Specialized Web site offers new opportunities

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

Starting today, students will be able to log into a new specialized Web site of University information called "Inside ND," offering students a multitude of new opportunities.

With just a single AFS sign-on, students will be able to access e-mail, grades, Web File, national newspapers like The New York Times, campus news headlines, financial services, and housing contracts. The new Web-based gateway will also allow students to register, customize content channels, bold discussion boards and join groups.

Inside ND is just one part of the Renovare Project, the new University mainframe system being installed and set for completion in two years. Larry LaTarte, the portal manager for OIT, is optimistic about the outcome of the new gateway.

"The goal of (Inside ND) is to be a Web site that students, faculty and staff can log onto...

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Professors strive to balance views

Inclusion of personal beliefs provokes debate, creates tension in Notre Dame classrooms

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Editor's Note: This is the first in a three-part series exploring the role of partisan politics in classes at Notre Dame.

On the first day of his American Foreign Policy class, professor Daniel Lindley began his lecture by telling his students he was going to spell out the truth to them, then outlined a number of hard-line Machiavellian policies as unquestionably correct. Afterward, he asked for their responses, but the students, afraid of contradicting their professor on the first day of a large lecture class, remained silent.

Lindley then brought up the first slide on the Bellartol proton - a huge sign with the phrase "TRUST ME!" circled in red and crossed out.

"I've started in a variety of ways," Lindley said. "I sometimes start by looking at the American Communist Party Web site, any old extreme place I can find, then say before we start class that I'm going to lay down the truth for you. I do that, then say, 'The people have any thoughts?' Often people don't for a while. Then I say, 'Do you know what you've just heard, you bunch of sheep? Think for yourselves here.' People aren't here to receive truth. Political scientists have very little truth to offer. Lindley's first-lecture strategy is a unique approach to the situation that confronts all professors who teach politically-sensitive classes - the tension between their own convictions and the subject matter of their courses.

In many classes, professors are often torn between retaining and disclosing their political stances, a choice which affects students.

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ND alum donates $40 million

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame will soon add another unknown face to its piggy bank, thanks to a generous donor from John "Jay" Jordan H. Jordan is a 1960 alumnus and member of the University's Board of Trustees. He made his surprise announcement Friday at the Trustees' annual winter meeting.

The Chicago-area businessman's gift is the second-largest ever received by the University, with the largest ($50 million) coming from Joan Kroc in 2003. It also establishes Jordan as the most generous benefactor in Notre Dame's history, surpassing Kroc's lifetime donation total of $69.1 million.

While the purpose of this gift is as yet undesignated, Jordan's past contributions to the University have made their presence known on campus. For example, he is the principal benefactor for the $70 million Jordan Hall of Science, currently under construction on Juniper Road just north of the Joyce Center. He was also a principal benefactor for the Mendoza College of Business - the auditorium in that building is named in his honor.

Father John Jenkins, who will become University president in July, called Jordan's donation to Notre Dame "unselshh and remarkable."

"The commitment and insight that he brings to our board of trustees is a source of inspiration to all of us at the University," Jenkins said in a press release. "He can take great comfort in

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London students say uneven gender ratio not important

Fewer males apply in fall due to football, according to program director

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

While females often outnumber male students in study abroad programs, directors say they do not take gender into consideration when reviewing an applicant. But an imbalance is especially apparent in the London Program, where this past fall, '90 females enrolled versus 49 males and last spring females outnumbered males 83 to 65, said Joe Stanifri, associate director of the London Program.

Terry Bays, another associate director of the Notre Dame London Program, said there are generally more women than men going to London, but said "the difference is pretty slight," citing fall 2005's ratio of 77 females to 69 males and spring 2005's ratio of 69 females to 60 males as examples. She also hypothesized that the reason more women applied for the fall was because more men wanted to stay on campus for football season.

Bays did say the London office has addressed this gender imbalance in the past.

"If it was felt that there was an imbalance, it was always addressed at the level of recruitment," she said. "There was a concerted effort to say, hold more informational meetings in the guys' dorms."

Several students said the gender inequity did not affect their
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Actually, that last part is not totally cor-

rect. People still complain about Dan Devine’s playingcall in the 1979 season. The man died two years ago.

So get your mind out of football for a little while before you start dealing with that one playing.

Clear your mind and spend some of those $2 million per year to take a load off after coaching 23 games since Aug.

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Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Etienne De Jonghe, the International Secretary of the Pax

Christi International, will lead a Fievel Chat called “The role of religious NGOs in Peacebuilding” tonight at 7 p.m. in the Gug Center.

Four is sponsoring a showing of “The Passion of the Christ” in honor of Ash Wednesday, this Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Gug Center.

Notre Dame will present its sec-

ond annual Queer Film Festival beginning Wednesday and contin-

uing through Saturday. The event takes place all day in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

The class of 2008 is holding “Speed Dating” Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. at Legends. Acts from the London Stage will stage a performance of “Othello” Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

Chicago Samba, a Midwest-based music ensemble that per-

forms authentic Brazilian music, will perform at the Palais Royal Friday from 8 p.m. until mid-

night. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Kelloge Institute, International Student Services and Activities, International Study Programs, La Alaiana, and WYVE 88.1 FM.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed infor-

mation about an event to observer@nd.edu.

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

Which celebrity would you elect student body president and why?

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Lauren Gulley

Rachel Henaghan

Simon Joseph

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Meagan Fitzpatrick

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"Howard Stern, becuase this

place is way too

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"The Fab Five from 'Queer EYE

The Straight Guy,' because they

would shake things up around

campus."

"Bob Barker, because my sec-

tion needs a new VCR."

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Track and Field athlete Petra Dankova, a junior who is originally from the Czech Republic, participates in the sprints jump finals in Sunday’s Mayo Invitational. Dankova placed fifth in the event.

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Saint Mary’s schedules second blood drive
Due to success of first initiative, student organization plans another donation opportunity

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary’s ’08

With its first blood drive an overwhelming success, the Saint Mary’s Affiliation of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) is holding a second blood drive today from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Regina Hall North Lounge.

SMACS member Donna Lubbers organized both drives and said she is thrilled with the selflessness from the College community.

“There are usually blood drives held on campus — one during the first semester and one during the second,” Lubbers said. “However, no club or organization had sponsored any of them so far, and because of the shortage, we decided we should hold one.”

After the sign-up sheet for the first drive, held Feb. 2, filled up in less than a day, Lubbers decided to bring the South Bend Medical Foundation (SBMF) back to campus. Lubbers said while the first drive brought in around 30 donors, the second one is slated to have more than 40 people.

“Our original goal was really just to get as many people who were willing and eligible to donate,” Lubbers said. “Every little bit helps, and we’ve more than exceeded any goal we had hoped for.”

As with the first drive, the mobile blood bank will be transported to campus and set up in the lounge. Staff members from the SBMF will test each donor to make sure they are able to donate. These qualifications include making sure the person is not ill, has high enough iron levels and has not donated within the last three months.

Lubbers hopes to bring the SBMF to campus more often, especially since others wanted to donate, but were unable to fit it into their schedules.

She is also encouraging anyone who has not donated to stop by today, or to contact the SBMF by calling or taking a walk in appointment.

“You fill out a form and they check blood pressure, temperature, hematocrit and a few other things, and you can donate right on the spot,” Lubbers said. “Saving a life has never been easier.”

Junior Jocelyn Demeter said she is planning on donating tomorrow for the first time.

“It’s important to me to try to help others by giving something I already have.”

Demeter said, “I have attempted to donate before but couldn’t because of my lower iron. But now, I have taken care of the problem and am ready and willing to give something to the community that I myself may need one day.”

For anyone nervous about donating, Lubbers offers a few encouraging words to calm nerves.

“There are so many people in need, and it only takes about 30 minutes out of your day,” Lubbers said. “And even though it does involve a needle, it is not painful and you get a cookie and juice at the end.”

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Museum director will speak

Special to The Observer

James Cuno, president and the Elise W. Martin Director of the Art Institute of Chicago, will present a lecture titled “Why Art Museums are Essential: The Challenges and Opportunities of Directing an Art Museum” at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art at the University of Notre Dame. The talk is free and open to the public.

Formerly the director of the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, Cuno assumed directorship of the Chicago institute in September. He previously served as director of the art museums at Harvard University and Dartmouth College, as well as the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts at UCLA, and taught art history courses at all three institutions.

Cuno has written and lectured extensively throughout the United States, Europe and Japan on topics ranging from French caricature of the 18th and 19th centuries to the role of art museums in contemporary American cultural policy. His most recent work on the latter topic is a book titled “Whose Muse? Art Museums and the Public’s Trust,” for which he served as co-author and editor.

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shape everything. I think it's a challenge for every professor to understand that, be aware of that, and to be particularly vigilant about presenting multiple perspectives.

Guglielmo said he believes the best method to take with students is to present and explain his beliefs in a way that is neither one-sided nor dogmatic.

"I try to say, "These are my perspectives, clearly it's coloring the way I view this recent history, and the way we understand this history should be an open conversation," he said.

At schools across the country, the academic right to free classroom dialogue is occasionally disrupted by professors and administrators unwilling to listen to views that are not their own. In 1994, an Army ROTC student at Bowling Green tried to drop a class on the Vietnam War, and as it happened, one of the times he was required by ROTC to wear his fatigues overlapped with one of his Vietnam War classes. His professor, antagonistic to the U.S. military in all its forms, would point out the student as a tool of the "imperialist enemy," i.e., the United States, according to David Horowitz's "The Heterodox Handbook: How to Survive a PC Campus." Uncomfortable with being the butt of his professor's spite, the student asked the professor to allow him to drop the class, but the professor refused and at the end of the semester, failed him.

More recently, the University of North Carolina-Wilmington's administration last year retracted its official recognition of the university's College Republicans on the grounds the group limited its membership to Republicans. Only after serious protest did UNC Wilmington reinstate the group.

Notre Dame philosophy professor David Solomon knows of a former student who faced a similar conflict at Bryn Mawr. The student, who was the head of Bryn Mawr's two-person pro-life group, was allowed to attend a pro-choice talk and discussion only after signing a legal document in which she guaranteed she would not ask a question, Solomon said.

Although these cases of professorial and administrative bias are the exception and not the rule, they have nonetheless generated a great deal of media attention and have been cited by conservatives as evidence of the disproportionate liberties majority in American academia.

At Notre Dame, professors are well aware of this issue and consider it of the utmost importance to maintain complete impartiality with respect to their students at all times. However, the extent to which they tell students their views differs greatly from professor to professor.

Political science professor Alvin Tillery, like Guglielmo, said he presents students with his political beliefs, but only as his personal conclusions, not as undeniable truth.

"I tell students what I would do in a certain situation, but always say it's just my own struggle," Tillery said. "Is that right? It's right for me, but they have to figure out what's right for themselves.

Solomon, who teaches a number of medical ethics classes whose subjects are often controversial, stressed it was important both for both he and his students to present and refine their own views.

"I tell students they will know what I believe on the moral issues, and I want them to tell me what they believe," Solomon said. "I think moral debate can't go on unless people put their own views out on the table.

"Especially at this time of deep political division, impartiality is crucial."

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considering the generations of Notre Dame students who will reap the benefits of his contributions in so many ways.

Current University President Father Edward Malloy also noted the impact that Jordan would have on the University's future.

"This is an extraordinary gift," Malloy said, "from a man whose generosity will forever be a legendary part of Notre Dame's heritage."

Jordan has held a number of leadership roles on campus, including chair of the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee and chair of the Advisory Council for the College of Business. He is currently serving as chair of the Board of Trustees' Investment Committee.

The city of Chicago is also feeling Jordan's impact. He is the founder of The Jordan Company, a private investment firm that acquires, manages and builds companies for the JIC partnership account, and is chairman and chief executive officer of the Chicago-based holding company Jordon Industries Inc. Besides that, Jordan serves on the boards of the YMCA, Lyric Opera and Latin School of Chicago.

Jordan earned a Bachelor's degree in finance from Notre Dame in 1961. In 2001, he received an honorary degree.

ISRAEL

Quadriplegic

Push continues to free more prisoners

Palestinians agree to form joint committee that will decide on prisoner release

Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Israel signaled Sunday it will consider freeing some Palestinian prisoners involved in attacks on Israelis, accepting a crisis with the Palestinian Authority days ahead of a historic Mideast summit.

Last week, Israel's Cabinet agreed to release 900 prisoners, none involved in violence. Palestinian officials complained that the planned gesture, ahead of Tuesday's summit in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik, did not go far enough, and the dispute overshadowed summit preparations.

Late Saturday, top aides of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas agreed to form a committee to study additional releases, including those of prisoners involved in attacks.

Negotiators also finalized an arrangement of conditional amnesty for Palestinian fugitives, they said.

Sunday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived for separate talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, in part to revitalize the peace process.

Her first stop was the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, where she laid a wreath and lit a flame at a site where ashes from Nazi death camps are interred.

In the Gaza Strip, an Egyptian delegation led by the deputy intelligence chief Omar Suleiman was to meet with Abbas, leaders of militant groups and security commanders to share an emergency cease-fire deal and review the deployment of Palestinian police in the volatile territory.

The prisoner issue is one of the most emotionally charged on the Israeli-Palestinian agenda, and a large-scale release would boost Abbas' efforts to negotiate an end to the armed Palestinian uprising.

Israel holds more than 7,000 Palestinian prisoners, many of them arrested in the current round of fighting.

Palestinian officials have complained that Israel's decision to release 900 prisoners is insufficient. They are pushing for the immediate release of some 400 prisoners convicted before 1993, when Israel and the PLO signed a mutual recognition agreement.

Hisham Abdel Razeq, Palestinian Cabinet minister in charge of prisoner issues, said that if Israel does not ease its criteria, it could hurt Abbas.

"It will not allow him to succeed in the Palestinian street," Razeq told Israel Radio. "Israel's deputy defense minister, Zeev Boim, said additional prisoners released were inevitable, but Israel would not rush into it.

"The issue of releasing prisoners is very sensitive for them (the Palestinians), so we will have to release prisoners," Boim told Army Radio. "The committee will discuss how it can be done."

A senior Israeli official said on condition of anonymity that additional releases would be considered by the joint committee. In return, the Palestinian agreed not to make the prisoners "an issue at the summit," the Israeli official said.

Israeli security officials said Qassam Barghouti, senior of imprisoned uprising leader Marwan Barghouti, would be freed. The younger Barghouti, a student in Egypt, was arrested on entering the West Bank in 2003 because Israelis suspected him of involvement in terrorist activities.

Israel is refusing to free the elder Barghouti, who is serving five life terms after convictions on involvement in fatal attacks against Israelis.

Bush proposes $2.5 trillion budget

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice lays a wreath in front of the Eternal Fire, inside the Hall of Remembrance, at Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Sunday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush's $2.5 trillion budget is shaping up as his most confrontational, spending across a wide swath of government from popular farm subsidies to Pentagon weapons programs.

Vice President Dick Cheney on Sunday defended the plan against Democratic criticism that Bush had asked Congress to fund in oversized federal programs because he is unwilling to roll back first-term tax cuts that opponents contend primarily benefited the wealthy.

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LOCAL NEWS

IPS plans national leadership search

WASHINGTON - The Iraq Study Group has posed a quick fix to Indianapolis Public Schools' search for a new superintendent: Look no further than Washington Township's Eugene B. White.

The suggestion from the Illinois-based Bucke Group underscores the attention the 56-year-old White is drawing as IPS looks for a successor to retiring schools chief Duncan Pat Prichett.

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The current system of class registration on Irishlink allows students to search for classes only by title and subject. However, students can perform a class search by course number, title, professor, time and/or day of the week. Another change involving registration is there will no longer be a 15-minute window for registering. Just like before, students will still receive a registration appointment time, but they will now be free to make changes to their schedules through the seventh day of classes. Students will receive more information about the new registration process in March. McKenna said, but he believes it will be a positive change.

"Students will never miss their appointment time," McKenna said. "It's user friendly... and there are increased functionalities built in that we think students will like." 

LaTarte and McKenna both said students will start using Irishlink in January.

"It'll be nice if they get used to it," said Steven McKenna. "Any information that a student could want will be available through the system for Irishlink.

After Hewlett-Packard announced its discontinuation of support for the University's mainframe in fall 2003, the University had five years to completely renovate the system. Craig Brummell, the project manager for Renovare, said Irishlink's primary vendors include support systems from XSI, and IBM is the platform the systems sit on. OIT will run the systems from here on out.

The Renovare Project has "required careful study and over a number of years," Brummell said. The University's financial services have been using the new mainframe system since last July and adventuring offices already converted to the new system last fall. Brummell said the transition from the old mainframe system to Renovare has been going smoothly. McKenna said that the Renovare team of 80 to 100 people that has been working on the project.

"They have been really dedicated making the transition as seamless as possible," Brummell said. "In projects like those there are always issues. Change can be challenging... but we have been along the way.

"Students will be receiving advertisements and communications over the next few months with information about new updates and encouraging us to log in and check out the new system."

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Abroad

Several students said the gender inequity did not affect their time in London whatsoever.

"I don't think it impacted my experience at all that much," said junior Sean Friedman, who went abroad this fall. "I didn't think about how my gender would affect my acceptance either. I just tried to write the best essay I could."

Junior Christoph Mahoney, who also went to London this fall, said he didn't notice the difference either — but that he was used to the gender imbalance.

"In my English major, the ratio (to those classes) is pretty similar," he said. Emma Nolan, who studied abroad last spring, pointed to academic majors as a reason for the imbalance.

"I think that girls are much more interested in studying foreign languages, and thus we want to study abroad," she said.

Bays noted that an accurate assessment of the gender imbalance is also a concern for the office.

"Should the London Program see more students from one college applying than another, it makes similar efforts in recruiting for representation.

The extra females expanded her horizons.

"I was able to get to know some girls in other dorms," she said.

The only time that gender is considered in the study abroad application review is after the students have been accepted, said Bays. At that point, the program starts examining students in order to place the students into their flats.

Mahoney said the living situation was the only time he thought about gender in London.

"With girls living just across the hall," he said, "I began to see the opposite sex less, like objects, more like people.

He realized they had their first experience without patriarchy.

"We were sitting around and suddenly 2 a.m. rolled around," he said. "We all asked ourselves, 'What happens now?' When we realized no man had been brought to our fledging Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity. The North Carolina-based program will give Edwards a public platform and a cause, two things he will need to remain politically viable after leaving the Senate last month.

While saying he has not decided whether to seek the presidency, Edwards sounded like a man who is putting a lot of thought into what makes voters tick.

"People are looking for strength and courage and a set of beliefs that we stand behind," he said in an interview previewing his speech to Democratic activists.

"I just think that what the American people need in their leaders is to know where they stand. They may not know where our party wants to take the country," Edwards said.

Asked if President Bush passed the test of standing up to Edwards, Bush carried on answering a question about the Iraq war.

"There are a lot of people who do," said Edwards.

Edwards did not want to say why his former running mate, Sen. John Kerry, was not made a candidate.

"I don't think that's true," he said.

Kerry may still want to be president, a prospective rival explained Edwards' aspirations.

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### G-7 countries to take on debt

Seven wealthiest nations make firm commitment to alleviate Third World poverty

**Associated Press**

LONDON — The world’s seven wealthiest nations said Saturday they were willing to join up to 100 percent of the debt owed by some of the poorest countries.

But they failed to agree on a British plan to boost international aid by $5 billion a year.

But G-7 finance ministers said they would consider debt relief on a country-by-country basis, underlined that governments must show themselves accountable for how they would use money freed up by the relief for poverty reduction.

"It is the richest countries hearing the voices of the poorest," said Britain’s Treasury chief Gordon Brown, bailing the London gathering as a breakthrough.

The ministers did not make any firm promises or say when such a relief program would begin or how much money the nations would be willing to provide.

But it was the firmest commitment the G-7 industrialized nations had made to alleviate the debt burden that cripples the Third World.

Britain has made tackling poverty in Africa and the developing world a priority for its presidency of the United Nations Security Council. But it has had no official adviser on reforms.

Fleetwood spokeswoman Kathy Munson said the work force cuts, which the company hopes are temporary, were needed to reduce bloated inventories.

"Demand has been volatile of late," she said. "It was particularly slow in the September-November timeframe in part because of the related issues in the southeast United States and uncertainty about the election."

Many of Fleetwood’s dealers had continued to build inventories until January thinking that demand would come back more strongly than it did.

She did not rule out further layoffs at the 125-acre operation, which turns out about 4,000 diesel RVs annually in Decatur, about 35 miles south of Fort Wayne.

Fleetwood also has a fiberglass operation in Decatur that employs about 480 people and a roughly 125-employee facility in Garrett about 20 miles north of Fort Wayne that makes manufactured homes.

### Experts predict record high in gas prices

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Gasoline prices rose more than 7 percent in January, which typically is one of the slowest driving months of the year.

That's leading experts to predict pump prices may surge past last year's record highs when highway travel picks up late in the spring.

Government officials said the average price of regular unleaded gasoline has risen in each of the last four weeks from $1.78 a gallon on Feb. 7 at the start of the year to $1.91 a gallon in the week ended Jan. 31.

That's more than 30 cents earlier.

Prices are highest on the West Coast, averaging $1.99 a gallon and lowest in the Rocky Mountain region, averaging $1.83 a gallon.

Last year, the average price peaked above $2 a gallon in May, just before Memorial Day, which is the unofficial start of the summer driving season.

To be just a dime short of that level in early February is not good news for motorists, analysts said.

Carl Larry, head of energy futures at Barclays Capital in New York, said he expects retail gasoline prices to rise above last year's peak due to rising demand for fuel and the higher price of crude oil, from which gasoline is refined.

"We're starting to see the economy come back, so demand can only go higher from where it's at," Larry said.

Over the past four weeks, nationwide demand for gasoline is up more than 1 percent at 8.8 million barrels, according to the latest U.S. government data.

Larry said gasoline prices would be propelled higher this spring by fears about the nation's growing dependence on imports and the possibility of supply-chain snags as refineries temporarily shut down, or turn around operations in order to shift production from winter-grade fuel to cleaner-burning summer blends.

Nations in sub-Saharan Africa alone owe some $68 billion to international bodies such as the World Bank, the African Development Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Oxfam senior policy adviser Max Lawson welcomed the ministers' statement of their willingness to move on debt. "They've passed the first hurdle of 2005, but they need to move quickly to turn their proposals into real change," he said.

"If rich countries are going to keep their promises to tackle abysmal poverty they need deliver — and deliver quickly," he said.
Complaints emerge after historic election

Irregularities between polling stations, ballots plague Iraq's electoral commission

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Some polling stations were shuttered. Others ran out of ballots. A provincial governor's name was left off the list of candidates. And some minorities complained it is all a plot to silence them.

One week after Iraq's historic election, allegations of confusion, mismanagement or worse are surging, complicating the vote count and perhaps providing ammunition for politicians to question the entire process if they do not fare well in the final tally.

It is too early to tell if the criticism can undermine the legitimacy of the incoming National Assembly. But in some local races, fears are already strong that flawed elections will give rise to provincial councils with skewed demographic representation.

The most serious allegations are concentrated in oil-rich areas hit by violence or those with mixed religious and ethnic groups.

Failure to reconcile discord over the Jan. 30 vote could worsen local tensions.

Iraq's electoral commission says it has received more than 100 complaints of irregularities.

It has formed an independent team of three lawyers to investigate, although election officials have sought to downplay the scope and seriousness of the problems.

"There are political parties that have contended the legitimacy of the entire process even before the voting started," election officials say. "It's because they know they won't get many votes."

On Sunday, hundreds of Iraqis — mostly Assyrian Christians and Turkmen — shouted slogans and waved Iraqi flags outside Baghdad's heavily guarded Green Zone to protest alleged irregularities in Mosul that they say prevented tens of thousands from voting.

Because of the security situation, many international monitors watched the election from nearby Jordan. Much of the voting and ballot counting was done in the presence of party representatives with their own agendas. And critics say Iraqi monitors, however impartial, had little experience.

One of the first public complaints came from Iraq's president, Ghazi al-Yawer, who told reporters that tens of thousands of people in Mosul were unable to vote because of insufficient ballots.

Al-Yawer's base is in that northern city, which has a largely Sunni Arab population and significant Kurdish and Christian minorities.

The ballot is faring poorly in the early vote count nationally.

The main shortcoming in Mosul meant many Sunni Arabs and others who wanted to vote could not.

Other Sunnis stayed at home either out of fear of insurgent reprisals or opposition to boycotting with foreign troops in the country.

However, such complaints are not limited to the Sunni Arabs. Kurds, Christians and Turkmen have lodged similar grievances.

Mosul, Iraq's third-biggest city, and its surrounding areas are at the epicenter of complaints. Mosul presented special challenges even apart from the ethnic and cultural mix.

There was a rebel uprising in the city in November and the entire 500,000-member police force deserted. U.S. and Iraqi forces quickly restored order but the situation remained tense.

With the insurgents threatening to disrupt the balloting, many — if not most — of Mosul's election workers quit their jobs. Officials had to recruit replacements from as far away as Baghdad.

"I expected a big turnout in Mosul. But election day was calmer than predicted and many voters didn't show — only to discover that some polling centers never opened and others ran out of ballots.

The scope of the problem remains unclear, but several politicians claim hundreds of thousands were disenfranchised in the city and surrounding province. An investigation is under way.

"There are centers that opened and did not get enough ballots, which proves there were bad intentions."

Methsha al-Jubouri

Sunni Arab politician

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VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II blessed the faithful from his hospital window Sunday, looking frail and speaking with difficulty but determined to show he can still lead the Roman Catholic Church.

The 84-year-old pontiff made his first public appearance at an open window gave the public its first glimpse of the 84-year-old pontiff since his hospitalization, which rekindled questions about his ability to carry on.

He looked rested and alert, and a message read for him by an Argentine archbishop standing beside him seemed designed to quell doubts about the pope's readiness and ability to lead the Church.

"... In this hospital, in the middle of other sick people to whom my affectionate regards go out, I can continue to serve the church and the entire humanity," the message said.

As well-wishers, many with tears in their eyes, gazed up at his 10th-floor window. John Paul gave his usual brief blessing. But his words, in a gravelly voice, were barely understandable.

"I think it's very touching because the Holy Father is not doing well and seeing his will to appear is moving," said Daniela Sgre, a 25-year-old Italian.

"John Paul is a different pope," said Pilar Vizcaya, visiting Rome from Mexico. "He is very humane and has a big heart. Let's hope we can see him again in good health soon.

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New CIA director chooses team

Four months after his arrival, Goss determines agency's leadership

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Monday is Day One of a new era at the Central Intelligence Agency as director Porter Goss, on the job for four months, finally gets his leadership team in place.

The time since Goss' swearing-in has proven rocky for an agency still reeling from its failure to warn about the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 and attacks and its flawed prewar intelligence on Iraq's weapons.

More than a dozen senior officials have left since Goss arrived. The messy details of some internal battles have seeped into the news.

Critics have complained that Goss, a former Republican congressman who served as chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, politicized the CIA by hiring GOP aides. Goss' allies say wholesale changes were essential after the intelligence failures of Sept. 11 and Iraq.

"You couldn't expect anybody to have the same leadership in place and improve the operation of the agency," said Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., a Goss friend and member of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"While it's been very controversial, Porter had to make some change of people, who were good people and individually they were nice people, but the job wasn't getting done," Chambliss said.

Among the new hires, Goss is making 30-year CIA veteran John Kringen the head of the Directorate of Intelligence, the agency's analysis division. That move on Monday means Goss will have in place all the division chiefs he has chosen.

Goss, who took control from the seven-year tenure of former CIA Director George Tenet — science and technology director Donald Kerr and Robert Goss, a CIA operative in the 1960s, got a mandate from the president and the Congress to tackle tough intelligence changes.

Eye are on where Goss takes the agency.

The CIA director has said he intends to improve the risky work of using people to steal secrets — human-intelligence gathering — and bolster language capabilities. He wants to improve the quality of intelligence and information analysis reports and hopes to change a culture that he considers a self-deceiving risk.

A counterrreverence official said Goss is collapsing layers of bureaucracy, so that the operatives in the field are closer to the decision-makers at CIA's headquarters.

"Changing a risk-averse culture doesn't take a lot of money. It takes a change in senior management," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Others say the changes Goss is proposing are not new at all. The former head of the clandestine service, Jim Pavitt, said his division had pushed for more people and money for human intelligence for the past five years.

"Stop the nonsense about risk aversion," Pavitt said. "The new director and his staff did not come with this group of people and create this strategic vision for doing espionage better. It is something we were doing for a long time. We were fighting for people. You don't do it overnight.

"If risk aversion means fear of taking a physical risk, on my watch, I harbored too many of my officers' say that was a problem, said Pavitt, who always counted Goss as a friend and wants to see the agency succeed.

Goss, 66, is tackling intelligence issues at a difficult time.

Military operations around the globe require close collaboration of the intelligence community, including the defense intelligence agencies that answer to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

"While conflict is inherent in any relationship between the Pentagon and the spy agency, intelligence officials say suggestions of feuding are greatly exaggerated.

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There's also significant uncertainty about the shape of the intelligence community, given the December passage of the most sweeping intelligence legislation in over 50 years.

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Rescuers of Jewish refugees recognized

CINCINNATI — As the Nazis took power in Germany and the world turned its back on Jewish refugees, four brothers who worked in factories in the Philippines worked quietly to help 1,200 Jews flee to Manila.

The Goss brothers never talked about their part in the operation, but some 65 years later, the remaining refugees are still talking about what Philip, Alex, and Herbert Frieder achieved.

"The Frieder brothers were just ordinary Jewish businessmen, but they went out of their way to save lives," said Frank Ebrahim, a grandson of the brothers.

"Our numbers are dwindling, and I didn't want this story to be lost," said Ebrahim, 73, of Washington, D.C.

Next Sunday, Cincinnati's Jewish Community Relations and Humanitay Education will honor the Frieders for their heroism in saving nearly 100 members of the Frieder family who will join relatives of McNulty, Ebrahim and other rescuers at the Ambassador Alberto Del Rosario who also was governor of Indeonesia 1913-17, and Manuel L. Quezon, the first Philippine president — to help open the "Jewish Refugee House" in Manila.

We were welcomed in the Philippines with open arms, ... Jewish refugees since Nazi Tarnny to Japanese Terror," led to efforts in the United States and the Philippines to honor the humanitarian role of the wartime Jewish refugees died.

"We wore welcomed," said Ebrahim. "Escape was impossible. The world was doing for a long, long time. We were fighting for dollars. We were fighting for people. You don't do it overnight.

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Frank Ebrahim
Jewish refugee

Female demoted for indecent exposure

Member of Guard unit punished after participating in mud-wrestling party in Iraq

RALEIGH, N.C. — A female member of a National Guard military police unit was demoted for indecent exposure after a mud-wrestling party at the Army-run Camp Bueca detention center in Iraq, a military spokesman said Sunday.

The party occurred Oct. 30, as the 160th Military Police Battalion, an Army Reserve Unit from Dallassee, Fla., prepared to turn over its duties to the Asheville-based 165th Military Police Battalion, said Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, spokesman for defense operations at Camp Bueca.

In the course of the transfer of duties, "some individuals in their exuberance decided to put together a mud-wrestling thing," said Sunday's news conference telephone. "There were females involved in that and one female member of the 165th also became involved, one female soldier in particular.

Following an inquiry, that soldier was demoted and placed on restriction for participation in the event, specifically for indecent exposure, he said.

Four or five other members of the 150th who were spectators received counseling, Johnson said.

Johnson did not release the name of the demoted soldier.

However, she was identified by the Daily News as Deanna Allen, 19, and the New York Times reporter's identification was confirmed by her mother, Ladyna Waldrop of Black Mountain.

Allen was demoted from special unit to private first class. She is separated at the moment from the newsroom.

Waldrop said her daughter was devastated by the events.

"It was just a thing where she was. She was covered by a bunch of people, and with all the excitement, she lost her sense for a minute and that's all it took," she said.

"It's been a difficult time for her, sIing her out," Waldrop said. "It's the end of getting all the publicity and putting that and that's not right.

The 160th was on tour Camp Bueca on Nov. 1, and photos of the party were found after the 160th arrived, Johnson said, adding that he understood Waldrop had turned over the photos to the commanders.

Results of the inquiry were released after the 160th, he said. "It appears from the commander's inquiry that this was primarily a case of by troops of the 160th, who are not under our command," Johnson said.
ETHIOPIA
Citizens celebrate Marley's birthday
Rastafarians join bash for late reggae star
Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA — Thousands of Ethiopians and Rastafarians were among some 20,000 people who packed the capital's main square as Ethiopia threw a birthday bash for the late reggae star Bob Marley, in what is billed as the country's largest concert.

The bash, part of month-long celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Marley's birth, marks the first time the event is being held outside the singer's birthplace in Jamaica and is organized by the Bob Marley Foundation, the U.N. children's agency, the African Union and others. Marley, who died in 1981, looked to Ethiopia throughout his life as the spiritual home of his Rastafarian faith.

A priest from the Ethiopian Orthodox Church blessed the event and then first on stage was Burundi's Royal Drummer.

Many of those in Meskel Square on Sunday's concert wore T-shirts emblazoned with portraits of Bob Marley, including those sold by the Information Netsans Asfaw. Others wore jewelry, including necklaces, that were decorated with the Ethiopian flag and Rastafarian colors of green, yellow and red.

Organizers said they expected as many as 300,000 people to attend the free event, which was dubbed "Africa Unite" after the name of one of Marley's famous songs. There are only 2,000 seats for guests who will be selected by a lottery.

"I think it is incredible that so many years after brother Bob's death, the spirit that inspired such an amazing show," said Yohannes, a Rastafarian, who only goes by a single name. Originally from Crystal Palace, London, he moved to Ethiopia in 1991 and is married to an Ethiopian.

The audience had swelled to about 20,000 people early Sunday when the first set was played by an all-2,000 policemen patrolled the venue, a police official said.

Reggae music star Angelique Kidjo sang later Sunday as did well-known Ethiopian artists. Marley's five sons, his widow and former backup singers are expected to perform, singing with Senega's Youssou N'Dour and Banda Maal.

Ethiopia's evangelical churches on Saturday objected to the celebrations, saying that Rastafarians are wrong to consider Ethiopia's last emperor as a Messiah and that Ethiopian young people would be exposed to marijuana.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church, the country's main church, has supported the celebrations.

Some Rastafarians smoke marijuana as a sacrament, but others object to its use. Most Rastafarians believe in living in harmony with nature and grow their hair into long matted strands called dreadlocks.


ISRAEL
Rice says 'hard decisions' necessary for peace
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The United States will ask Israel to make "hard decisions" as it moves toward peace with the Palestinians, and both sides must live up to their promises, Condoleezza Rice said Sunday during her first trip to the Middle East as secretary of state.

Rice's two-day visit to Israel and the West Bank headquarters of the newly elected Palestinian government is meant to juggle both sides to take hold of what Rice called "a time of opportunity" and end four years of war.

Rice met privately Sunday with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, the former warrior turned potential peacemaker. On Monday, she planned to visit with the Palestinians' new president, Mahmoud Abbas.

"We will ask of our partners and our friends here in Israel that certain decisions be made in order to promote peace and help the emergence of a democratic Palestinian state," Rice said Sunday.

Rice did not go into specifics. But among the major challenges are what to do about Israeli outposts on land that Palestinians eventually would consider the fate of the contentious separation barrier Israel is building between itself and the West Bank; and new security arrangements with the Palestinians. In addition, the Palestinians hope to make east Jerusalem the capital of an independent state, while Israel claims the entire city as its capital.

Sharon greeted Rice warmly, telling her in English, "you are among friends."

"Her visit, I believe, will contribute to the peace process that I am sure we will, in the coming months, are so much want to advance," Sharon said in Hebrew.

In a boost to peace prospects, the Palestinian movement Fatah said Sunday it would agree to a mutual cease-fire with Israel in the West Bank and Gaza. Fatah also ruled out attacks against civilians inside Israel.

"This is a positive indication," Rice added Sunday, but said it was not sufficient to "create the conditions we need to bring peace to the region." She said it was "absolutely clear that there needs to be a comprehensive solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

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As Rice visited European capitals last week, she repeatedly said that Israel and the Palestinians should control their own path to peace, with help from the United States, Europeans and others.

In Turkey earlier Sunday, Rice said the United States has no intention to plan or lead a special envoy for Middle East peace, although the administration is working on ways to monitor or enforce a cease-fire.

"The United States is not in the process of planning an envoy or peace process," Rice said in Ankara.

In a reference to former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's comments about building settlements in East Jerusalem, Rice said that "the path to peace must be one where occupation ends."

"There is a consensus in the international community that the settlements must be frozen and that the occupation must come to an end," Rice said.

Israel and the Palestinians were locked in a eight-day war in November 2002. Rice said the United States had a "priority" to help them "return to the table." She said any peace agreement would need to be "recognized by the international community."

Rice is not attending that gathering.

A lasting peace deal for Israel and creation of a Palestinian democracy are chief foreign policy goals for the United States in President Bush's second term. For now, though, the United States is taking a low-key approach.

MEXICO
Fears of violence increase in elections
Associated Press

ACAPULCO — Guerrilla-style attacks in Acapulco and a police strike in Cancun have added to worries over the safety of the Mexican presidential campaign.

The Democratic Revolution Party, or PRI, hopes the three states will pull it further out of the crisis caused by its loss of the 2000 presidential election, ending 71 years in power.

The most bitter battleground is Guerrero, a state that lures millions of tourists a year to beaches in Acapulco and Zihuatanejo — but whose mountains also hold some of the most impoverished, violent and isolated villages in Mexico.

The Democratic Revolution candidate, former Acapulco Mayor Zeferino Torreblanca, is counting on a strong showings in the most impoverished, violent districts.

Mexico's security was complicated by a police strike in Cancun — one of them just blocks from the airport. The local government decided to hire 2,000 extra policemen, which finished third in the last two presidential races, is counting on a showing showing to prove it is a strong candidate, former Acapulco Mayor Zeferino Torreblanca, is counting on a strong showing in the states of Guerrero, Queretaro and Baja California Sur.

The PRI has already won seven of the last 10 gubernatorial races in Mexico but often by tight margins in states considered to be PRI strongholds.

A PRI victory here would be especially notable because the party struggled in Guerrero even before losing the presidency.

The PRI won the 1999 gubernatorial election by a slim margin, and Democratic Revolution narrowly defeated it in the 2002 municipal elections.

In Quintana Roo on Mexico's southeastern coast, election security was complicated by a strike by some 200 police officers in Cancun, which has about half the state's population.
McCartney plays it safe at halftime show

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Nobody, but nobody was worried when Paul McCartney stripped off his jacket midway through his halftime performance at the Super Bowl. All he revealed was a long-sleeved red shirt. Nothing malfunctioned. And if he wore any nipple jewelry, he mercifully kept it to himself.

NFL officials wanted a safe halftime show after last year’s Janet Jackson fiasco, and McCartney delivered. It was sweet nostalgia for the people stunned by Jackson’s MTV-produced spectacle, if a bit off-putting for the kids: Each of his four songs was more than 30 years old.

Surely you recall last year’s climax to a body-shaking, chest-grabbing festival: Justin Timberlake yanking part of Jackson’s top off to reveal her bare breast to some 90 million viewers.

McCartney’s stage set — a giant cross of video boards on the stadium floor with the singer at the center — was visually arresting, although it made his opening song, “Drive My Car,” look like one of the broadcast’s dozens of auto commercials.

McCartney’s theatrical James Bond theme “Live and Let Die” was a perfect backdrop for a stadium fireworks show. The lights, placards and video images also made “Hey Jude” a sight to see, although it was odd to see the red, white and blue placards co-opt one of the original British musical invaders for an all-American event.

There wasn’t any danger of a lip-synch controversy, either. You could tell it was the live-in voice of a 62-year-old singing. It was strange seeing the former Beatle, a bold and shocking performer for another generation, now presented as the sedate option. NFL censors were probably hoping the “California grass” reference in “Get Back” slipped by unnoticed, or figured people would think he was simply referring to a football field.

Playground will memorialize girl

CROTHERSVILLE, Ind. — Hundreds of people paid their final respects at a slain 10-year-old girl’s funeral and toured of her family’s plans to memorialize her with a playground on the site of a methamphetamine operation linked to her death.

The family held the funeral for Kaylin “Kai” Colman at Crothersville Community School, where she was a fourth-grader. Her body was found Jan. 30 in a creek about 15 miles north of this town of 1,100 people after she had been abducted, authorities said, to intimidate her from revealing a methamphetamine operation in an apartment near her home.

The Rev. Jon Pearce told more than 600 mourners at the funeral that Colman’s death should serve as “a wake-up call.”

“If Katie hadn’t been walking by a meth lab, she would be alive today,” he said. “We can’t forget her. We need to remember that she was a sweet little girl.”

Colman’s family plans to use money from a memorial fund for the girl to acquire and level the apartment building where she had witnessed people making or using methamphetamine, said Terry Gray, a spokesman for the girl’s family and chief of the Crothersville-Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Department.

“I think the goal we are shooting for is around $400,000 to tear those places down and to change a meth lab into a playground,” Gray said. “It will be a playground honoring Katie.”

The fund already had $10,000 pledged to the project, Gray said. The family hopes to have a ribbon cutting ceremony on Aug. 13, which would have been Colman’s 11th birthday.

Black couple sues Fannie Mae

Pair suggests that the company accepted lower bid from white man

Associated Press
SOUTH BEND — A black couple who allege that their mortgage-backed offer for a house was rejected for a lower cash bid by a white man is suing Fannie Mae, accusing the mortgage giant of racial discrimination.

Ray and Dorothy Seafly’s complaint filed with the South Bend Human Rights Commission recently became a federal lawsuit claiming Fair Housing Act violations.

It alleges that Fannie Mae refused to sell the house to the Seafleys because of their race and that its preference for cash sales over conventional forms of financing is a discriminatory practice.

The Seafleys and South Bend Human Rights Commission are now pitted against the government-sponsored Federal National Mortgage Association — also known as Fannie Mae — a Realtor and the Mishawaka agency she works for.

The parties agree that the issue is Fannie Mae’s purported practice of preferring a cash offer over one contingent on financing when house offers are comparable.

Aladean Delfose, a deputy Fort Wayne city attorney who represents the plaintiffs, said it runs contrary to the stated purpose of increasing home ownership among low-income people, especially minorities.

“If that’s truly a policy of Fannie Mae, then it needs to be changed,” she said.

The defendants have filed motions to dismiss the case on procedural matters. Fannie Mae’s lawyer further argued the lawsuit fails to state a valid claim because there was no "intentional discrimination" against the Seafleys.

Jennifer Rickley Hull, an attorney who represents Fannie Mae, pointed out in a court brief that the plaintiffs do not actually know for a fact that others aware of the race of either bid applicant.

The case stems from a two-day period in December 2003 when the Seafleys tried to buy a house in South Bend. Fannie Mae apparently acquired the house through a foreclosure.

According to the lawsuit, Dorothy Seafly met with a real estate broker to discuss the couple’s interest. The broker advised her to make an offer above the house’s list price of $49,900 and to put down more than $500 in earnest money.

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Challenging the media bias

The retirement of commentator William Safire — one of two rather lonely conservative voices coming from the Op-Ed pages of The New York Times — has inspired a fresh slew of attacks by conservative pundits about the liberal media bias at the newspaper. Safire was, after all, just about the only buffer between the Times and forced admiration of its strongly left-leaning tendencies. But questions of media responsibility, especially at this moment of crisis, extend well beyond the typical objections to liberal bias. Recent scandals are forcing people of goodwill to think seriously about the need for change in the way the media is run in the United States.

In the last month, it has been discovered that Bush Administration officials are paying off conservative analysts to support some of the administration’s various policy proposals. The scandal began with commentator Michael McManus, who personally received $10,000 and whose right-wing Marriage Savers Foundation received a generous $49,000 for McManus’ printed praise for Bush’s marriage initiative. Conservative columnists Maggie Gallagher received $41,500 for her support of the initiative. And most recently, leading black conservative Armstrong Williams was found to have taken a whopping $241,000 — straight from the pockets of American taxpayers — and with the approval of the U.S. Secretary of Education — for his role in drumming up support among the Black community for the No Child Left Behind education legislation. None of these three individuals found their tributes to be relevant enough to merit informing their host publications.

While payola and bribery certainly represent the worst of media practice in our country, limiting the discussion of responsible media to the actions of a few unethicals would be missing the much bigger point. Columnists and commentators have been bought off, but the real issue at the heart of the liberal bias within the institution of the media by undemocratic and for-profit corporations.

Media outlets do not exist to make the world a better place, or even to be fair in their reporting. Their institutional mandate is to increase the profit of their shareholders. The tenous justification for this structure is that Americans should in theory desire unbiased news, and as such the most profitable media corporations would be those that are most fair in their reporting. But, as the catapulting of Fox News and The New York Times to the top of their respective viewership charts demonstrates, what Americans tend to want most from what they watch and read is to reinforce their preexisting beliefs. This reality serves to deepen existing cultural divides in our country and to weaken honest dialogue.

An alternative approach incorporating publicly-owned media would at least minimize the agenda-pushing of major media outlets.

Furthermore, media organizations do not practice democratic principles in their reporting. Certain people and groups have much greater access to the media than others. These biases — the representation of the experiences and perspectives of one person or group of people more than others — can be related to categories of race, class, religion and gender just as much as partisan affiliation. While regulation forcing the representation of a diversity of views could be seen as an infringement upon free speech, requiring a more transparent accounting of who presents the news might alleviate some of these problems. Making public the backgrounds, beliefs and viewpoints of individuals reporting the news would at least make more Americans aware of the power of spin. While these changes may help to rectify some of the most ostensible consequences of biased news, structural changes which are limited only to the media, cannot actually establish impartiality. Power structures inherent in our systems of government and economics will always give voice and authority to some more than others.

For example, if the next U.S. president were to decide invading Mexico were necessary in order to protect the freedom of Americans, an unpatriotic media would be one that gave half of its coverage to this patently ridiculous proposal to the perspectives that support it, merely because of the power of the president. And, unfortunately, the result might be half of America honestly believing that to be patriotic requires one to support the invasion of Mexico. This despising reality begs several questions. Is responsible and unbiased media even possible, and why is one person — or one ideology that happens to be practiced by people with power — able to set the agenda for what the media will cover and what all Americans will be thinking about?

Every media outlet — from The New York Times to Fox to our own Observer and Scholastic — must recognize their publications are not just reflecting the news and sights of the world around them but also generating the framework through which our campus and nation will discuss issues deemed relevant. Unlike their explicitly-biased counterparts, such as The National Enquirer and Common Sense, organizations which purport to produce balanced news and commentary are ethically bound to take steps to limit their bias. As such, transforming media establishments into more transparent, publicly-owned and not-for-profit organizations would drastically improve the quality of news and commentary, ensuring the voices and experiences of more Americans are represented in wider social dialogue.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit."

Helen Keller

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Debate candidates, not their race

As I relaxed in Starbucks on Friday, sipping my free trade coffee and scanning the latest opinion journalism, hell finally froze over — I agreed with a New York Times editorial. Well, at least part of it.

Bill Rinner
A Voice of Reason

"The Senate and Mr. Gonzales" offers a proper public reprimand of the nominee for attorney general's role in "paving the way for the abuse and torture of prisoners by American soldiers and intelligence agents," and the Republican advocates of his confirmation. A third of the way through the editorial, the Times noted that Republican Senator Orrin Hatch, who zealizes the opposition to the Democrat reject(ing Gonzales to mention that he "loves the Hispanic people," cautions that Hispanic Americans were "sensing there's something unfair going on."

Hatch deftly, though unfortunately, plays to his race card to allude to the Democratic tendency to "inter alia, alarming strength to oppose the president's minority judicial nominations, as they did not allow Miguel Estrada an up or down vote demonstrated in 2003. At the heart of the motion, an internal memo sent between high-ranking Democratic senators suggested that Estrada, considered well-qualified by the ABA, was "especially dangerous on labor issues" because "he is Latino." Why would this identity, which was not an issue, particularly for a party that champions the progress of minorities? The entire flap reveals the racial politics embedded in the rhetoric of both parties makes an utter mockery of sensible debate.

Race-baiting is a staple of Democratic campaigning. Those excesses are now so routine that a new commercial portraying a fat corporate-looking Republican throwing an innocent black man into shackles would scarcely solicit a whimper of opposition from the left side of the aisle. Party leadership naturally thinks strategically, and the black vote is such an essential asset for Democrats that applauding the accomplishments of Clarence Thomas or Thomas Sowell, two prominent conservative blacks, would be a sign of political suicide.

Instead of taking the high road and allowing Democrats to implode under their own weight, the new Republican tactic is to cry hypocrisy every time a conservative minority votes less than favoring adoration from the left. The right wing doesn't need to do this because they can. For every thoughtful treatise on the importance of creating a society in which judgments of individual merit should be color-blind, the Republicans do more damage to themselves when they lower their rhetoric to the level of futile race-baiting. A principled conservative should have the guts to acknowledge the color of one's skin should never serve as a buffer from criticizing one, no matter how tempting it is to win short-term political points.

Ultimately, we must deride the demise of race-based politics, race-baiting and other forms of race divide. In the name of empowering one party that claims to advance the aggregate "interests" of an entire ethnicity. During the current round of cabinet appointments, Democrats have retained a higher ground by sticking to their blind criticism of the policies advanced by Condoleezza Rice and Alberto Gonzales, and as much as it makes me grind my teeth to admit, the Times is correct to call the race claim "irrelevant here."

Republicans need to take steps towards creating a world that actually adheres to the ideals they promote. On the issue of affirmative action, whose relevance is past its prime, conservative Bush's judicial nominations will sway the tide in their favor and in turn overturn a number of linchpin social policies the Democrats have successfully imposed. The judicial strategy is no secret, the right relies on affirmative action, which is much more upfront than many assume. However, overturning the entrenched pantheon of laws is, at best, a worthy goal, has the potential to backfire if it does not first address our irrational obsession with race. Republican leadership as strategically minded as its opponents, and recent attempts to paint Democrats as anti-Hispanic (or anti-conservative Hispanic) reveals many consider the ethnic group a potential ally for upcoming elections. If maintaining their political power remains their paramount goal, then highlighting the detrimental effects of affirmative action has become a threat to the growing ethnic group into the Democratic camp.

Instead, Republicans will sit back, cross their fingers and hope the courts let affirmative action expire without their party's reputation suffering collateral damage. This scenario may well play out in reality, and one can only hope the time conservatives start winning these key elections for us to culture wars, our culture will consider issues such as diversity at the expense of meritocracy, a quaint anachronism. A post-racial society is more likely to unfold if we; as peaceful proponents of storing gas on the fire by emulating the rhetoric of the party that capitalized on racial fear-mongering with impunity.

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Voting taken for granted in U.S.

I voted in the last election. I know, whooppee for me. Preceding the election, much was made of the fact that the youth of America would be the crucial turning point for the eventual outcome. Different organizations mobilized specifically in an attempt to urge, cajole, bribe and guilt that demographic into acknowledging its share of the responsibility. Overall numbers exceeded the expectations of many Americans, with 59.6 percent of eligible voters hitting the polls, the highest turnout since 1968. And yet, numbers for the crucial 18 to 25 demographic were not as high as anticipated. Hmm, those kids must have been pooped after casting mostly by whole-blooded votes for Fox's "American Idol."

Ah, democracy in action.

Why is this an issue now, months before the presidential election. Well, we had a curious election because it had been denied to them for 50 years. The Iraqi elections signaled a potential end to the dictatorship they had been living under and offered as an opportunity to return to a previous era where they were able to engage in open political discourse. Here, Iraqi Americans traveled from far and wide to polling places to cast their votes. These people were excited and joyful about the opportunity. I can't recall the last time spontaneous singing and dancing broke out by a polling place. Sure, I'm ecstatic that so many eligible voters participated in our election, but will it last?

Bruce Springsteen was not called upon to sing "Born in the U.S.A." on a free concert in Baghdad. Michael Moore did not march his "Slacker Uprising" through the city of Kirkuk. And yet the Iraqi people, flawed elections aside, still braved life and limb to vote and promote their cause.

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Letter to the Editor

Revue hits all the wrong buttons

Never until this day have we been ashamed to be members of the Notre Dame community, a community that would endorse and even celebrate a theatrical monstrosity that has ridiculed the conservative nature of the University and prevented its Catholic mission. The name of this production has been whispered across campus for weeks, inciting nervous giggles over dining hall tables and utilizing various ethnic group as a platform for offensive, as we had heard in previous years. The young men of Keenan Hall, in efforts to disguise their true intentions of demeaning even and glorifying premarital sex, claim their production in "satire" or "entertainment."

Clearly, this cannot be true. The Revue is unequivocally demeaning to men. The writers for the Revue have reduced men's worth in nothing but the size of their genitalia, a depiction we find puzzling since the skits are often based on real men's actual stories. We heard that this year's Revue featured a superhero named "Largeman's Guy." By focusing on only one portion of a man's anatomy, we trivialize the unity of his mind, body and transcendental spirit. We suggest an alternative to speaking freely and openly about human nature — by ignoring the very presence of genitalia and male sexuality, we may gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man.

The Revue goes one step further in promoting unchaste sexual behavior, treading on bestiality and mutilation. Filth that has been reigned to the recesses of the Internet and cable television should not be paraded around the sacred stage. Let us issue an anger reminder that Notre Dame, as a private university, is not legally obligated to condone fringe rhetoric and vulgarity.

We cannot stand by as this piece of lowbrow art is being displayed to all of our friends who consented to view it and may even agree with the Revue's underlying ideology. We must unite and purge Saint Mary's campus of this plague and threat to the Catholic nature of Our Lady's University.

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P: It was great in summer theatre because we got to work cooperatively with other people who were students, such as specializing in costumes. Or if we took stage management or scene — there were certain requirements for me as a theatre major that I had to take — that really helped me fully understand not only cast member and crew and their functions. And all that helps the scene flow well and he's more of a producer now than an actor, but we both produced at one point or another. It's nice to have an appreciation and a knowledge about what everybody does and thought it was a great film. It was really well done and just do well.

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We’re getting introduced to people that we haven’t been able to meet before, which is very exciting. And I feel that for [John] and I, with the foundation of our relationship at Notre Dame was through our faith and that feels right to me, that direction. I don’t want to split my focus so much that the relationship falls apart, as easily happens in this business. So you have to balance everything properly and Pixar has been a great place to be as a foundation. John, could you shed some light on what your future projects might be?

I’m not sure what it’s going to be. Brad and I are talking about doing another film together. He’s got a lot of ideas so we’re sort of waiting for him to land on one and then check with Pixar if they’d like to do it.

I’m sure a lot of people have already asked about a possible sequel for "The Incredibles," which would make a terrific film if done quite. [laughs] So I think perseverance is probably the best thing you can do.

P: Perseverance, that’s a good one. There’s a fair amount of rejection, of course, so you just have to build your own philosophy. And I know I find balance through working out and meditation and I’ve written in journals and I’ve got volumes and volumes of journals. I feel like actions are really misunderstood. So you just have to kind of brace yourself against the slings and arrows of real difficult business. But if you feel like there’s something you have to do and you can’t do it in the stage or whatever creative outlet you find, you have to just do it. Theatre has been my creative outlet. Sometimes I think if I were a painter, it would be easier. I mean, that’s the other way that I could communicate, but it’s what I do.

Finally, what do you both feel have been the most satisfying accomplishments of the course of your careers?

P: Well, one of the highlights for me was certainly my first theatrical debut with [John] in "Sign Language" and the proposal and all the stuff I told you about. But we also produced a two-hour off-Broadway play called Seamounts that did really well and got some awards and things like that.

J: We produced a show off-Broadway together that was a big accomplishment, something that I’ve always been kind of proud of. Sitlling in the audience when "The Incredibles" premiered and when we had a big party at Pixar for about 1,800 people — that was a really great night. And Pam and I went around the world with the director and his wife, promoting the film. That was a wonderful experience for actors and our movie everywhere we went from London to Tokyo to Sydney.

P: That’s quite an accomplishment because these last three or four months have been non-stop. First, going around the world. As a student, I went to Rome through the Saint Mary’s program and I talked about taking [John] there in 25 years. But if we never get to go again, last November we were in Venice and Rome in quite style because we were driven around and getting private tours, hanging out with Peter Jackson in New Zealand. It was an amazing trip for five weeks and then we’re got all these award shows. So today is actually the first time in four months since last October so it feels like quite an accomplishment to survive it all. But we’re kind of tired. [laughs]

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A guide to finding the one that is ‘into you’

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Cross-stitched pillows and our mothers have always tried to communicate that, “Actions speak louder than words.” Well now there is a new voice screaming that message into the head of every woman — the voice of Greg Behrendt, co-author of “He’s Just Not That Into You.” Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo have composed “The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys” in an attempt to improve the life of every woman in the world who is stuck in a relationship where she is underappreciated, abused and simply unwilling to recognize that if he is treating her like that, there’s simply “not that into” her.

The entire precept of the book began in the writing room for the HBO series, “Sex and the City.” Tuccillo is a writer for the show, and Behrendt is a consultant who would come in from time to time to offer a new perspective on the direction that some of the shows storylines were taking. While discussing the new and un-attentive boyfriend of one of the female writers, the other female writers were offering a plethora of excuses for the seemingly flaky behavior of this would-be boyfriend.

The woman asked Behrendt what he thought and Behrendt told her, “He’s just not that into you.” Thus it began.

The concept was quickly written into a “Sex and the City” episode where the concept is introduced by one of Carrie’s boyfriends to Miranda while she is analyzing the behavior of the man she is dating. The idea took off and has now become a highly publicized how-to guide to dating.

The basic principle is simple. Guys are not as dumb as women would often like to believe they are. They do know how to use a telephone, and the reason he is not calling you is not because he, “just dropped my cell phone in the ocean and I lost your number,” but it is because he’s, “just not that into you.” Behrendt explains that, “When a guy is into you, he lets you know it. He calls, he shows up, he wants to meet your friends, he can’t keep his eyes or hands off you.” The simple truth is, according to Behrendt and Tuccillo, if a guy is into a woman, she will know it. She won’t need to spend time obsessing about his every action or inaction because the control will be hers when she simply walks away from a guy that is, “just not that into her.”

Tuccillo and Behrendt set up the book in a very interesting and entertaining fashion. Sixteen chapters cover any variety of dating issue from, “He’s Just Not That Into You If He’s Not Dating You,” “He’s Just Not That Into You If He’s A Selfish Jerk,” “If He’s Really Big Freak.” Each chapter begins with an introduction to the subject at hand by Behrendt and is followed by fabricated letters from women about the different “excuses” that women tend to make in the situations created in the letters. Behrendt answers each letter with a letter addressed to the nicknames for the excuse girl he creates such as, “Dear Pillow Talk,” “Dear Not Listening” and “Dear Let’s Get Physical.”

Behrendt’s responses are often hilariously obvious and reflect the choices that many women have been faced with in the dating world. The letters are followed by a paragraph called “It’s So Simple” wherein the points in Behrendt’s argument on the particular subject are summed up. This is followed by a section called, “Here’s Why This One Is Hard” by Tuccillo where she empathizes with the female readers of the book and the excuses that they have made; however, in the end she always agrees Behrendt is ultimately correct in his assertion no matter how hard that is to swallow.

Then a story about a real life example called “This Is What It Should Look Like” by Behrendt or Tuccillo is shared, followed by a “Greg, I get it!” section where “women” share their tales of success in implementing Behrendt’s plan on the subject. “If You Don’t Believe Greg,” a grouping of admittedly unscientific polls from friends of the authors about the subjects reveals things like, “100% of men polled said that when they broke up with someone, it always meant that they didn’t want to go out with them anymore.”

Every chapter ends with a list of “What You Should Have Learned In This Chapter” that covers the main points of the letters and reflections followed by, “Our Super-Good Really Helpful Workbook” because “Hey, what’s a self-help tome without a workbook?” The workbooks are much more humorous than helpful. For instance, in the chapter about men cheating on women the workbook begins, “Here are our five suggestions on what your man could have done if he was unsatisfied in your relationship. (You’ll notice, none of them include sleeping with someone else.)” Each chapter offers new questions as to why women allow themselves to be hurt and obsessive when all they have to decide is that “He’s Just Not That Into You.”

Funny throughout, and at times hilarious, “He’s Just Not That Into You” is a must read for any woman who is active in the dating world. Initially, the concept seems harsh, but, as is explained by Behrendt and Tuccillo throughout the book, a woman realizing this is actually her taking back the power in the relationship.

No more waiting by the phone, or waiting for “Mr. Right” to appear in the guy women are currently dating; this book is the voice of a liberated movement that leaves the woman with the power to make a choice not to waste her time on the men the don’t appreciate her, thus giving her more time to find the one that will forever.

Hilariously honest and reflective of the excuses women do make, “He’s Just Not That Into You” is a book any dating girl cannot afford to go without.

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Super Bowl XXXIX

Pats could run, Eagles couldn't

New England's multi-dimensional offense helps champs in victory

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — New England's third Super Bowl victory in four years came down to the most basic of football rules: The Patriots could run the ball and make sure the Eagles couldn't.

So New England won 24-21, established itself as the team of the century (sort of as it) and put Bill Belichick ahead of even the great Vince Lombardi with a 16-1 record.

Lombardi would have loved it, especially the 66-yard drive late in the third quarter and early in the fourth that broke a 14-14 tie. Thirty-four of those yards were on the ground including the final 2 by Corey Dillon.

What made that drive even more important was that it answered a Philadelphia touchdown that had tied the game and seemed to give the Eagles the momentum.

The game also demonstrated the other characteristic that has made the Patriots into what passes for a dynasty in this day of salary cap-endorsed parity: big plays from all kinds of players.

As usual, one was Tedy Bruschi, setting the tone for the game with a sack on Philadelphia's first possession, then coming up with an interception that ended a fourth-quarter drive one play after a 36-yard pass completion to Terrell Owens, who performed better than expected in his first game back after a severe ankle injury.

But there also was backup running back Kevin Faulk, who had two rushes for 20 yards in that big drive and also went 14 yards to the Philadelphia 2 with a screen pass that set up Corey Dillon's 2-yard touchdown run.

Plus Deion Branch, when the Eagles couldn't cover, especially when the Patriots needed big yardage.

Patriots wide receiver Randall Gay brings down Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens.

Branch wins Super Bowl MVP

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Take that, T.O. Deion Branch managed to outshine Terrell Owens on football's biggest stage.

And that was no small feat in this Super Bowl.

The leader of New England's unrivaled receiving corps, Branch led a Super Bowl record with 11 catches, accounting for 133 yards Sunday night in a 24-21 victory over Philadelphia that gave the Patriots their third championship in four years.

While Branch didn't make it to the end zone in any of four scoring drives. The biggest catch might have been the last one — a leaping 19-yarder over the middle that set up Adam Vinatieri's 22-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

Branch leaped off the turf and deftly signaled a first down, the sort of brazen move that Owens is known for.

New England pushed its lead to 10 points, enough to hold off the Eagles.

And when it was done, Branch was named the MVP.

Philadelphia's All-Pro receiver had a remarkable game, too, defying his doctor's advice and being in the game against Dallas on Dec. 19.

He had a 30-yard catch-and-run late in the first quarter, setting up a first down at the Patriots 8, which the Eagles failed to turn into points. After that catch, the surging Owens flipped his arms along the sideline.

Branch also had a 36-yard reception in the fourth quarter, but failed to catch any of Donovan McNabb's three touchdown attempts.

Branch was the target on McNabb's incomplete pass that started the drive, and he bailed out in a 9-yard reception on the second occasion.

Owens appeared to have no trouble running his patterns, gaining nearly as much attention from the Eagles defense as he did in the NFC title game.

Owens proves to be a factor

Eagles' All-Pro receiver catches nine passes for 122 yards in team's loss

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Terrell Owens was a go. The rest of the Philadelphia Eagles didn't quite match his stellar performance.

The Eagles' All-Pro receiver caught nine passes for 122 yards, but Philadelphia lost 24-21 to the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl on Sunday night.

Owens defied his doctor's advice and was in the starting lineup after missing two weeks after ankle surgery.

Right from the start, he was no gone.

Owens caught a 7-yard pass on Philadelphia's second play — his first action since he severely sprained his ankle and broke his leg in a game against Dallas on Dec. 19.

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Owens appeared to have no trouble running his patterns, gaining several yards after his catches. He seemed out of breath early on when he went to the sideline, but didn't have to sit out plays.

He didn't have any receptions in the second quarter as McNabb spread the ball around and had better success moving the offense, but he had two catches during Philadelphia's game-tying scoring drive in the third quarter and also had a total of six in the second half.

Two days after the Eagles won the NFC championship game, McNabb insisted his surgically repaired ankle was better, and he was able to go full speed in practice. But Owens insists he would be in the lineup — not just standing on the sideline cheering as he did in the NFC title game.

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Trackwire Top 25

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New England Patriots strong safety Rodney Harrison, middle, celebrates his interception with teammates Asante Samuel, left, and Mike Vrabel late in the game to seal their victory in Super Bowl XXXIX on Sunday.

Patriots prevail, Branch named MVP

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Dynasties don’t have to be perfect or pretty. They just have to win — like the New England Patriots.

The Patriots won their third Super Bowl in four years with a dominant second half Sunday night, wowing down the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21.

It wasn’t overpowering, and at times it was downright ugly. But it was more than enough to match the Dallas Cowboys’ run of the 1990s and certify the Patriots of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady as the NFL’s latest dynasty.

“To me this trophy belongs to these players,” Belichick said. “They met all comers this year, a very challenging year. We’re thrilled to win. These players played great all year, their best in the big games and they deserve it, they really deserve it.”

With MVP Deion Branch tying a Super Bowl record for receptions with 11, Brady efficiently running the offense and Rodney Harrison sparking a smothering defense, the Patriots (17-2) won their ninth successive postseason game. That ties the record of Vince Lombardi’s Packers of the 1960s, and there’s hardly any better company a team can keep.

The difference once again was an Adam Vinatieri field goal, this one a 22-yarder with 8:46 to go. New England won its other two Super Bowls by the margin of Vinatieri’s last-second kicks.

Philadelphia (15-4-6) got the ball back at 4:46 with 46 seconds remaining. It was hardly enough time and far too much territory to cover against such a formidable foe.

Harrison got his second interception with 9 seconds remaining to end it.

Playing before a sea of mostly green jerseys in the crowd of 75,125, the Patriots made sure Philadelphia would not get its first pro sports title since 1983. Indeed, it’s been 45 years since the Eagles won the NFL crown.

And even though they made it to the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 seasons — after three straight conference championship losses — their season still ended in disappointment.

“We came up just short — too many turnovers — and against such a tough football team you can’t do that,” coach Andy Reid said.

IN BRIEF

Parry wins playoff; Els falls short of fourth in a row

MELBOURNE, Australia — Australia’s Craig Parry ended Ernie Els’ three-year hold on the Heineken Classic title Sunday, holing a 12-foot birdie putt on the fourth hole of a playoff with countryman Nick O’Hern.

After Parry made his birdie putt on the fourth extra hole, O’Hern missed a 10-foot birdie putt to end the tournament at historic Royal Melbourne.

Parry made par-saving puts on the first three playoff holes — the 18th twice and then the 17th, while O’Hern helped keep the playoff going by missing birdie putts inside 10 feet on the two opening holes.

Parry closed with a 1-under 70 to match O’Hern (71) at 14-under 270.

Parry’s most memorable playoff performance came last March in the Ford Championship at Doral in Florida when he holed a 64-foot shot from 176 yards for an eagle to win.

Tigers land Ordonez one year after Rodriguez

DETROIT — For the second straight year, the Detroit Tigers added a marquee player about two weeks before the start of spring training.

First, Ivan Rodriguez. Now, Magglio Ordonez.

"Most of us go into spring training excited, but when you sign a big-time guy like Ordonez, it makes you even more excited," Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander said Sunday in a telephone interview from Tampa, Fla.

"It’s really going to boost our morale. I can’t wait to get started.”

After signing in 2004, Rodriguez helped the Tigers win 72 games. That was a 29-win improvement from the previous season, the second-best turnaround in the AL since it expanded in 1961.

With Ordonez’ bat in the middle of the lineup, Detroit figures to improve its chances of competing in the AL Central, expected to be among the weaker divisions in the major leagues this year.

Davenport loses at Pan Pacific Open to Sharapova

TOKYO — Reigning Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova beat No. 5 in the Pan Pacific Open final Sunday and will move up to a career-high third in the WTA Tour rankings.

Sharapova prevented Davenport from winning a record fifth title at the indoor tournament. Davenport, who lost to Serena Williams in the Australian Open final last weekend, hit 13 aces against Sharapova but needed a medical timeout after the first set because of a sore left thigh.

"I’m very happy to have won,” said Sharapova, who had nine aces.

"Lindsay played an amazing match and it all came down to the tiebreaker, so obviously it was a very tough match.”

She will move past Amelie Mauresmo in Monday’s new rankings and jump from No. 4 to No. 3.

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SUPER BOWL XXXIX

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Organ Recital
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The Laramie Project
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The Laramie Project is part of Spring ArtsFest: Tolerance and Reconciliation
Directed by Anton Juan
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Othello
by William Shakespeare
Featuring Actors from The London Stage
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Friday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: $18, $16 faculty/staff,
$16 seniors, $12 all students

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In Good Conscience (2004)
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Angels in America: Part II (2003)
Saturday, February 12 at 2 p.m.
Lovel Valour! Compassion! (1997)
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Shylock
written and performed by Gareth Armstrong
Leighton Concert Hall
Wednesday, February 23 at 8 p.m.
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Dead Man Walking
by Tim Robbins
Directed by Slim Scant and Jay Skillen
Philbin Studio Theatre
February 26 - March 2
Dead Man Walking is part of Spring ArtsFest: Tolerance and Reconciliation
Tickets: $12, $10 faculty/staff,
$10 seniors, $8 all students

Jen Chapin — Organ Recital
Keyes Organ and Choral Hall
Sunday, February 27 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Tickets: $10, $8 faculty/staff,
$6 seniors, $3 all students

Simon Shaheen and Qantara
Leighton Concert Hall
Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: $35, $28 faculty/staff,
$26 seniors, $15 all students

Simon Shaheen and Qantara are part of Spring ArtsFest: Tolerance and Reconciliation
Fleur de Lys
Debuted Voices: Music of Women in 17th Century Italian Convents and Academies
Friday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Keyes Organ and Choral Hall
Tickets: $10, $8 faculty/staff,
$6 seniors, $3 all students

This concert features Danielle Svoracek, soprano; Mary Anne Ballard, viola da gamba, and Darlene Cotello, harpsichord.

More event information available at http://performingarts.nd.edu
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There are a limited number of student discounts available.
PGA

Mickelson wows the home crowd with win

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Phil Mickelson finished a triumphant week in his second home, winning the FBR Open by five strokes for his largest margin of victory in a PGA Tour event.

Mickelson struggled with his driver some in a final round 3-under 68, but no one mounted a serious challenge Sunday. He never led by fewer than three strokes over the final 18 holes.

Mickelson survived shots deep into the desert and into the water, then capped his round with a 26-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the 18th to the wild cheers of the friendly throng.

"We had a lot of fun," he said. "We miss the people here so much."

Afterward, his daughters, 5-year-old Amanda and 3-year-old Sophia, rushed to hug their dad on the 18th green.

"Go Lefty!" was Maryanne Erigha who took the people's closest approaches this year to protect a home, winning the FBR Open by five strokes for his largest margin of victory in a PGA Tour event.

Their dad on the 18th green.

Connelly impressed by effort

Coach says personal bests characterize the Meyo Invite

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

They won only one event — nine fewer than a week ago.

In many ways, however, this weekend's Meyo Invitational may have been a more successful meet for the Irish. In an event stacked with four top-25 teams, Notre Dame was very competitive, achieving several personal bests and gaining valuable experience.

The lone winner for the Irish was Maryanne Erigha who took the 200 meters in a time of 23.85 seconds. Her time places her in the top 10 among all collegians in this event. Erigha also took third in the 60-meter dash.

Mickelson became the first golfer in five PGA tournaments this year to protect a 54-hole lead, the longest such streak since 1976, when third-round leaders did not win the first five PGA Tour events of the year.

After a 2-over 73 in the first round, Mickelson was minus-19 in the last 54, including an 11-under 60 in the second round on Friday, tying the course record with his lowest score in an official PGA event.

The Effects of Welfare and Tax Reform:
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**Men's Swimming**

Swimmers excel on the road

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

Once again the Irish made themselves right at home in an opponent's pool.

Posting a win on the road for the fourth straight time, the men's swimming and diving team had no problems sweeping past Oakland University (2-4). Notre Dame (10-2) won 10 of the first 12 events on Saturday and cruised to a 177-107 victory at the Oy Aquatics Center.

"We've had some good success on the road these last few weeks," head coach Tim Welsh said.

"We think that it's important to win on the road because our championship meet is on the road. So everything this year has been both its own meet and also preparation for the bigger meet at the end."

The Irish took an early lead and never looked back, building a 60-14 advantage after four events, extending it to an insurmountable 177-100 lead midway through the meet. After building their 127-point lead, the Irish swam as exhibition competitors for the rest of the meet.

"I must say, to be fair, that this is not a typical Oakland team," Welsh said.

"They are down big this year, and they'll be back next year. But the results for us were wonderful starting at the very beginning.

"At the halfway point, Notre Dame placed first and second in eight races and also had eight different swimmers achieving individual victories. Despite the relatively wide open meet, several Irish swimmers brought their best to their events. Freshman Eric Swanson posted a lifetime best in the 100-yard breaststroke. His time of 56.39 seconds was the eighth-fastest time in that event for an Irish swimmer and ranks him second among Big East swimmers."

"That was also Swanson's life-time best, and when we start the season then we'll be getting the details right."

"But that won't stop them from fine-tuning their techniques in the upcoming week. We're polishing the apple, so to speak," Welsh said.

"This is the bulk of the week, as far as the hard training, is done. We are now in the process of polishing and fine-tuning the wheel."

"We're going to do some resting and some focusing on technique details. The major emphasis will be getting the details right."

"We're done out here in the Midwest. We're taking our show to New York."

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**ROTC Basketball**

Air Force rebounds from rocky first half

Irish use free throws to their advantage in 31-23 victory over Virginia Tech

By ERIC RETTER

In a defensive contest, free throws are always important.

However, when they make up more than half of a team's points, every trip to the line is downright critical.

The Irish Air Force men's A-team took full advantage of its opportunities, coming through in the championship of the 19th Annual Notre Dame Flying Irish Invitational on Sunday.

The Air Force team went 16-27 from the free throw line en route to a hard-fought 31-23 victory over the Virginia Tech Orange.

Neither team could find its game with seven points.

The Irish struggled offensively for most of the first half, making only four free throws and shooting 4-for-9 from the field, before going on a tear, especially for the game's second half.

In a matchup including a s c o r i n g drought lasting longer than seven miles, a defense was the name of the game.

Neither team was able to mount much offense during the middle of the first half, when a 6-3 Virginia Tech lead stood for 7:05 before Irish senior Matt Crosser, who finished with seven points, made two free throws to cut the lead in half.

The second half proved to be a defensive battle as well, as the two teams combined to make only four points.

Virginia Tech's defense shut the Irish down from the field, holding senior captain Tim Kogge, the 3-point champ, to no field goals all game.

"Their goal was to shut me down outside, and so we had to try to pound it down low," Kogge said.

"Because of the lackluster shooting, fouls proved costly for Virginia Tech, as the Irish won the game at the line, making 12-of-17 free throws in the second half and slowly building their way up to an 11-point lead with 1:47 to go.

"We did a great job getting boards and getting to the line," Kogge said.

"As the game wound down Virginia Tech got some breaks from its game long shooting slump.

"They have it too, too late, and the Irish held on for an eight-point victory.

Defenses also dominated in the women's final, as the Marquette Army women's team fell to the South Dakota State Air Force Lady Jackrabbits by a score of 72-63.

The Jackrabbits took an early lead 6-2 with back to back 3-pointers from Elizabeth Harding.

Marquette was unable to erase that initial deficit until 59 seconds remained in the first half when tournament MVP Tiffany Biddleback tied the game with a 3-pointer and layup.

In the second half, Marquette went on a 14-6 spurt to capture the title, as Stephanie Thompson scored seven of her 10 points during a 4-Lady run, which gave them a 21-15 advantage with under 10 minutes to play.

However, as Thompson cooled off and Biddleback couldn't create much offense, going 1-for-2 from the field in the second half, the game momentum slowly began to turn.

Nita Harwood went over for the game's lead, scoring seven points of her own to lead an 11-2 South Dakota State run to close out the last 7:20 of the game, including scores on two consecutive trips up the floor to give them the lead with under a minute to play.

With the game, the coach's team, Major Chris Trotter, was enthused by the victory.

Trotter said that this year's win was especially heartening in light of the last two year's outcomes.

"The last two years, we didn't even make it out of the brackets," Trotter said.

"I feel great, especially for the girls."

Harding was positive after her team's experience in the tournament.

"It was a fun event, and everyone played hard," she said.

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Weekend's matches blemish the team's perfect 6-0 record

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

After flying to a 6-0 start, the Notre Dame men's tennis team was grounded this weekend.

The No. 25 Irish (6-2) dropped two matches against ranked foes — a 4-3 decision to No. 34 Texas (2-0) Friday and a 6-1 decision to No. 9 Duke (3-1) Sunday.

Playing their third straight match against a ranked foe, the Irish lost the doubles point but jumped out to an early 3-1 lead against the Longhorns.

Despite closing out their singles victories in just two sets, Notre Dame couldn't pick up that vital fourth point.

“We played very well against Texas,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “They're a great team, and they're going to be a top-25 team this year. I think we played as well against Texas as we’ve played all year. I didn’t have any reservations about that match at all.”

Sophomore Barry King, who won two matches against ranked foes in as many matches, upset the No. 53 player in the nation, Texas's Roger Gubser.

King won a 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 decision in the No. 3 slot. King is now 4-1 against ranked opponents this season.

“He had a great weekend for us,” Bayliss said. “Roger Gubser is a senior and been around a lot, played a lot of good tennis. It was a big win for Barry. Barry's serving well. Earlier in the year, he had some troubles with his serve, but he’s picked that up. Gubser stayed back and really moved Barry around the court. Barry had to hit big to keep from being pushed around and he did that and he really took it to Gubser.”

The match came down to getting a single victory from senior Brent D’Amico. D’Amico, who played at the No. 1 slot for the first time this season, dropped a 6-3, 6-7, 6-5 loss to Texas junior Callum Beale.

“The match was between two pretty evenly matched teams, and it could have gone either way,” Bayliss said. “I thought we played hard and played some smart tennis. It was a toss of a coin right there at the end.”

After losing only one of their doubles points in their first six wins, the Irish found themselves in unfamiliar territory against both Texas and Duke.

“The doubles point is a big momentum point, and with Texas it was very close,” Bayliss said. “We had our chances and obviously it affected the outcome because we lost 4-3. Had we won the doubles point, I’m pretty confident we would have won the match.”

While the Texas match came down to the wire, the Duke contest proved to be hardly that. The Notre Dame doubles team of sophomore Stephen Bass and King dropped a close 9-7 doubles match.

King provided the sole Irish point, again providing an upset at the No. 3 slot against Duke's Stephen Amritraj, ranked No. 106 in the nation. King won the decision 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

“I felt Barry King played a great match at No. 3, beating Stephen Amritraj,” Bayliss said. “I thought Patrick Buchanan played well at No. 6… Patrick lost the tie-breaker for that particular match but he had the momentum and probably would have had an advantage in the third set. Beyond that, they beat us up pretty badly in a couple spots and a couple of the matches were over quickly.”

With a grueling stretch of four games against four nationally-ranked opponents behind them, the Irish can regroup before their next match against Marquette at home Sunday.

“We’ve played four pretty good teams in a row,” Bayliss said. “We could probably use a little rest right now, and we’ll benefit from being able to regroup. When you play as many good teams in a row as we have, little cracks appear in your game and you need some time to regroup and shore up a couple things that have shown up.

“We’re going to take advantage of that for the next ten days or so.”

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NOTRE DAME

Junior Patrick Buchanan lunges to volley the ball in Sunday’s match against No. 9 Duke. The No. 25 Irish fell 6-1 in the contest.
Hope defense holds off Belles for 61-48 win

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s played even with MIAA leader Hope for 34 minutes Saturday. But Hope ended the first half on a six-minute, 18-4 run and defeated the Belles 61-48.

The contest began as a defensive battle and after eight minutes of play, the two teams had combined for a mere 13 points.

“We were just doing the things we needed to do,” Saint Mary’s coach Beci Bellina said of her team’s early play.

With 6:18 remaining in the half, Belles center Maureen Bush hit a turnaround jumper in the lane to give Saint Mary’s a 16-15 lead. The Flying Dutch offense then woke up and Hope took a 33-20 lead into the locker room.

“We relaxed and they took total advantage of it,” Bellina said of the last six minutes of the first half. “You can’t do that against a team like that.”

Saint Mary’s couldn’t close the gap in the second half. The Belles cut Hope’s advantage to seven points on several occasions, but failed to get any closer.

Hope, the top defensive team in the conference, prevented the Belles from developing any consistent offensive play. Saint Mary’s shot 34.5 percent from the floor for the game and only 27.3 percent in the first half.

“They are very big so it’s hard to shoot over them,” Bellina said. “You can’t get much going without second chance opportunities.”

Saint Mary’s offense also suffered with the absence of leading scorer Emily Creaehbaum for much of the game. In foul trouble all day, Creaehbaum played only 17 minutes, scoring six points.

While disappointed with the loss, the Belles will take some positives from the performance. In Creaehbaum’s absence, the Saint Mary’s bench played well with Deirdre Mangin and Abbey Baum each making significant contributions of six and four points, respectively.

Guard Katie Boye returned to the lineup Saturday after missing three games with a torn tendon in her foot. The Belles rely on Boye, last season’s MIAA defensive player of the year, for her ball handling and stellar defense.

The senior played 17 minutes and scored six points in the game. “I was so impressed with her,” Bellina said. “She was able to step into the flow of the offense without missing a beat.”

Bellina said that Boye’s presence on the court is crucial as the regular season winds down. With four games remaining, Saint Mary’s hopes to finish fourth in the MIAA and host a first round playoff game. The Belles are currently in a three-way tie for fifth place, but trail fourth-place Tri-State by just one half game.

Bellina believes that Saturday’s performance will help the Belles during the crucial final four games. “I think we definitely take confidence from this game,” she said.

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

No. 25 Irish gain momentum for Big East, defeat Grizzlies

Oakland loses bragging rights, flawless record
By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

The No. 25 Irish are holding their heads high after beating undefeated Oakland University Saturday, giving the Grizzlies their first loss since the last time the two teams met. Notre Dame won 11 of the 16 events en route to a 163.5-134.5 victory, all without the help of senior All-American Meghan Perry-Eaton. Perry-Eaton had stayed behind to catch up on work missed while she was on a job interview, said head coach Bailey Weathers.

“We had some good swims,” Weathers said. “It wasn’t as exciting or intense a meet as say a Michigan, but it was good for the kids to have the challenge of Perry-Eaton not being there.”

The Grizzlies jumped out to an early lead after taking the first event, but by the end of the third race, the Irish would reclaim the lead and never look back.

Oakland tied the meet at 74.5 after eight events, but the Irish responded by winning seven of the final eight to close out the victory.

Leading the way for the Irish was junior Christel Bouvron, who won three separate events for the Irish. Bouvron, a two-time Olympian for her native Singapore, took first in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle races, as well as in the 100-yard butterfly.

The junior set season-best times for the Irish in both freestyle events, with times of 1:51, 54.04 seconds in the 200 and 1:02.52 in the 500-yard event.

Freshman Caroline Johnson won two events for Notre Dame, claiming victory in the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard freestyle.

Johnson won both events by roughly one second and now owns all of Notre Dame’s top nine times in the 100-yard backstroke.

Sophomore Katie Carroll also won two events, taking the title in both individual medleys. Carroll won the 400-yard race by more than four seconds and won the 200 by 3.5 seconds, giving her all top three times by the Irish this season in the event.

Also claiming victories on Saturday were sophomore Jessica Stephens in the 200 breaststroke, sophomore Ellen Johnson in the 200 backstroke, and freshman Katie Guida, who won the 50 freestyle by a slim 1.4 seconds.

The team is off now until the Big East Championships, scheduled for Feb. 16-19 in East Meadow, N.Y. The Irish will be looking to win their ninth straight conference championship dating back to 1995-96, their inaugural season in the Big East.

Weathers is confident his team will be up to the challenge.

“I think we’re at a stage we need to be at,” he said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Junior guard Bridget Boye dribbles around Tristate player earlier this season. The Belles lost 61-48 to Hope on Saturday.

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HOCKEY

Irish tie Mavericks 1-1 Friday, fall 6-3 Saturday

By BOBBY GRIFFIN and JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writers

Notre Dame’s losing streak came to an end, but another one started the very next night.

The Irish snapped their eight-game losing streak Friday with a 1-1 tie over the Mavericks, but then fell Saturday by a 6-3 score.

Nebraska-Omaha struck first on Friday during Notre Dame’s first power play of the game.

Maverick goalie Chris Holt made an impressive pass to send Nebraska-Omaha, as the puck skated down the right side unimpeded.

Scott Parse, who deposited the puck in the open net for a Maverick shorthanded goal.

Notre Dame got its equalizer from an unlikely source, freshman defenseman Luke Lucyk, who found the back of the net for the first time this season.

Irish forward Cory McLean took the puck down the right side of the ice at 7:20 of the third period and made a quick pass across the crease to Scott Parse, who deposited the puck in the open net for a Maverick shorthanded goal.

Notre Dame got its equalizer from an unlikely source, freshman defenseman Luke Lucyk, who found the back of the net for the first time this season.

After you get as many shots and chances as we had in that game, you figure if you just put one on net it might go in,” Lucyk said.

Irish coach Dave Poulin agreed that Lucyk’s goal was something that the team really needed after offense had been hard to come by this season.

“Nerves are going to be on edge you are getting pumped to play a major league game,” he said.

“Very much so, the weird bounce, the crazy hop or a shot off someone’s head that will get you out of that funk.”

Cey made 26 saves for the Irish and was named Perani Cup first star for the game.

The senior goalie made several acrobatic saves in the third period to keep his team in the game, including a rolling high-leg kick save that brought the loudest ovation of the night from Irish fans.

“You save like that, all happens so fast that I don’t really think about what my body does, it’s just instinct,” he said.

After Friday’s win, the Irish seemed poised to begin another type of streak going into the third period tied 2-2 on Saturday.

But Parse changed that at the 14:03 mark with an outstanding shot.

Cutting across the ice from the weak side, Parse outmaneuvered the Irish defense and ripped the puck past Cey in what was the turning point of the game.

“Parse made a major league play,” Irish coach Dave Poulin. “That’s a major league goal by a very good player.”

The scoring got going early for Nebraska-Omaha, as Mavericks’ right wing Nick Lawrence scored on the power play off a rebound goal at 2:30 in the first. Lawrence had two goals and two assists in the game.

The Irish had their chances in the first period, as Matt Amado had two open looks at the net but could not seem to find the back of the net.

“Frustration is at an all-time high right now,” Irish captain Cory McLean said. “We hit three or four posts tonight, and it just doesn’t seem to be going our way.”

The Irish responded at 4:02 in the second, when Evan Rankin’s shot deflected to Mike Walsh in front of the net. Walsh beat Holt for his second goal of the season.

Once again, the Irish were able to respond to the Mavericks score, when Chris Trick found McLean on the doorstep for his fourth goal of the season.

“Again, the Irish were able to respond to the Mavericks score, when Chris Trick found McLean on the doorstep for his fourth goal of the season.”

At 2-2 I’m fully confident we’re going to win that game, we’ve just got to find a way,” Poulin said.

Nebraska-Omaha would tack on another goals at 14:25, before Irish center Tony Gill scored on one of the stranger goals of the season to cut the lead to 4-3.

At 15:30, Gill fired the puck off the right boards in the Nebraska-Omaha zone. The puck deflected off the boards, directly into the net.

With a glimmer of hope remaining, Maverick’s center Dan Hacker crushed any real possibility of the comeback when he scored off a rebound in front of Cey.

An empty net goal by Lawrence with 19.6 seconds remaining solidified the Mavericks victory.

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Irish runner Selim Nurudeen competes in the 60-meter hurdles at the Meyo Invitationals Sunday.

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In front of his identical twin brother John, also of Indiana, won the race.

This is the first time in NCAA history two brothers have both cracked the four-minute plateau in the same race. Notre Dame graduate Luke Watson returned to his alma mater to finish third in 3:58.59, with current Notre Dame sophomore Kurt Benninger fourth in 3:58.75. It was the first time Benninger had cracked four minutes.

Benninger was pleased with his performance and with those of his teammates.

"I'm pretty happy about it (breaking four minutes)," he said. "Any time you break four minutes, it's exciting, and it's something I've always wanted to do. Overall, the meet went pretty well for us, I think.""The Irish qualified seven for the Big East Championships and three for the NCAAs. Freshman Terrell Lambert became the third Irish runner to qualify for the Big East in the 60-meter dash, joining Selim Nurudeen and Dwight Ellis, both of whom sat out the race this weekend.

Nurudeen went up against Antonio Hicks of Mississippi in the 60-meter hurdles. Nurudeen posted a time of 7.80 seconds, finishing second to Hicks, the best collegian in this event, who ran a 7.65. Nurudeen also finished third in the 200-meters, with a personal best of 21.33 seconds, one of the best times in the conference this season.

Several Irish athletes posted great marks, but due to the high caliber of the competition finished further down in the standings.

These marks won't go unnoticed since a lot of them are among the very best posted in the Big East this year.

Chris Staron and Christopher Jacques finished ninth in the high jump and long jump respectively. Staron's jump of 6.98 meters was the third-best in conference, while Jacques' 6.98-meter leap was second best.

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freshman played in front of a hometown crowd for the first time ever.

Borton said Allen's fans overshadowed those of Pittsburgh.

"We had a lot of Irish fans because of Charel," Borton said. "Not at all did the Pittsburgh fans affect Notre Dame."

Notre Dame (20-3, 8-2 Big East) got off to a quick start against the Panthers (11-10, 3-7 Big East), despite All-American Jacqueline Batteast playing just six first-half minutes due to foul trouble.

With 5:30 to play in the first half, Notre Dame used a 14-0 run to put the game away after being up 24-18. The game was never in doubt for the Irish, as they dominated in the paint behind Borton and LaVere.

"The quick start kept their fans out of the game," Borton said. "That's when we let them get close to us."

LaVere and Borton combined for 21 first-half points, 10 for Borton on 5-for-5 shooting, and 11 for LaVere on 4-for-7 shooting. They were the main contributors to Notre Dame outscoring Pittsburgh 24-6 in the paint in the first half.

Meanwhile, Pittsburgh's star freshman Meredith Walker was limited to just four points, four assists and 11 rebounds, many combined for 21 first-half points, the Irish are back in action Wednesday night when they travel to Providence.

Notes:

- The 20 wins for Notre Dame marks the 16th season of Muffett McGraw's at Notre Dame that the Irish have won 20 games. It is the 12th consecutive 20-win season for Notre Dame.
- Notre Dame is now 15-0 against Pittsburgh all-time in the series.
- Charol Allen is averaging 16.8 points over her past eight games, coming off the bench for the Irish. The freshman is fourth on the team in scoring.

Irish forward Tori Francis works against Connecticut's Josh Boone in Notre Dame's win over the Huskies Jan. 20.

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the last 14 games against Notre Dame.

The Irish scored six points the rest of the way. It wasn't just that the offense stopped making shots, but the team didn't get into any flow. Syracuse adjusted its tradition­al 2-3 zone into more of a 3-2 look to take away the perimeter, Chris Thomas couldn't overcome that in the decisive look and Syracuse's full-court press to get his team consistently into good offensive positions.

Warrick and McNamara scored Syracuse's next 16 points. That stretch ended when Thomas fouled McNa­mara on a 3-point attempt. McNamara made all three free throws to put the Orange up 55-52 and give Syracuse its first advantage since leading 2-0.

During the last two minutes, McNamara made all seven of his free throws to provide Syracuse enough of an edge so they could maintain their lead even after four missed free throws by Terrence Roberts during the last 14 seconds.

Brey's technical foul came with 3:34 left. He was arguing with the official on a five-second call made against Chris Quinn.

McNamara made both free throws after the media time­out, just as he did after a technical on Jordan Cornette in the first half.

Those were Notre Dame's first technical fouls of the season, and the first time the Irish had a technical foul since Todd Jones earned one against Saint Louis in last season's NIT.

McNamara continued to struggle for the Irish, finishing with five points on 2-of-12 shooting, five assists and four turnovers. The senior still hasn't consis­tently found that balance of setting up his teammates and taking the game into his hands.

The most surprising thing on the night was Notre Dame's inability to make its free throws.

The Irish, who came into the game leading the Big East in free throw shooting, finished 6-of-17 from the charity stripe and dropped to second in the conference. Both teams played an ugly first half, but the Irish used a scoring spurt to build a 26-20 halftime lead. Up 13-12, a layup by Breeton Quinn and 3- pointers from Thomas and Quinn put the Irish ahead 21-12.

The most painful statistic of the first half was the Irish shooting 0-for-2 on their free throws.

The Irish return to the Joyce Center Tuesday night to face Boston College. The Golden Eagles are the first team in Big East history to start a season 20-0.

Tip-off is set for 7:00 p.m.
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THE OBSERVER
**ND Basketball**

**Two trips, two different results**

LaVere scores 17 points as the visiting Irish knock off Pittsburgh

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

Pittsburgh's "Pack the Petersen" promotion worked, drawing a season-high 5,652 fans. But Charel Allen's 11 bushshadows of hometown fans were the only ones heard as the No. 6 Irish defeated Pittsburgh 75-47 at the Petersen Events Center. The 28 points was Notre Dame's largest margin of victory this season.

"It feels great, because we haven't done that all year," Irish center Teresa Burton said. "We finally had the opportunity to get the lead and keep that to a large margin."

Courtney LaVere had 17 points and eight rebounds and Allen chipped in 16 points to lead the Irish. Allen, one of Pennsylvania's all-time high school scoring leaders, hails from Monessen, about an hour from Pittsburgh. The Irish finish with a 7-4 record at the Joyce Center.


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**FENCING**

**Irish finish with 8-0 record at Ohio Duals**

Both men and women end the weekend with four wins on the road

By ERIC RETTER

After this weekend, the Irish can start feeling more comfortable about next year.

Both the No. 2 women's and the No. 4 men's squads went undefeated at the Ohio State Duals, using mostly backups and younger fencers in competition against a much weaker field than the Irish had grown accustomed to facing in the last few events.

Each of Notre Dame's teams easily rolled to 4-0 records at the event. The men defeated both Purdue and Case Western Reserve by scores of 20-7, while beating Bowling Green 25-3 and Oberlin 26-1. The Irish women were even more dominant, shutting out Oberlin and triumphing over Purdue, Case Western and Bowling Green by respective scores of 24-3, 25-3 and 26-1.

Coach James Bednarski was pleased with his team's overall performance.

"It went very well, though it was not a hard tournament," he said.

All-American senior men's epeeist Michal Sobieraj was one of the few Irish starters seeing regular action this weekend, and he went 12-0 to extend his season record to 53-2, already ninth most wins for an Irish fencer in a season. Sophomore

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**MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD**

**Benninger runs 4-minute mile**

By JOHN EVERETT

Competing against some of the best athletes from all regions of the country, the Irish answered with excellent individual performances to establish their stance at the forefront of the Big East conference.

The field running the mile highlighted the 18th annual Meyo Invitational, held Friday and Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center.

Four runners in the event broke the four-minute mark, the time first broken by Roger Bannister in 1954 that has come to be the standard against which all runners are judged.

Indiana's Sean Jefferson, who crossed the finish line at 3 minutes, 56.44 seconds, one second

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**HOCKEY**

ND 1, UNO 0

The Irish tied Nebraska-Omaha Friday, but couldn't withstand the Mavericks' offensive Saturday.

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Hope 61, Saint Mary's 48

The Belles dropped their third conference game in a row.

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**ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

Notre Dame 163.5, Oakland 134.5

Oakland's first loss of the season came at the hands of the Irish women's squad.

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**MEN'S TENNIS**

Texas 4, ND 3, Duke 8, ND 1

The men's team's 6-0 start came to an end with two losses to ranked foes.

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**MEN'S SWIMMING**

Notre Dame 177, Oakland 107

The men won 10 out of their first 12 events on their way to the victory.

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