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Trustees respond positively to diversity report
Student leaders speak to racism, heterosexism, sexism at Notre Dame; Board applauds ambitious choice of topic

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

Following a fall Board of Trustees report that received harsh criticism, student-wide praised student government's winter report, applauding its diversity theme and stating that it was one of the more comprehensive and researched presentations in recent history.

Student body vice president Karla Bell, chief executive assistant Dave Baron and co-founder of Sustained Dialogue Tessia Garcia delivered the report, entitled "Issues of Equality: Creating a Welcoming Environment for All. Part I: The Situation."

Thursday afternoon as the first of a two-part presentation that explores racism, heterosexism and sexism at Notre Dame. For the upcoming spring report, student body president Adam Litzan, Bell and Baron intend to provide solutions for working towards increasing diversity on campus and addressing the question, "Can one be different at Notre Dame?"

Baron said this report is addressing and attempting to counter the popular stereotype that defines the Notre Dame student image as a straight, white, Catholic male.

Garcia stressed the majority at Notre Dame often does not understand the minority's position or reactions, citing the firing of football head coach Tyrone Willingham as an example.

Garcia said even though the firing was not racially motivated, the majority of students do not see the pain the event caused to minority students who viewed Willingham as their advocate.

Garcia also noted there is a demand within the student body to increase diversity education, citing the inability of students to register for professor [Alvin Tillery, former African American studies teacher] due to the overwhelming popularity of his classes which cannot accommodate more than a 25 percent of its applicants and the overabundance of over 400 applicants for only 35 diversity educator positions.

ND marks Black History Month
Hesburgh, others led civil rights movement

By JULIE BENDER
News Writer

With February designated as National Black History Month, it is the perfect time to reflect on race issues at Notre Dame, from both a historical and a modern perspective.

The University has made great strides since World War II, when only one black student was enrolled, to the current estimate of a 4.5 percent black student body. Yet after 60 years, there is still work to be done.

Hesburgh's Influence
The University's crucial role in the civil rights movement was largely due to the influence of University President Emeritus Father Hesburgh.

Hesburgh's 35-year presidency at Notre Dame began in 1957, just as civil rights issues were beginning to stir in the United States. Beyond his duties as University president, Hesburgh played a significant role advocating civil rights at the national level. In 1968, he became a

Candidate presents new ideas
Saint Mary's hosts reception

By MEGAN O'NEIL
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Saint Mary's held its second candidate reception Thursday afternoon in its search to fill the new position of vice president for enrollment management.

Candidate Marcia Nance, currently the vice provost for university marketing and enrollment at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla., presented her plans for improving enrollment numbers at Saint Mary's to a group of 50 faculty and staff members. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Despite some fluctuation in the number of single, repeat students, according to Nance, the College has a very strong base to work with.

Candidates square off in debate

By AMANDA MICHAELS
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Amid the buzz of LaFortune's dinner-time din, the six tickets for student body president tried to make their voices heard in the debates Thursday night.

The seating area in front of the Burger King played host to the debates for the first time, chosen over previous locations.

From left to right, candidates Dave Baron, Lizzi Shappell, James Leito, Jordan Bongiovanni and Alec White listen to the debate.

Campus Ministry hosts GLB retreat

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

The eighth annual Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Retreat, running tonight through Saturday, serves an important role at Notre Dame, according to the event's organizers.

"I think it's a very special part of Notre Dame that we can have a retreat like this," Jay Zimlich, student organizer of the retreat, said.

Zimlich, who went on the GLB retreat two years ago, emphasized the progressive nature of having a retreat about Catholicism and homosexuality, two elements often seen as having conflicting values. He complimented Campus Ministry for providing the opportunity for such a "large interface between academics, faith, and hot topics."

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California, here I come...

When I hear that opening chord, I know where I belong — on the couch watching television. Who would have thought that a weekly melodrama revolving around the rich and beautiful and the trouble associated with their lifestyle would become such a smash success?

Every Thursday at 8 p.m., I and many others are going to commit an hour a week to their magical world, but now, thanks to the magic of DVD technology and corporate salesmanship, I can spend as much time as I want experiencing the reality on the sunny beaches of Southern California.

I know the arguments against my newly found addiction. I know I’m a girl and that, when watching TV, it’s my duty to watch sports. As much as I love contests of skill, I know how they are going to end before they even begin. Someone’s going to win, half the spectators are going to be heartbroken and throughout the event, people are going to commit rules infractions that slow the action.

However, with “The O.C.” events happen that don’t conform to my predetermined guidelines. Hypothetically, a young man from the wrong side of the tracks takes a stab in the stomach, the sister she never knew she had. Indeed, the possibilities are endless.

I say now, more than ever, we need “The O.C.” Like it or not, we live in South Bend, a winter hell from October to early May. I, like many I know, hate South Bend weather, I hate it like I hate Julie Cooper, the Muscularis-needles devil-woman on the show. As we trudge through, our clothes are bloodied against temperatures the human body should only experience when running for our lives at the local Ben & Jerry’s, what is the harm of living vicariously through beach kids whose toughest decision is which Cover Girl model they should take to the spring dance. All I know is that I wish I had their problems.

In Brief

 Jerome Clayton Glenn, co-founder and director of The Millennium Project, will be giving the lecture "Long Range Global Challenges and Their Implications for Business" today from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The talk is part of the "Ten Years Hence" Lecture Series.

 Allison Truitt of Cornell University will give a lecture entitled "Dollars are for Keeping: Economic Reforms and the Limits to State" today from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 119 O’Shaughnessy Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the department of anthropology.

 The film "Maria Full of Grace" will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. and 10 in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

 The Notre Dame men’s hockey team will take on Nebraska-Omaha at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

 The men’s and women’s track teams will take part in the Meyo Invitational from 7 p.m. to 9:30 tonight in the Loftus Sports Center.

 A seminar in American Religion entitled “Rome in America: Transnational Catholic Ideology from the Risorgimento to Fascism” will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in McKenna Hall. The event is sponsored by the Cushwa Center.

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

 The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Professors discuss faith diversity

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Three professors of varying faith backgrounds participated in a religious diversity discussion Thursday sponsored by the Senate Committee of Diversity Affairs.

Asma Afsaruddin, a professor of Arabic and Islamic studies, said she finds her students eager to learn about other religions. "They are really interested in understanding what different faiths are about," she said. Similarly, economics professor Amitava Dutt explained his students are constantly questioning moral issues concerning consumption and happiness. He feels this inquisitiveness creates a comfortable atmosphere for non-Catholic students at Notre Dame.

Afsaruddin encouraged students of other faiths who do not feel comfortable to become proactive and establish groups with other students who have similar interests and ideas.

Filiburt Barkty, program of liberal studies professor, questioned the seriousness of Catholicism at Notre Dame. As a conservative Jew, Barkty said he would be very upset if he were Catholic and witnessed students looking to other faiths. In addition, he questioned having to take only two religion classes in order to fulfill the requirement set by the University. Barkty is often surprised at the limited knowledge Catholic students face of their own religion. Barkty added he would send his daughter neither to Notre Dame nor to a primarily Jewish school like Brandeis University.

"His focus does not lie in the religiousigion of the school, he said, but rather the culture within the school. Since Barkty believes the Jewish faith is not only a religion, but also a way of life, the lifestyle of students at both public universities and Notre Dame would undermine this faith.

According to Barkty, there would be one way for Notre Dame to draw Jewish or Muslim students.

"You would have to bring Jews or Muslims who would want to give up faith," he said. Barkty also said he believes a religious Jew needs to pray with fellow Jews.

International student Lindsey Lim agreed with Barkty.

"Catholicism is only skin-deep here," she said. "It is not all the way through."

She spoke of everyday happenings such as the type of clothing, viewing of certain television shows, and conversations that do not mirror the belief system of the Catholic Religion. She did attribute a portion of this to the American culture.

Afsaruddin disagreed completely.

"I was surprised you didn't think there are a lot of students who take religion seriously," she said. "My experience has been the opposite: they are questioning faith... they are branching out."

Tommy Forri wondered if the conservative Catholic would be welcome at Notre Dame. If the University as a whole practiced deeper Catholicism, he said, the religious backgrounds would feel more comfortable in the community.

"Afsaruddin disagreed and felt a non-Catholic religious student could practice his faith at Notre Dame. A Muslim student, she countered, could pray on his or her own and visit a mosque in South Bend."

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Three School Formal

By ERICA RANGEL
News Writer

Saint Mary's will bring Mardi Gras to South Bend's Palais Royale for its annual All School Formal Saturday, as students and their guests celebrate the theme "A Night in New Orleans."

Approximately 800 tickets for the event, which will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., were sold at $20 for a couple or $10 for a single ticket. This is a great turnout considering the maximum capacity for the Palais Royale is 850 guests, said Jill Funnell, Residence Hall Association vice president and co-chair of the dance.

Last year the dance had to be postponed due to conflicts with vendor location this year and a different story, said Funnell. "This year's planning has gone very smoothly, especially in comparison to last year," she said. "The only setback was the gifts being backordered. Otherwise, everything is set to go for Saturday."

In the spirit of the formal's theme, dance guests will receive hurricane mugs, a reference to the traditional New Orleans beverage. Unfortunately, due to the backordering, these will be distributed within the next few weeks, said Funnell.

Due to the Palais Royale's policies, no decorations are allowed, but guests may still enjoy the beautiful atmosphere and architecture of the venue, said Funnell.

Not only is the event entertaining, but Saint Mary's is fortunate to even hold a school-wide dance, said Funnell. "It is a great opportunity to bring the entire College together in an event that always proves to be a great time," she said.

Sophomore Laura Mogle feels that the All School Formal is an improved option over individual dorm dances.

"I think this is a much better way to have the dance," she said. "Saint Mary's is so friendly that you are sure to have friends in more than one dorm. It's nice to have a night when everyone will be there, as it's not exclusive," Mogle said.

With second semester well underway, students also feel the timing is right for this event. "I'm excited to go. I just need to get my mind off of things for one weekend," senior Cassie Gersten said.

Mogle agreed, and also pointed out the appropriateness of the theme.

"Mardi Gras is always a good time," she said, "and the formal is sure to be the same." Alcohol will not be permitted at the dance regardless of age.

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General Board

Any full time undergraduate or graduate student at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross is encouraged to apply.

Applicants should submit a resume and an application at least 3 pages long explaining how they would run their department.
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of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and served as its chairman from 1969 to 1972. During his 15 years on the commission, Hesburgh oversaw thousands of hours of hearings and sought to identify problems of civil rights in America.

"I worked alongside President Lyndon Johnson to create laws needed to guarantee black voting, and to administer justice in the areas of education and labor," Hesburgh said. "We helped pass the comprehensive Civil Rights Act in 1964."

The 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination of all kinds based on race, color, religion and national origin, has come to be known as the most extensive civil rights legislation passed since the Civil War Reconstruction era.

Hesburgh credits President Johnson for his influence on civil rights at Notre Dame. "President Johnson was a true friend to me during those years," Hesburgh said. "He supported my presidency, we made progress on the civil rights issue at Notre Dame, and he helped to open the doors of the Catholic Church to more diversity in its ranks."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russia dismisses cease-fire report

MONDAY — Russian and Chechen officials dismissed a reported rebel announcement of a unilateral cease-fire as a bluff Thursday, while rumors swirl that militant leader Shamil Basayev was killed in a clash with foreign mercenaries.

A British TV channel, meanwhile, went on air with a breakthrough of a top-level interview with Basayev on Thursday night, drawing a furious rebuke from Russia.

"We perceive such an action as the latest step in informational support of terrorists active in the North Caucasus," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Bush seeks Social Security support

WASHINGTON — Factoring still sagging popularity, President Bush began searching state-by-state for support for his plan to overhaul Social Security and conceded Thursday that not all lawmakers believe the program has a serious problem.

"The math doesn't work," Bush insisted, saying Social Security would pay out more money than it brought in beginning in 2018. "And in 2042, it's bust," he said. That's the year in which the system would be able to cover only 75 percent of benefits owed unless it is changed, according to Social Security trustees.

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Gonzales confirmed attorney general

WASHINGTON — Alberto Gonzales won Senate confirmation Thursday as attorney general despite Democratic charges that he was unqualified, in part because he helped formulate White House policies that led to overseas prisoner abuse and was too beholden to President Bush to be an impartial enforcer of law enforcement.

The Senate voted 60-36 to put the first Hispanic ever into the job, with all of the "no" votes coming from Democrats and Democratic-leaning Independents. Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., who extended hours Monday.

"There is one in Houston and two in Chicago that I know of," Stewart said.

U.S. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, left, ordered disciplinary action against Benon Sevan, executive director of the U.S. food-for-oil program in Iraq, shown here on April 3, 2002.

Gonzales, who is also the first Hispanic ever into the job, will take over for John Ashcroft, who won more Democratic support four years ago despite contentious stances on a number of issues. Eight Democrats voted for Ashcroft, while six voted for Gonzales.

Republicans and some Democrats praised Gonzales' life story: the grandson of Mexican immigrants who worked his way up to being President Bush's top lawyer in the White House.

Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., the first Cuban-American senator, even broke with Senate tradition and praised Gonzales in Spanish on the Senate floor on Wednesday. "This is a breakthrough of incredible magnitude for Hispanic-Americans," he said in English.

Democrats praised Gonzales as well, but many said they couldn't look past his participation in administration policies they said had led to abuses that occurred in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They also complained that he refused to answer their questions on how those policies were created inside the White House.

"Mr. Gonzales was at the heart of the Bush administration's notorious decision to authorize our forces to commit flagrant acts of torture in the interrogation of detainees," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.
"As a Catholic university we have a responsibility to understand the student body and its leaders need for a better use of financial resources. Admissions counselors waste money on travel to college fairs and high schools when they could be contacting potential applicants in other ways, she said. According to Nance, inviting high school students and guidance counselors to visit campus is a more efficient way to draw students to the College.

"Our admissions officers need to know what your students are choosing you for and you need to put your money there," Nance said. "Your institution has to look good. You are competing against a lot of funding out there." However, the size of the budget isn't always everything, she said. "Sometimes it is not about how many resources but what you do with them," she said. "I have worked at [institutions] where we didn't know if we were even going to open the next day." College admissions has improved the University's experience, Nance said, and Saint Mary's needs to respond to that. There are programs now that customize to each individual applicant. Every e-mail, letter and phone call should give students a personal feel.

"The challenge is to demonstrate at every point of the process personalized educational opportunities," she said. "The families of college applicants today are very well informed. They are trying to appeal to. "I think people of this generation are looking for character and their parents certainly are," said Nance. "They are looking for flexibility and diversity. This is the first generation that said it's fine to wear a uniform." The top position in the admissions office at the college opened up in the fall after then-admission director Mary Pat Nolan announced she would be stepping down at the end of the semester. Saint Mary's struggled last year to reach its recruiting goals. The current freshman class is 50 students smaller than the average. Interim director Mona Reese has said the college is on course to receive its target of 1,000 students this year.

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Utility unveils new Enron data

Fallen energy giant's power scams began years before 2000-01 power crunch

Associated Press

EVERETT, Wash. — Fallen energy giant Enron Corp. was running scams to drive up the cost of power years before the 2000-01 power crisis, according to audio transcripts and documents unveiled Thursday by a public utility north of Seattle.

By November 1997, Enron apparently knew of leaks for California's power utility that would formally end the company's three Atlantic responses so favorable a hand to Trump Hotels that would be set up.

Enron had a confirmation hearing scheduled to begin May 1998, a month after the plan took effect. — Enron was already falsifying transmission schedules to inflate prices, Snohomish County Public Utility District officials said Thursday as they unveiled new evidence at a news conference.

The utility in Everett, about 38 miles north of Seattle, obtained much of its most recent evidence at one of Enron's Houston warehouses and has been using its master resources to transcribe thousands of hours of phone conversations involving Enron traders — a job it says should have been done by federal regulators long ago.

Jurors view Scrushy video

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Another former top HealthSouth Corp. executive was indicted Thursday for what prosecutors say was his part in massive fraud as jurors at Richard Scrushy's trial watched a video of the former CEO extorting, calming and warning hundreds of employees at a 1998 meeting.

In a DVD recording played on a big screen next to the witness stand, Scrushy excitedly talked about management's "incredible confidence" in the rehabilitation chain HealthSouth and his own close watch over the company's finances and expenses.

"The new budget team we have is we are so tight," Scrushy said in the meeting held in Orlando, Fla., for managers of hundreds of medical centers operated by HealthSouth nationwide. Prosecutors say HealthSouth's books were awash that year in more than $600 million worth of fraud ordered by Scrushy.

Trump bankruptcy progresses

CAMDEN, N.J. — A judge dealt another favorable hand to Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts Thursday, giving final approval to a $100 million "debtor in possession" loan and setting a date for a confirmation hearing that would formally end the company's Chapter 11 case.

Leading off objections from shareholders, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Judith Wizmur approved the loan by Dallas-based Bear Stearns, which has been hired by bankruptcy court in Atlantic City casinos would have had to shut down for lack of cash, unless they turn to Trump lawyers.

The money, $36 million of which has already been drawn down by the company, is paying salaries, vendors and other operating expenses as Trump Hotels moves toward the completion of a $100 million hearing scheduled to begin March 29.

After months of negotiations with bondholders, Trump Hotels filed for bankruptcy court protection Nov. 21 with a prepackaged plan that calls for the bondholders to take control of the company but Trump to stay on as chairman and CEO.

Worker background checks increase

A pedestrian passes Enron Corp.'s headquarters in January 2002. New documents reveal Enron was driving up power costs as early as November 1997.

Worker background checks increase

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Employers, increasingly security conscious and wary of making mistakes at hiring, have stepped up reference checks and background screening of job applicants, according to a new survey.

In the survey of personnel officers, released Thursday by the Society for Human Resource Management, 96 percent said their companies conduct some type of background or reference check on people applying for jobs.

The most common check by companies included checking a person's legal right to work in the United States, with 85 percent of those polled saying they always do such a screening. But 66 percent of those surveyed said their firms always run criminal records checks on applicants, and another 13 percent say they sometimes perform such checks, according to the survey.

Heightened concerns about security are driving some of the increased screening, according to the survey. About one in five of those surveyed said their companies have added or updated screening practices as a direct result of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Employers also are acting as a legal precaution. More than eight in 10 of those surveyed say their check procedures include standardized questionnaires designed to gather the same type of information about all candidates while avoiding subjects like race or marital status to protect against later charges of discrimination in hiring.

Applicants for management jobs receive the most scrutiny — 86 percent of those surveyed indicated they always run checks on people being considered for different tiers of management jobs. Eighty-three percent said they always run some type of check on those seeking unskilled, non-management jobs and 75 percent said the screen people being considered for hourly posi-
Recently approved Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice greets calls Iraq vindicated

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — While the identity of "Deep Throat" is still a well-guarded secret, the first installment of notes and quotes scribbled by Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein while covering the Watergate scandal are now available to the public.

"We told the story from our perspective as well as we could. Other people should have a look at the stuff," Bernstein said Thursday at the University of Texas' Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, which purchased the materials for $5 million in 2003.

Under a deal with the reporters, the Ransom Center is responsible for cataloguing and preparing the documents for public release. They will be made public for the first time Friday.

Self-described "pack rats" who kept dozens of boxes of materials, Woodward and Bernstein said they were meticulous about saving notes from their reporting for The Washington Post that exposed a conspiracy to disrupt the 1972 presidential election. Their reporting won the Pulitzer Prize.

"After a day or two, you could see it was going to be a really important story," Bernstein said.

Taking a brief tour of an exhibit of hastily-jotted notes, diagrams drawn on notebook paper and transcripts of interviews and photographs of some of the prominent players in the story, the reporters said the public should be given a chance to scrutinize their work three decades later.

Woodward and Bernstein, then 29 and 28, respectively, were the first reporters to establish the connection between Nixon aides and the June 1972 break-in at the Democratic National Headquarters in Washington's Watergate complex.

Nixon, who faced almost certain impeachment by the House and conviction in the Senate for his role in the scandal, resigned in August 1974.

Forty government officials and members of Nixon's re-election campaign were indicted and convicted on felony charges. Ultimately, the materials at the Ransom Center will include more than 250 pocket-sized notebooks, memos, story drafts, clippings, movie manuscripts, photographs and memorabilia.

Any documents that could reveal the identity of "Deep Throat" will be kept secure at an undisclosed location in Washington until the source's death.

While the identities of several dozen sources remain confidential, nearly 100 — all now deceased — are disclosed in the first installment of notes.

The first release from 75 boxes of materials show that senior Republicans and some of Nixon's closest aides shared with the reporters their suspicions about the president's role in the cover-up and their concerns over his mental state.

Senator Barry Goldwater, referred to as the "conscience" of the Republican Party at the time, told the reporters he thought Nixon was "off his head."

Other major sources identified in the first release of documents were the president's two principal Watergate lawyers, J. Fred Buzhardt and James B. St. Clair.

In 42 pages of typed notes of eight interviews, Buzhardt described how Nixon was evasive even with his lawyers.

"He is one of the most transparent people I know," Buzhardt said. "Barry and I would pull my leg and I would tell," Buzhardt told the reporters.

A detailed examination of who Richard Nixon really was," Woodward said. "That's what Watergate was about."
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for its potential to draw passers-by into the action. The rumbling of food carts, chatter of students and dra-

tically fluctuating crowd — swelling to near 100 at the

beginning, but dwindling to an approximate 30 by the

closing statements — made

the situation less than ideal

for the speakers at times, but

the candidates proceeded
despite the distractions.

Supervised by the Judicial
Council, the debates followed
a familiar format of opening
and closing statements from
each ticket, with six randomly
drawn student questions
answered by all the candi-
dates in turn stuck in
between.

The common thread
pulled throughout the
hour-long event
was results over experiences —
as veteran student
government members
consistently displayed their
accomplishments, leadand-test candidates
pointed out the
shortcomings of the current
administration and all six promised tangible
results if elected.

The Mark Healy-Bob Costa
ticket emphasized its record with programming — espe-
cially Costa's connections with big-name hands from his
high school and reporting
experiences — and pledged
"better concerts, better
bands, better events."

Making achievable results
the centerpiece of their plat-
form, the Craig Bredo-Vijay
Ramanan ticket focused on
plans for cheaper textbooks
through NOFay printers in
every dorm and an online,
accessible form of Teacher
Course Eval-uation — all of
which they claimed to be
more feasible
than their oppo-

nents' promises.

"You’re not

going to get a

rousing speech

or a sexy idea,

just strong,
sensible

leadership,"

Ramanan said.

Dave Baron
and Lizzie Shu-
pell focused on
the concept of a
$50,000 per year
campaign endow-
ment in their opening state-
ment, as well as the "Catholic
Think Tank" speaker series
Baron said would revitalize
Notre Dame’s image as “the
voice on social justice.”

James Leito and Jordan
Bongiovanni underscored
what they perceived as the
difference between them-

selves and the other can-
didates — passion for improving
student life.

"You can literally see how

much we passion we have by
the fact that we live more in
the student government office
and administration offices
than our dorm rooms. Just
ask our roommates," joked
Bongiovanni.

Adding an element of levity
to the evening were the Will
Marra-Pete Harig and Alec
White-Link Powers tickets.

Marra kicked the debates
off by ordering a number
seven from the Burger King
dress code.

"We can’t make students
care, but we can make them
angry. So we’ll institute a
dress code to make people
angry,” White said. “Then
you want to give students
what they want.”

Appropriately, the evening
wrapped up with a question
on candidates’ experience,
which made a smooth transi-
tion into the candidates’ final
affirmation of the priority of
results in the closing state-
ments.

Baron offered an optimistic
note to close the debates.

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Vijay Ramanan
vice presidential
candidate

and plugging the video on his
Web site that he claimed to be
"life-changing."

White and Powers took a
different approach, marketing
the benefits of their height in
the event of low-lying fog,
and their plans to communic-
ate with the ghost of the
Gipper with a Ouija Board
and provide him companions-
ship with ritual freshman sac-

crifices.

The six student-provided
questions raised the issues of
the possible club status of
AllianceND, gender issues on
campus, Notre Dame’s “cul-
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experience, as well as to what
the candidates perceived to be
students’ number one con-

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to fight apathy.

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They are students of ritual studies, a discipline that draws on sociology, anthropology, theology and other fields to examine the nature of rituals. According to some, the emphasis in modern cultures on individual identity hinders our capacity for communal symbolic activity. Granted, it is rare that many of us join with our neighbors in what might stereotypically be considered ritual: the sacrificing of animals, dancing around fires or banging upon drums. While religious individuals attend services often replete with rituals, these can seem separate from "normal" life. Such life is, however, suffused with ritual: the rituals of preparing for our day, of cooking a meal and even of simple social interaction. For one tutored in the methodology of ritual observation and armed with such terms as "body-public," "weak grid," "positional family" and "liminality," even hearthland on Thursday night can become "a celebration, marked by varied manifestations of decorum and ritualization and which, for some, is transformed into a magical ritual." Allow me to explain.

For many a trip to Heartland represents anything but a formal ritual. It is considered a "night out," a way to release the pressures of rigid academic life and engage in play. Yet the experience can be more formal than indirect, defined by rules of decorum. It can also involve "ritual work" or "magick." Individuals perform certain actions and dress in a certain way in the hope that following socially pre-scribed ritual behavior will cause the desired result, leading to a more intimate ritual. Others engage in the public ritual simply for celebration or "ritual play." The students participate in the ritual they do not seek a particular result. Their joy is drawn from mere performance, conscious or unconscious.

Space plays an important role in enhancing a ritual. Hence large crowds do not gather to dance in my garages. Halloween offers a "club" experience from the moment one enters the dark, mysterious alley leading to its door. Inside the central ritual space is demarcated by four large pillars. Smoke and lights add to the ambiance, as do the video images of people dancing interspersed with ads for a steakhouse. These images offer what is termed "ritual instruction," helping the uninitialized realize that proper ritual interaction involves both dancing and meat products. Away from the central ritual space, the dance floor, other locations possess differing rules of ritual decorum. As my associates and I learned early on, it is unwise to take a chip-board and observe the dance floor from the raised platform bound with PVC piping directly across from the stage.

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Drinking Coke helps more than the company

Confused about Coca-Cola

In the Feb. 3 edition of The Observer, sophomore Mary Lynch and Kathleen O'Brien wrote a letter expressing their disgust at the current campus competition put on by the Coca-Cola Corporation. In this competition, the dorms with the greatest number of Coca-Cola purchases per resident receive cash prize. Lynch and O'Brien never settle on a true complaint and deviate their way through the letter all the while confusing the students. One aspect of the letter which they did get right is the fact competition in a promotion aimed to bring more success than past campaigns. How this amounts to exploitation remains unclear. Lynch and O'Brien talk a lot about the life society and how advertisements bombard us everywhere. If that is their true problem, then excuse the Coca-Cola Corporation for doing what every other company tries to do in promotion. This competition is in fact quite like the Box-Top for Education program with which many of our parents are familiar. You buy certain products, cut out and return the labels, and the primary or secondary school of your choice receives funding. As if the argument didn't jump around enough, Lynch and O'Brien warn students about the hazards of the food and an impressive creative and energetic commercial. I'd like to thank them for pointing out the fact to me. In the future, I hope to be enlightened about the hazards of the food consumer at Burger King and Sharro as well. Those seriously concerned about the sugar content of Coca-Cola have the options of OJ and other Coke products. If you don't like pop/amodota pop/whever you call it, you have a bottle of Dasani water instead.

My biggest complaint comes with the idea that Notre Dame students have all been "doped." If you were smart enough to get into Notre Dame, I am sure that you are smart enough to figure out what you want to buy on your own. Lynch and O'Brien have that much of a problem with the promotion, the solution is simple: Don't participate. Everyone has the option whether they choose to participate or not. Before we go and attack other students which is how this promotion refers to Notre Dame students. Former Coca-Cola Corporation President Don Keough contributed $25 million to our University, thus creating Joseph Keough Hall, named in honor of his wife. Any of you students out there who think that doing this kind of thing is not cool can thank the Keough family for creating the program over there. This promotion is in fact quite like the Box-Top for Education program with which many of our parents are familiar. You buy certain products, cut out and return the labels, and the primary or secondary school of your choice receives funding.

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Music of the night
New York Philharmonic debuts at the PAC

The New York Philharmonic wowed audience members lucky enough to score tickets on Thursday night at the Performing Arts Center.

By MARIA SMITH and BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Editor and Scene Writer

John Haynes, executive director for the Debartolo Center for the Performing Arts, strode through the row of violinists towards the center of the stage. With a microphone attached to his tuxedo shirt, he made reference to Thursday night as the most important cultural moment in the history of Notre Dame. He acknowledged those who had made Thursday night's dream a reality — most notably University President Father Edward Malloy and Judd Leighton. The mentioning of their names both received tremendous applause.

"The PAC will hopefully be Father Malloy's most lasting and championed installation ... we owe him much gratitude for seeing that this project was done," Haynes said.

After Haynes left the stage, Maestro Lorin Maazel took the podium, and so began the New York Philharmonic's debut performance at the University of Notre Dame.

The Philharmonic performed two works: Antonín Dvůrak's Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, "From the New World" and Béla Bartók's "Concerto for Orchestra, BR 123, Sz. 116." The compositions stood in stark contrast to one another, with Dvůrak's tonal, very thematic movements compared with Bartók's disjunct instrumentation in the concerto. In both cases, the performance by the Philharmonic was dynamic. The first real "wow" moment occurred upon the raucous completion of the first movement in the Dvůrak; the orchestra had played so forcefully (particularly the amazing brass section) that one could hear an echo throughout the Leighton after Maazel closed off the movement. One might have wondered whether such a feat had been produced before in the hall. The Philharmonic already had control of its audience.

There were many other beautiful moments throughout the program, such as e-flat clarinetist Mark Nuccio's tender solo in the Dvůrak's final movement; and the elaborate work by the strings in much of the Bartók. The violins were intense but quiet enough that an individual harp sounded through and was not drowned in the mix.

Maazel conducted the entire concert without a score in front of him — a sign of both his storied knowledge of the works performed as his reputation as one of the top conductors in the world. His preferred stance, it seems, is to keep his legs a little more than shoulder's width apart, with his hands and wrists in his line of sight. He did this regularly on the more vigorous sections of the program. In fact, this was much of how the final mement of the Bartók were handled. As the tempo increased and various sections throughout the orchestra motives mostly separate from one another, Maazel assumed his widened stance, leading the Philharmonic with nothing more than the movement of his wrists. In slower movements (particularly the Largo in the Dvůrak), he allowed for more flexibility, his body language becoming less exact as well. This added to the tenderness entailed by the music.

The audience — composed of adults and faculty on the floor, with students occupying the balcony and choral areas — received the program with such enthusiasm that Maazel came out for not one, but two encores: Johannes Brahms' world-renowned "Hungarian Dance No. 5" and Dvůrak's "Slavonic Dance in B major." Both were played impeccably as any music aficionado could expect, or perhaps even imagine.

The coordination of a group of the most talented musicians in the field, who have played together in countless concerts, became more obvious than ever in such a spontaneous performance. Maazel barely had to prompt his orchestra to begin the piece after returning to the stage. Only after the musicians began to leave the stage did the applause die down.

"I'm not a big music buff, but I loved the performance," said student Erin Roginski.

"(The concert) was amazing," student Bill Korn said. "It was my first time at a concert here, and the sound is just unbelievable. It's a great opportunity.

Coordination of the Philharmonic's debut at Notre Dame did not entail a great deal of loopholes, but certain prerequisites had to be fulfilled. "They had to be on tour to begin with," said Haynes when reached for comment, "and they were very intrigued with the inaugural piece of the new hall. This is the first time they've performed in the state of Indiana."

The stay in South Bend is a brief one for the Philharmonic. "It's a quick in-and-out," violist Vivek Ramath said. "We got here in the afternoon, and we're going to Michigan tomorrow."

Ramath also discussed the Philharmonic's curriculum, citing that they generally perform four concerts a week in New York City, with four rehearsals for each week's program. Speaking on what was performed Thursday night, he said, "The repertoire we've done tonight has been done in past weeks." The Dvůrak symphony, for instance, was performed frequently when the Philharmonic toured Asia last year.

The engagements here and in Michigan are part of a five-city tour of the Midwest for the Philharmonic, before heading back to New York to repeat Thursday night's program on Tuesday, followed by conductor Riccardo Chailly giving several performances of Gustav Mahler's "Symphony No. 7."

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president

improving DARTing for abroad students is a plan that's possible and in demand. Students as well as speakers.

Craigo Brede

president

Who They Are

Brede and Ramanan plan to establish a separate medium from the University bookstore to give students textbooks, possibly by buying NH at and offering it through student government. This think cheaper textbooks through this pathway is more realistic than convincing the bookstore to give student discounts.

In Their Words

Top Priority: Ramanan plan is the most thorough examination of the idea thus far. The Trustees aren’t supposed to be political, so their stipulations for a three-year term and application process are in keeping with the purpose of the position.

Worst Idea: The idea to install video cameras for dining hall locker security is unnecessary and costly. The number of bookbag thefts doesn’t warrant full-scale monitoring.

Most Feasible Idea: More designated 24-hour space is a парк of compromises the administration might really agree to. It's also needed, as Reekers is the only non-dorm 24-hour study space.

Bottom Line

Baron and Shappell are clearly passionate about student government, and their “8,000 Strong” platform concept is indicative of their genuine concerns for their peers. They were both captains of their high school tennis teams.

Dave Baron

president

vice president Lizzi Shappell

Who They Are

Dave Baron is a junior political science and economics major from Morrissey Manor. Lizzi Shappell is a sopho- more political science and peace studies major from Radin Hall.

In Their Words

Top Priority: Baron and Shappell are set on securing a full-time position on campus by the end of their term. With a base of $100,000, they plan on expanding the fund to $1 million by soliciting alumni donations, which would pump $50,000 a year for programming. The endowment would allow student government to bring in the big-name bands and speakers that are out of the current budget's reach.

First Priority: The “Catholic Think Tank of America” lecture series is at the top of their list of to-dos. The idea is to invite prominent and diverse Catholic speakers like Alan Keyes, Martin Sheen and even Kanye West to pro-voke moral and social discussion on campus.

In Our Words

Best Idea: The “Catholic Think Tank of America” is a promising idea that could revitalize Notre Dame’s acade-mics. The university needs to capitalize on its reputa-tion as a Catholic and intellectual leader, and its name recognition is more than enough to pull in prominent speakers.

Worst Idea: The electronic marquee in LaFortune that would display updates on student government happenings would be a waste of money equal to the pur-chase of flat-screen TVs for Reckers. Flyers are just as effective, and more cost efficient. Even e-mails, word of mouth, or even handmade posters are better alter-na-tives.

Most Feasible Idea: Under the new constitution, creating a Senate Committee on Community Relations to help out with the Notre Dame-South Bend relationship is well within the student body president’s power. It’s a rela-tively simple move that has the potential to make a good deal of progress on the issue.

Least Feasible Idea: With money spread thin as it is, a Rally Fund would be an extraneous drain on the bud-get. Clubs that want to protest can use the funds they’ve already allotted.

JAMES LEITO

president

vice president Jordan Bongiovanni

Who They Are

James Leito is a junior accounting major and third-year representative for public service minor from Siegfried Hall. Jordan Bongiovanni is a junior accounting and philosophy major from Cavanaugh Hall.

In Their Words

Top Priority: Leito and Bongiovanni’s term goal is to give a Board of Trustees report on put-ting a student on the Board. First Priority: if elected, they will immediately launch an ad campaign to publicize the existing alternate bookstore methods and use the “lame duck” period to open the channels of communica-tion in student government, and “get on the same page” before they step into office.

In Our Words

Best Idea: Their plans for restructuring DARTing on IrishLinks by including search options by day, class time, professor and credit hours as well as improving DARTING for abroad students is plan that’s possible and in demand.

Worst Idea: Creating an SYR committee to oversee hall dance committees would make planning more difficult — not easier — and would add more red tape to a system that was just streamlined.

Most Feasible Idea: A plan similar to the “Welcome Week” tour to introduce the new Irish football coach to campus was organized for Tyrone Willingham, so there’s no reason to believe it couldn’t work to open the halls.

Least Feasible Idea: Though a good sentiment, student government doesn’t have the power to organize a University administration question and answer session unless the administration is open to it.

Fun Facts: James is colorblind. Jordan couldn’t pronounce the word “spaghettini” until she was 11 — and I’m Italian!

Notable Quote: “People always tell Jordan and I that we’re politicians, but we’re really business people ... and really nothing gets done if you don’t

FUN FACTS: Dave has the “bizarre ability” to tell you how to get to any two major U.S. cities by interstate mem-bers. He proved it with Detroit and L.A. Lizzi, who is 6’9” tall, was the tallest person in her class until senior year of high school.

Notable Quote: “Student government has absolutely no power unless they have 8,000 people standing with them.” — Dave Baron

Bottom Line

Barnes and Shappell are clearly passionate about student government, and their “8,000 Strong” platform concept is indicative of their genuine concerns for their peers. They were both captains of their high school tennis teams.
MARK HEALY  
**president**

**Who They Are**
Mark Healy is a sophomore computer science major from Zahm Hall. Bob Costa is a freshman American studies major from Zahm Hall.

**In Their Words**
- **Top Priority:** Healy and Costa call the “centerpiece” of their platform an effort to bring big-name concerts to campus. They support developing the concert endorsement, but assert they can secure popular bands this semester without it.
- **First Priority:** Determined to launch into their term at full-speed, they outlined a nine-point First 30-Days Plan, which includes a full audit of student government expenses and scheduling at least one A-list band to play at Notre Dame.

**In Our Words**
- **Best Idea:** Their “WE AIRE” plan to unite Notre Dame students with South Bend through a Campus-Community Clean-Up and week to acquaint students with businesses, community centers and parks of South Bend is a commendable idea. It allows students to
- **Worst Idea:** If the idea is rejected by OIT, Healy has promised to go around and personally equip all 24-hour spaces with wireless Internet. It’s not exactly the best way to make friends in the administration, and could definitely have some feasibility issues.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** Their push for better publicity for student government elections so more people can be involved in the various organizations is definitely workable. They can expand upon the Judicial Council’s efforts during this year’s presidential campaign.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** As part of their First 30 Days, they promise to do a full audit of the student government within the first month of their term. Even with enough dedication and motivation, the student government includes so many organizations and budget intricacies that the time frame isn’t realistic.

**Bottom Line**
Brede and Hamanan are dynamic, professional, even compelling. Their desire to be firm, vocal leaders is admirable, and their platform is thick with carefully researched ideas — Young Trustee and an academic speaker endorsement in particular — that prove they have what it takes to present solid policies. But despite their thorough approach and knack for leaving a striking impression, it could be difficult for this all-Alumni, limited high-level experience ticket to take leadership of the wider student union.

**ALEC WHITE  
**president**

**Who They Are**
Alec White is a sophomore math and Spanish major from Sorin Hall. Erik Powers is an English and American studies major from Sorin Hall.

**In Their Words**
- **Top Priority:** Because they find student government too accessible, they promise to do a full audit of the student government within the first month of their term.
- **First Priority:** Concerned with the status of women at Notre Dame, White and Powers are striving to ensure women’s suffrage in the student body presidential elections.

**In Our Words**
- **Best Idea:** Notre Dame could definitely benefit from their plan to force people to make a new friend every week.
- **Worst Idea:** A tough choice, but melting down the Golden Dome to make gold teeth for dining hall workers is the worst.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** Selling small, individually wrapped balloons on campus is an easy promise to fulfill.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** Actually making quarter dogs out of quarters is not only impossible, but unappetizing as well.
- **Fun Facts:** Alec worked as a whitewater raft guide last summer and has the same initials as A&W Root Beer. Erik has a comb-over right now.
- **Notable Quote:** “We make people smile a little bit more ... and we’re smiling back.” —Alec White

**Bottom Line**
White and Powers went the joke ticket extra mile with their 65 “points of light upon a hill,” which ranged from the funny (buy a Guia board to communicate with the Gipper) to the sacrilegious (self fertility monitors in LaFortune) to the offensive (melt down the Golden Dome to make gold teeth for dining hall workers). But — often thankfully — few of these ideas could actually happen.
Call it a race between insiders. All six tickets competing in Monday's student body presidential elections exhibit at least minimal prior involvement in student government, as current or former class councilors to SUB to Student Senate to the Office of the President. But only the James Leito-Jordan Bongiovanni ticket demonstrates the drive to convert the pair's experience into decisive action on behalf of the student body.

Six combined years in student government have shown Leito and Bongiovanni exactly what happens when a student union operates without accountability. Their frustration with the current administration's habit of holding leaders accountable is apparent. Their astonishment at the wasted potential for productivity is genuine. And because of their straightforward approach and solid platform, their pledge to reverse these trends—which account for many students' complaints about student government—is convincing.

Leito and Bongiovanni do not try to win over their constituents with flashy new plans and promises of instant gratification. Instead, they are quick to admit that most of the ideas on their platform have been languishing on the second floor of LaFortune for months or years—they're just that administration has yet to aggressively pursue the research and follow-through required to make them a reality.

The ticket's student trustee and programming and endowment plans are the two best examples of this pattern. Asking the Board of Trustees to accept the student body president into its ranks—exactly as Leito did last year as Charlie Elcock's running mate—obviously sounds attractive. But respecting the Board enough to dedicate their entire term in office to earning the credibility to make that request sounds reasonable, especially increasing the concert and speaker endowment to $5 million sounds like a dream come true. Those craving a return U2 tour stop. But researching the possible strength of combining funding from student government, the development office and the alumni association sounds like a dream come true. It is tricky to try experience against evidence. The Dave Baron-Lizzi Shappell and Craig Brede-Vijay Ramman tickets also carry their share of thorough research and insider analysis. But Baron, now the chief executive assistant to student body president Adam Ivesan and vice president Karla Hofer, suffers from his association with this administration's sluggishness. Brede and Ramman are politically savvy but lack the top-level hands-on experience necessary to alter student govern- ment from the top.

The Mark Healy-Booie Costa ticket is improved from the Healy of his freshman year, but that only promises what A-list bands undermines the trustworthiness of the rest of their lofty plans. And the Will Marra-Pete Harig and Alec White-Erik Powers tickets bring levity, a minister at a Community Cooler to the race, but not much else. Leito and Bongiovanni's platform that they fully researched with administrators, faculty and students that only promises what they can deliver. Their own hard work over the past three years has left them with an unshakable belief in accountability. They want to be the driven, ambitious leaders that students deserve, and there is no reason to believe they won't.

The Observer endorses James Leito and Jordan Bongiovanni for student body president and vice president.
Saddle up for some laughs

Keenan Revue rolls into town for 29th year

By LAUREN WENDE

There are a few signs around South Bend marking the end of winter — spring break trip planning, Mardi Gras, those 10 minutes of extra sunlight and the always controversial but always entertaining Keenan Revue. This 29th performance of the Revue is slightly tamer than years past, but does not disappoint with its satirical remarks on campus life, modern society and religion. Nothing is safe or sacred for this group of young men who poke fun at everything from off-campus parties to Jeopardy!, the male anatomy, dining hall workers and even Jesus.

Keenan residents have been performing the Revue since 1976 when original creators Tom Lenz and Rick Thomas noticed the musical and comedic talents of fellow hall mates during a basement talent show. The sketches did not end here but rather developed into a campus-wide tradition, annually drawing 4,000 spectators from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross. This year is no different for the Revue. Tickets, free with a student I.D., disappear within the first 23 minutes of distribution last week.

All of the skits are written and performed by over half the residents of Keenan Hall, who often spend two weeks devoted to perfecting their ideas for this signature event. Although Revue staffers often reject a large number of these ideas early in the process, the residents still manage to create an off-the-wall, humorous and sometimes crude two-hour show.

“This year we had a high number of skits audition — 110,” Revue producer Andy Grau said, “and out of those 110, only 14 make the actual show.”

Director Dave Fotopoulos and his staff of producers, writers, stage managers, choreographers, designers and countless other volunteers have been working for several months to make this year’s show memorable. This year’s “Wild Wild West” theme has been discussed in years past but finally chosen in part to the rise in the popularity of poker, the O.C. and Las Vegas.

The opening includes a cartoon-like showdown between a “Gringo” and a group of Hispanics which ends in fake gunfire. It continues with a cover of the Darkness’ hit “I Believe in a Thing Called Love” complete with the only male strip of the entire show.

Inspiration for most of the ideas comes from topical news and events around campus and the dorm. In recent years, the topics of many skits were victims of strict censorship. Due in part to these regulations, this year’s show is tamer in many arenas, with fewer dorm and Saint Mary’s jabs. This may leave many expecting the usual Revue fare disappointed, but allows room for a more sophisticated writing style lifting the Revue to a new level of comedic genius. Head writers John Hart and Todd McBride create a fresh, lively and hilarious set of skits that will please, as well as offend, the majority of the audience.

The first act includes the smartly written “Le magician triste” (the sad magician) and well-acted “Master Cheese Theater.” There are a few jokes about Brady Quinn, underage drinking and the administration, but don’t expect the usual barrage of insults of previous Revue performances.

Musical interludes of favorite childhood television shows such as “Hey Dude” and “Captain Planet” keep the audience entertained in between skits as well as add nostalgia to the show.

The second act continues with Jeff Stephens’ rendition of “I Have a Dream” as well as one male student’s personal diary of his self discovery during freshman year. “6 p.m. Meeting at the YMCA.” Keenan Revue News and a homoerotic workout session continue to delight the crowd and keep the show moving. The clever “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” rounds out the show and is possibly the best written skit of the evening.

There is a little bit of humor for every whim, a goal for this year’s staff.

“We wanted a variety of comedy, nothing that would be too risqué or not funny to the majority,” Grau said. Fotopoulos echoed this sentiment deeming the show a success “if everyone is entertained.” Indeed this year’s Keenan Revue is a comedic success.

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North Carolina cruises to victory against rival N.C. State

"The guys are battling and really have a terrific mind-set," N.C. St. coach Eddie Cameron said. "Our group has been through a tremendous amount. The resiliency and character has been admirable, it really has."... Even with Bethel, the Tar Heels still had enough to win for the Tar Heels. Reserve David Noel finished off a steal with a reverse dunk, and Marvin Williams might have topped him with his highlight-package putback during the big spurt in the final 20 minutes.... Later, with walk-ons and other little-used players finishing the game, several teammates were mimicking Williams' move on the bench."I'm awesome," Sendek said. "I don't think there is anything he can't do."... It's an opinion shared by some who were watching Williams every day in practice."At the beginning of the season, I think he was a little hesitant to take some shots and now he's just playing," May said. "Now, he's starting to realize that he has a little more scoring ability and does more things. The kids' unbelievable."... With the victory secure, Roy Williams spent Monday night relaxing on the bench, and the coach needed a little break. He's been bothered by that viral infection the past couple of days, and that added to a tough post-game interview session with very little strength in his legs. "The best thing that happened is that I think he was able to rest his legs and get ready," he said.

No. 13 Washington 99, Southern California 69
Tre Simmons scored a career-high 29 points and JassalWilliams added 21 to lead No. 13 Washington to a 99-69 victory over Southern California on Thursday night, giving the Huskies their best start in nearly two decades.

Washington (18-3, 8-2 Pac-10) is just off the pace of the 1975-76 team, which started 19-2.

Simmons scored from the outside, on the fastbreak and by driving down the lane. He was 11-of-21 from the field and hit six 3-pointers. He had six rebounds and three assists. Williams was effective inside and finished 9-of-10 from the field. Will Conroy posted his second career double-double with 10 points and 10 assists for the Huskies, while Mike Jensen scored 10 points.

Lodrick Stewart had 13 points for the Aggies, with 10 coming in the second half. He had 10 of his 15 field goals in the second half of the game.

The Trojans led by five points with 6:09 left in the game and the paint and led the Huskies on a 21-5 run. He had nine points in that stretch with a dunk and a 3-pointer to lead by 21 with 6:25 left to play in the game.

Southern Cal cut the lead to four points, but Washington finally put the game out of reach with a dunk-16-2 run that made it 47- 29 at halftime.

No. 23 Arizona 87, Saint Mary's 64
Adam Morrison listened to what was said in Gonzaga's locker room at halftime. Then went out and did it.

Morrison scored the first six points of the game Sunday and No. 17 Gonzaga wiped out a 12-point deficit on the way to a victory over Saint Mary's in the second half.

"Morrison made a couple of baskets and got them going," Roy Williams said. "We had some lapses. We came down to let them get back in it too easy. Saint Mary's coach Randy Bennett said, "We didn't do a good job of handling their press."...

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Richard Midgley led the Golden Bears (11-4, 4-6) with 18 points and six rebounds. Red Bennett had 12 points and Smith 11 for Cal, which had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Reserves played the final 5 minutes after Jason Verdejo, who just entered the game, made a 3-pointer with 5:22 to go, giving the Wolfpack a 58- 56 lead, their biggest of the game.

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T.O. is key, but no turnovers is crucial

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — To win the Super Bowl, the Philadelphia Eagles need lots of T.O. and no TOs.

Of course, with All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens coming off six weeks on the sidelines with a leg injury and the Patriots' penchant for forcing turnovers, that's not such a simple formula.

At least Owens will be available for the first time since Dec. 19 and was listed as a starter for Sunday's title game. He even caught several long passes in practice Thursday.

Now he has to be a contributor, because T.O. as a decoy isn't likely to work against the Pats for more than, say, one play.

"T.O. is just like putting Shan on the court and not giving him the ball," Owens said.

First of all, T.O. is going to be a decoy," Donovan McNabb added, smiling broadly. "We are not going to throw him the ball, so that makes me Allen Iverson.

Not quite. McNabb, who also played basketball at Syracuse, won't be ignoring his wide receivers any more than the Patriots will. While Freddie Mitchell, Todd Pinkston and Greg Lewis have performed relatively well in Owens' absence, they still have to grow to be overmatched by the Patriots' defensive alignments that tend to hide any weaknesses.

So T.O. will need to be a strong semblance of well, T.O.

"I am excited to see that he still has that drive, that determination to get back out there on the field," McNabb said. "I am not saying he is going to be fully at 100 percent, but when you get so close to this ultimate dream and know that you are at 85-90 percent, the first thing that comes to mind when you get out there is calming your own self down. I am sure his adrenaline is going to be at a high.

He will probably be bouncing around the locker room. But if he can control that and have the full confidence in the ankle, as well as the mind-set, T.O. will be back to the old T.O."

Which means a playmaker. Owens, acquired from San Francisco to be the gamebreaker the Philadelphia offense lacked, was caught for 14 TDs and almost 14 games. He had 77 receptions for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs. He required double and even triple coverage.

If that is the Owens who shows up in Alltel Stadium, it significantly multiplies Philly's chances to win its first NFL crown since 1960. And even if he isn't fully healthy, he could still be a factor.

Indeed. T.O.'s mere presence on the field should give the Eagles a lift.

"When I'm in there, I am going to play 100 percent. Anytime I am on the field, I expect to have an impact," he said.

Not surprisingly, the Patriots are preparing for a fully fit, ultradangerous Owens. They certainly won't be intimidated by him, nor after the way they shut down MVP Peyton Manning and the Colts in the playoffs.

New England, despite being without its top two cornerbacks (Ty Law and Tyrone Poole) for months, tends to get the best of any matchups because of the brilliance of coach Bill Belichick's schemes.

So don't be surprised to see line backers Tedy Brusch or Mike Vrabel or Rodney Harrison or perhaps a lineman dropping into coverage during a zone blitz to help cornerbacks Asante Samuel or Randall Gay — or even both Troy Brown, who had three interceptions as a fill-in nickel back.

"Players make plays," Harrison said. "If you don't make plays, what is a scheme?" You can engineer a great car, but if you don't have the people putting it together, the car won't turn out to be anything. I think the main thing that our coaches have is a great awareness of our strengths and weaknesses and they play to that."

Whether Owens has a major role Sunday or is a minor player, the Eagles can't afford to hand the ball to the Patriots. Philly's 22 giveaways during the season were five fewer than New England's, which is encouraging for the Eagles. But the Patriots had 36 turnovers.

In the playoffs, New England already has seven takeaways. Winning two of the last three Super Bowls, the Pats committed one turnover and forced four.

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Happy 21st Birthday Anthony.

Lafayette Square continues to be popular choice for off-campus housing

In a time of changing climate in the off-campus housing market, one constant has remained. Lafayette Square Townhomes continues to deliver the finest in student housing at the most reasonable price. While most landlords are charging $300 to $400 per student, Lafayette Square is offering its 4 and 5 bedroom apartments at just $210 per person through the end of February. Although the amenities are too numerous to list, the most popular features include the central air, washer and dryer, dishwasher, 2 bathrooms, private patio and spacious storage and living areas.

Located just north of Notre Dame on the 400 block of Eddy Street, the blue townhomes of Lafayette Square have gained the reputation of being the "in" place to live for college students. In fact, anyone spending a weekend there will quickly understand why it is nicknamed the "Blue Zoo". Property Manager Rod Ludwig encourages the students to have fun while at the same time to be smart about their partying. "The key is to not disrupt the surrounding neighborhood. Our students have proven that it is possible to party and have a good time while at the same time not cause problems in the community," Ludwig states.

With just 15 townhomes left for the 2005-2006 school year, students must act quickly to guarantee housing for next school year. For a private showing or additional information, contact Real Estate Management Corporation at 234-9923.

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Sosa ready to start over in role with new team

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — He signed autographs, praised manager Lee Mazzilli and took great care in avoiding use of the word "I" when discussing his goals for this year.

Still smarting from the backlash of his final days with the Chicago Cubs, Sammy Sosa was determined to make a good first impression with the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday. He really didn't have to try so hard, because the Orioles clearly were delighted to have him on their side.

The trade that sent Sosa from the Cubs became official after commissioner Bud Selig approved the deal and the slugger passed his physical. Chicago received second baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. and two minor leaguers, second baseman Mike Fontenot and right-handed pitcher Dave Crouthers.

Sosa has 574 home runs, seventh on the career list, and will almost certainly join the exclusive 600-homer club this season. He insisted that reaching the milestone is secondary to becoming an integral part of his new club.

"The 600 is going to come. What's important to me is to have a great relationship with my manager and the whole team," he said. "I'm not thinking about 600. I'm thinking about being comfortable, relaxed and to be loved again.

Sosa was once revered in Chicago, but the relationship between him and the fans began to deteriorate two years ago when he was caught using a performance-enhancing drug. Last season was worse — Sosa complained about being dropped to sixth in the batting order by manager Dusty Baker and walked out on the team before the conclusion of the final game.

The Cubs didn't want to go through more of the same this year, so they literally paid the Orioles to take him off their hands.

"I feel sad that it had to end the way that it did," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "Obviously, he made some mistakes late in the year. He really deserves a better fate than has been cast upon him the last couple of months."

Hendry hopes Cubs fans remember Sosa for his bright smile, boyish enthusiasm and potent bat.

"I'm hoping he will not be viewed as someone who did a lot of bad things in the last few months on the job," Hendry said. "He was great to the fans in the last couple of years, and that's how he should be viewed. When he's done, we're going to talk about 600, maybe 700 home runs, and certainly a place in Cooperstown. He did a lot of good things.

Sosa loved his 13 years with the Cubs, yet he happily put behind him his tenure with the team to start with the Orioles.

"I gave Chicago everything that I have. It was a beautiful experience for my wife and family," he said. "I had a great time in Chicago, but you have to move on. This is my new home, and I love it.

Sosa enjoyed his time in Chicago, but he was eager to start anew.

"My legacy is there, but I haven't left yet. The best of Sammy Sosa is coming now," he said. "I wanted to finish my career there, but it didn't happen. I'm here now in Baltimore and I'm going to win the crowd."

The Cubs will pay $16.15 million of the $25 million Sosa was still owed under his $72 million, four-year agreement, according to details obtained by The Associated Press. Baltimore is responsible for just $8.45 million of Sosa's $17 million salary this year, with the Cubs paying the rest.

The Orioles have him under contract for only one year, but Sosa said he wants to finish his career in Baltimore. If he performs up to expectations, an extension is a distinct possibility.

"He's got the drive, the determination, the will to win," Mazzilli said. "I think the people of Baltimore will be very excited this summer. It's a good time for us."

And for the Cubs.

Burnitz going to Chicago

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Don't look for Jeromy Burnitz to go sprinting out to right field at the start of the game or hop when he hits a home run.

He may be the man replacing Sammy Sosa, but he's not going to try and be Sammy Sosa.

"If you play well and everybody does good, it'll all be fine," the outfielder said Wednesday after agreeing to a $5 million, one-year contract with the Cubs.

The Cubs finally completed their deal that sent Sosa to the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday afternoon. Chicago is paying $16.15 million of the $25 million Sosa was still owed under his $72 million, four-year agreement, according to details obtained by The Associated Press.

In return, the Cubs get Jerry Hairston Jr., second baseman Mike Fontenot and right-hander Dave Crouthers.

But that still left them with a hole in the outfield. Though general manager Jim Hendry said he considered Magglio Ordonez, the former White Sox All-Star was looking for $72 million, the deal had a lot less money on offer than the Cubs were willing to give.

So Hendry focused on Burnitz, a player he'd tried to get in 2003, Burnitz is a career .254 hitter with 275 home runs and 445 RBIs in 11-plus seasons in the majors. And he's hit at least 30 homers in six of the last seven years.

He had one of his best years in 2004, leading the Colorado Rockies with 37 homers and finishing second with 110 RBIs. He also hit .307 with runners on base.

"We changed the complexion of our ballclub a little bit," Hendry said. "It makes our club more left-handed, more versatile. It gives Dusty a variety of things to do in the outfield, gives us a lot of balance.

We got better defensively in a lot of ways."

"We feel good about the changes that we've made," Hendry said.

Under terms of the deal, Burnitz will make $4.5 million in 2005. There is a mutual $7 million option for 2006 that includes a $500,000 buyout. Burnitz doesn't get the buyout if the team exercises the option and he declines it.

The contract also includes $250,000 per year in performance bonuses based on games started.

The Cubs had been looking to deal Sosa since the end of the season, when the slugger skipped out on the final game. Sosa then lashed out at manager Dusty Baker the next day, saying he'd been made the scapegoat for the Cubs' failings.

Though everyone said the bad feelings could have been repaired with a good heart-to-heart at spring training, it was a distraction the Cubs didn't need.

"I just really hope Sammy does well and I just hope he's happy," Baker said. "I hope he helps us. I hope it helps everybody."

The Cubs don't have to worry about Sosa's presence in the outfield. Burnitz is known as a good clubhouse guy, a friendly, laid-back sort who will fit in well. Hendry said he'd been made the scapegoat for the Cubs' failings.

"I have a lot of friends and family in Chicago," he said. "I'm really excited, but I think they were more excited — if that's possible."
NFL

Arizona running back Emmitt Smith announced his retirement Thursday. The 15-year veteran, who had his best seasons with the Dallas Cowboys, leaves the game as the NFL career rushing leader.

Smith announces retirement from NFL

 Associated Press

 JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith retired Thursday, calling his 15-year career "a tremendous ride." Smith, who starred for the Dallas Cowboys for 13 seasons and spent the last two years with Arizona, made the announcement at the Super Bowl — a fitting spot for a three-time champion.

"I've given everything I can possible to the game, on and off the field," Smith said.

Wearing a pinstripe suit — blue, of course — Smith thanked dozens of people from Pee Wee football to the Cardinals and every stop in-between. He broke down several times and had tears streaming down his face as he clutched his wife’s hand.

"The memories that I have away from the game are something dear and something I will take with me for the rest of my life," he said. "I'm moving on to another chapter in my life and that's a chapter I'm looking forward to."

Smith said he planned to pursue some business opportunities but vowed to stay close to the game and give something back to the fans. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, one of the many Smith thanked through tears, gave the best reason for the long list of salutations.

"When you've established yourself as royalty, then you have to mention everybody," Jones said. "That's the price you pay."

The 35-year-old Smith ran for 18,355 yards and 164 touchdowns in his career, both NFL records. He rushed for 937 yards and nine touchdowns for the Cardinals this season.

Smith said the Cardinals had decided not to re-sign him for next year.

"That made my decision a whole lot easier," Smith said, adding that he turned down offers to continue his career elsewhere. "I have a home. It's with my family."

Smith was more consistent than he was spectacular, a running back who could be relied on to get tough yards when tough yards were needed.

He rushed for 1,000 yards or more every year between 1991 and 2001. He led the NFL in rushing in 1991, 1992 and 1995 and in touchdowns in three different seasons.

IN BRIEF

Titans interested in Chow

NASHVILLE — Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher wants to talk with Southern California offensive coordinator Norm Chow about the Titans’ coaching job.

Fisher, a USC alumnus, is looking for a new offensive coordinator after losing Mike Heimendinger to the New York Jets last month.

He has interviewed assistant head coach George Ironshead and quarterbacks coach Craig Johnson off his own staff.

But Fisher had held off talking with college coaches until national signing day passed on Wednesday.

Fisher said on radio Thursday morning that he is trying to talk with Chow and a Titans spokesman said Chow is one of many coaches Fisher is interested in.

Chow, 58, has helped groom Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart into Heisman Trophy winners at USC where the Trojans have won the national title the past two seasons.

He spent 27 years at Brigham Young working with quarterbacks such as Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer, Steve Young and Jim McMahon — a former teammate of Fisher’s.

Jackson suspended one game without pay

NEW YORK — Indiana guard Stephen Jackson was suspended for one game without pay by the NBA on Thursday for verbal abuse of a game official at the end of the Pacers’ 95-97 home loss to Toronto on Wednesday night.

Jackson, suspended for 30 games earlier this season for his role in the brawl in Detroit, will miss the Pacers’ home game against Dallas on Friday night.

Jackson was called for a foul against Toronto’s Jalen Rose with 0.4 seconds left, leading to Rose’s winning free throws.

World Series ball on display in Boston

BOSTON — The ball used for the final out of the Boston’s first World Series title in 86 years got star treatment when it was brought to Fenway Park on Thursday.

With a nearby meter maid ticketing cars but few fans, if any, looking on, two armored guards carried the ball in a black canvas bag down a nearby meter maid.”

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Flying Dutch will be a challenge for Belles**

**Hope is No. 1 team in the MIAA in most categories**

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Coming off two disappointing losses, things do not get any easier for Saint Mary's on Saturday. The Belles take on perennial MIAA power Hope College at the Angela Athletic Center at 3 p.m.

Saint Mary's has struggled in its last two games, scoring 60-64 and 73-59 losses, things do not get any easier for Saint Mary's on Saturday. Saint Mary's has been dominant in both games, scoring 60-64 and 73-59 losses, Saint Mary's has a chance to win against these top teams.

So the Belles better hope to get things straightened out in a hurry. Hope has won four of the last five MIAA conference titles, and the team has been nothing short of dominant this season.

Coming into the game, the Flying Dutch have rattled off 11 straight wins, and sit atop the conference right now. It's a MIAA conference title.

"We haven't been connected as a team as much as we need to be out there on the court," Bellina said. "The effort is there, but it's just not clicking right now."

"They are very athletic and always very deep," Bellina said of Hope. "They also can throw a lot of different looks at you defensively."

However, Saint Mary's does have some reasons for optimism heading into the game. Senior guard Katie Boyce will return to the lineup well ahead of schedule. Boyce had been sidelined for the past six games with a torn tendon in her foot.

"I am definitely playing on Saturday," Boyce said. "The injury takes six weeks to heal. I was out for three, and I am basically going to come back and play through it for now."

Last year's MIAA Defensive Player of the Year, Boyce will provide a boost for Saint Mary's with her quickness and tireless defensive effort. Her comeback also lends some much needed depth to the recently thin Belles rotation.

Saint Mary's takes further encouragement from its last meeting with the Flying Dutch. Although the Belles did lose to Hope by 14 points on Jan. 8, the game was on the road and fairly competitive. The Belles feel that the outcome could very well be different on Saturday.

"They are top in the conference right now. I think it raises our level of play when we play them. You step it up to the next level. This is the second time that we are playing them. I think we know what to expect. We have a good chance," Boyce said.

Saint Mary's realizes how important a victory over Hope would be at this point in the season, as the Belles continue to pursue the coveted fourth spot in the conference and look towards the tournament.

"A win would be huge. It would give us some confidence," Bellina said. "If we want to make some noise in the conference, we need to learn how to win against these top teams."

Boyce says Saturday's game as an opportunity to make a statement about the Saint Mary's program.

"It would kind of seal the deal for what we have been trying to do as the senior class in pretty much every respect for Saint Mary's around the conference," Boyce said.

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**WOMEN'S TRACK**

**Irish face tough opponents in the Meyo Invitational this weekend**

Cowan will finally be challenged in the high jump Saturday

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The "preseason" has ended for the Notre Dame women's track team. After dominating the competition in their first three non-scoring meets, the Irish take to the Louis J. Gross track this weekend for their first major test of the season, the Meyo Invitational.

Four of Trackwire.com's top-25 teams will compete this weekend including No. 7 Michigan, No. 12 Notre Dame, No. 18 Georgia Tech and No. 23 Mississippi

A bevvy of talented athletes will provide the Irish with the competition they have lacked to this point in the season. The signature event, the Meyo Mile, will feature two of the top four milers in the NCAA, both from Michigan.

Stacey Cowan, Notre Dame's All-American high jumper, who has not been threatened this year, will also face stiff competition. Georgia Tech's Chaunce Howard, is thought by some to be the top high jumper in the nation.

When asked if his team was ready for the increased level of competition, coach Tim Connelly said, "Our goal is simply to improve," he said. "Even our runners who aren't quite in top form yet will get a chance to compete and succeed in the secondary heats. Hopefully with a little more intensity, all of our runners can step up to the level of competition this weekend."

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Irish square off with 'Horns
No. 25 Notre Dame hosts No. 34 Texas this afternoon

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's tennis team, now ranked No. 25 after a 6-4 start to the spring season, is set for another challenging weekend of action, as it plays host to No. 34 Texas (1-0) today at 4 p.m. and No. 9 Duke (2-0) on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Last weekend, Notre Dame claimed its 1,000th all-time victory Saturday by upsetting No. 18 North Carolina 5-2 before edging No. 41 Florida State 4-3 Sunday. The Irish won the doubles point and three of the four straight-set singles matches against the Tar Heels to register their first win against a top-25 team since 2002. They won at the bottom two spots in doubles, and then senior captain Brent D'Amico and sophomore Ryan Kekely almost pulled off an upset of the No. 9 team in college tennis, Geoff Boyd and Brad Fomerney. Neither team could break serve in the entire match, and the North Carolina duo eventually won 9-8 (7-5). In the final match, the Irish got two-set wins at Nos. 6 and 4 before sophomore Barry King won a tight third-set (7-5, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5)) — against Boyd at No. 3 to clinch the victory. Notre Dame then got a three-set win at No. 2 and appeared to be on the verge of a sweep, but No. 1 was won by a North Carolina's Derek Porter fought off two match points and rallied to win the final four games of the match in taking the third set 7-5.

On Sunday, the Irish led 3-2 with the No. 3 and No. 4 matches left on the court. In what turned out to be the decisive match, Notre Dame freshman Sheeva Parbhu broke serve three times in the final set for a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 triumph against Chris Westerhof at No. 4, clinching the Irish triumph. In the other match, 91st-ranked Jeff Groszlin eventually ousted 112th-ranked King 6-7 (1-7), 7-5, 7-6 (7-5). Notre Dame won at the top two spots to win the doubles point, with Parbhu and junior Eric Langenkamp upsetting the 32nd-ranked team of Groszlin and Westerhof 8-4 at No. 2. In singles, the Irish gut straight-set victories at Nos. 6 and 2, while North Carolina won in two sets at Nos. 5 and 1 to set the stage for the final two contests.

The Longhorns, No. 34 in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association national rankings, opened their spring slate last weekend with a 5-2 road victory against No. 33 Southern Methodist. After playing the Irish, Texas will head to No. 1 Illinois for a Saturday evening contest. The Longhorns returned two starters from last year's squad that finished 15-12 and 36th in the national rankings after beating Auburn (4-3) in the opening round of the NCAA Championship and then losing at Georgia (4-2). Texas finished third in the Big XII Conference (5-2 record) and lost to Texas Tech in the quarterfinals of the league tournament. Gone from that team are Antonio Ruiz, an NCAA singles qualifier who ended 36th in the rankings, and Jose Zarbi, who earned a trip to the NCAA Doubles Championship with Ruiz, and finished ranked 12th. Nonetheless, the Longhorns come to Notre Dame with three players in the national singles rankings, as well as one ranked doubles team. Leading the way is junior Roger Guibier, who is 53rd with a 17-5 record, including a 7-5, 7-5 win against SMU's Paul McNaughton — who played two seasons at Notre Dame — as No. 2. One of his fall victories was a 6-4, 6-2 decision against Notre Dame's Parbhu in the semifinals of the Midland Invitational. Freshman Travis Helgeson — whose younger brother Brett Helgeson has signed a national letter of intent to play for Notre Dame next season — is ranked 69th with an 11-3 record, while junior Callie Beale of Australia is 93rd but playing No. 1 for the Longhorns. In doubles, Beale and Helgeson are 45th with a 6-1 record, though they are not playing together any longer. Beale and Guibier, who registered a win against Locu and D'Amico in their satellite match, Texas and Notre Dame are 45th with a 17-5 record, though they are not playing together any longer. Beale and Guibier, who registered a win against Locu and D'Amico in their satellite match, Texas and Notre Dame are 45th with a 17-5 record, though they are not playing together any longer. Beale and Guibier, who registered a win against Locu and D'Amico in their satellite match, Texas and Notre Dame are 45th with a 17-5 record, though they are not playing together any longer. Beale and Guibier, who registered a win against Locu and D'Amico in their satellite match, Texas and Notre Dame are 45th with a 17-5 record, though they are not playing together any longer. Beale and Guibier, who registered a win against Locu and D'Amico in their satellite match, Texas and Notre Dame are 45th with a 17-5 record, though they are not playing together any longer. Beale and Guibier, who registered a win against Locu and D'Amico in their satellite match, Texas and Notre Dame are 45th with a 17-5 record, though they are not playing together any longer. Beale and Guibier, who register...
FENCING

No. 2 Irish won’t face No. 1 OSU teams can’t dual because of NCAA competition rules

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

When the No. 1 and No. 2 teams are in the same gym at the same time, the sporting world expects a great athletic contest. That world will be sorely disappointed this weekend, as the Irish, who are No. 2 in the women’s polls and No. 4 in the men’s, will not line up against consensus No. 1 Ohio State this weekend, despite traveling to Columbus to compete in the Ohio State duals. According to NCAA fencing rules, teams are not allowed to face each other more than twice during the regular season, and the two teams have already squared off in both the NYU Duals and the Notre Dame Duals, and while the women exacted revenge with a 16-11 win at their host tournament a week after falling 14-13, the men lost 16-11 in both matches. Since the Irish and Buckeyes have already maxed out their time together, Saturday’s duals will be without a marquee matchup.

Irish head coach Janusz Bednarski is glad that at least one of his teams got their vengeance against their rival at the top. “Most teams we will fence only once, but Ohio State demanded revenge, and we beat them [last weekend],” he said. Because his team will not see Ohio State, Bednarski does not expect the weekend to be challenging for his squad. “It is another encounter, and we always have to be serious; but it looks as though it will be easy because the teams aren’t highly ranked,” he said.

The teams that make up this unimpressing field include Bowling Green, Case Western, Cleveland State, Detroit, Michigan, Michigan State, Oberlin, Purdue and Wayne State. The highlight bouts for the Irish will likely come against Wayne State, as Irish fifth-year Kerri Walton and sophomore Amy Orlando, both of whom were extremely successful last weekend, will face defending NCAA champion Anna Garina of Wayne State. The Irish will also be rejoined by Olympic Gold Medalist and freshman sabre Maret Zaganis, who missed all but two matches in last Sunday’s duals to fly home to take part in the annual Oregon Sports Awards. Zaganis won the 2004 Bill Hayward for the Amateur Female Athlete of the Year and despite the accomplishment and the length of travel, Zaganis was back at Notre Dame by Monday afternoon. “I was really only home about 12 hours,” she said. The men’s team will be led by senior Michal Sedlarej and sophomore Aaron Adamian, the backbone of a men’s epee unit that has yet to be beaten this season, winning all 16 of their matches and a primary source of the men’s team’s success.

While the event may not have the competition the Irish have grown accustomed to in the last few weeks, Bednarski is quick to point out that it should under no circumstances be overlooked. “It’s important to get a good mark for the Midwest Conference, and this [weekend’s event] has tournament seeding implications,” he said.

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MEN’S SWIMMING

Irish face Oakland in final dual meet

Home team has won every time in series

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

In the series history between Notre Dame and Oakland, the home team has won every meet, a trend that doesn’t bode well for the Irish on this weekend’s road trip. But if Notre Dame has proven anything this year, it’s that past history means nothing when it comes to present success.

“We’re ambitious about changing that history,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “This has been a season full of great improvement. A win Saturday would give us a 10 win season, and those are quite rare.”

This weekend’s meet in Rochester, Mich., represents a key opportunity for the Irish to fine-tune their performances. “We have high expectations—this is a very important competition for us on Saturday. Some of us see it as the last meet of the season; others, as the last chance to prepare for the Big East championships,” Welsh said. “Every event we’re swimming Saturday, we’ll also swim at the Big East championships. That’s why we’re not looking past Saturday, because we’re not going to be good in New York unless we’re good now. We need to be good now so we can be better in New York.”

With the progress the Irish have made this season, the team is optimistic for the approaching Big East competition. “We know we’ve trained well and raced well; the focus, energy and commitment have been there,” Welsh said. “To their credit, this team has been incredibly focused. They’ve done a great job of taking one game at a time, one meet at a time and still focusing on the final goal.”

The Irish enter the match with plenty of momentum after wins on the road last weekend against Cleveland State and St. Bonaventure, and hope to extend that into the Big East championships with a victory this weekend.

“We feel the momentum and energy after last weekend, and our spirits are pretty good right now,” Welsh said. “We’ve focused all year on being our very best at the end of the year, and we’re getting very close to that.”

For the seniors on the team, Saturday’s meet will mark the final dual meet of their careers. “The seniors have been absolutely instrumental in our success this year; great seasons only come with seniors racing at their best,” Welsh said. “This time, there’s no next time. They’re going to be alumni after this, so whatever they want to get done, they have to get done now. We hope that brings out their best and causes some good things to happen.”

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CLINTON SUDER@PO Notre Dame’s Alicia Kryczalo fences Jan. 29 at the Notre Dame Duals. The Irish travel to Ohio State Saturday.

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Our pretty well for about 35 minutes offensively," he said. "I would hope we can get some inside touches even against their zone, since I think our big men are going into this game more confident than they did last game," Brey said.

Notre Dame was still in its one-dimensional offensive mode when it met Syracuse first. The team attempted 30 3-point shots, making nine as Chris Thomas converted on only 1 of 11 from behind the arc. 

Brey said some of that change also were a handful on the other end of the court. 

"What's lost in the whole thing is how good they are offensively," he said. "They shoot 50 percent from the floor and they put numbers up. Our transition defense is as important against Syracuse as it was the other day against Connecticut. They really run." Brey said Syracuse thrived in transition off the 17 Irish turnovers in their last meeting.

"We have to be better there," he said. "I thought we did play pretty well for about 35 minutes, but we turned it over a little too much."

Notre Dame hopes to continue improvement at the high and low post positions, as well.

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Whether or not the cadets have made the journey to South Bend to make some new friends and above all enjoy themselves for the event is a lot of fun," Kogge added.
Panthers continued from page 24 weekend.

"It was a really close game last year, so I think we'll bring out that film and talk about that a little bit," McGraw said. "They're the kind of team that rebounds the ball well, they're pretty athletic in the post. So they're going to give us some trouble inside."

Pittsburgh (11-9, 3-6) has lost its last three games to three tough conference opponents. The Panthers lost to Connecticut on Jan. 26 89-53, Boston College on Jan. 29 72-55 and Villanova Wednesday 70-49.

Six-foot-three freshman center Mercedes Walker paces Pittsburgh by scoring more than 13 points per game, and teammate Katie Histed adds 12 for a team that scores 65 points per game. Walker, who has the same illness, and her status is more uncertain in terms of how many minutes Wednesday, is feeling better and should be healthy for Saturday after struggling with the stomach flu for the last two games. Forward Crystal Erwin has the same illness, and her time of 2:03.75 against Michigan State and are undefeated this season. They are a relatively new Division I team, and were previously exceptional at the Division II level.

"They're usually strong one person in each event," Weathers said. "I think in most of our spots we're at least as good as they are."

Maria Musialczyk, Melissa Jaeger and Amanda Swell lead Oakland, and each has won two events against Michigan State.

The Irish, meanwhile, are a relatively new Division I team, with standout swimmer Katie Carroll and Claudia Bourvon.

"It's really frustrating that they're just not doing their thing," Carroll said. "We talked about it all year long. We're just simply not doing it. It's really frustrating that film and talk about that physically at this point.

"Mentally it's a grind. That's the problem," McGraw said. "We just haven't had that break yet. We've played every Sunday so we haven't had a day off on the weekend. Mentally it's really draining and so I just got to hope the upperclassmen have the mental toughness and can sustain it to bring the freshmen along."

McGraw said All-American Jacqueline Batteast, who led Notre Dame with 15 points in 24 minutes Wednesday, is feeling better, the Irish appear to be winding up and have their sights set on a strong finish to the year.

Notre Dame travels to Rochester, Mich., to take on the Oakland University Grizzlies Saturday for its final dual meet of the season.

Notre Dame head coach Bailey Weathers said this meet is mainly in preparation for the Big East Championships.

"We set it up this way to give some kids a chance to make Big East cuts with a little rest," Weathers said.

The Grizzlies are coming off a 159-144 victory over Michigan State and are undefeated this season. They are a relatively new Division I team, and were previously exceptional at the Division II level.

The junior is a two-time Olympian for her native Singapore and finished 32nd in the 200-meter butterfly at the 2004 games in Athens. Despite the Big East Championships being less than two weeks away, Weathers is confident the Irish will be focused on the task at hand Saturday.

"I think we'll be pretty focused because a lot of people are swimming things they haven't in the last two dual meets, and the rest are swimming events that are pretty important to them in terms of making their cut for the Big East," Weathers said.

The swimming will begin at 2 p.m.

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ND BASKETBALL

Road warriors

Men face No. 8 'Cuse at the Carrier Dome Saturday evening

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sport Editor

If the Irish wanted to repeat anything they did last season, they would want to do it now. Coming off a 78-74 win over No. 20 Connecticut, Notre Dame (13-5, 5-3 Big East) will take on No. 8 Syracuse (20-2, 7-1) Saturday in the middle of a fierce conference stretch.

Last season, Notre Dame lost on Jan. 17 to Syracuse, 81-70, but beat the Orange a month later in the Carrier Dome, 84-72.

Coach Mike Brey said he will remind his players of their past success in the Carrier Dome and played freely and loose.

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HOCKEY

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