacons of conservative light in the mucky sea of liberalism.

They preach their specific methods of worship and strict belief of being born again on earth is the only path to heaven. They are the types who cannot fathom the notion that God may have actually used the evolutionary process to create our world. These closed-minded types do not generally agree with Catholicism but politically welcome Catholics to join their anti-abortion efforts. They definitely ignore our "catholic" political version, our beliefs in a Virgin Mother and our "wonderful" people we deem as saints. In short, they are only tolerant with others and act as we do.

Even if Bush does not serve a second term, he has stuck a hefty thorn in Democrats' side. He has turned the conservative economic spending principles or risk increasing the deficit to even higher levels. Perhaps there is method in the madness of Bush's spending after all.

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Norah Jones avoids sophomore slump

By EMILY TUMBIRNK /Assistant Scene Editor

Since its release, Come Away With Me, Norah Jones’ hugely successful debut album, has sold more than 17 million copies worldwide, won the “Big Three” at the Grammys in 2003 (Best New Artist, Album of the Year, and Record of the Year), and remains in the top 25 after 101 weeks on the Billboard charts. Despite the incredibly high expectations for this young artist’s sophomore follow-up, Jones has bravely released Feels Like Home. Already ranked number one on the Amazon.com sales chart, Jones’ second release is sure to be both a financial and popular success.

On this album, Jones, who moved to Manhattan in 1999, has returned to her Texas roots, which would perhaps explain her choice for the title. Feels Like Home combines the sultry jazz sound made famous on Come Away With Me with a more country/bluegrass twang. Despite this slight stylistic change, Feels Like Home feels like a continuation of her previous album, which would be considered a good thing by most listeners.

Six of the 13 tracks on Feels Like Home were written or co-written by Jones herself. She has also included covers of Townes Van Zandt’s “Be Here to Love Me” and Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan’s “The Long Way Home,” and revised Duke Ellington’s instrumenta mensa I. “Melancholia,” by adding her own lyrics and renaming it “Don’t Miss You At All.”

While most of the songs on Come Away With Me focused on Jones’ voice surrounded by soft and sparse instrumentation, Feels Like Home offers the more tangible presence of The Handsome Band as a back-up group. Also, the tracks included on Come Away With Me were generally very slow, mellow and soothing. Feels Like Home, on the other hand, features several songs that are upbeat, but still manage to possess the dreamy lounge quality of Come Away With Me.

The first single from Feels Like Home, “Sunrise,” was released to radio stations in early January and is sure to gain increasing airplay. This song feels the most like those released on Come Away With Me and is appropriately located at the beginning of Feels Like Home, easing the transition from one style to the next while subtly setting the stage for the rest of the album. “Unrepentant,” the most country-flavored inclusion on the album, features Dolly Parton providing backup vocals, and feels more like an old country ditty than what is played on today’s country radio stations.

Although Feels Like Home most likely will not live up to everyone’s expectations, it is simply because those expectations are too high. The album is a solid release with many great songs and is not likely to disappoint fans, but it cannot quite live up to the standard set by Come Away With Me. While Come Away With Me offered a haven in a music world filled with pop stars and boy bands, the need for up albums like Feels Like Home is no longer quite as urgent since Jones has paved the way for many other talented and unique artists to achieve popularity. Despite this lack of urgency, Feels Like Home remains a welcomed release and will probably achieve quiet success in the typical Norah Jones fashion.

Norah Jones’ latest release combines the sultry jazz sound of Come Away With Me with a country/bluegrass twang.

Dizzee Rascal is like no other

By KENYATTA STORIN /Scene Music Critic

London MC Dizzee Rascal may only be 18 years old, but his debut, Boy in da Corner, showcases a unique style that most veteran musicians do not achieve five albums deep into their careers. His music combines aspects of hip-hop and electronics, but it is almost impossible to classify him under one or the other. And despite comparisons to 2Pac and 50 Cent, the truth of the matter is that even when you take away his British accent and slang, Dizzee simply sounds like nobody else, past or present.

Virtually all of the production is done by Dizzee himself, and to say his beats are different from the norm is an understatement. Aside from the old school hip-hop beat of “Fix Up, Look Sharp,” most of the production sounds like strange combinations of disjointed, spacey beeps and bleeps of a Playstation 2 with heavy, droning thumps of a bass in the background. Many listeners will be immediately turned off by this, since it is not particularly catchy and is often just plain weird. If you are looking for the next “In Da Club,” you will not find it here. Nonetheless, if given an open mind and some time, the uniqueness of Dizzee’s sound can be readily respected and enjoyed.

However, to truly appreciate Dizzee, you must decipher his lyrics. His British accent is so thick that even simple words like “girl” can sound cryptic, and his cultural slang will go over your head unless you are well versed in British street lingo. But if you have the patience, or perhaps online written lyrics, you will find that Dizzee’s rhymes are worth your time.

Dizzee gives you the lowdown on the streets of East London, but it goes beyond just talking about how tough he is, how nice his rims are and how many girls he can get like your average gangsta rap- per. It discusses the trials and tribulations of his life but is not afraid to show conflicting emotions and weaknesses. On “Brand New Day,” he laments the difficulties of his life, saying, “Looks like I’m losing sight / Cos I’m looking at the future, it ain’t right,” but then says in the chorus, “But it’s a brand new day / New opportuni­ ties, what can I say?”

Similarly, on “Do It” he says, “Sometimes I wake up wishing I can sleep forever / I spend my whole life trying to pull myself together,” and then says in the chorus, “Sleep tight, everything will be alright.”

Other notable tracks are “Luv U,” which discusses underage sex, “Jezebel,” a sad tale of a prostitute, and “Round We Go,” where Dizzee talks about his girl problems.

British rapper Dizzee Rascal’s music is often just plain weird, but its uniqueness can be respected and enjoyed.

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Sarah McLachlan continues to glow

By REBECCA SAUNDERS

Sarah McLachlan's angelic voice continues to glow on her latest release, "Afterglow," which is sure to be music to your ears. McLachlan's piano-driven songs, characterized by her unique vocal style and thoughtful lyrics, have always been a source of inspiration for music lovers. In "Afterglow," McLachlan explores themes of personal growth and resilience, reflecting on the challenges she has faced throughout her career. The album features collaborations with some of the greatest names in the music industry, including Weezer's Rivers Cuomo, who contributed additional guitar work. The result is an album that is as emotionally resonant as it is musically captivating. Whether you are a long-time fan or a newcomer to her music, "Afterglow" is a must-listen for anyone who appreciates heartfelt, well-crafted music. Considered as the first album released after her marriage, the album shows McLachlan's personal growth and her commitment to her craft, which has been evident in her work for over two decades. "Afterglow" is a testament to McLachlan's artistic evolution and her ability to connect with listeners on a deep emotional level. With "Afterglow," McLachlan continues to showcase her talent and proves once again why she is considered one of the most beloved artists in the contemporary music scene.
Tampa Bay, Lecavalier defeat Montreal Canadiens 5-3

Associated Press

Not even a dismal start could slow the Tampa Bay Lightning. Vincent Lecavalier scored the go-ahead goal with 5.04 left, and the Lightning overcame a two-goal deficit to beat the Montreal Canadiens 5-3 Thursday night.

Tampa Bay scored four goals on 23 shots during the third period in winning for just the second time when trailing after two (1-2-3).

"We came in said we weren't ready to play," coach John Tortorella said. "That team stayed together. We just kept coming." Lecavalier, who also had two assists, was positioned in the slot when he redirected Darryl Sydor's shot past Jose Theodore.

"Obviously, it feels good coming back," Lecavalier said. "It proves we've got a lot of character. Everybody stepped up to the plate."

Martin St. Louis and Brad Richards each scored two goals for the Lightning. St. Louis scored both goals on the power play.

"We did what we had to do," said Tampa Bay's Ruslan Fedotenko, who had three third-period assists. "We were trying to dominate and keep the puck in the net. It paid off."

Montreal is 22-3-0 when leading after 40 minutes.

"We just lost our composure," coach Claude Julien said. "We seemed like a team that was panicking for whatever reason. It ended up costing us. It's as simple as that."

The Canadiens took a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Koivu and Markov.

Koivu scored on a backhander after Tampa Bay defensemen Pavel Kubina blocked his pass during a two-on-one at 4:25. Koivu then assisted on Markov's power-play goal from the top of the right circle with 3:06 left.

St. Louis made it 2-1 with a power-play goal at 6:22 of the second. The right wing shot from along the goal line went in off Theodore.

Just 36 seconds after Richards hit the post, St. Louis hit it at 2-4-4 of the third when his shot from near the boards just in front of goal deflected off Koivu.

Capitals 3, Hurricanes 3

Pavel Brendl scored late in the third period Thursday night to lift the Carolina Hurricanes into a 3-3 tie with the Washington Capitals.

Marty Murray and Sean Hill each scored for the Hurricanes, who are 0-5-2 in their last seven home games.

Kevin Weekes had 18 saves for Carolina, which shutout Washington 41-21.

Jeff Halpern had a goal and an assist for the Capitals, who had won the previous four meetings this season. Anson Carter and Mike Grier each scored for the Capitals while Olaf Kolzig had 38 saves.

Carolina's four previous losses to Washington this season came - by a combined score of 16-4, but this game was competitive and physical throughout.

The game featured 17 penalties in the second period alone - including game misconduct penalties to Washington's Darcy Verot and Carolina's Bruno St. Jacques - and several tussles on the ice.

Carter put the Capitals ahead 3-2 with a power-play goal. Standing in front of the crease, Halpern flipped the puck back to Carter on the left goal line while battling for position.

Carter beat Weekes, who had come out when the puck was in front of net, at 8:03 of the third. Brendl answered with his fourth goal of the season, grabbing a rebound off a shot from Eric Staal and putting it in the net at 10:19.

Halpern dominated the second period and took a 2-1 lead on Hill's straightaway shot on the power play. The Hurricanes swarmed around the net, out-shooting the Capitals 16-3 in the period, and would have led by more if not for Kolzig's solid play.

The netminder turned away close shots by Jeff O'Neill, Justin Williams and Niklas Wallin in the period to keep Washington in it.

The Capitals tied it when a shot by Peter Bondra bounced off the skate of Halpern, ricocheted off Weeke's leg pad and went in the net. Halpern was credited with the game-tying goal at 16:59 of the period.

Maple Leafs 4, Blue Jackets 1

The Columbus Blue Jackets just didn't have the energy to rally against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Gary Roberts and Darcy Tucker scored power-play goals, and the Maple Leafs beat the Blue Jackets 4-1 on Thursday night.

Columbus beat the Los Angeles Kings in overtime in its previous game.

"It was just a case of us playing last night," Columbus coach Gerard Gallant said. "We looked tired. We worked hard and competed, but our top scorers just didn't get the scoring chances they usually get."

Ed Belfour made 18 saves in his first start in almost two weeks. Belfour, who missed three games with a back injury, was rarely tested, but he did stop Todd Marchant on a partial breakaway after Marchant skated between two defensemen in the first period.

"They played the night before. Maybe being tired was the case today," Belfour said. Marchant scored the lone goal for the Blue Jackets, who have the worst road record in the NHL (3-17-4). Columbus' Rick Nash, the NHL's leading goal scorer, admitted his team

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Quarterback Henson tries to impress NFL scouts

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Drew Henson tried to show NFL scouts Thursday he can hit a receiver better than he could hit a curveball.

Representatives from 20 teams gathered at the Houston Texans' practice bubble to watch the former Michigan quarterback throw about 75 passes.

"I felt good," said Henson, a third-round draft pick.

"I threw as good as I could have hoped today." said Drew Henson

"I threw as good as I could have hoped today."

Henson hit .234 with 14 home runs, 40 doubles and 78 RBIs for Triple-A Columbus last season. He struck out 122 times and made 22 errors.

In a six-year minor league career that began on a Yankees rookie league team in 1998 and spanned 501 games, Henson hit .248 with 67 home runs, 274 RBIs and 556 strikeouts. During that span, the Yankees traded him to Cincinnati and reacquired him from the Reds.

Henson was 1-for-9 and scored three runs for New York. He was a September callup by the Yankees in 2002 and 2003.

Henson left Michigan before his senior season. As a junior, he completed 146 of 237 passes for 2,146 yards. He had 18 touchdowns and four interceptions.

New York Jets offensive assistant Dick Curl acknowledged some teams watched the workout mainly to scout a future opponent. He was aware that two AFC East rivals — Miami and Buffalo — could have Henson next season.

"In this profession, you have to do your homework because you never know what's going to happen," Curl said.

Associated Press

Henson went out at the Texans' indoor facility in Houston, Tex., Monday, February 13, 2004, preparing to impress the NFL scouts present.

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"I threw as good as I could have hoped today."
Irish to meet No. 14 Virginia Commonwealth this weekend

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

A competitive No. 14 Virginia Commonwealth will be the first of three stops this weekend for the women's tennis team.

The Irish are set to meet Virginia Commonwealth on Friday and will move on to play Boston College Saturday and Virginia Tech Sunday.

"This weekend is going to be really important for us. They're all big matches," said coach Jay Louderback. "We're playing some big East teams and someone ranked ahead of us. The girls are also really excited to play a team ranked ahead of them."

The Virginia Commonwealth Rams (6-0) are returning from a 4-3 win against Old Dominion Sunday. This weekend's match will be the first time the Irish have met the Rams, who went undefeated until the NCAA tournament last year.

"They'll definitely be our toughest competition this weekend," sophomore Lauren Connolly said. "We all look at it as an opportunity to get our confidence going as we begin the season."

From Virginia Commonwealth, the Irish will travel three hours to compete against Boston College (5-0) in Blacksburg, Va. Last year's match between the two resulted in an Irish 6-1 victory. The Boston College Eagles are also fresh off a win against Columbia 6-1 last weekend.

Despite their history of victories against the Eagles, Connolly anticipates a competitive match.

"We just go out and play hard every match," Connolly said.

No. 9 Virginia Tech (6-0) will be looking for their seventh win of the season after defeating Radford 7-0 last weekend. Also at stake for the Hokies this weekend will be the retribution of last year's 6-1 loss to the Irish last year. To secure success this weekend, it will be essential for the Irish to win the doubles point.

"It's a lot more important than it used to be to get the doubles point," Louderback said. "Everyone is getting so good that it's becoming hard to win four singles matches."

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Virginia Tech Sunday. This weekend's match for different teams and someone...
Barry Bonds reacts after swinging for a strike. His personal trainer has been charged in a steroid indictment.

Bonds’ trainer charged in drug indictment

WASHINGTON — Barry Bonds’ personal trainer, a track coach and top executives of a San Francisco-area nutritional supplements lab were charged Thursday with running an illegal drug distribution operation.

The 42-count federal indictment returned by a grand jury in San Francisco and obtained by The Associated Press alleges the scheme provided anabolic steroids, human growth hormone, BP0 and other drugs to major league baseball and NFL players, as well as track and field stars.

None of the athletes was named on the document.

A news conference was scheduled for later Thursday at Justice Department headquarters to announce the indictment. Attorney General John Ashcroft was expected to be joined by Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Mark McClelland, Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Mark Everson and California law enforcement officials.

The indictment names as defendants Victor Conte Jr., the president and chief executive officer of the Bay Area Lab Cooperative, or BALCO, and its vice president, James J. Valente. Also indicted were Bonds’ personal trainer, Greg F. Anderson, and Remi Korchemny, coach of world champion sprinter Kelli White of the United States and European sprint champion Dwain Chambers of Britain. White and Chambers have flunked drug tests, as have other athletes coached by Korchemny.

“The charges include conspiracy to distribute steroids, possession of human growth hormone, misbranding drugs with intent to defraud and money laundering,” according to the indictment, the four were involved in the scheme between December 2001 and Sept. 3, 2003. In which steroids were distributed to athletes on six different occasions.

One steroid, called “The Cream,” included a substance that masked an athlete’s use of the drug during testing. Another, called “The Clear,” was sold to the athletes as a substance that would provide steroidlike effects without causing a positive drug test.

IN BRIEF

Two MLB veterans win arbitration

Baseball players evened their record in salary arbitration when Anaheim shortstop David Eckstein and Pittsburgh shortstop Jack Wilson won their cases Thursday.

Eckstein received a raise from $425,000 to $2.15 million, and Wilson got an increase from $355,000 to $1.85 million.

Anaheim had proposed Eckstein be paid $1.6 million, but arbitrators Roger Kaplan, Stephen Goldberg and Jack Clarke ruled for the player, a day after hearing the case in Phoenix. Eckstein hit .252 last season with three homers, 31 RBIs and 16 steals.

Pittsburgh had submitted a $1.4 million salary for Wilson, but that was rejected by arbitrators Dan Brent, Elizabeth Neumoller and J.B. Helleburn. Wilson, who hit .256 last year with nine homers and 62 RBIs, was the first Pittsburgh player to go to a hearing since third baseman Jeff King lost in 1993.

Players and owners have split the four cases decided thus far, with Montreal first baseman Nick Johnson and Cincinnati pitcher Chris Reitsma losing last week. Eight players remain scheduled for hearings through Feb. 20.

Outfielder Jay Gibbons and Baltimore split the difference, agreeing to a $2.6 million one-year contract. Gibbons, who hit .277 with 23 homers and a career-best 100 RBIs last year, had asked for $3.8 million and had been offered $2.4 million.

Clijsters advances to Gaz de France quarterfinals

Top-seeded Kim Clijsters needed just 39 minutes to beat Maria Sanchez Lorenzo 6-1, 6-0 Thursday and reach the Gaz de France quarterfinals.

In her first match since losing the Australian Open final, Clijsters showed little sign of the left ankle injury that hampered her in Melbourne.

“I felt nothing,” said Clijsters, who had tape on her ankle. “I played really well. I think my foot is really well.”

Her next match comes against seventh-seeded Silvia Farina Elia, who beat Tina Moore.

Two seeded players lost. Dinara Safina beat No. 3 Patty Schnyder 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, and Elena Bodna defeated No. 4 Jelena Dokic 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-0. Dokic was two points from victory at 5-5 in the tiebreaker.

“I should have won it right there,” Dokic said. “It was just one of those days.”

In the quarterfinals, Safina plays No. 5 Francesca Schiavone, who eliminated Karolina Sprem 7-6 (4), 6-3. Safina meets two-time major champion Mary Pierce, who beat No. 8 Magui Serna 6-2, 6-4.

French teen Tatiana Golovin moved into a quarterfinal against second-seeded Elena Dementieva who lost to Daniela Hantuchova withdrew from the tournament, citing an upper respiratory infection.

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

**Irish ready to face Wisconsin**

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

The Irish remain at home this weekend, as they face the University of Wisconsin Badgers in a contest Sunday at noon.

The unranked 2-1 Badgers boast the nation’s No. 8 doubles team of senior David Filippee and junior Alex Piane.

However, the No. 49 Irish enjoyed a week-long rest after a commanding victory over No. 53 Purdue last weekend. Wisconsin is scheduled to play at Western Michigan on Saturday, facing Notre Dame on the last leg of its road trip.

Head coach Bobby Bayliss has been working particularly hard with the doubles side of the game.

“We worked on doubles a lot [this week], and they’re still a work in progress,” he said. “We may change up the combinations to give more punch and balance.”

Despite a talented team overall for the Irish, the doubles teams have seen some difficulty this year.

“We feel that we can do better than we’ve done so far, so we’re working on fine tuning the doubles,” Bayliss said.

The team is not intimidated by the Filippee/Piane duo.

“They beat the No. 1 team in the country earlier this year, which helps their ranking a lot, but I don’t think they’re out of reach,” Bayliss said.

Luckily, senior tri-captain Luis Haddock will return to the lineup after missing last weekend’s match to play in the Davis Cup for his native Puerto Rico.

“He practiced with us yesterday, and it’s great to have him back,” Bayliss said of his No. 1 singles player. “He had a little bit of a hard time with the bounce yesterday after playing on different courts ... but was fine by the end.”

Haddock lost a close match to Mark Merklein of the Bahamas in a tiebreaker third set in the Davis Cup.

His freshman doubles partner, Ryan Keckley, is of questionable status for Sunday after sustaining an ankle injury against Duke two weeks ago.

“It’s not impossible that he could play some doubles, but I would guess he is a little doubtful at this point,” said Bayliss. “I would think that he is going to be ready at least for doubles the following weekend.”

The Irish face a tough stretch in the next few weeks, starting with a visit to Northwestern on Feb. 21.

“Really, what we want to is be ready for that stretch of matches,” Bayliss said.

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**TRACK AND FIELD**

**Irish to travel to Ontario for meet this weekend**

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Most members of the Notre Dame track and field team will get to spend this Valentine’s Day weekend at home, but the rest will make the short bus ride across the border to Windsor, Ontario to compete in the Windsor Team Challenge.

Mostly sprinters will be making the trip, as the track at the University of Windsor is a 200-meter "flat" track.

"The track is very fast, and hopefully it will be beneficial to our runners," Plane said.

Plane hopes to see more than a few team members improve their times and qualify for the Big East Championships if they haven’t already. The Big East meet will take place next weekend, Feb. 21 and 22, in Syracuse, N.Y.

Plane also reflected on last week’s Meyo Invitational. The event was one of the largest in the country, as Notre Dame played host to athletes representing 63 different schools. The Meyo was very productive for the Irish, numerous Notre Dame competitors qualified for the conference meet.

“The Meyo Invitational compared pretty favorably with both the Big East Meet and Nationals,” Plane said. “There is stronger competition at the Meyo than at the Big East, and the atmosphere, especially during the mile run, was very intense last weekend.”

Junior Trevor McClain-Duer agreed with his coach.

“The Meyo was a great meet, as it enabled us to run against some different competition,” he said. “We’ve been facing a lot of the same teams the whole year, and running against some new competition will help us as the year goes on.”

McClain-Duer will make the trip up to Windsor along with almost all of the sprinters. The junior from Olmstead Falls, Ohio, has already qualified for the conference meet in with times of 48.00 in the 400 meters and 1:02.29 in the 800 meters.

The Irish men won their first Big East Conference title last year, while the women finished second to the University of Miami. According to McClain-Duer, the men are up to the challenge of winning again.

“We want to repeat,” he said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hoping to finish season on strong note

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

The Belles entered the 2003-04 season with high expectations, and, despite a 6-16 overall record, the team has still accomplished many of its goals.

Saint Mary’s faced its share of disappointments this year, but in the process the Belles have matured to become a closer knit group. Since the Belles will lose only one senior, the outlook for next year seems encouraging.

However, the Belles’ focus has always been on winning games this present season. In this struggle, they have come together to form a unified team.

“This team has really gotten close throughout the season,” head coach Suzanne Bellina said.

“We started out with a pretty young team with just one senior, but the players have matured a lot as the season has progressed.”

The Belles have had to overcome difficulties all season, including a demoralizing seven-game losing streak. In addition, the Belles have faced tough competition in their conference, the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

“The top of the conference seems to be more even than in the past,” Bellina said. “I think the league as a whole, has raised their level of play.”

Junior forward Emily Creachbaum, who emerged last year as a leader for the Belles, has led the teams in points and rebounds so far for this season.

A big positive this year has been the energy and depth of the bench. In a victory last Monday against Olivet College, the Belles bench combined to score 32 points.

“We have a group that is going to continue and battle and work hard for the remainder of the season.”

Suzanne Bellina
Belles head coach

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ning record on the road right now. "That shows you right there that this is a league where it's tough to win on the road. You've got to protect your home ice."

The next Irish win will be a milestone one, as Notre Dame currently has a record of 299-245-42 (.546) at the Joyce Center in the team's history. "That's pretty fun for me, because I've been here for some of those as a player and some as a coach, as well," Poulin said. "Obviously, there were other coaches like Lefy Smith who had a hand in getting those wins, and it'll be a real honor to hit that milestone."

To get that win, the Irish will face a Ferris State team which currently sits in ninth place in the CCHA with 19 points, two points behind the eighth-place Irish. That's a far cry from last season, when the Bulldogs won the CCHA title. "I think that really shows just how competitive our conference is," Poulin said. "They're still a very good team. You really need to have all cylinders clicking in this league, and right now Miami and Michigan (the first and second place teams) are doing that, but after them, this league is wide open."

"I still think you're going to see a lot of movement yet in the standings over the last four weeks of the season."

This weekend's series is big for both teams, who are fighting to finish in at least sixth place to guarantee home ice in the first round of the CCHA playoffs. This season, the Irish have had 37 of their 73 goals (50.7 percent) scored by three players — Rob Globke, Aaron Gill and Mike Walsh. If the team is to make any late-season run, Poulin said that more players will have to contribute on the offensive side of the ice.

"There's no question that we need more scoring from more people," he said. "I think we've got good players who are going to score at this level but we need their goals now."

"We really need to take some of the pressure off some of those big guys."

The Irish face Ferris State at the Joyce Center Friday at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday at 7:35 p.m.

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could put my finger on it and bottle it because I would come back to it," Brey said. "We stayed positive. We can't get down. We have to keep plugging; there's a lot of basketball to be played." The Irish had just lost to No. 4 Pittsburgh after taking a 15-2 lead very early in the contest. Two nights later against Connecticut, the Irish stayed close to the Huskies the entire game and made a run late.

The Irish continued to follow the game plan of slowing down Connecticut's prolific transition game and shortening the contest. "In the Pittsburgh game, I think we ran out of energy and firepower. That's not acceptable by any means," McGraw said.

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mentally, we're drained; we didn't have the energy to win the game. Seton Hall played well, but we weren't at our best." The Irish hope to get back to their winning ways, however, as they host the Friars, who are winless in the Big East. Meanwhile, Notre Dame is undefeated at home this season, going 10-0.

The Irish are led by junior Jacqueline Rateate (14.7 points, 8.2 rebounds per game) and sophomore point guard Megan Duffy (11.0 points, 4.5 assists per game). But the Irish offense has struggled of late, unable to put a lot of points on the board.

"I think what we need to do is score some points and feel good about the offense," McGraw said. "I think we've not really had an overpowering outing on the offensive end, and I think that's what we need to do." According to McGraw, the key to their offensive production in addition to Rateate is Duffy, LeTania Severe, Teresa Burton and Courtney LaVere. When two of those four play well in addition to Rateate, the Irish have been tough.

"The games that we look the best in are the games when more people have contributed," McGraw said. "I think our transition game has been a problem; we haven't been able to score in transition. We just don't get easy baskets. We're just working too hard for everything we've got. But amidst their offensive woes, Notre Dame's defense has been outstanding, frequently holding opponents under 50 points. They have given up only 50.5 points per game in Big East play.

"We've been very consistent defensively, and I've been pleased with that," McGraw said. Notre Dame hopes that this week's break has done the Irish well, as they are ready to get back on the court to face another Big East opponent.

"I definitely think we're going to be fresher mentally and physically. I think a few days off just makes a world of difference," McGraw said.

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Wisen and Steffany Stenglein and sophomore Heather Booth pitched 362 of 373 innings for the Irish last year.

Booth was the Big East rookie of the year in 2003, collecting a 21-10 record with a 1.93 ERA while holding the number one starting spot all season. The Irish hope for a similar rookie impact from freshman Kenya Fuemmeler, who broke the career prep strikeout record while in high school in Missouri.

The infield will feature junior Liz Hartmann at third base, sophomore Sara Schouaer at shortstop, freshman Stephanie Brown at second base and sophomore Meagan Rabrauff at first. Hartmann will move to the infield after spending her first two seasons as the left-field starter. The outfield should be a strength for the Irish, especially offensively. Junior Megan Ciolli, who hit .356 with four home runs and 24 RBIs last season, leads the Irish outfield at her usual centerfield position. She is one of 40 players named to the USA Softball Player of the Year watch list.

Senior Nicole deFau will play left field, while sophomore Kellie Middleton will start in left. The two players combined for four home runs and 14 RBI last season.

The bench is solid, with freshmen Carissa Jaquish and Gessica Hufnagle backing up Luten at the catching position. Junior Nicole Wicks, who transferred from Washington, will provide infield backup and Fuemmeler can play the outfield in addition to relief pitcher.

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IRISH face another Big East test

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If anybody thinks the Irish could have a letdown after their first big win of the season, just check the RPI standings.

Seeing Seton Hall ranked No. 11 shows Saturday's game is almost as big as Monday's. After defeating Connecticut, which is around No. 8 in the RPI, the Irish (11-9, 5-5 in the Big East) jumped about 20 spots and now sit at No. 22. A win over the Pirates (16-5, 6-3) could help Notre Dame's RPI.

It's also important for the Irish to carry over the attitude from Monday's big win. The Irish never got down on themselves after losing six of eight and, for whatever reason, stayed upbeat during that difficult 48-hour stretch.

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I Irish guard Chris Thomas goes against a Syracuse defender in a game against the Orangemen on Jan. 17. Thomas has been a key player for the Irish this year as they faced a difficult schedule in the Big East conference.

Notre Dame hopes to continue its impressive string under coach Deanna Gumpf, who is entering her third season at the helm. During her first two years, the Irish won back-to-back Big East championships.

Last year, the Irish went 38-17 and claimed their fifth consecutive NCAA regional appearance. Their season came to an end at the hands of Michigan, who defeated the Irish by a score of 5-3 on May 17, 2003. This season, the expectations are just as high for the Irish, who were selected first overall the 2004 Big East Preseason Softball Coaches Poll. Notre Dame led with 95 points, followed by Villanova with 83 and Boston College with 74 points.

If the Irish are to match the hype, they will have to do so with a much-changed team from last season. Conference player of the year Andrea Loman and three other starters graduated over the summer, leaving Notre Dame with an entirely new infield for the first time in four years.

Catcher Mullerie Lenzi, who achieved second-team all-Big East honors last season, returns behind the plate and will catch mostly the same pitching staff. Juniors Carrie McGraw's Irish hope to get back on track in the Big East with only six games to go before the Big East Tournament.

Notre Dame struggled to score Sunday, as they fell 51-45. "I think that the biggest problem in the Seton Hall game was a lack of energy," McGraw said. "It wasn't a lack of effort."

Jacqueline Battleas of the Irish shoots over two Villanova defenders on January 24 at the Joyce Center. Battleas has been a staple for the Irish on offense and defense this year.