Elections reveal class inconsistencies

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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Presidential election has different impact on each class

Sophomores didn’t care. Juniors and freshmen spoke up.

From one extreme to another, the fallout from Feb. 12 student body presidential election — a neck-and-neck race between Adam Istvan-Karla Bell and Charlie Ebersold-James Leito that required an emergency meeting of the Student Senate to declare Istvan/Bell the winner — had different impact on each class.

Crossin announces ‘The Shirt’ winner

By STEPHANIE YAHN
New Wire

It’s traditionally a big secret, as there is always going to be a lot of hype surrounding its release.

Crossin was unable to reveal any specific details as to the appearance of the new design, nor could she comment on whether the color selected would continue to create the appearance of the new design, nor could she comment on whether the color selected would continue to create "The Sea of Green," a term coined by Coach Tyone Willingham in his first season at Notre Dame in 2002.

The 128,000 shirts sold in 2002 set an elevated bar for future year’s sales, breaking previous highs. Although acknowledging that sales won’t “continue to climb exponential-ly year after year,” Crossin said it’s a tradition to keep under wraps, said Kate Crossin, the 2004 president of The Shirt committee.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES Leaders mull basketball tickets

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed basketball ticket distribution and a funding appeal for a Christian rock concert at their Monday meeting. The meeting also marked the first OR appearance by student body president-elect Adam Istvan and vice president-elect Karla Bell.

Istvan said he and Bell have begun their transition efforts to fill their staff.

“We’re beginning to look at our appointments for next year,” he said.

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
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Graduation speaker invited

An invitation has been extended to a graduation speaker candidate, but the Office of the President will not release any name until a confirmation is received, according to Executive Assistant to the President Matthew Cullinan.

“We’re not ready to announce yet,” Cullinan said. “Hopefully, we’ll be ready to announce in the next couple of weeks.”

Cullinan said that every year several potential speakers are identified, but the quality of names on the list is more important than the number.

“We always identify a couple of candidates,” he said, “and because of the nature of the candidates that we try to attract, the length of the list is less important than the quality of candidate.

An important aspect in the quality of the graduation speaker candidate, according to Cullinan, is the message delivered to the students, as well as the way they represent the University.

Cullinan said he looks for someone of stature who will deliver a good message for our students and someone who represents Notre Dame well.

The final decision as to the speaker lies with University President Father Edward Malloy.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Random thoughts

So, this one time, at the dining hall... How many times have you heard that ubiquitous rip-off of the ubiquitous line from that ubiquitous movie? One too few, apparently. So I decided to tell you again. Speaking of movies, there hasn’t been a really good one out for a while. I don’t work for Scene, so don’t take that as exactly a scathing criticism. All I’m trying to say is that it’s nearly impossible to find a good movie to watch nowadays that doesn’t involve a copyright date of 1985 or something.

Oh yeah, didn’t you hear? The Motion Picture Association of America, in its anti-piracy barrage, has decided to make us all start calling movies by their copyright dates. There’s nothing like making sure that great copyright ’79 movie you’re interested in is exactly as exciting as it was when you first saw it. From what I understand, it would certainly be a lot more exciting to watch a movie again for the first time — your brain might be heavier for my brain to handle at the poor overworked Registrar’s Office.

Anyway, we have to pay an even greater copyright ‘89 one right now. That would be great, so I decided to tell you again.

“The even greater copyright ‘89 one with the bald guy.” Actually, we’re not even allowed to say that last thought was too inane. From what I understand, it would certainly be a lot more exciting to watch a movie again for the first time.

Incidentally, those of you who have an eight-page paper due can take spring break early.

Correct our error.

Students take advantage of the free massages sponsored by UBWELL2 Monday in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. The club recognizes the need for stress relievers for students during midterms. They will also offer free food and massages today.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR MARDI GRAS?

Anamaria Scaparlanda-Ruiz
Freshman Howard

“I’m having an ‘ice cream for dinner’ party.”

Padraic McDermott
Senior Off-Campus

“Boxing practice.”

Noah Babin
Freshman Stanford

“I am playing hockey and doing homework.”

Louis Cavadinii
Freshman Kegough

“Make out with this guy.”

Tim Randolph
Sophomore Kegough

“Ditto!”

Brad Wanchulak
Junior Siegfried

“Strip for beads!”

IN BRIEF

UBWELL2 will host an afternoon of free food, relaxing massage and raffles. Participate in activities to challenge yourself and our culture’s ideal of beauty today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sorin Room at LaFortune. Prizes include a free massage from Emerald Cut, Panera Gift Certificate and Notre Dame Bookstore Gift Certificate.

Ambassador Francis Taylor, Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security will give a lecture today entitled “Perspectives on the Global War on Terrorism.” Sponsored by the Department of Political Science, the lecture will take place from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in 140 DeBartolo.

International Student Services and Activities will hold the International Film Series: Marooned in Iraq today from 7 to 9 p.m. The showing takes place in 117 DeBartolo.

Come cheer on the men’s basketball team as they take on Providence tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Learn about the Student Union Board, talk with current SSB staff and eat free food at the SSB Open House Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in 201 LaFortune.

The Student Union Board presents the 46th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival Preview Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Admission is free to students and the public.

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

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Candidates campaign for SMC class councils

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

They have coined themselves the "Sophomore Sisters", in which a sophomore student will mentor a freshman and help them adjust to college life.

Aside from Toth being the current class president, Shorten currently serves as class treasurer and Kindt is the class vice president.

"Because the three of us have spent time with students before, we have past experience that we will combine with new ideas," Toth said.

Also running for class of 2007 officers are presidential candidate Susan McIlwraith, vice presidential candidate Angela Litrell, secretary candidate Amanda Litrell and treasurer candidate Krista Fitz. Promoting the strength and unity of the class of 2007, this ticket promises to strengthen the ties with the South Bend community and increase voter availability. They would keep the class involved by e-mailing a monthly newsletter entitled the "Sophomore Soiree," and increase on-campus activities during the weekend.

"We feel we have to be strong to carry on the legacy of the class of 2007," McIlwraith said.

The only ticket running for the class secretary is comprised of presidential candidate Caitlin Lerner, vice presidential candidate Liz Palasky, secretarial candidate Nicole Casciari, and treasury candidate Kellie Mitros.

"We hope to build on the success we've had this year while promoting strong relations for the class as a whole," Lerner said.

This ticket's goals include increasing student attendance and support of athletics, community service opportunities, and pairing juniors with seniors and mentors regarding graduate school, internship, and senior compositions.

Running for class of 2005 officers are presidential candidate Rachel Casciari, vice presidential candidate Tricia Michalak, secretarial candidate Julie Conley and treasurer candidate Megan Hanlin.

They promise to enhance relationships between on-campus and off-campus seniors and fight for new student ideas while keeping old traditions.

"There are a lot of great things at SMC that can be expanded," Casciari said. "We have so many ideas of things to put into action that we can't even begin to tell you."

The other class of 2005 ticket is comprised of presidential candidate Jacqueline Cuisinier, vice presidential candidate Abby Bagan, secretarial candidate Beth Bennett and treasury candidate Jodie Emerick. Their goals include starting new traditions in the Senior Apartments, begin new events such as "Senior Service Saturdays" and "Senior Night at State" and have fun class apparel.

"I am confident in our belief that we have something great to offer to the class of 2005," Cuisinier said.

Students can vote for only one ticket running for their class, and current seniors are not eligible to vote. Voting takes place until 11:59 p.m. tonight on PRISM.

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essay.

"I am particularly concerned that there are kids who want to be there that can't get tickets," Corker said.

However, Corker also said that "the only way to increase the number of tickets to the game is to renovate the Joyce Center." Lao said such renovations are threatened by the fight to save the Memorial Gym. He also said Fraleigh's office was concerned about placing the demand on students who buy season tickets but fail to attend the games.

"If we're complaining about student tickets, why aren't more students showing up to the games?" Lao asked.

He said another potential change would be to reduce the number of season tickets allocated to students, allowing the athletic department to sell more individual game tickets.

Hall Presidents Council co-chair Sarah Keser said she would support such a plan.

"It will reduce the number of people who buy season tickets but only go to a few games," Keser said.

"The proposals were the result of a focus group where people were allowed to freely give their opinions," Hnatusko said. "There's nothing etched in stone."

Istvan suggested creating an online message board, which would enable students to contact each other to exchange tickets.

"It could significantly reduce the no-show rate, which would give the athletic department enough confidence to increase our ticket allotment," Istvan said.

The council also considered an appeal for funds from the Board of Trustees toward the "Faith Rocks" event. Council members began to discuss the ongoing revisions to the Student Union Constitution, but quickly tabled the matter until next week. Lao directed the programming committee to meet this week, in order to create revisions to programming-related areas of the constitution.

The council also considered an appeal for $1,000 toward the "Faith Rocks" concert to be held in late April.

The council maintained a collaboration fund, which allocates funding to organizations planning large events. The fund currently has a balance of more than $16,000.

Hnatusko said money has not yet been drawn from the fund this year, but she cautioned council members more appeals might be coming.

"No money has been spent to date," Hnatusko said. "But typically, March and April are prime times for requests to come in."

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In other COR news:

• Student body vice president Emily Chin said her office is launching a responsibility campaign, encouraging students to make prudent decisions about drinking. The campaign includes posters asking students not to be "that guy" or "that girl" who gets into trouble after drinking excessively.

"The campaign stems from the Board of Trustees report and our concerns as student leaders that students need to take responsibility for their actions and make wise choices," Chin said.

• Junior class president Katie Barrett said her office will be distributing rice bowls today in LaFortune, DeBartolo and O'Shaughnessy Halls. The bowls will be used to "collect loose change during Lent to help feed poor families," Barrett said.

• Senior class president Jazmin Garcia said her council will hold a "Rock the Vote" meeting Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns. She encouraged each class council to send a representative to the meeting, which will focus on planning the voter registration drive.

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She holds "high expectations for the 2004 shirt."

"From her submission, as well as the talents displayed, senior Brittany Becker’s design was chosen. Although neither can comment on the shirt’s design, Becker, in creating it said, "I wanted the shirt to really evoke the feeling of unity that is so important to the Notre Dame Stadium experience, plus I wanted it to be fun and vibrant, something everyone would want to wear.""

Some people of the original design was necessary, Becker said, but both agreed it was only changed for the better. Together they collaborat- ed to refine the idea, but the original thought remains the same.

"Design is a constant process, and there are always changes being made," Becker said.

"It led to a huge accomplishment for a designer to have so many people wearing your design, but I am especially happy to just be involved in such an awesome process."

The Shirt Campaign began in 1989 when Sister Jean Lenz encouraged students to buy the shirts in support of Zheng de Wang, a Notre Dame graduate student who was a victim of a hit-and-run.

Thus began a tradition of supportive fundraising, which continues 15 years later. Today proceeds benefit several scholarships and charities, in addition to contributing to Student Government activities.

Becker hopes The Shirt can make a significant contribution as football season next season.

"I really just want it to be a success, and I hope it creates a great atmosphere in the stadium for our team and our fans," Becker said. "I really think this is a fun, cool design, and I hope everyone will be excited when The Shirt goes on sale."
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**U.N.: Iraqi 2005 elections possible**

A U.N. official said the United States and Iraq may hold elections in 2005. The official said the elections would be held if the United States and Iraq make progress in stabilizing the country. The official said the elections would be held if the United States and Iraq make progress in stabilizing the country.

**Palestinians protest Israeli barrier**

A group of Palestinians held a protest against the Israeli barrier, saying it divided their communities. The protest was peaceful, with no reports of violence.

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**National News**

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**Some support televised executions**

A poll by Harris Interactive found that 39% of respondents supported televised executions.

**State News**

**Legislators debate healthcare**

Legislators in the United States are debating healthcare reform. The debate is focused on how to provide affordable healthcare to all Americans.

**Bush intensifies election campaign**

President Bush is stepping up his campaign for re-election, with new ads and speeches aimed at reaching swing voters.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**U.S. troops arrive in capital city**

U.S. Marines have arrived in Haiti to secure the capital city. The troops are being sent to Haiti to help stabilize the country and prevent further violence.

**Want to see more?**

You can read the full article at the source link provided. The article includes more details about the events and the situation in Haiti.

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*The information is from a news article and reflects its context and tone.*
Boys and girls could have a good starting place here at Saint Mary’s to collect prom dresses,” Carey said.

Watson and Carey got the idea in part by Regina Perkins of United Way, who will help collect and distribute gowns.

“They are asking for any size semi-formal and formal dresses for middle school and high school girls,” Watson said.

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**Results**

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a clear impact on voter turnout in Monday’s primary class council elections.

While 798 juniors voted in the student body primaries and 907 in the presidential primaries, only 1,037 voted for the officers of the class of 2005 — a race that will be decided Thursday in a run-off between the Darrell Scott-Lauren Flynn-Ross Kaatin-Brook (42.2 percent) and Katie Boyle-Brian Agganis-Sarah Bates-Steph Aberg (56.3 percent) tickets. Scott attributed the increased voter participation to the considerable publicity — both positive and negative — generated by the previous election.

“The Ebersol-Ittsman match may have increased voter apathy, but it helped out in getting student union issues to the forefront,” he said.

Boyle agreed the presidential election was a “pretty big factor” in attracting student interest. She added that especially for current juniors, class council representatives can seem more accessible and relevant than the student body president during their senior year.

“The immediacy of our concerns is important,” Boyle said, naming Senior Week and class reunions as important responsibilities of the senior class officers.

“The junior class has a vested interest in seeing a good ticket elected — it will make or break our senior year at the University.”

It’s easier for voters to think about life on campus, and then after college with the reunions, than about getting someone into the Board of Trustees,” Klimek said.

The Judicial Council president Elliot Pointe expressed similar thoughts about juniors’ priorities.

“I would attribute the increase in juniors voting to already having more apathy for the student body presidential elections,” he said, adding that the controversial outcome did “not necessarily” influence juniors’ choices.

Sophomore voters seemed to move somewhat in the opposite direction. Only 990 voted for the officers of the class of 2006, a decrease from the presidential primaries (1,077) and only a slight increase from the runoff (1952). The class of 2006 race also required a Thursday runoff, as 36.7 percent voted for the Steve Miller-Ben Zeran-Patrice Adams-Erika D’Addabbo ticket and 26.2 percent voted for the Vlaji Man onstage and the winning student will have the ability to scale as many Internet backbone components in juniors voting to already have a problem he hoped to fix by Thursday.

“My instincts would tell me there was a certain bit of fallout,” he said. “I think the number of people voting Thursday will be quite different.”

Freshman voters displayed the highest turnout, as 1,233 votes were cast for the officers of the class of 2007 as opposed to 1,069 votes cast in the presidential primaries. The Jason Law-Bill Andrichick-Megan Spokes-Laura Horne ticket won the election outright, receiving 50.8 percent.

Laws said the freshman response reflected not only being a “strong sense of community within [the class],” but also a heightened awareness of their power to swing an election’s outcome.

“Our class has seen how much their vote can count,” Laws said. “They wanted to make sure they had the people they wanted to represent them.”

Pointe expressed the more elections freshman experience and the more they are targeted by campaigns, the more motivation they have to participate.

“There’s going to be quite a turnout, as he said. There were also multiple candidates spending more time to reach every freshman. ... When there are fewer votes on the table you have to get every vote more carefully.”

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**in other BOG news:**

The Saint Margaret’s House Winterton Walk was a success in downtown South Bend Sunday, according to the Board. Over $600 was raised by Saint Mary’s, along with a donation of cookies by the senior class.

The Student Activities Board is holding auditions to find an opening cast for “Last Comic Standing” winner Dat Phan. Auditions will take place Friday and the winning student will perform before President Plan at March of Dimes’ Midnight Madness.

This weekend will be Sophomore Parent’s Weekend. Parents will arrive Friday, activities include free tours of the South Bend Chocolate Factory, an Academic Open House and a dinner and dance Saturday night at the Palais Royale.

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**Market Recap**

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**COMPANY BRIEFS**

Campbell serves up Q2 profits

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — Campbell Soup Co. reported a 2 percent increase in second-quarter profits Monday as ready-to-serve soup sales picked up and condensed soup sales stayed flat. For the quarter ended Feb. 1, the Camden-based company had net sales of $235 million, or 57 cents per share, up from $231 million, or 57 cents per share, in the same period a year ago.

Sales increased 10 percent from $1.9 billion in the second quarter last year to $2.1 billion this year. But expenses rose by 10 percent — from $1.5 billion to $1.7 billion as the company sought higher quality ingredients, used more expensive packaging and spent more on marketing.

**EQUITY MARKETS**

Intel news pushes NASDAQ down

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**Associated Press**

ATLANTA — Coca-Cola Co. is looking outside its ranks as it searches for a new chief executive, but some company-watchers say the beverage giant's size and complexity make it an insider the right choice.

Only one of seven board members contacted by The Associated Press declined to comment or did not return phone calls Monday from The Associated Press.

But, Lewis said, the problem Coke has now — from a major restructuring that included several thousand layoffs and a whistleblower lawsuit that led to an ongoing criminal investigation — makes its selection a challenge if it decides to hire outside.

"Given the amount of changes they've made over the past two years, a person that understands the business would be the best person to carry that strategy out," Lewis said. "And it's all about execution now. It would make a lot of sense to go inside the company."

Heyer, a former Turner Broadcasting System executive, was appointed president and chief operating officer of Coca-Cola Ventures and Coca-Cola Latin America. While he would seem to be the least likely to succeed Daft, Heyer has also had some difficulties.

Sales in Coke's North American unit have not been as high as officials would like. Also, Heyer was a key figure in the lawsuit that started the criminal investigation.

**Coke expands search for CEO**

Soft drink giant looks outside company to replace current chief by year's end

The Atlanta-based Coca-Cola Co. announced it is looking outside candidates to be its new CEO, replacing current chief executive Doug Daft, who will resign at the end of the year.

"You need someone who has proven their mettle in the consumer products industry," said Gerald Krahn of Jaffrey, a former N.H.-based executive development firm. "You can't take a chance with a company this size, so they have to have the skilled knowledge."

Coke executives have said little about their search for a new chief executive beyond that Heyer is the top internal candidate and that other candidates from outside the company will be considered. Nine Coke board members contacted by The Associated Press declined to comment or did not return phone calls Monday.

"Nothing in the headlines today was able to alloy those concerns," Masiocca said. "We've also not seen a significant correction since March, and a lot of people are concerned that we're due for one, and they're pulling back while they can."

The Nasdaq shed 30.41, or 1.5 percent, to 2,007.52, after falling 0.8 percent last week. The tech-heavy index was up just 0.2 percent for the year, having closed 2003 at 2033.37.

The other major indexes were narrowly lower. The Dow Jones industrial average gave up 9.41, or 0.1 percent, to finish at 10,609.62, after a weekly decline of 0.1 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.12, or 0.3 percent, to 1,140.99, following a 0.2 percent drop last week.

The Nasdaq's weakness is "obviously partly a larger picture of market correction," said Richard L. Cripps, chief market strategist for Legg Mason of Baltimore. But the economy's underlying strength and the prospect of continued corporate earnings growth are likely to mitigate the long-term impact, he said.

"It's a consequence of how far, how fast and how widespread the gains have been for the last 10 weeks," Cripps said. "I'd say we're going through a sentiment correction, not one precipitated by fundamentals."

Intel Corp. dropped $1.00 to $29.00 after the chipmaker reported in federal filings that the Internal Revenue Service was examining its tax returns for 2001 and 2002.
Go discusses Charismatic Movement in the Church

By KATIE MOUNTS

Twenty students, faculty and community members met Monday evening to hear "The Fire Within: The Charismatic Movement in the Catholic Church," the first in a series of lectures discussing the Catholic Church in the modern world. Senior student Mandy Montes said she spoke to clarify some misconceptions about the movement and to discuss its origins and future.

Go said a charismatic is someone who has received at least one of the charismatic gifts — knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, the gift of tongues and wisdom — through Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Among these gifts she discussed are knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, the gift of tongues and wisdom.

Catholicism's charismatic movement began to spread after the second Vatican Council called for "renewal in the Church," she said.

The movement at Notre Dame began when a group of Notre Dame students met on March 4, 1967 to hear a student from Duquesne University speak about his experiences, according to Go said. At that retreat, someone from the group was given the gift of prophecy, and "the movement quickly spread across campus."

But it continued to face criticism around the world, and debates arose in Church hierarchy about the possibilities of the laity possessing these extraordinary gifts. Go explained that with papal support from Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II, by 1990, the movement had grown to 72 million Catholics worldwide and 15 million Catholics in America.

Although within the Charismatic community, Go said, a potential for conflict with authority exists, it is "essential to know that they ... build up the community" and are not only meant for individual growth.

Go discussed that "Baptism in the Spirit does not replace the sacraments," but it further ignites the Spirit within Catholics that they have already gained through Baptism and Confirmation.

"We should all be striving eagerly to renew the fire in our hearts," said. "It is only through the Holy Spirit that we are able to rejoice always." Go said. "Once the whole Church is renewed ... the movement will no longer exist."

The department of theology and the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture co-sponsored the lecture. Seven additional lectures will be presented by students on related topics throughout the months of March and April.

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Helicopter program cancelled

WASHINGTON — In a dramatic about-face, the Army canceled its Comanche helicopter program Monday after sinking $6.9 billion and 21 years of effort into producing a new-generation chopper.

It is one of the biggest program cancellations in the Army's history and comes less than two years after the service's $11 billion Crusader artillery project was dropped after $2 billion had been spent.

At a Pentagon news conference, senior Army leaders said they would propose to Congress that $14.6 billion earmarked to develop and build 121 Comanches between now and 2011 be used instead to buy 796 additional Black Hawk and other helicopters and to upgrade and modernize 1,460 helicopters already in the fleet.

"It's a big decision, but we know it's the right decision," said Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff. He said the Army also will invest more heavily in a variety of unmanned aircraft, such as the existing Hunter and the new Raven.

The Comanche decision reflects a growing realization in the Pentagon that the military has more big-ticket weapons projects in the works than it can afford, even after seeing the Pentagon budget grow by tens of billions of dollars since 2001. And it reflects the rising popularity in recent years of unmanned aircraft for surveillance as well as attack missions.

The RAH-66 Comanche helicopter project was launched in 1983 and was eventually to have cost more than $30 billion. The Army said it needed a stealthier, more capable armed reconnaissance helicopter not only to collect and distribute battlefield intelligence but to destroy enemy forces.

The program encountered many setbacks and was restructured six times, most recently in 2002. The latest timetable had specified beginning initial low-rate production in 2007, with the first Comanches to have been declared ready for combat in 2009 with full-rate production to have begun in 2010.
Iranian elections deemed 'fiasco'

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Candidates considered loyal to Iran's Islamic rulers regained control of parliament, denying liberals an important forum in their drive to ease social and political restrictions, according to results Monday from the country's disputed elections.

Reformers called the vote a "historical fiasco," noting that voters could only select from candidates chosen by conservative clerics. The European Union criticized the elections as undemocratic and warned candidates chosen by conservatives would be barred from running.

The nationwide turnout stood at slightly more than 50 percent, a noticeable drop from the 67 percent in the last parliamentary elections in 2000. In Tehran, the Iranian capital and the country's biggest city, just a third of the voters turned out, the ministry said.

Despite the lower numbers, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei welcomed the turnout as a "national and an Islamic epic in the true meaning.

The shift of control in parliament expands the influence of orthodoxy and denies liberals an important forum for challenging the almost limitless powers of the country's Islamic leaders. It also deprives reformist President Mohammad Khatami of a key source of support.

In Tehran, previously a liberal stronghold, the new conservative group "Developers of Islamic Iran" was firmly in the lead. The group is headed by Gholamali Haddadad, a conservative figure with a family relationship to Khamenei.

Papal visit not possible

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Russian Orthodox Church remains firm in its objections to a visit by Pope John Paul II, a top Vatican envoy said Monday before ending a six-day trip aimed at easing tension.

The trip by Cardinal Walter Kasper, head of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, was the highest-level visit by a Roman Catholic representative in four years.

Overcoming divisions among Christians has been a main goal of John Paul's papacy, and he is especially eager to visit Russia, but attempts to defuse differences between the Vatican and the Russian Church have failed. Russian Patriarch Alexy II has said that no visit by the pope can be made until disputes are resolved.

"I would wish that the Holy Father could come, and it is his fervent wish to come, but we cannot do it against the will of the patriarch," Kasper said.

Tensions between the churches have deep historical roots, but increased markedly since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991 and communist restrictions on religion faded.

In particular, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church has accused Catholics of poaching converts in Russia and other parts of the former Soviet Union.

The Russian Orthodox Church says it is angered by Vatican plans to elevate the Greek Catholic presence in western Ukraine into a full patriarchate. It alleges that Greek Catholics, who retain Eastern-rite rituals but recognize the pope's supremacy, have accelerated their expansion into traditionally Orthodox eastern and southern Ukraine.

Kasper, who met with Alexy on Sunday, said the patriarch had repeated earlier complaints that have been heard for years.

"I responded to them and told the patriarch that we do not have a policy of strategy of poaching," Kasper said.

He acknowledged that single cases did occur but said the two sides had agreed to establish a commission to investigate.

The Vatican contends it has the right to be active in Russia, which has small Catholic communities before the Bolshevik Revolution. The Roman Catholic Church has sought to recover territory that was seized after the revolution, and has drawn followers among Orthodox believers attracted by its social programs and community outreach.

President Vladimir Putin, who met with John Paul at the Vatican in November, has indicated he would favor a visit by the pope but would not pressure the Godfather church to agree.

Kasper delivered a personal message and present from the pope marking Alexy's 75th birthday.
You are not from Chicago

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Breaking the Habit

"The systemic problem of Chicago schools is indicative of the overall movement to forget low-income areas and misjudge the roots of their troubles."

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Observer Poll

Where do you go to Mass?

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Quote of the Day

"I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions and not upon our circumstances."

Martha Washington
U.S. First Lady
Mardi Gras: Latest Victim

How rare it will go in light of yet another restriction. Thus far, however, I see no swooning in the face of destructive trend. Please read on as I describe how another dorm tradition is being executed for a fascist agenda, creating a social environment at Notre Dame totally contradictory to the ideal's purpose. Following the signs of the event that Family Hall has organized a Mardi Gras party for the whole campus to enjoy. The night included all of the costumes, beads and music of years past, but there was no dance, parade or any comparison to the amount of alcohol abuse that previous years had experienced. The night was as perfectly permissible by any other dorm party, tonight, and would have been even in line with the atmosphere that the Dome was trying to dictate by imposing its policy.

As the week of Mardi Gras is upon us, O'Neill Family Hall has been commanded by the social engineering committee to impose the new restrictions. This week, the party was held on the hill, and all activities at O'Neill, or sponsored by O'Neill, are not allowed in residence, under any name, in any semblance, with any costumes or decorations, at any hall gathering at any time. This information was provided to us by Hall Director, Mr. Keenan. A small number of our social environment, employing a method that is 100 percent contradictory to the ideal. The attempt to remove the social engine that Notre Dame is trying to create by imposing those restrictions is not allowed, and we are looking for our best interests, concluded by warning. The fear that the punishment for defying the decision about Mardi Gras will be swift and severe.

Mardi Gras has become a手续费, and it is the right of / students to enjoy and celebrate the tradition of Notre Dame, and this policy does not allow for that. The Dome has been trying to dictate by imposing its policy.

Enjoy the college experience

My last semester at Notre Dame is seemingly an utter waste of time. Suddenly, my biggest challenge is getting to class on time, nay, getting to class at all. My job offer was not exactly motivating to crack the books, and while recent events have been liberating and - underclassman - still bound by the chains of free time with incessant partying, I am finding that my lack of responsibility - tell me that I should be living up the abundance of free time with incessant partying. I am finding that my lack of determination to do anything at all is actually a nightmare, not some coveted promised land.

What I have realized is just how good I had it before. There was never any time for anything. I complained about how many papers I wrote in the late hours of the night/morning, whined about my lack of sleep that resulted from Thursdays at the Boat Club and hours at Reekers. I am finding that my lack of responsibility - tell me that I should be living up the abundance of free time with incessant partying. I am finding that my lack of determination to do anything at all is actually a nightmare, not some coveted promised land. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
An interview with hip-hop

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

After director Paul Kell graduated from the Cinema Production program at Concordia University in Montreal, he wanted to find a way to work with a subject he loved. At first Kell didn't set out to make an entire documentary on hip-hop. "I was living in the underground and as he worked at expanding to cover the hip-hop coast to coast and around the world, he interviewed some of the most important figures in the history of hip-hop in his search for the roots of the five elements of hip-hop culture. It took him four years to collect and edit his footage into an original documentary film and in 2001, the film has been acclaimed by critics and audiences at the Montreal Film Festival, the American Film Institute Festival and many others. The film will continue to show around the country before being released in theaters.

"The sad thing is, rap overshadows hip-hop due to its exposure, and this is why so many people have so many misconceptions about hip-hop."

Paul Kell
director

Until later on, around the time the Native Tongues crew stepped up. When I first started hearing the term hip-hop, I just thought it was a new way to define rap. At the time I was ignorant of the fact that hip-hop was a culture; it was a way of life. Eventually, thanks to emcees like KRS-One, Chuck D and other conscious brothers within the game, my eyes started opening up to a bigger picture. But even then it was still in the '80s, and as a cultural movement had da, at that point, I thought it was new. It wasn't until I began hearing the term hip-hop that I realized that this thing could be full-blown and it was around this time that I started writing proposals for grants to get money to turn it into a feature. Eventually the money came and here we are today, over four years later.

How far back in the history of hip-hop do the artists you've interviewed go?

Guys like Kool Herc are credited with creating hip-hop, so it's safe to say that I go right back to the birth. Although I felt it was important to get guys like Gil Scott-Heron in the film as well, since they helped give birth to the ideas and mindset of what became hip-hop well before Kool Herc started throwing block parties. Arguably, you could go back to the birth of the drum in ancient Africa to go all the way back to the beginning of what we know today as hip-hop. Give me the time and the resources and I'll do a Ken Burns style, 10-part miniseries on hip-hop. My documentary really only scratches the surface — within 70 minutes, that's all you can do.

Was it difficult to get interviews with any of the artists?

Some, but for the most part the hip-hop community is fairly generous.

How long did it take you to collect all your footage?

I think over 1,000 hours, but I was working 24/7. Honestly, I think the only way to do this is to just go out there and hustle. To me, it's like a business. As long as you're wearing the right clothes, it doesn't matter how many years you've been a filmmaker, you have to choose what people want to see. And it's not just about the cut. It's about the story. What determined the cut was what I watched when I watched the interview. If I saw a story, I watched it. I didn't care if it was an old interview. In the end, it's all about the story and the viewings, I finally got a a feeling about what to cut.

What do you want people to take away from your film?

I hope they're inspired. I hope it makes them want to make something. Hopefully it's a story that people can learn from and use in their own way.

What are some of the most exciting things to working on your film?

It's exciting to see how people interpret the story. I was making sure that everyone was seeing the story I had in mind, but now I'm excited to see what others see in it. Hopefully it's a story that's relevant or as relevant as hip-hop itself is. What were some of the most exciting things to working on your film?
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Personally, I find race divisions a societal construct that has no relevance anymore. Class divisions exist, but race is a moot point. Poor white kids have more in common with poor black kids than they do with rich white kids, so why would there be any racial animosity between whites and blacks?

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It’s all about de-mystifying it, shattering the misconceptions. Even for people who think they know hip-hop, I’m sure there’s a thing or two in the documentary that they weren’t aware of.

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NBA

Battier leads Memphis to a 109-106 victory over Denver

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Shane Battier was the winningest Finals jumper. He got high enough to turn back Carmelo Anthony on a big dunk attempt. Battier’s block of Anthony’s outstretched jumper ended left Monday night preserved the Memphis Grizzlies’ 109-106 victory over Denver Nuggets in a matchup of two of the NBA’s most improved teams.

Battier’s rejection prevented Denver from taking the lead at 3:20, but it was two of the Grizzlies’ four-game winning streak.

Anderson added — stop Dwyane Wade and the Heat Monday night.

He added 24 points, six rebounds and gets to the line play your best game, you have

The Grizzlies scored the game’s

One of two of the NBA’s most

Fourth-quarter rally with 3:20 left in the third and built a nine-point lead early in the fourth.

The Blazers found a way to do what nobody else could lately

They've beaten the defending

Since Dec. 31.

The Sixers put back from so far down

The Grizzlies prevented

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didn't have a legitimate shot to win,

“Without AI, our guys gave us a legitimate shot to win,” Sixers interim coach Chris Ford said.

The Blazers tied its second-

However, we haven't been winning games like this. We haven't been able to put teams away,

For a victory.

The Blazers nearly recovered a three-point play with 7:50 left in the third. The Grizzlies converted a three-point play with 6:54 left.

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Cavaliers 104, Hornets 100

Cleveland in four games

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Trail Blazers 89, Heat 81

MIAMI — The Portland Trail Blazers played like a team that gets 23 offensive rebounds and 23 points from the line.

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Damon Stoudamire added 18

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Bonds says he will block numerous offseason distractions

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — A winter without his dad is nothing beside him in the batting cage weighed more heavily on Barry Bonds’ mind this off-season than his connection to a lab at the center of an alleged steroid ring.

“It’s been difficult,” the slugger said Monday, sitting in the dugout at soggy Scottsdale Stadium. “Just hard all the way around. I broke down a couple times in the batting cage just due to the fact he wasn’t with me. He’s been my coach all my whole life.”

Bonds was surrounded by reporters on his first day at spring training, and he was asked repeatedly about his ties to the supplements lab accused of illegally distributing steroids to dozens of athletes. The six-time National League MVP, who appeared in December before a grand jury probing the lab, had repeatedly denied using steroids.

“They can test me every day if they choose to,” said Bonds, who is right around his 228-pound playing weight. “I didn’t hurt. I didn’t want to go in the cage. I didn’t want to swing the bat.” Bonds said, “I really didn’t want any part of it for a while.”

Now, another important member of Bonds’ supporting cast, trainer Greg Anderson, won’t be around. Anderson was absent Monday when Bonds showed up for camp a day ahead of the voluntary reporting date for position players.

Anderson, often seen with Bonds at spring training and during the season, was among four men charged this month in an alleged steroid-distribution ring that federal prosecutors say supplied professional athletes with banned substances.

All the men have pleaded innocent and no athletes have been charged. The all-time home run king, Bonds weighed 238 pounds at his spring training appearance in December before a federal grand jury probing the supplements lab accused of distributing steroids to dozens of athletes.

“I feel bad for him,” said Bonds, who turns 40 this summer. “I feel sad. We grew up together. We’re friends. It’s unfortunate what he’s having to go through.”

About BALCO, the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative that’s at the center of the federal steroids case, Bonds said: “There’s nothing I can do about it right now. I have to go out and play baseball and, hopefully, it will blow over.”

“I believe if I wasn’t going for records, it would be a nullified situation,” said Bonds, who is two home runs shy of tying Mays for third on the career list with 660. “If you want to be at the top, you’ve got to have broad shoulders. I know who I am. I know what I stand for. I know what kind of ballplayer I am.”

Bonds spent two stints on the bereavement list in 2003 and, despite all he was dealing with, still batted .341 with 45 homers and 90 RBIs.

When asked if he can pass Hank Aaron’s record of 755 home runs, Bonds quickly answered: “I think I can do anything. … I’m going for it all.”

Mays spent three days a week with Bonds the entire off-season, working with him on his swing while also monitoring Bonds’ mental frame of mind.

“I’m focused now, and ready,” Bonds said.

He admitted, with a smile, that he wants to pass Mays on the homers list as soon as possible. He just wishes his father could be there to see it.

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Bout waits Hopkins’ approval

The 39-year old’s signature could mean a meeting with Oscar De La Hoya

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The dates are set and so is the site. Now all promoter Bob Arum needs to do is get a signature from middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins to complete his two-fight deal with Oscar De La Hoya.

Arum said he finalized a handshake deal Monday for the MGM Grand hotel-casino in Las Vegas to host a June 5 fight card featuring Hopkins and De La Hoya in separate bouts. If the two win as expected, they will meet Sept. 18 at the MGM for the middleweight title.

Arum said Hopkins has already agreed to terms and is coming to Las Vegas on Wednesday to sign his contract. The first news conference promoting the fights will be next Tuesday in Los Angeles.

"It’s going to be the biggest non-heavyweight fight in history," Arum said. "I'm looking to make this another [Marvelous Marvin] Hagler-[Sugar Ray] Leonard.

Although Arum declined to discuss figures, he did not dispute previous reports that De La Hoya could make up to $30 million for the two fights while Hopkins will make at least $10 million.

De La Hoya, who lost his 154-pound title fight to Shane Mosley last September, will move up to middleweight to take on Felix Sturm of Germany on the June 5 card while Hopkins will defend his undisputed titles against Robert Allen, who he has fought twice already.

Assuming De La Hoya and Hopkins win, they would meet in September at a contract weight of 157 pounds.

Arum said the two-fight series came together after De La Hoya couldn’t get rematches with Shane Mosley and Fernando Vargas, while it’s still unclear whether Felix Trinidad has come out of retirement.

"Oscar wanted to fight Hopkins last but everybody else was pricing themselves out of the market," Arum said. "Rather than wait and fight Hopkins at the end, he put him up front instead."

De La Hoya, who has been criticized for picking his opponents carefully, will likely enter the ring as an underdog for the first time in his career in September.

Hopkins is 39, but he shows no sign of age and has defended his middleweight title 17 times. Hopkins stopped Trinidad in the 12th round in September 2001 in his biggest fight to date, but complained before his last fight in December against William Joppy that De La Hoya was ducking him.

"Am I being a bully by calling Oscar out?" Hopkins asked. "Why is the media treating Oscar like a prima donna? I beat the man [Trinidad] who

Browns’ Green will serve sentence

Associated Press

WESTLAKE, Ohio — Cleveland Browns running back William Green began serving a three-day jail sentence Monday after reaching a plea agreement on drunken driving charges.

Green, recently reinstated by the NFL after his suspension for violating the league’s substance abuse policy, reported to the city jail immediately following his sentencing in an early-Monday hearing before Rocky River Municipal Court.

Police Capt. Guy Turner said Green will not receive any special treatment while serving his time other than careful screening of any cellmate.

"I’ve got to watch who else he’s in with," Turner said. "I’ve got to pay more attention to some of these other knuckleheads in here."

Green has been cooperative throughout the case, including his Oct. 27 arrest, Turner said.

"He took responsibility for his actions," he said.

Judge Maureen Adler Graves sentenced the 24-year-old to six months but suspended all but three days if Green complies with terms of his one year of probation, which includes staying drug and alcohol free.

In exchange for Green’s no contest plea to drunken driving, prosecutors dropped charges of possessing marijuana and making an improper lane change.

His lawyer, Brian P. Downey, said Green is remorseful and committed to straightening out his life.

"In court, he apologized to his family, the Browns’ organization and to Browns fans," Downey said. "He understands what he needs to do."

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Clinton Portis of the Broncos strolls into the end zone during a game against the Browns last season. The Broncos are considering trading him to Washington in a deal involving comeback Champ Bailey.

Broncos may trade Pro Bowl rusher Portis

DENVER — The Denver Broncos are discussing a trade that would send running back Clinton Portis to Washington for cornerback Champ Bailey, a swap of two Pro Bowlers upset with their contracts, a source said Monday.

In giving up Portis for Bailey, Denver also would receive Washington's second-round selection in the April draft, the NFL source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Vinnie Cerrato, Washington's player personnel director, said at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis "We are talking to a number of teams and Denver is one of the teams." He wouldn't name the players.

Jack Beale, Bailey's agent, said the Redskins have talked with several teams, including Detroit, the New York Jets, Houston, Chicago and Arizona.

"We have had preliminary discussions with the Broncos and with other teams as well, just on the broad outlines of a contract," Beale said. "I can't get into detail until I know what team we're going to be dealing with." The negotiations with Portis were first reported in The Denver Post.

The Redskins have protected Bailey, who can become a free agent on March 3, by designating him their franchise player. That means the Redskins must make him a one-year, $6.8 million tender, the average of the top five players at his position.

Portis has two years remaining on the contract he signed as a second-round draft pick in 2002. Displeased with the $300,000 he made last season, he has hinted he might be a holdout when training camp starts unless the Broncos rework his deal.

The deal would make sense because the Redskins went last season without an every-down running back, a must in the offensive system favored by new coach Joe Gibbs. Portis ran for 1,591 yards last year despite missing three games with chest and ankle injuries.

Portis' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, declined comment and the Broncos did not return a call seeking comment.

IN BRIEF

Hall of famer defends Rose

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt had a special reason to forgive Pete Rose — "he's a beaten man" — and doesn't know whether the career hits leader will gain reinstatement to baseball.

Schmidt, one of Rose's biggest allies, said Rose didn't come across as a sympathetic figure in a book tour that included television and newspaper interviews. "I'm My Prison Without Bars," Rose reversed course from 15 years of denials and admitted to betting on the Cincinnati Reds while he managed the team in the late 1980s.

"It wasn't the best showing of sorrow and regret," Schmidt said Monday. "That's just something Pete isn't great at doing. But I know he truly is sorry and that he regrets everything. He talked to me about it in private, told me that he let me down. And he broke down.

"As soon as I got off the phone with him, I contacted the commissioner and told him, 'This guy means what he's saying.' I believe in him and you, I know. I don't want to get caught in a con game. Pete's a beaten man."

Pistons fined for illegal player use

NEW YORK — The Detroit Pistons were fined $200,000 by the NBA on Monday for using Rasheed Wallace and Mike James before the league officialized the deal that brought them to the team.

The league said it was the first time a player acquired in a trade played for his new team before the NBA officially approved the move.

Wallace and James came to Detroit in a three-team trade with Atlanta and Boston on Thursday, and both played in the first half of the Pistons' 88-87 loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves on Friday night.

They were pulled at halftime when it was discovered that paperwork for two other players in the deal — Lindsey Hunter and Chris Mills — had yet to be completed. Wallace and James also missed a practice Saturday before the NBA said the trade was "final and complete."

Former umpire charged in scandal

NEWARK, N.J. — Former major league umpire Al Clark pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy to commit mail fraud in connection with selling baseballs he falsely claimed had been used in memorable games.

The 56-year-old Clark, formerly of Trenton and now of Williamsburg, Va., had claimed some of the balls were used during games in which Cal Ripken tied and broke Lou Gehrig's consecutive games record.

Clark pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court. Memorabilia dealer Richard Graessle Jr., a 43-year-old from Millburn, pleaded guilty to tax evasion for his role in the scheme, which operated from September 1995 to Nov. 19.
Frisbee club excels at Mardi Gras meet

Chrisy Hedges set the tempo in her first game as handler. Co-captains Morgan Sutton and Priva Varghese spearheaded the attack with excellent cutting and solid throwdowns while Junior Heather Tsukamoto excelled with several outstanding layouts.

Women's water polo

The women posted the Irish Invitational this weekend, bringing a strong field to Rolfs Aquatic Center. The Irish split four contests over two days of pool play to earn a trip to the annual Mardi Gras meet. By MATT Hedges set the tempo and solid throws, while Sr. Andrea Braunlich provided steadying leadership while freshman O'Neill and Christian Moore continued on a roll with scoring on several big bucks.

Irish finish preseason with losses

By MATT MOONEY

Notre Dame wrapped up its exhibition season Saturday with a sojourn to the Northeast. The cre- scendo of lacrosse champions. In New Jersey, the Irish faced off against three different teams, including two-time defending national champion and No. 1 Princeton, No. 7 Dartmouth and No. 9 Ohio State. At the Princeton Invitational, the Irish played in an altered format in order to compete against all three teams. The team played one half each against Ohio State and Princeton with a full game against Dartmouth in between. The Irish met with mixed degrees of success. They began the day strong, shutting out Ohio State 10-4 in one half of play. But coach Tracy Coyne was most looking forward to the showdown with Dartmouth. "I wouldn't be surprised if they're in the Final Four," she said. "I don't think anybody that we face on our schedule is going to be better than Dartmouth." Dartmouth gave the Irish a competitive match. Notre Dame hung around for much of the match before Dartmouth put the Irish away in the end en route to a 12-8 victory. Dartmouth keyed its attack with an aggressive, penetrating offense and an equally potent trap on defense.

"From an attacking standpoint, we struggled when they were double-teaming," Coyne said. "We had solid opportunities to score against Dartmouth, (but their) attack was getting some opportunities going strong to the cage with their dominant face-off. Coyne felt her players could take away many positives from the match.

"To go up against a team like Dartmouth, and to know that we had opportunities, it pointed out some things that we can focus on," she said. "We were definitely competitive. I was very pleased with the way we came out in the second half." Senior captain Andrea Kinnik agreed. "It's a learning experience and it puts us in a good place for the rest of the season," Kinnik said. "It gave us the experience that we needed." Experience, however, was not enough to carry the Irish past Princeton. Notre Dame was over-matched at times and Princeton was able to handily defeat the Irish in only one half of play, 7-0. Playing against such top 10 teams in one day proved to be a unique pre-season challenge.

"It's definitely intimidating, but you just have to put that behind you," Kinnik said. "You have to come there to make them adjust to your game instead of you adjusting to their game."
Club Sports

Jo Syetanoff leads the Irish at IU invitational

Special to The Observer

Freshman Wendy Jo Syetanoff stepped up with a strong performance at the Indiana University Big Red Invitational this weekend to lead the Irish women’s squad. Syetanoff placed fourth on vault, fifth on balance beam and third all-around with a season best of 34.85. Cecilia Torres also placed for the Irish, finishing fifth on floor with a 9.0. Kim Turnipspeed, Maurie Donnelly and Lucianna Ravasio contributed to the team, as well. The men were led by Andrew Roberts, who finished third on floor exercise. Calvin Umeda, Aaron Roberts and Todd Moffat completed the scoring for the Irish.

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and nobody else really hurt us,” Brey said. “But they have a number of guys who can hurt us.”

Like Notre Dame, the Friars depend on the 3-pointer for most of their offense, and Providence makes about 37 percent from behind the arc compared to Notre Dame’s 3-point percentage of around 35 percent.

In addition to Gomes, Donnie McGrath, Bob Sander and Shenk Kabba all average double-digits in points for Providence. The Friars have the conference’s best defense, giving up 61 points a game in league play, thanks in part to a stifling zone game. Brey wants his team to concentrate on pushing the tempo to score points in transition—similar to what the Irish did in a win against Syracuse a week ago.

“We didn’t win Saturday (against Connecticut), but we’re playing well and our body language is good,” Brey said. “We’ve got this attitude where we’re playing loose and going for it and not being afraid to win. We have to continue to play with that frame of mind.”

The fact that Notre Dame is even in a position to challenge for the NCAA Tournament is a testament to how the Irish have played over their last four games.

“Like Pittsburgh Feb. 7 left the Irish one loss away from dropping to .500 on the season. But three straight wins against Connecticut, Seton Hall and Syracuse and a narrow loss at Connecticut Saturday helped propel the Irish onto the bubble. “This is what it’s all about,” Brey said. “We’re in meaningful games, we’re in the mix, we’re on the radar screen. “You do have control of your destiny, and that’s all you can ask.”

Mike Brey
Irish coach

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22-5 women), Detroit Mercy (27-0, 23-4), Wisconsin (23-4, 24-3) and host Purdue (25-2, 24-3) proved less of a challenge.

The wins were more impressive because walk-ons provided much of the help. The University of Detroit fielded the only varsity team in attendance, so the Irish were able to give non-scholarship fencers experience.

Senior foilist Matt Castellan was pleased with how the walk-ons carried themselves on the strip.

"(They win) say something about the commitment off the entire team and not just the starters," Castellan said. "It's a testament to the fact that the entire team is 100 percent when we're practicing.

Streaks were not the only milestones reached either. With senior foilist Maggie Jordan's 7-2 record on Saturday, she has accumulated 110-10-0 record. Fellow foilist Castellan complemented his performance with a 17-1 mark.

For Castellan, the tournament added to the growing anticipation of the post-season, especially among the new fencers.

"We are very excited," he said. "Everyone's really anxious to qualify the full 12 and get on to NCAAs. It's a totally different format for anything [the freshmen] have ever fenced before. It's only our mark question, but we're all confident that they're talented and motivated."
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Happy Birthday: Take your time and think through things. If you jump too quickly this year, you'll have regrets. Don't rely on others to do things for you. You are the master of your own life, so take care of your own interests first. This is not the time to take unnecessary risks, so don't let anyone lead you astray. Your numbers: 1, 8, 12, 28, 34, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Romantic encounters will unfold if you go out with friends. You'll be in a talkative mood. It will be easy to write letters. It will be a good day to get your project across.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will have no problem with financial dealings. It is best to try to finalize deals and sign on the dotted line. You can make career moves and can work well with your colleagues.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Investments may not be in your best interests. There appears to be someone around you who may try to take you for granted. Look into joining a club that offers individual sports.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make those changes to your home. A move, or possibly just changing things around, will lift your spirits. Mexican people are the master of your own life, so take care of your own interests first.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Plan to get together with friends or at least phone them to catch up on all the latest happenings in their lives. Talk about communiqués with the one you love. This could lead to matrimony.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have no problem influencing others when you wish them to offer assistance again. Problems with co-workers indicate that you should not rely on others.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will have no problem influencing others when it comes to your beliefs and opinions. Put some effort into self-improvement. You will have a tendency to be controlling.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have to be well-organized today. Learn to delegate less-important duties to those around you. You can make a dream come true if you are as organized as a person who could possibly become an important partner in the future.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are the master of your own life, so take care of your own interests first. You will have to be well-organized today.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will find that those you least expect will rally around to aid you in achieving your goals. Don't forget to show your gratitude if you wish them to offer assistance again.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pregnancies are likely if you don't take precautions. Do things that involve physical activity. Shopping sprees will be a temptation. The more you learn, the better you'll do. Your creative ability must be developed properly in order for you to take advantage of it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will have no problem with financial dealings. It is best to try to finalize deals and sign on the dotted line. You can make career moves and can work well with your colleagues.***

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**BASEBALL**

Solid pitching sends Irish to 2-0 start

By JOE HETTLER

Somewhere forgot to tell the baseball team they aren't supposed to play this well this early in the season.

The Irish hit, pitched and fielded well in two wins last weekend over San Diego State and USC. Notre Dame's third game against Louisville was rained out.

"If someone walked into the park and didn't know we were from the Midwest and it was our first day outside, they would have thought we had played 20 or 30 games already," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "We played that well. I couldn't imagine that we could have played any better than we did in our first days outside."

The Irish beat San Diego State 7-1 and then ousted USC in a rainy game. Starting pitchers Chris Nies and Tom Thornton and four relief pitchers posted a combined 0.67 ERA over the weekend. Nies opened the weekend with a win over the Aztecs, going 5 2/3 innings, striking out nine and allowing one earned run.

Tom Thornton pitches against Georgetown last season. Thornton allowed zero earned runs against USC Saturday.

**FENCING**

Winning streaks carry on as Irish end season

By MATT MOONEY

The Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams love to go streaking.

Saturday's dominating performance at the West vs. Central Dual Meet in West Lafayette, Ind. closed out a perfect 26-0 season for the No. 1 ranked women. The men finished the season 24-1, with a loss to top-ranked St. John's the only blemish on their schedule.

The six wins at the meet - against one varsity team and five club teams - extended the women's dual meet winning streak to 40 over the past two seasons. That streak ranks third-best all time in program history, behind only a 75-meet streak from 1993-96 and 42-meet streak from 1985-86.

The undefeated season also marks the first time the women's team has completed the regular season without a loss since the 1994-95 season. The No. 2 men's team had its own stretch of perfection this season. The men continued their run of 90 consecutive regular season victories into this season - a streak that dated back to 2000. St. John's ended that streak at the New York University Dual Meet in the only Irish loss of the season. An even more dominating performance at the West vs. Central Duals helped the Irish men finish the regular season strong.

Both squads continued the competition Saturday. No team posted double-digit wins against the Irish, as Michigan and the University of Chicago were the only teams able to approach Notre Dame. The men dispatched both squads by 19-8 scores, while the women dominated with two, 21-6 victories. Michigan State (24-3 men, 26-0 women) posted a combined 0.56 season. That streak ranks second in the West in scoring (19.6) and fourth in victories (22). Notre Dame adds a second in the Big East Tournament to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

"It's do or die right now, because that's our last opportunity to get a marquee win," Jones said. "It'll look real good on the resume and solidify us for the rest of the season."

Tonight's game also has several ramifications for how the Big East will shake out for the rest of the season. Notre Dame (13-10 overall, 7-6 in the Big East) is one of seven teams who have records between 7-5 and 6-7. An Irish win tonight and wins in its last two conference games against Georgetown and St. John's could give the team a chance at a first-round bye in the Big East Tournament.

"We definitely need this game," Chris Quinn said. Notre Dame's recipe for beating the Friars is containing Ryan Gomes and preventing the rest of the team from doing too much damage. Since conference play started, Gomes has ranked third in the Big East in scoring (19.6) and rebounds (9.5).

But Irish coach Mike Brey said while the Irish know Gomes can score, the key to winning is stopping the rest of the Friars.

"We've done a good job where the guys who are going to get their [points] get theirs."

**ND SOFTBALL**

Irish earn one win in Palm Springs

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

The weekend looked quite promising Friday afternoon, but after a little rain and a rude awakening, Notre Dame (5-3) left the Palm Springs Classic with just one win.

The Irish faced Utah, Pacific, No. 8 Stanford and the United States Olympic team in the tournament. Their last game against No. 12 Tennessee was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Notre Dame 4, Utah 3

Heather Booth pitched her second straight complete game, as the Irish jumped out to a 4-1 lead and never looked back.

"We were really aggressive at the beginning of the game, and that helped us jump on the board early," freshman Kenea Fuemmeler said. "It gave us insurance runs for later."

Every run was needed, as Utah hit a two-out, two-run home run in the top of the seventh to get within one. Booth got the next hitter to ground out.

**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

Freshman Wendy Jo Brayford placed in the all-around competition at the Indiana University Big Red Invitational.

**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

Irish end exhibition play with a disappointing 1-2 finish over the weekend.

**BOXING**

Oscar De la Hoya and Bernard Hopkins await a deal for a Sept. 18 fight.

**NFL**

Cleveland's William Goren began a three-day jail sentence after pleading guilty to drunk driving charges.

49ers and Julian Peterson come to agreements to extend his contract to next season.