ABROAD returnees readjust to ND

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Editor’s Note: This is the first in a two-part series exploring how students make the transition back to Notre Dame from studying abroad.

“Expect life to be different,” reads a sentence in the London Program’s orientation handbook given to students before their semester abroad. For many Notre Dame students, cultural and linguistic differences can make re-entry into the United States — and especially into the Notre Dame community — difficult after spending a summer, semester or year abroad.

Crowds gather outside Buckingham Palace in London, a popular study abroad destination for Notre Dame students — some of whom face difficulties in returning to campus.

Book buyers look to new options for deals

By LUISA CABRERA
News Writer

While many returning students parked the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore with seemingly endless lines during the past week, some opted to buy their books elsewhere. After semesters of purchasing costly books while receiving minimal money back for the used copy after finals, students say they are exploring less expensive ways of buying books as well as buy-back programs with better incentives — despite a new Bookstore rewards program.

Senior Mary Catherine Cimino used Amazon.com for the first time to purchase and sell her books this semester. Though she had to wait for her books to be shipped, Cimino felt that it was worth the wait. “The tradeoff is that it takes a couple of days to receive the books, but it is worth it for the amount of money saved,” she said. “I also sold many textbooks online that I had not been able to sell back to the bookstore. In the past two days, I have made $200 just on selling books.”

Students are using Web sites such as Betterworldbook.com, Amazon.com, eBay.com and Half.com (owned by eBay), which offer competitive prices on the same new and used books sold at the bookstore.

In December 2002, two book buyers look to new options for deals

Unique challenges confront transfer students

Patience required during class registration, housing search

By KAREN LANGLEY
Assistant News Editor

When college students open their transfer acceptance letters from Notre Dame, they may assume the hardest part is behind them. But even though transfer orientation smooths the start to their careers as Notre Dame students, housing and class registration have proved challenging for some transfers this year.

Anne Martell, a sophomore transfer this fall, had been told she would not get on-campus housing her first semester. Instead, she found an apartment at Turtle Creek with three other female transfer students who had met on a message board set up by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

The group had addressed all of the paperwork required to rent the apartment but had not yet signed the lease, a delay that proved fruitful when Martell was contacted five days before she arrived on campus and informed that she could live in a dorm. Her roommates were also given on-campus housing.

“The difference between living on campus and off campus is like day and night,” Martell said. “I’m so glad — I can’t even imagine not living on campus.”

Ryan Brennan, a senior who transferred in the fall of his sophomore year, lived in a one-person studio apartment in Turtle Creek while waiting to receive on-campus housing. He got a place in Knott Hall in October of that year.

“That’s when I met my friends,” he said. “The first month a half was a little weird because there aren’t a lot of ways to meet people. You go to class and then there’s nowhere to go back to but your place.”

Brennan had met people in class and through pick-up sports, but he became more involved in the community after moving into Knott. He served as the hall’s senator his junior year and is currently a resident assistant.

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Campaign exchange heats up

SMC presidential, vice presidential hopefuls vie for votes

By MEGAN O’NEIL
Sor MARY’s Editor

Midway through their campaign, Saint Mary’s student body presidential and vice presidential candidates tried to win over voters Thursday by fielding students’ questions on everything from past leadership experience to the College’s relationships with Notre Dame.

The exchange between presidential hopeful and current student body vice president Susan McMillan and running mate Maggie Seifert and opposing candidates Amanda Shropshire and Anne Davis was largely congenial as the ticket outlined intended changes and highlighted personal attributes.

McMillan emphasized her role as president of the Student Academic Council while saying one of her main goals if elected would be to improve students’ selection of and enrollment in courses by making all course requirements available to students prior to registration. McMillan also hopes to examine adding and dropping classes, a

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INSIDE COLUMN

I have an iPod dream

There is nothing as blissfully anti-intellectual as the late-night cartoon comedy block (because the anime it contains is to be avoided) on Cartoon Network known as (adult swim). The most well-known show, and also my personal favorite, "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," features a genius box of French fries, a trouble-making milkshake and a lovable mentally handicapped waif of raw meat, all living under one roof in Jersey, next to the outstandingly irritable and libidinous Carl, clothed in a wife-beater vest. This is basically the format of (adult swim) cartoons. There is some crazy situation with eccentric characters from which hilarity (usually) ensues. There is rarely a conventional plotline or message. The best way to describe these shows, in all truthfulness, is "dumb."

This, however, is not really the case with a show new to both (adult swim) and television itself: "The Boondocks." Adapted from the politically- and socially-charged comic strip by Aaron McGruder that is syndicated in about 350 American newspapers.

Over break, I was fortunate to catch the Martin Luther King Day episode, entitled "Return of the King."
The premise of the episode is this: when MLK was shot, he slipped into a coma, but failed to die. He comes to in the present day, and moves to Chicago, where the main characters, Riley and Riley Freeman and their grandfather Robert, live. It turns out that Robert and MLK were brothers in the civil rights movement (Robert was sitting next to Rosa Parks, but she got all the attention). Through their relationship, Riley, a politically-aware and not necessarily those of The Observer. The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Peter Ninneman at pninnema@nd.edu

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Students look over materials for the semester while gathering at a Right to Life meeting in the auditorium of LaFortune Student Center Thursday.

OFFBEAT

Court upholds obscene conviction

SEATTLE — The Supreme Court has upheld a lower court ruling convicting a dairy executive of an obscene event promoting his company’s yogurt, a news report said Thursday. The court upheld a lower court fine of $500,000 ($500) for the executive, branded by the media as anti-American for believing his country should turn the other cheek to al-Qaeda. In addition, he has basically been forgotten by those nearly up his life.

The most memorable line of the show, in my opinion, is MLK saying, "I’ve learned that the only thing I need is a 20 gig." This is much truth revealed about our society in that simple line. There are so many social injustices left in the world for our generation to face, yet how often do we find ourselves more concerned with the type of iPod or video game system we should buy? Even MLK’s famous dream hasn’t been fully realized, and not enough people seem to realize that. It is ironic that the progress we have made in the past 40 years has blinded us from the problems we face in front of us.

We are all guilty, to some extent, of not picking up where Dr. King left off.

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IN BRIEF

Football walk-on applications are due today at the football office of the Guglielmino Athletics Complex. Forms can be picked up at the football office.

The Notre Dame Student Film Festival begins today at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The Festival will feature 12 short films made as class projects during the past year and will include dark comedies and documentaries.

Bill O’Connell’s Chicago Skyliners, a swing band, will perform today at 10 p.m. at Legends.

The Saint Mary’s swim team will compete against Kalamazoo College in its final home meet of the season today at 6:30 p.m. in Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The Saint Mary’s first year board is sponsoring Battle of the Bands 2006. Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Mary’s Student Center. The event will feature Notre Dame bands “Somersaults,” “Slap Bracelet Suicide,” “Robbie Hazen,” “Ryan Comnaughton” and “Patrick the Unlikely Genius.” Proceeds benefit Riley Hospital for Children.

Tim Reynolds, a collaborator with the Dave Matthews Band, will perform at Legends Saturday at 10 p.m. ND/Saint Mary’s Holy Cross I required.

Mission IMPROVable, a Chicago-based improv comedy group, will perform Saturday at 9 p.m. in Washington Hall. Admission is free.

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

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**The Observer**  •  CAMPUS NEWS

**The Observer** is currently accepting applications for the 2006-07 Editor-in-Chief

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**Saint Mary’s transfers face minor difficulties**

*By LAURA BAUMGARTNER*

Returning to school after a month-long break can be a difficult adjustment for any student, but the adjustment to Saint Mary's is much more harrowing for new spring transfer students.

With this challenge in mind, Saint Mary's tries to smooth the transition for transfers by providing an orientation with tours and other activities through the Office of Student Activities.

Transfer students are also assisted in finding housing by Residence Life and in registering for classes by Academic Affairs.

"Typically, they follow same processes for housing and registering as any student first coming to the College," said Michelle Bussell, director of Residence Life.

In the search for housing, transfer students are treated the same as students returning from studies abroad, Bussell said. Students fill out a housing preference form and are then matched with roommates based on their preferences, as well as their year in school and their age, and what rooms are available, she said.

"We did have some problems this semester because there were no doubles available," Bussell said. "When something like that happens, we look at what is available and place students where we can."

There are 12 students who have transferred to Saint Mary's so far, the registrar said, though that number could rise. Students still have the opportunity to decide to transfer to Saint Mary's throughout this week, Russell said.

"We won't be sure of the final number of transfer students until enrollment ends on Sunday," she said. "Until enrollment ends, there is still the possibility that more students may decide to come here."

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**LUCY BLANDFORD PILKINTON**

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"When I first got to Notre Dame, I had nothing to do but go to the library and do well in school," he said. "When I got into the dorms, there was a lot more to do. My grades got a lot worse, but it was a good thing."

Sophomore transfer Casey Bouskill was set to arrive at a bus stop the first week of school, but like Martell, she was told a few days before the semes­ter's start that she would be living in Farley Hall.

"I found out four days before I came," she said. "It was pretty nerve-wracking." Despite the stress of changing plans last minute, Bouskill was enthusiastic about living on campus.

" Dorm life is clearly an essential part of the life of an ND student, a home base per se," she said. "If I was not as fortunate as I was to be on campus, I would be missing out on all the bonds and friendships I've made at Farley. It truly has become a home, instead of a place to rest my head."

Transfer students also encounter difficulty with registering for classes, a process the rest of the student body completed months earlier. Though the transfer students—who are all admitted directly to a college—receive advising from their deans, the students often struggle to find open classes for which they meet the prerequisites, said Associate Registrar Laura Spaulding.

"So many classes are closed now that they have a real problem with that," she said. "They'll get something, but it's probably not the best schedule around."

At such a late date, there is no way to avoid the scramble to find classes, said Associate Director of Admissions Susan Joyce.

"I tell people, the first semester is going to be a little bit of a scavenger hunt, but they will get good counseling about what courses to choose," Joyce said.

Through the nature of Arts and Letters programs lead that college's transfers to face the most problems while register­ing for classes, history major Casey Martell said the process was easier than she expected, consider­ing the late date of trans­fer registration.

"Professors have been really understanding," she said. "They know we got there at the last minute, if you go and talk to people they're really understand­ing. Everyone—faculty, advisors, students and others were bending over back­wards to help."

Though neither locating housing nor registering for classes went error-free, students were enthusiastic about their transfer orientation, an event that they described as more mature and intimate than their freshman orienta­tion.

"Our orientation was over 100 people, but everyone became pretty tight," Martell said. "It was a great bonding experience and how we made all our friends."

Orientation is run by former transfer students. Both new transfers and the Admissions Office stressed the importance of the experience their orienta­tion leaders brought to the students.

"Who better than those who have been through it to help them make the social and aca­demic transition?" Joyce said.

The four-day fall orientation featured events like a catered trip to the dunes, group tours and discussions held by the lakes. This lengthy adjustment period is a luxury which spring transfers do not experience, Joyce said.

"Spring semester (transfer) students have to have an extra resilience," she said. Though seamless transitions to a new college are rare, Joyce lauded the enthusiasm and resilience of Notre Dame's transfers. She emphasized that once transfers arrive on cam­pus, they are Notre Dame stu­dents.

"I think transfer students bring a unique perspective to Notre Dame," she said. "They tend to be the most active stu­dents, since they're fitting four years into two and a half or three years. There's no doubt in my mind that they con­tribute to the community."

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Saint Mary’s elections 2006: Meet the Belles who could rule the school

Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis

Who are they?
Shropshire is a junior sociology major and English writing minor who currently serves as president of Student Diversity Board (SDB). Davis is a sophomore English literature and writing major with minors in secondary education and philosophy. Davis, who serves as president of Volunteers in Support of Admission (VISA), also coordinates with the Office of Admissions to attract applicants to Saint Mary’s as the Admissions Commissioner.

Fun Facts
Shropshire admitted to being obsessed with Xena the Warrior Princess. Davis said she gets most excited when she receives a piece of mail in her mailbox.

Notable Quote
“The time you are in student government doesn’t make a difference if you aren’t really getting down and dirty.” — Amanda Shropshire

Top Priority
Attending to the small details on campus — such as laundry facilities, parking tickets and dorm furniture — that are sometimes overlooked as insignificant.

First Priority
Restructuring student government into a tighter framework and restoring excitement and respect for student leadership on campus.

In Our Words
The gritty approach of Shropshire and Davis has proven the running mates to be well in touch with Saint Mary’s students’ concerns. While their campaign lacks the larger specific goals presented by McIlfuff and Seifert, their focus on the little aspects of campus life offers a down-to-earth attitude past administrations have lacked.

More importantly, as president of SDB and Admissions Commissioner, Shropshire and Davis present quite a powerful team. In their leadership roles during the last year, the two women have taken the helm for Saint Mary’s students on the two most critical current issues at the College, enrollment numbers and diversity. Their experience as president of SDB and Admissions Commissioner could prove invaluable to student government if the two are elected.

Susan McIlfuff and Maggie Seifert

Who are they?
A junior business administration and mass communications studies double major, McIlfuff currently serves as student body vice president and president of the Student Academic Council. As a sophomore, she was Student Government Association Chief of Staff under then-president Sarah Catherine White. She is also a member of Volunteers in Support of Admission (VISA). Maggie Seifert is co-chair of the Student Activities Board Entertainment Committee and is the sophomore class representative for the art department. An art major, Seifert served as the 2008 class president last year.

Fun Facts
This past summer McIlfuff taught politics to junior high students in Washington, D.C. Seifert has a scar on her eye, the result of a slap in the face from her older sister when she was in the second grade.

Notable Quote
“I feel that we are a strong team because she is the current vice president of the student body and she know what it takes, she knows the ropes. And she is running with me and I bring a new perspective.” — Maggie Seifert

Top Priority
To enable students to better select classes each semester by making course requirements available prior to registration.

First Priority
Guaranteeing a strong student voice in the selection of two new College administrators — Vice President and Dean of Faculty and Vice President and Dean of Students — by ensuring student representation on the search committees.

In Our Words
McIlfuff and Seifert head into election day with an impressive resume of student government experience between them. Having served on the Board of Governance the past two years, McIlfuff is not only well-known among students but has also developed working relationship with the College administration as a member of the New Building Committee.

The McIlfuff/Seifert campaign platform is very specific and offers concrete goals — such as reducing the number of daily campus-wide e-mails sent out by campus clubs — the pair intends to strive for.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Slovak plane crash kills at least 16 - HURTIG - A Slovak security plane derec­
ing from Kosovo crashed in a mountainous region of northeastern Hungary on Thursday, killing all 16 passengers and crew on board, officials said. At least one survivor was found at the site of the crash near the Slovak border, said Tibor Dobson, a spokesman for Hungary's national disaster agency. Interior Ministry spokesman Sandor Dordan said that the aircraft was carrying Slovak soldiers, but he did not elaborate.

But a NATO officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity and was quoted as saying that there was a good chance the survivors would be able to speak on to the media, said in Kosovo that the plane carried homeward bound Slovak troops who had been serving in the NATO-led peace-keeping force. Officials say Slovak troops help patrol the boundary between Kosovo and Serbia.

Baghdad bombings kill over a dozen

BAGHDAD - Two near-simultaneous bomb attacks that left a crowded downtown Baghdad coffee shop and a nearby restauran­
t Thursday, killing more than a dozen people. The attacks occurred on a foreign assessment team that was reporting evidence of fraud in the Dec. 15 elections, but did not endorse calls for a rerun.

The bombings occurred despite govern­
ment moves to broaden efforts to stabilize Monday's elections. But a spokesman for the Iraqi Interior Ministry, a spokesman for the national unity government, and a spokesman for the nation's largest Arab group.

NATIONAL NEWS

Unmanned spacecraft sent to Pluto

CAPE CANAVERAL - An unmanned NASA spacecraft hurtled toward Pluto on Thursday on a 3-billion-mile journey to the solar system's last unexplored planet - a voyage so long that some of the scientists who will be celebrating its arrival are just taking their first physics class.

The New Horizons spacecraft blasted off aboard a powerful rocket as a spectacular start to the $700 million mission. Though it is the fastest spacecraft ever launched, capable of reaching the outer reaches of the solar system, it will take Pluto more than a dozen years to reach Pluto and the frigid, sunless reaches of the Kuiper Belt.

"God has laid out the solar system in a way that requires a certain amount of patience on the part of those who choose to explore it," NASA administrator Michael Griffin said.

College students lack literacy skills

WASHINGTON - Nearing a diploma, most college students cannot handle many complex but common tasks, from understand­
ing credit card offers to comparing the cost per ounce of food.

Those are sobering findings of a study of literacy on college campuses, the first to take the skills of students as they approach the start of their careers.

More than 50 percent of students at four­
year schools and more than 75 percent at two-year colleges lacked the skills to per­
form complex literacy tasks.

LOCAL NEWS

Indy's air ranks among the worst

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - Indianapolis had the eighth-highest airborne particulate pollution among the nation's largest metropolitan areas in 2004 - higher than even the Charlotte, N.C., area - according to a report released today by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

The report, based on Environmental Protection Agency data, showed that Indianapolis continued to exceed the annual federal standard for microscopic particles despite years of improving air quality.

Leahy and Salazar to oppose Alito

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Two Democrats who supported Chief Justice John Roberts said Thursday they would oppose Supreme Court nominee John G. Alito in next week's Senate vote.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers of Michigan, who voted for the Supreme Court in 2005, and Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Sen. Ken Salazar of Colorado both indicated that their votes would not be enough to keep President Bush from appointing Alito to the court.

"At a time when the president is act­
ing unprecedented power, the Supreme Court needs to act as a check and to provide balance," Leahy, the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said in a speech at Georgetown University's law school.

"Based on the hearing and his record, I cannot support Judge Alito," Conyers said. The Senate, with 52 Democrats and 48 Republicans, is evenly divided, but the chamber will add one Democrat, Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska, in January.

Alito would replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, whose retirement after 24 years on the court has left a narrow 5-4 conservative majority on the high court. Conyers said the court was a "dangerous place" for the nation's highest court.

Leahy said the nomination legislation was "a bill that would weaken the court and make it much more conservative." The Senate has voted to confirm all but 10 of Bush's court appointees, and Leahy said an Aloito confirmation would be a "tragic error for the country."
Grad students receive $100,000
Council of Graduate Schools grants Notre Dame research money

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Beginning this year, Notre Dame graduate students have been taking a little time from research of their own to assist in a study of doctoral students' habits.

In 2004, Notre Dame Graduate School received a $100,000 grant from the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) to conduct a research project to examine the socialization of graduate doctoral students. The CGS gave 15 grants to various graduate schools that designed a project to research and develop ways to improve the doctoral experience for students in areas such as mentoring, financial support and program environment.

Notre Dame's study, led by Dr. Peter Diffley, associate dean of the Graduate School and principal investigator for the project, involves offering surveys to first-year Ph.D. students at Notre Dame and Purdue in hopes of tracking their entire doctoral experiences.

The study commenced when an initial survey was given to students at the start of the fall 2005 semester and continued with another survey during that semester. A third survey will be given at the beginning of the spring 2006 semester, a fourth during that semester and a fifth at the academic year's end. Funding for the project will continue during the next two years, with three surveys issued each year.

Approximately 300 students from 14 departments at Notre Dame and 14 departments at Purdue participated last semester. The first survey met a 41 percent response rate, and the response grew to 56 percent for the second survey.

Surveys asked about demographic information, the challenges and the successes that students anticipate and topics such as the role of students' families in their doctoral experiences. Later surveys follow up these questions.

The study as a whole seeks to observe changes in students' expectations as they encounter real experiences.

A lottery is held as an incentive for students to take part in the survey. Participants' names are entered into the lottery, and one winner is chosen to win $1,000. The first winner of the lottery was Joseph Herzog, an electrical engineering student. Herzog said the research project will enrich his own doctoral experience. He encouraged students to participate because "they can help other people with their research so that they can have more data."

Data gathered from the surveys will be used "to get a sense of what experience students have here, as well as at Purdue, so that the Graduate School can enhance its programming for Ph.D. students," said Cecilia Lucero, Ph.D., assistant to the dean.

A peer mentoring program has already been launched as a result of the data, as well as a "Careers for Masters Program." This program will help graduate students who are considering careers outside of academia. The Graduate School also seeks feedback on services, such as campus visitations, to see how they impact prospective graduate students and how they can be improved.

"Information will help us develop programming better to meet the needs of doctoral students," Lucero said.

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Notre Dame then-sophomores launched NDBay.com, an online textbook-trading Web site designed to help Notre Dame students save money while purchasing books. Student body president Dave Baron said student government purchased NDBay.com in April 2005 from its creators in an attempt to alleviate high book prices. The site was placed under the care of the Student Business Board, but it encountered significant technical problems and had to be taken down.

"We are continuing to pursue the issue by working with OIT and the new InsideND portal to provide the book exchange, in a format similar to the new online Rider Board that has achieved quick success," Baron said.

Freshman Meredith Rowland agreed that using other sources would help her save money, yet she acknowledged that the bookstore's location is to its advantage.

"I feel that in the long run, I can save money on buying books from other sources," Rowland said. "What you can't beat is the efficiency of being able to walk across campus and have all your books." She still preferred to spend more money at the bookstore than have to deal with the hassle of buying books online.

Sophomore Steven Dias said he prefers to spend more money at the bookstore than have to deal with the hassle of buying books online.

"My motivation for buying books from the bookstore is the relative ease compared to what I feel I would have to do if I bought them online," Dias said. "I guess I use more money than patience in the process."

On Jan. 1 the bookstore launched a new rewards program called Bookstore Boomerang Rewards. The program offers one point for every dollar spent in the store and two points for every dollar received for selling books back. Special bonus points are added upon signing up for an account, as well as for purchasing select items throughout the year. Once a student has reached a total of 2,000 points, he or she is awarded a $25 gift certificate to the bookstore or a $20 gift certificate to stores and restaurants such as The Gap, Blockbuster, and Domino's Pizza.

Bookstore director Sally Wiatrowski said the program was started in order to maintain a loyalty incentive for the customers.

The program will help in maintaining the bookstore's aim to keep the market share on campus and cut the competition as much as possible.

As more inexpensive and satisfactory options become available to students in buying and selling their books, sophomore Mike Hazlebeck doubted the rewards program would have much effect on the book store.

"This program is obviously just another ploy by the bookstore to expand their monopoly over milking students out of more money," Hazlebeck said. "Yes, eventually you might get a couple free pizzas, but in reality you could have saved hundreds of dollars by simply talking a couple hours online or talking to people. The Boomerang program is just another attempt to force people into paying higher prices."

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**In Brief**

Shareholder group is against J&J

BOSTON — A proxy advisory firm is recommending Guidant Corp. shareholders reject Johnson & Johnson’s latest buyout proposal, a move that comes as J&J weighs whether to sweeten its offer for the medical device maker once again to trump Guidant’s favorable recommendation of the moment, Boston Scientific Corp.

The Massachusetts company owes its current front-runner status in part to Abbott’s and other assistance to help Boston Scientific go after Guidant is fueling speculation that the new allies could themselves become merger partners sometime.

Institutional Shareholder Services, a 21-year-old firm that holds a virtual monopoly on advising shareholders on proxy votes and governance issues, on Wednesday issued a recommendation against J&J’s bid ahead of Guidant shareholders’ scheduled Jan. 31 vote.

**Stocks climb with an upbeat outlook**

NEW YORK — Stocks turned higher Thursday and regained most of the ground they lost in the previous session following a bright first-quarter outlook from semiconductor maker Advanced Micro Devices Inc. and upgrades of oil services stocks.

AMD’s forecast heartened tech investors who were spooked Wednesday by disappointing earnings forecasts from Intel Corp. and Yahoo Inc. Since semiconductors form the guts of much high-tech equipment, AMD is seen as a bellwether and its outlook was enough to make investors overlook a dimmer forecast from Apache Corp.

"People are happy that the Intel had news didn’t translate to other semiconductor stocks," said Robert Norek, portfolio manager of Northern Trust Select Equity Fund in Chicago.

Investors also cheered oil services company Schlumberger Ltd.’s announcement of a 2-for-1 stock split and Morgan Stanley’s upgrades of oil services businesses, including Halliburton Co. and Baker Hughes Inc.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 22.95, or 0.24 percent, to 10,880.71.

**Computer error causes confusion**

NEW YORK — Shares of AMR Corp. closed up 16 cents to $20.55 Thursday. Or were they $18.31?

A computer glitch at the Nasdaq Stock Market left erroneous stock price swings on major online financial news Web sites and brokerage sites all day Thursday. While nearly impossible to assess what the full extent of the damage, the technical snafu created incorrect price changes for some of the 1,457 stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Someone relying on Web sites for stock data on Thursday got the correct price of the stock in the current market, but the wrong change — for example, as in the case of AMR, up $1.84 instead of 16 cents.

The errors created the potential for investors using the erroneous information in deciding on a stock trade — someone seeing AMR up $1.84 could wonder whether the money-losing airline’s fortunes have improved, for example.

Nasdaq spokeswoman Bethany Zipp reported on after seeing the latest developments, said customers had handled several prominent cases involving privacy issues.

"As just as most people would be upset if the government wanted to know how many serious you called your mother and what you talked about, they should be upset about this, too."

"The content of search request sometimes contain information about the person making the query. For instance, it’s not unusual for search request to include names, medical information or Social Security informa­tion, said Pam Dixon, executive director of the World Privacy Forum."

"It is this exactly the kind of thing we have been worrying about with search engine for some time," Dixon said. "Google should be commended for fighting this."

Other search engines already have complied with similar subpoenas issued by the Bush administration, according to court documents. The cooperating search engines weren’t identified.

Yahoo stressed that it didn’t reveal any personal information. "We are rigorous defenders of our users’ privacy," Yahoo spokeswoman Mary Osako said Thursday. "In our opinion, this is not a privacy issue."
Jolie children will legally become Pitt’s

A Santa Monica court granted Angelina Jolie’s request Thursday for her two children to take Brad Pitt’s name.

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A judge granted a request Thursday by Angelina Jolie to change the names of her two children to reflect that Brad Pitt intends to become their adoptive father.

“The court granted the name change,” lawyer Evan Spiegel, who represents Jolie, told reporters outside court. He did not take questions.

Neither Jolie nor Pitt, who co-starred in the film “Mr. & Mrs. Smith,” attended the hearing.

The names of the children will become Zahara Marley Jolie-Pitt and Maddox Chivan Jolie-Pitt. Zahara celebrated her first birthday on Jan. 8, Maddox, a boy, is 4.

Superior Court Judge Linda Lefkowitz approved the motion during a closed hearing about a month after lawyers for the 30-year-old actress filed the paperwork.

Pitt’s publicist, Cindy Guagenti, said on Jan. 11 that Jolie is pregnant with Pitt’s child.

The 42-year-old actor accompanied Jolie when she went to Ethiopia in July to adopt Zahara. In 2002, Jolie adopted Maddox in Cambodia where she filmed “Lara Croft: Tomb Raider.” Pitt and Jennifer Aniston were divorced last October after 4 1/2 years of marriage.

He has denied Jolie was behind the split, and for months the couple did not publicly acknowledge their relationship despite increasingly frequent sightings together.

Jolie, who won an Oscar for her supporting role in 1999’s “Girl, Interrupted,” is divorced from Billy Bob Thornton and Jonny Lee Miller.

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largest study-abroad program, with more than 130 students each semester — said information provided through the orientation handbook and orientation sessions helps students become aware of the differences they will experience in London.

"We do prepare people ... for differences in legal issues ... cultural differences ... in some ways how to stand back and observe," she said. "We try to take the edge off it by getting adjusted to living in London ... to make the process as smooth as possible so they can focus on the social issues."

Bays said the preparation is not confined to campus, as London Program students also receive a separation orientation once they arrive in London.

"They address some of these [cultural] issues, along with safety issues, and are given a walking tour of the neighborhood," she said.

Students live together in four- or six-person flats, although specific rooms are single-sex, the entire building houses both male and female students. As a result, Bays said students can have an especially difficult time transitioning back to living on-campus in Notre Dame's single-sex dorms.

"The experience with particular, living in flats, cooking for themselves ... and gender relationships are very different," Bays said. "Relationships between males and females are more collegiate in London, and they see each other as hallmates."

Bays said moving from an urban city like London to a smaller city like South Bend can be "especially disorienting with differences between classes in London and those at Notre Dame."

Support services offered
Bays said both the London Program and the International Studies Office schedule meetings with returning students to gather feedback and provide a forum for students to talk about their experiences abroad.

Anne Hayes, program coordinator for the study abroad programs in Toledo, Spain; Santiago, Chile; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil said she met Wednesday evening with her students returning from Spain and will meet early next week with her students from Chile and Brazil.

"We have a debriefing sessions," Hayes said. "We also have an evaluation sent out to students [returning from abroad] ... There is a new question this year asking about re-entry and what services students would like to see provided."

Bays said she is currently working on a handbook with articles to assist students with the transition from America to their host country and vice-versa and that the Office of International Studies does "as much as we can" to help students facing re-entry difficulties.

However, Hayes said that the Office of International Studies, its program coordinators in particular, might not be the first resource that students who need to talk about re-entry difficulties use upon their return.

"It's hard because students are at different levels," she said. "Some want to process [their experience abroad] ... and some get back into their life at Notre Dame and don't have as much time or energy to process."

Hayes said Campus Ministry plans a Mass and a dinner for all returnees and International Studies Program staff, which will occur Monday.

She also said the International Studies Program holds an annual photo contest that presents with a forum to share their experiences through photography.

For students contemplating careers overseas, Hayes said the Helen Kellogg Institute, in conjunction with several other departments on campus, is organizing an International Career Workshop to be held Feb. 11 in the Heshburg Center.

Bays said she recently sent London Program returnees an e-mail that mentioned these resources and events, and the London Program's tea also serves as a debriefing opportunity to "get students back together to talk about their experiences and difficulties."

"We have a debriefing for students on parliamentary internships, experiential learning projects and volunteer opportunities," she said. "A side purpose of it is getting students back together to talk about their experiences and difficulties."

"Debriefing is partially to get feedback but also an opportunity for students to get together so they are not alone.

While the London Program used to hold even more events for returning students, such as teas for Junior Parents Weekend and graduation and trips to Actors from the London Stage productions, Hayes said budget cuts have meant the elimination of these opportunities.

Bays said some students have also joined a student advisory council, a group that helps in recruiting London Program students but also meets to talk about their experiences while in London and offer feedback and support.

"We offer students a lot of opportunities to talk," she said. "But transition difficulties may be indicators of positive change. Both Bays and Hayes stressed that facing transition difficulties often mean students have experienced significant personal growth abroad.

"Getting people to acknowledge when they are having problems is a sign of emotional maturity," Hayes said. "Students are not the person they were before ... Re-entry can be a sign of emotional health. There was an investment made." Hayes, who studied abroad during her years at Notre Dame, said it can be difficult for a student to re-acclimate him or herself to living in America.

"I think that the culture shock when you are coming back can be as just as great as when you go," Hayes said. "Generally, if you have integrated yourself to a host culture, you see things through a different lens of view. It's only natural to experience some re-entry shock upon your return."
The Observer endorses Shropshire-Davis

Honoring a genuine Notre Dame hero

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Hidden danger off-campus

After the holidays, we are all a little bit more round and jolly, especially in the woodland. Hey, it's hard to say no to a second helping of attendees. Who can resist a tasty combination of burgers, cheese, and a certain extra turtle, possibly? So you won't lose the low handles? From An Aureola in Z. Perhaps we can stock up on sands of diet pills to aid you.

But just around the corner at the University of Bowling Green Research Center, there is a pill in the works called APD 356 to help you lose weight without diet and exercise. At least that's the claim made by its manufacturer, Arena Pharmaceuticals. The main goal of APD 356 is to regulate body weight by regulating appetite. Inside this little white pill is a small molecule that helps regulate hunger and metabolism. But just around the corner in this drug is said to be safe? Sadly, it is often taken years, if not decades, to fully comprehend the full effect of new drugs. Remember Fen­phen? Many over-the-counter pills are not FDA approved. They can be sold without studies as long as they contain ingredients already in food supply.

Another danger of some diet pills that inhibit the absorption of fat is gastrointestinal side effects. This includes fun oil spots on your draw­ers, lovable infectious diarrhea, the popular rec­tal pain and fabulous oily stool. Mmm. But many people simply want the weight gone. Who can blame them? While the values leak in ten years? I just want to look uber-hot in this bathing suit!

And the obesity market knows this.

Taylor Copeland
Bowling Green University

Small price to pay for saving a life

What if someone told you that you can save the lives of people around the world within an hour? What if you were told that you could literally be that beacon of life for someone in a life or death situation, and you can be that beacon right before your 2:00 class?

It's possible.

According to the official Web site of the Red Cross, blood is an endangered species. Without donors who donate blood, the blood supply would run out. According to the Red Cross, blood donation is critical. Without blood, the threat of severe injury from blood loss can be critical.

Even worse, certain metropolitan areas of the country (including Cleveland) have a shortage of blood donors. People are always able to help to meet the needs of those who require it.

There is a large number of people who are eligible to give blood, but whatever their reserva­tions are, won't step up to the plate and do their part. Perhaps the greatest reservation is that the American population suffers from achlopho­bia, or the fear of needles (and other pointsy objects). And we're not condemning acho­mophobes, either; conquering your fear of having a needle stuck into your arm is a big step.

But two seconds of your pain could be the difference between happiness and despair for a family. You will instantly become a savior (liter­ally) to someone who will be forever in your gratitude without ever knowing your name.

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Slow and steady still best

Apple's iPods continue to thrive in the market. Whether you are an audiophile or simply want to listen to music on the go, the iPod has something for everyone. From its sleek design to its endless hours of battery life, the iPod remains a popular device amongst music lovers worldwide.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

January 20, 2006

Read the headlines from the Jan. 19 edition of The Observer. Hidden danger off-campus. breakout off-campus break-ins (namely at Kramer properties) did not surprise me. However, Mark Kramer's selective memory of prior incidents did surprise me, because he blamed the recent surge in crime on the fact that he "could count on one hand how many times this has happened" in all of his years of renting houses to students in high-crime neighborhoods. I can count on two hands (and maybe a foot) how many times it happened during the 2000-01 school year. At St. Pete's Street, one of the Cedar Street homes, we had one break-in and a man show up at a party, yelling at students and revealing his handgun. I found a security guard beaten and his handgun stolen in front of my house on my way to a party at Lafayette.

My girlfriend lived on St. Pete's Street and thieves broke into her house, turning the street from a safe place to a nơi. a porch full of their neighbors was robbed at gunpoint. I could go on naming other crimes at other Kramer properties, but I think, in that these crimes are not an isolated incidents (as Kramer wants all of you underclassmen to believe), be wary of the neighborhood that helps regulate hunger and metabolism. But also, this drug is said to be safe? Sadly, it is often taken years, if not decades, to fully comprehend the full effect of new drugs. Remember Fen­phen? Many over-the-counter pills are not FDA approved. They can be sold without studies as long as they contain ingredients already in food supply.

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Behind the-scenes star set to rock Legends

Dave Matthews Band collaborist Tim Reynolds has a unique brand of music

By BOB COSTA
Scene Writer

The legendary guitarist Tim Reynolds is slated to play at Notre Dame's Legends Night Club this Saturday. Reynolds is a frequent guest member of the famous group the Dave Matthews Band.

Though the planning took many different ways I can represent a friendship and local bartender Matthews. At that time, Reynolds was much more well-known in the region for his musicianship and Matthews thrilled off the enigmatic virtuoso. Matthews still fronted his own band, Dave Matthews Band, but spent much time with Reynolds as he honed his own distinctive guitar sound.

But as grassroots following for Dave Matthews Band became an undeniable phenomenon, Reynolds began to carve out a role within that band that he would stick to for the rest of his career. Rather than joining DMB as a full-fledged member, Reynolds decided to help the band during their recordings and on-tour, but still have his focus on his solo work and TDB.

"My music is scattered energy; I like to rock out on the acoustic, reinvent the music, play the fast songs, and blue covers," Reynolds said. "During the last couple of years I've done an acoustic set with a half-hour on drum machine. I'm now exploring more on the twelve-string. Back in the seventies, I first owned a twelve-string. It was simple, and then I had all this apparatus to play with. So now, I just want to challenge myself to learn more high-energy acoustic.

Notre Dame fans will be able to see just how different a Tim Reynolds show can be. Don't expect to see a DMB, but you'll definitely be in for a night of experimental songs and beloved covers to rock out with.

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SMC PREVIEW

Battle of the Bands will be the first of its kind at Saint Mary's

By LIZ HARTER
Scene Writer

There will be a battle at Saint Mary's Saturday night. At 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center, four acts, four bands and two solo artists, will compete in the first ever Battle of Saint Mary's Battle of the Bands, sponsored by the First Year Board and the Residence Hall Association.

A representative to appear are Robbie Hazen, Slap Bracelet Suicide, Somersaults and Ryan Goosen. Although local bands also were considered, Saint Mary's resident Clougherty said that Saint Mary's wanted to soon the competitive nature of the student groups.

During winter break, Clougherty and Frances Bruder, the Student Activities Coordinator, e-mailed out to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students advertising the idea to most interested.

The first asked a program named the SMC Battle of the Bands. Three shows, five bands replied and accepted — though one band had to drop out due to conflicts who will be in town for the contest.

"The advantages are tremendous," Clougherty said. 

The judges include the members of the indie band Thornberrd and producer Ulysses Noriega, who has worked with artists such as Coolin, Ben Fields and Limp Bizkit. The performers will also be able to attend a 30-minute session with the judges on Sunday, during which they will receive one-on-one feedback about their lyrics and performances. Thornberrd will also be performing at Saint Mary's on Jan. 23.

The Battle of the Bands is one of the fundraising ideas that will coincide with the Saint Mary's Dance Marathon, taking place on April 21 to benefit Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. Riley Hospital does not turn any children away due to monetary needs and therefore spends $25 million unbudgeted every year. At least 68 colleges and universities including IU, Butler University, Ball State and, this year, Saint Mary's, put on dance marathons to help raise this money.

"Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to take a band into the light," said Lonnie Johnson, president of the Class of 2009, quipping the freshman board's Riley Hospital motto. "Do it for the kids. The evening will be fun, and these children need all the money that they can get."

One hundred percent of the profits from Saturday night will benefit Riley Hospital for Children. Tickets cost $6 in advance, sold in the Student Center at Saint Mary's and the LaFortune Box Office at Notre Dame, and cost $8 at the door.

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It's not very often that Notre Dame students can come together on campus to examine and admire the collective work of three famous directors. This weekend, one of those rare chances arrives with the introduction of Film, Television and Theatre's 17th annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival.

The festival, which took place in 1988 when professor Ted Mandrell came to Notre Dame in its infancy and began to compile the film work of TFT students, is a celebration of talent and ambition. Since its inception, the festival has grown out of its original location, and has found homes through the years at the Studebaker Museum, the LaPorte County Auditorium, and most recently in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

It is in DPAC'S Browning Cinema where the films of talent and ideas will be featured today, tomorrow and Sunday. With the new technology available in the state-of-the-art theatre, the short films assembled for the festival will make an event that is not to be missed.

As an introduction to the two-hour showcase of film studies, Mandrell has created a short film called "Planner Hall 1974," which depicts a fictional scenario in a nearly complete film school.

"Charlie Weis goes to Badin Hall and decides that he wants to be a football coach," Mandrell said. Residents of Badin may be even more enthusiastic about seeing this introduction because some of the films featured in the festival this weekend are "Two Dollar Ride," the film, created by 1987 graduates Jan Wohrle and Michael Kusz, which featured in the festival this weekend is titled "Two Dollar Ride." The film, created by our students, is among his most famous in motion pictures.

The film is dominated by Alec Guiness, whose powerful hypnotic performance is the hinge on which the picture rests. As the increasingly obsessive Colonel Nicholson, Guiness turns in one of the century's most memorable performances, and certainly among his finest. Nicholson is considerably less Lynchian than the character of a portrait of a certain Jedi Knight (Lea's obi-wan). Lea's Postcards, a rare example of British and 1987 student work, will find it a treat to watch.

"The Bridge on the River Kwai\" is the first movie in a series of key historical films, will be featured this weekend as part of the "PAC Classic 100."

The Bridge on the River Kwai

By BRIAN DOXTADER

"The Bridge on the River Kwai\" was the first in a brilliant trio of films that became turning points in the history of cinema. The 1957 film, which won the Best Picture Academy Award, was followed by 1962's "Lawrence of Arabia\" (adapted by Lea's magnificentopus) and 1963's "Doctor Zhivago.\" While all three share many of the same themes (spititual humans against a grand historical backdrop with an epic slate), the lean and realistic narratives of "The Bridge on the River Kwai\" grants it an urgency and clear sense of purpose that adorns its successors.

"The Bridge on the River Kwai\" is nominally a war film, but its ambiguity and thematic lack of resolution transcends those genre limitations. It follows British Colonel Nicholson (Alec Guiness) and his troops, who are under the thumb of Japanese camp commander Colonel Saito (Sessue Hayakawa). Nicholson's mission is to build a bridge on the River Kwai, while the cloverly descriptive title will allow for the greatest interpretation of ambiguity. While Nicholson originally balks at the idea, he eventually agrees and soon becomes obsessed with completing the bridge to perfection — this, he believes, will prove the superiority of the British over the Japanese.

"The Bridge on the River Kwai\" is often referred to as "Super Dave" as he shuttles students from bar to bar. For the first time in the Notre Dame Student Film Festival's history, there is a musical on the lineup, "Doctor Zhivago. While Saito's (although Haggard\'s) film is dominated by a woman, the film's most famous line is: "As long as there is one man who is brainwashed into believing in his own superiority over a woman, the question of the bridge will never be decided."

"The Bridge on the River Kwai\" is among his most timelessness. Though not an epic on the scale of "Lawrence of Arabia," "The Bridge on the River Kwai\" is still essential viewing and a great picture. Those unfamiliar with Lea's work should find it a great starting point and it is especially recommended for those who only know Guiness as Obi-Wan Kenobi.

"The Bridge on the River Kwai\" will be shown Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DPAC, as part of the PAC Classic 100.

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Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Little by little, Virginia’s players are understanding more and more of coach Dave Leitao’s teachings, and it’s starting to show.

“Good things are happening,” guard J.R. Reynolds said. Reynolds was one of those good things Thursday night, scoring 10 of his 10 rebounds in the last 11 minutes when the surprising Cavaliers used a big run to go ahead for good and then held on to beat equally young No. 24 North Carolina, 72-68.

“It’s a learning process, and we’re getting better each day,” Reynolds said.

Guard Sean Singletary, whose first season came in the difficult last season under Pete Gilliom, added and said things should only continue to get better.

“We’re buying into what he’s saying,” Singletary said. “He’s been preaching to us since he first stepped foot in Charlottesville. It feels like everybody is really responding to what he’s saying. When it comes game time, it’s really showing.”

The victory was the second in a row for the Cavaliers (9-6, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), following up a 54-49 win at Virginia Tech on Sunday.

The results, Leitao said, show the team that he knows what he’s doing when insisting they play tough defense, take care of the ball and play with discipline.

“I can talk until I’m blue in the face, but these proving points happen, fortunately or unfortunately, when you win or lose games,” he said.

North Carolina (10-4, 2-2) lost its second straight. The 10 Tar Heels were stunned 81-70 at home by Miami on Saturday, ending a four-game winning streak, and were stymied by Virginia’s interior defense on Tyler Hansbrough and 36 percent shooting.

“They’re just dominating the game,” North Carolina coach Roy Williams said.

Singletary led Virginia with 18 points, but had only two down the stretch when Reynolds, freshman Laurynus Mikalauskas and Jason Cain all had big plays in the game.

Mikalauskas twice scored on putbacks and grabbed several key rebounds, and Cain finished with just seven points and five rebounds, but added five blocks, several in the final minutes as the Tar Heels tried to get the ball inside to Hansbrough.

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The Tar Heels helped with their inability to hit outside shots.

“We can hope and pray and hold your mouth different ways,” Williams said, “but the bottom line is you’ve got to put the ball in the basket.”

Washington 69, Oregon State 60

Washington missed its first 11 shots and finished a season-worst 33 percent from the field. And they still won.

“We don’t mind scoring in the 60s as long as we win,” Huskies preseason All-America Brandon Roy said. “Eventually, we’ll get that 15- or 20-point lead.”

Bobby Jones made two key blocks in the stretch and sank two free throws with 16.5 seconds to go, finishing with 16 points, 7 rebounds and 5 blocks, several in the final minutes as the Tar Heels tried to get the ball inside to Hansbrough.

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“We can hope and pray and hold your mouth different ways,” Williams said, “but the bottom line is you’ve got to put the ball in the basket.”

Washington 69, Oregon State 60

Washington missed its first 11 shots and finished a season-worst 33 percent from the field. And they still won.

“We don’t mind scoring in the 60s as long as we win.”

Brandon Roy

Washington guard

Virginia’s Adrian Joseph (30) reaches for the rebound over teammate Laurynus Mikalauskas and North Carolina’s Tyler Hansbrough during Virginia’s upset of the Tar Heels Thursday.

Jay John said, “You’ve got to keep them thinking. The danger zones are, and we didn’t stay out of the trap.”

The Huskies led 28-27 at halftime despite shooting miserably from the field (10-for-36), especially at the start of the game when they missed their first 11 shots from the field and went 3-for-20 in the first 9:58.

But the Beavers, struggling against Washington’s pressing man-to-man defense, couldn’t capitalize on the Huskies’ woeful shooting because they committed 16 turnovers in the first half.

Washington trailed 7-1 and 11-6, but finally caught Oregon State at 17-all on Bobby Jones’ fastbreak dunk with 7:54 to go following a steal by Dentmon.

Arizona State 72, Denver 61

Denver’s Daska State’s Derek Tipler led all players in three categories Thursday night in a win over Denver.

Tipler scored 18 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists and was credited with five assists for the Indians (8-12, 3-3 Sun Belt Conference).

He was one of four ASU players who scored in double digits. Marcus Arison also had 16 points, Yenal Banks scored 11 — including 3-of-5 shooting from long distance — and Jimmy Jones added 10.

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**Women's College Basketball Big East Conference**

**Team** | **Record** | **Pet.**
---|---|---
Connecticut | 5-0 | 16-2 .899
Haugers | 4-0 | 12-2 .857
Louisville | 4-1 | 13-3 .812
St. John's | 4-2 | 14-3 .824
DePaul | 3-2 | 11-4 .706
Marquette | 3-2 | 12-4 .750
Syracuse | 4-0 | 10-2 .600
West Virginia | 3-2 | 10-2 .600
Pittsburgh | 4-2 | 12-2 .828
Notre Dame | 2-3 | 11-5 .688
Villanova | 2-3 | 11-5 .688
USF | 2-3 | 12-6 .687
Georgetown | 1-4 | 8-8 .500
Providence | 1-4 | 6-10 .400
Cincinnati | 1-4 | 11-5 .688
Syracuse | 0-6 | 7-10 .412

**NBA**

**Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division**

**Team** | **Record** | **Pet.**
---|---|---
New Jersey | 21-15 | .583
Philadelphia | 18-20 | .474
Boston | 15-23 | .395
New York | 12-21 | .351
Toronto | 12-25 | .333

**Eastern Conference, Central Division**

**Team** | **Record** | **Pet.**
---|---|---
Detroit | 25-65 | .286
Indiana | 21-16 | .560
Cleveland | 20-16 | .556
Milwaukee | 19-18 | .526
Chicago | 16-22 | .444

**Eastern Conference, Southeast Division**

**Team** | **Record** | **Pet.**
---|---|---
New York | 23-16 | .588
Los Angeles | 17-27 | .407
Orlando | 14-22 | .395
Charlotte | 11-28 | .286
Atlanta | 10-27 | .270

**Western Conference, Northwest Division**

**Team** | **Record** | **Pet.**
---|---|---
Denver | 21-19 | .526
Utah | 20-19 | .526
Minnesota | 16-19 | .487
Seattle | 15-23 | .395
Portland | 14-24 | .368

**Western Conference, Pacific Division**

**Team** | **Record** | **Pet.**
---|---|---
Phoenix | 25-13 | .652
LA Clippers | 20-15 | .571
LA Lakers | 21-17 | .556
Golden State | 18-19 | .494
Sacramento | 16-21 | .444

**Western Conference, Southwest Division**

**Team** | **Record** | **Pet.**
---|---|---
San Antonio | 38-9 | 77-12 .744
Dallas | 37-10 | 77-12 .769
Memphis | 32-14 | 77-12 .769
New Orleans | 19-10 | 77-12 .658
Houston | 12-25 | 77-12 .412

**Knicks' Antonio Davis suspended 5 games**

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Knicks forward Antonio Davis was suspended five games by the NBA on Thursday for entering the stands during a game in Chicago to confront a fan he thought was harassing his wife.

While the penalty showed the NBA accepted Davis' argument that he believed his wife was in trouble during Wednesday night's game, it also made clear that entering the stands would not be tolerated, no matter the circumstances.

Especially not after last season's ugly brawl between fans and players at an Indiana-based game.

"At the end of the day, what we had to decide on was the issue of Antonio breaking the barrier into the court stands," NBA vice president of basketball operations Stu Jackson said during a conference call. "At the end of the day, that was the most important aspect of making that decision." The trouble for Davis and his wife, however, might not be over.

Michael Axsod, the 22-year-old fan that Davis confronted, said he did nothing wrong — and he plans to sue the player and his wife. Axsod said Kendra Davis tried to scratch him after he protected a call. He said he never laid a hand on her and he was not drunk, as the New York forward contended. "It's a lie," Axsod said.

Jackson added that a player entering the stands normally results in a suspension of "double-digit games." Davis' suspension was to start with Thursday night's home game against Detroit, and the players' union will likely file a grievance. The Pistons were the home team the last time players went into the stands — when Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson fought with fans in November 2004. An embarrassment for the NBA, the brawl led to criminal charges and lengthy suspensions for Artest, Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal.

"It's a totally different situation," said ex-Pacers star Reggie Miller. Davis' former teammate. "It was mayhem. He's coming to defense of a loved one. Ours was craziness."

**In Brief**

Former GM Epstein to reunite Boston Red Sox

BOSTON — The door was ajar, and Theo Epstein finally walked through it and back into the front office of the Boston Red Sox.

The most successful general manager in franchise history will reignite the Red Sox baseball operations department in a full-time — but otherwise unspecified — position. His long-rumored return comes 2 1/2 months after he turned down a contract extension and Red Sox owner John Henry was downcast.

"As you know, we have spoken frequently during the last 10 weeks," the team and Epstein said in a joint statement on Thursday night. "We have engaged in healthy, spirited debates about what it will take over the long-term for the Red Sox to remain a great organization and, in fact, become a more effective organization in philosophy, approaches and ideals.

"And we believe that this opportunity is the right one for both the franchise and the fan base for the Red Sox to continue to rise to the top of the baseball world."

**MLB owners approve sale of Cincinnati Reds***

SCOTTSDALE — Baseball owners unanimously approved the sale of baseball's oldest franchise, the Cincinnati Reds, on Thursday to a group headed by producer mogul Robert Castellini.

Carl Lindner, the 86-year-old Cincinnati financier who owned the franchise, had three potential buyers whose offers were roughly the same but chose Castellini largely because of his local ties. Lindner will remain a minority partner.

"Local ownership there was critical, and it was crucial to Carl Lindner," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "The one overriding goal we had was to have local ownership."

Terms weren't announced, but Castellini's group is said to be acquiring about 70 percent ownership of a franchise worth an estimated $270 million.

**Third-seeded Hewitt upset in Australian Open**

MELBOURNE — Adrian, Lleyton, G'day, Juan.

Third-seeded Lleyton Hewitt was upset 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-2 by Argentine Juan Ignacio Chela in the second round of the Australian Open on Thursday, reversing the outcome of their spirited previous encounter at Melbourne Park.

"This will hurt for a few days," said the Aussie, who shook hands quickly with Chela and walked quickly off the court, eyes downturned.

And he wasn't talking about his ankle strain that needed attention in the third set.

"I was giving everything I had out there — I just wasn't up to it."

A finalist here in 2005, Hewitt has lost to the eventual champion in his last seven majors.

But unless undeserved Chela makes a startling run, Hewitt's shocking loss has opened a potentially easier road for top-ranked Roger Federer.
Track & Field

Home meet is first of three to start season

By JORDAN BELTZ

The Observer • SPORTS

Home is where the heart is. Following a long holiday break and a quick road trip down I-65 to West Lafayette, Ind., for the Purdue Invitational, the Irish track and field squad returns home for the Notre Dame Opener today at Loftus.

The meet, which is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m., is the first of three consecutive home meets to open up the 2006 calendar year.

The Irish are coming off of a solid performance at Purdue. A select group of team members traveled to the meet, with the jumpers and throwers leading the squad in the uncoved event.

The women's squad swept the high jump, triple jump and long jump in the men's squad had a very good showing the weight throw. Freshman Lauren Bascardi led all competitors with a jump height of 18-feet-6.

Another of the highlights for Head Coach Joe Plane was the improvement shown by his throwers.

Sophomore Kyle Annen picked up third-place honors in the weight throw at Purdue but was disappointed.

“Our marks at the first meet of the year were slightly subpar due to heavy work loads and training loads during finals week,” he said. “The long layoff helped us immensely, we were able to revibe our bodies and come back to school fresh for the season.”

It is important for the Irish to come out strong in the Opener, as they have quite a few big meets coming up on the schedule. Plane said this weekend marks the second of five consecutive weekends that they will be in action, and the middle three meets are to be held in the friendly confines of Loftus.

“We always have the goal of improving our marks and working towards marks that will help gain our team points for the Big East Conference championship,” Annen said. “In a situation of three consecutive meets at home we are always looking for consistency and to become more comfortable with our event.”

Looking ahead at the schedule, the Irish have two more weeks to prepare before the prestigious Meyo Invitational is held later this month.

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ND Women's Swimming

Sweep is aim for the Irish

Win against Spartans would finish run over Michigan universities

By GREG ARBOGAST

The Observer • SPORTS

After leaving Michigan in its wake last weekend, the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team will attempt to complete rise through the water of the entire state of Michigan when they travel to East Lansing to take on Michigan State Saturday.

Not only are the Irish going for a state sweep, but they are also swimming for their sixth consecutive victory — a victory that appears to be very much within this team's reach.

The Spartans come into the meet record of 2-2, including a loss to the same Michigan team that Notre Dame just defeated.

Notre Dame has another advantage. While the Irish are resting Friday night, Michigan State will be competing in a meet against Oakland.

"The fact that Michigan State is in action Friday night is probably a slight advantage for us," Irish coach Carrie Nixon said. "They'll probably be a little tired on Saturday, but the fact that it's their home pool will probably even that advantage out."

While Michigan State may not present an overwhelming challenge to the Irish, Nixon still sees Saturday's meet as a good opportunity for her team. She hopes this weekend will be an opportunity for many swimmers on the team to swim in off-events, events they don't normally get a chance to participate in.

"Doing the off-events is a luxury," Nixon said. "We can fine tune some areas that we aren't able to against a team like Michigan because we have to put all our swimmers in their best events in those meets."

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SMC Basketball

Saint Mary's hopes to continue winning on the road

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Coming off of their home win over Albion College Wednesday night, the Belles hope to beat Alma College on the road Saturday at 3 p.m.

One major part of the win was the Belles' strong defensive performance, as they held the Britons to 31 points with tight man-to-man defense. Head coach Steve Reider hopes his team will keep up their high intensity from the Albion game for the game at Alma.

"The most important part of our win was our man-to-man defensive intensity," Bender said.

Saint Mary's should be in a good position to beat the Scots again Saturday if the team plays with the focus and intensity it displayed against Albion.

Saint Mary's and Alma have met once before this season, a 74-69 win for the Belles on Dec. 10.

The Belles hope to combine aspects of the first Alma game and the Albion game to take the advantage this weekend.

Belles guard Bridget Lipke, who knocked down four shots from beyond the arc against Albion, will look to repeat her success from long range.

One possible problem the Belles might face is the loss of junior point guard Bridget Lipke, who suffered a leg injury in the second half of the Albion game. Lipke was on crutches at the end of the Wednesday night game, and is still questionable for this game.

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GOLF

Campbell grabs lead in California

Associated Press

PALM HILLS, Calif. — Chad Campbell shot a 6-under par 66 Thursday to take a four-shot lead through two rounds of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Campbell, who tied for second in Hawaii last week, remained bogey-free through 16 holes of the third-hole Hole and was at 15-under par.

Pat Perez had a wind-blown, waterlogged round and struggled to a 73 after an opening 68 and was tied for second with John Senden, who had a 63 to tie 11 under.

Despite winds gusting at times during the second day, Campbell managed to make six birdies at La Quinta Country Club, one of four courses used for the first four days of the tournament.

His birdies included puts of 25 and 20 feet.

Perez, whose 12-under round a day earlier was the lowest ever to start the traditionally low-scoring Hope, struggled much of the second round at the new Classic Club at Northstar. Playing in swirling winds, he was 4 over for the day before he birdied four of the final seven to finish at 74.

He had a 4-iron into the water at No. 18 for his sixth bogey of the day.

Olin Browne had a 69 at La Quinta Country Club and Steve Elkington a 70 at Palm Valley to tie him for fourth at 10 under.

Phil Mickelson, the 2002 and 2004 Hope champion, shot a 69 at PGA West that left him six shots off the lead at 135.

Mike Weir, the 2003 champion, shot 69 and was in a group another stroke behind.

The 31-year-old Campbell, a two-time tournament champion, came close last Sunday to winning for the first time since his victory in the 2004 Bay Hill Invitational. Tied with David Toms headed into Sunday, Campbell finished with a 70 to Toms’ 65 and tied for second with Rory Sabbatini.

"Obviously, I was disappointed and not happy with the way I played on Sunday," Campbell said. "Looking back at it, taking a second the first week of the year after taking two months off, in hindsight it wasn’t that bad of a week."

"More than anything, I got confidence out of it," Campbell had an "entertaining" second day at the Hope. He was paired with singers Alice Cooper, Justin Timberlake and Barker Bucky of Hootie and the Blowfish.

"It was a great group," Campbell said. "They hit some good shots and we just had a good time. The fans were great."

Perez was frustrated by his round over the new course, which plays in 7,005 yards.

"I can’t wait to get to Bermuda Triangle tomorrow."
Associated Press

Mike Holmgren's forte is offense. It showed in Green Bay and it is showing in Seattle.

And while the Seahawks have a defensive coordinator, Holmgren runs the show.

When the Seahawks and Panthers meet Sunday in the NFC Divisional title game in Charlotte, host Seattle's versatile offense moves and scores against Carolina's talented defensive figures to determine which team winds up in the Super Bowl.

Already in these playoffs, we've seen how dominant the Panthers can be without the ball. Their performance at the line of scrimmage has been critical. Their ball-control offense and strong special teams are a great asset.

Seattle's defense is also playing well, but the Panthers have a more explosive offense. They have a mix of skill players that can beat you in different ways.

The Panthers are known for their physicality and their ability to run the ball effectively, which is essential against a Seattle defense that ranks second in the NFL in sacks and third in takeaways.

On the other hand, Seattle's offense has been balanced and efficient, with strong performances from quarterback Russell Wilson and running back Chris Carson. Wilson has been under pressure all season, but he's stepped up when needed.

Seattle also has a potent passing attack, with wide receiver Kasen Williams having a great season. Williams is a big weapon downfield and a reliable target for Wilson.

Overall, the game will likely come down to which team can control the tempo and maintain a steady approach. Seattle is known for its physicality and ball-control, while Carolina can run the ball and make plays in the air.

The Panthers have the advantage in this game, but Seattle is not to be underestimated. It will be a tough battle, with the winner likely heading to the Super Bowl.
Steelers’ Polamalu punishes opponents from all angles

‘Tasmanian Devil’ a versatile weapon for Pittsburgh’s defense

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Colts quarterback Peyton Manning’s arm-waving, finger-pointing and nonstop gesturing at the line of scrimmage seemed extrafrantic against the Pittsburgh Steelers, and for good reason.

After all, what quarterback could possibly be prepared for the sight of a 3-foot-11 defensive back, especially one whose chasmic yet passionate play and free-flowing hair have earned him the nickname of the Tasmanian Devil, lined up at nose tackle?

That’s right, nose tackle.

Troy Polamalu, an All-Pro defender who his like a miniature-sized linebacker but can drop into deep pass coverage, presents the most problematic matchup for the Denver Broncos in Sunday’s AFC championship game, just as it did for the Bengals and Colts before them.

How do they prepare for a one-of-a-kind defender — a man who is never out of position because he doesn’t really have one? A player so disruptive that coach Bill Cowher compared drafting him in 2003 to a child opening a special package on Christmas — he didn’t know for sure what he was getting, but he knew it would be good.

“It was like getting a new toy,” Cowher said. “You start putting him everywhere and anywhere.”

Polamalu, a Pro Bowl player in each of his two seasons as a starter, didn’t have any of the Steelers’ five sacks of Manning in Indianapolis yet was one of the players most responsible for the 21-18 upset that sent them to Denver — even though his fourth-quarter interception was wrongly overturned after a replay.

The Steelers used Polamalu in so many ways — bringing him off the edge as a rush linebacker, slipping him into pass protection or blitzing him up the middle — that Manning could be seen looking for him on nearly every play. The blitzes so disrupted Manning that he complained afterward about his lack of protection.

“He’s a very rare athlete,” Steelers defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau said. “A lot of what we do is because of what he lets us do.

Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer, Polamalu’s roommate at Southern Cal, paces a step further and calls him “the best defensive player in the league.”

Patriots coach Bill Belichick said, “If you don’t know where he is, he’ll get you.”

The Steelers will try to put the same kind of pressure on Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer that they did on Manning, and maybe even more so, because they don’t fear Plummer’s ability to beat them downfield as they did Manning’s. Plummer played a so-so game in Denver’s 27-13 decision over New England — he was 15-of-26 for 197 yards with one touchdown and an interception — and may have to play better if the Broncos are to avoid becoming Pittsburgh’s latest upset victim.

Plummer has seen enough of Polamalu watching video tape this week.

“He’s running around, flying around, just doing some crazy stuff and making plays,” Plummer said. “You have to see where he is and someone has to account for him because he can cause you trouble.”

Sometimes, the Steelers will hide Polamalu behind a blitzing linebacker and ask him to find any seam in the offensive line and shoot through it. They also will line up with only two down linemen but five linebackers, three of whom will stack one side of the line of scrimmage so there aren’t enough linemen to block all of them. Then, Polamalu can be found most anywhere.

“He’s unbelievable,” Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. “They do a great job with their scheme-making, making it very difficult to figure out where he is, but the rest is him making plays. There are not many plays where he is not involved, and you can’t say that about many people in the NFL.”

While Polamalu seems to play with reckless abandon, his coach says he is very much under control. LeBeau said Polamalu probably studies more film than anyone. And, a season ago, Polamalu made up a DVD of other NFL safeties he could compare their techniques.

It is off the field where Polamalu’s personality does not remotely reflect his on-field image of being a wide-eyed, modern-day version of Jack Lambert — albeit with all his teeth. He dresses much like the college student he was only three years ago and hasn’t cut his hair since then, to honor his Samoan heritage.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish will volley with top-ranked Virginia, Duke and the Illini

By KATE GALES
Associate Sport Editor

Mozart celebration of the Master's birthday.

Hard work pays off.

That's the mentality the Irish used going into the fall season, and it paid off with a No. 26 team preseason ranking going into the dual-match season.

Stephen Bass is ranked No. 8 in the country, Sheeva Parikh is No. 14 and the formidable doubles tandem of Ryan Kecskes and Eddy Langenkamp debuts at No. 12.

But preseason rankings don't mean much when it matters most, and the Irish remain focused on the future, which begins with Saturday's match at Northwestern to kick off the spring season.

"I think we're ready to go," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We're excited, we're charged up — we've got to come out of the blocks quickly because we have a pretty challenging early schedule.

Team members returned early from Christmas break to start practicing with two-a-days before class started. Bayliss said they are ready to go even before a 6-3 win against Alma and they are looking to improve upon a 4-3-2 record from last season.

"We're tired of butting heads with each other," he said. "Everyone looks reasonably sharp, we're in pretty good shape."

The early part of the Irish schedule features three top-10 teams in as many weeks, with No. 1 Virginia, No. 8 Duke and No. 4 Illinois all on the road.

"We do have tough opponents very early and we'd love to take advantage of some of those ... but I think we believe in ourselves," Bayliss said.

The sense of confidence is helped by new team leaders stepping up.

"I think of only three singles players in Notre Dame history to be ranked in the ITA Top 10. He finished the fall with a 13-1 record, featuring eight wins over ranked players. He capped it off with a win in the ITA Midwest Championships. His opponent in that matchup was Parikh, who was 11-2 in fall play.

On the doubles side, Kecskes and Langenkamp highlighted their fall season with two wins over Top-25 teams.

The top of the lineup is formidable, which is a huge asset on a team that also has the depth of the Irish.

"I think in the past, I've always talked about I think we have great depth. I still think that's true but this year, I think we have some strength in the top of our lineup," Bayliss said. "... We have some veterans down below who have been in the trenches and won big matches for us and are very, very capable. There's a group of four or five guys all of whom I'm very comfortable deciding the match for us."

Bass has said since the fall that this group of players demonstrates a strong team bond.

"I think we've done a good job of recognizing issues before they become problems, and I think a lot of guys on the team have learned to take care of those things and I think that's really helped," he said. "I'm looking for a year in which we've really minimized distractions.

As the dual-match season begins, the team is prepared for the challenges that will come, beginning Saturday at Northwestern.

"I think we're going to make it happen this year and I think we're not apprehensive," Bayliss said. "I think the old coaching expression ‘guardedly optimistic.'"

The Irish hit the courts at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Hockey

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Northern Michigan Wildcats (9-8-1, 13-10-1 overall) this weekend and look to improve upon a 4-3-2 streak that started with a 3-0 win over Western Michigan on Dec. 3.

"I think it's been huge in the last few weeks," Irish junior forward Josh Sciba said of the close-ended CCHA pack. "There's such a small amount of points that separate the teams that are at the top.

We need to go into each weekend and try to execute our systems. It's very important."

Irish head coach (Irish head coach) Jeff Jackson said it's so important that he's been focused on it his entire career.

Northern Michigan will be a more-than-able opponent for the resurgent Irish, as the Wildcats took the CCHA's top spot after a two-game sweep of Ferris State last weekend.

The Wildcats have a subgroup goal differential however, scoring 50 goals while allowing 42, giving them a plus/minus rating of zero makes Northern Michigan the team on the top seven of the CCHA to net more of the out of the red and the Irish a positive standing.

When it comes to common opponents between the two squads, it isn't hard to find a significant comparison, as both teams squared off against the Miami Red Hawks on consecutive weekends in early January.

Northern Michigan came away with a 2-1 come-from-behind victory over Miami, but was defeated 6-3 in the encore. The Irish secured a 2-1-2 split last Friday night against the Red Hawks, but dropped a 3-2 heartbreaker the next night.

"Last weekend against Miami was proof that we can be a lot better," Sciba said. "... We can do is build on that and if we can keep doing that we can get the points.

The Irish will have to watch the dual-match season closely. Irish coach and Andy Caruso on the Wildcat attack. Contos was selected CCHA offensive player of the week for the week of Jan. 16. 2006.

Contos was promoted to associate head coach after a 7-2 win over Northern Michigan in scoring with 10 goals and 12 assists. Southern is ninth in the CCHA in scoring with seven goals and 17 assists.

The Wildcats are solid on the blue side, as well. Zach Tarki collecting CCHA defensive player of the week honors for last weekend. Tarki two assists in the Wildcats' series with Ferris State and was a key to the penalty kill unit that went a perfect 11-11 in the two games.

But that doesn't scare the composed and confident Irish squad that will embark upon the mast of its 2006-07 schedule starting tonight.

"We just try to worry about ourselves and get out everyday and work hard," Sciba said. "It's a new year and the team this year, for the '06 Irish, is going to be a lot different."

"It's our way of letting him know he's a big honor and I think it's our way of letting him know we've proud of what he's done," Doebler said.

Doebler, a 1996 graduate of Bloomsburg (Pa.) University, coached Bass and Parikh to the top two spots at the ITA Midwest Championships.

"Jr. Inraccik Akhlediyan will not play this weekend due to an injury sustained during Christmas break. Bayliss said Akhlediyan stayed in Vienna for rehabilitation but his cleared for practice on Thursday.

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Notes:

• Todd Doebler has been pro­

oted to associate head coach of the men's tennis team — the first person to hold that position in
drawn memory.

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The Belles are only three weeks away from the MIAA League Championships. Today's meet, against Kalama territory could be a strong springboard for the final races of the seaosn.

However, it could also be a difficult one, given that Kalama triumphed, 158-78, over the same Alum team that defeated the Belles.

The Belles look to their meet against the Lady Hornets of Kalama with high hopes of improving all across the board.

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200-yard freestyle.

Despite Neil's strong show­

ing, the Belles fell to Alma.

Saint Mary's swim team's lack of divers has left them with a very strong swimmer. They are 78-15, over the same Alum team that defeated the Belles.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish hope to cruise past No. 16 Wildcats and Vikings

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team begins the most crucial part of its season this weekend with back-to-back matchups against No. 16 Northwestern and then Cleveland State.

"This is crunch time," Irish head coach Tim Welsh said. "We are down to the last couple of road shows before we take it to New York."

Eisenhower Park, on Long Island, is the site for this year's Big East Conference Tournament, and Notre Dame's schedule over the next two weekends is intended to mentally and physically prepare the team to defend last year's league title.

The Irish begin with a Friday night meet against Northwestern, the highest ranked opponent on their schedule. The Wildcats have taken the last five meetings between the two teams — and 13 of 20 in the all-time series.

"They are pretty quick across the board, but we go into the meet knowing that we have the depth to beat them," junior Ted Brown said. "It's going to come down to if we are able to utilize our depth."

Notre Dame got a preview of just how quick these "top guys" are when the two teams competed last week in the Dallas Morning News Classic. The Irish finished fifth overall, three places behind the Wildcats.

"We are two very different teams," Welsh said. "They have a handful of superstar who are very, very good but they are not as deep or balanced as we are."

The Irish are hoping their team depth will present them with a better matchup in head-to-head competition than in last weekend's tournament style meet. At 5-1, Notre Dame has done very well in dual meets, while Northwestern has gone only 2-2 so far this season.

Notre Dame at Cleveland State

Saturday's opponent, Cleveland State (7-3), visited Rolfs Aquatic Center earlier this year for the ND Relays. The Vikings finished sixth out of seven teams, but Welsh said his team would not overlook Cleveland State, whose strong divers and long distance swimmers may create match up problems with the strengths of Notre Dame.

The threat is increased because the meet takes place less than 24 hours after Notre Dame's meet at Northwestern.

"Notre Dame, which has not lost to Cleveland State during the past 10 years, is confident in its ability to beat the teams it needs to in order to maintain its national rank and reputation. "Teams put forth their best effort against us in every meet," Brown said. "It is our job to have the same intensity for all of our meets."

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Academic Freedom and Catholic Character
Address and Discussion

By Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

Please plan to join Fr. Jenkins for his address to the Notre Dame community on the issue of academic freedom and our Catholic character. A period of questions and comments will follow.

Faculty: Monday, January 23, 2006, at 4:30 p.m.
in the Leighton Concert Hall,
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Students: Tuesday, January 24, 2006, at 12:30 p.m.
in Washington Hall.
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the need to contain the forward who has been a Marquette staple for the past few seasons.

"You want to try to control Novak a little bit," Brey said. "He's been just fabulous, especially in that building with what he did against Connecticut."

Quinn, who has scored more than 30 points twice in the last four games, described Novak as a dangerous player who is able to score several ways.

"Novak is stepping up and shooting it," Quinn said. "For a
tall player at 6-foot-10, he's de-
finately one of the best 3-point shooters in the league. Its some-
thing we definitely have to be
ready for."

Novak is not the only weapon for Marquette. Freshman point guard Dominique James is aver-
aging 19 points and 5.2 assists per game in Big East Play, num-
bers that have earned him respect from Brey.

"James is playing as good as any guard in the league," Brey said.

Brey said the Irish need to con-
inue to put points on the board in addition to playing smart defense and forcing critical turnovers.

Marquette is very good
at finding grooves at home,
different offensive teams, can we get
their previous three league
games. Brey hopes the Providence
game will be a turning point in
the season and the Irish can build
momentum from the victory.

"I thought that we played our
hearts out for the first three
games and had nothing to show
for it," Brey said. "There's never
an evening out in the league, you
have to make things happen for
yourself, but I think coming out of
the locker room after a league
win, you're feeling better about
yourself."

Even though the Irish are 1-3
in Big East play, overall they are
outscoring their opponents by 8.7
points per game, Notre Dame lost
to three in Philadelphia and by six
to DePaul and Syracuse.

As much as the Irish hope to
catch a win at Marquette, the team understands road games in the
Big East are difficult regardless of
the opponent. Brey said Notre Dame views every team as a dan-
gerous opponent in their respec-
tive buildings.

"When you think about road
games in our league, no matter
who you are playing, you are
thinking can we steal a road
win," Brey said. "It doesn't mat-
ter if it's a team that hasn't won
a league game or is undefeated at
home."

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McGraw said Notre Dame
(11-5, 2-3 Big East) must
build on its performance
against the Blue Demons.

"It was a great game, I thought we played really
well," she said. "After watch-
ing the game, I thought ... we
get a lot of credit from a lot of people. That's how you get confidence — by being able to contribute and
knowing that play well."

Senior point guard Megan
Duffy scored 28 points, grabbed eight rebounds and
doled out nine assists in the
win.

The Irish went with a new
look in the starting lineup
against DePaul, and McGraw
said the motivational tool paid
off.

Charel Allen earned her
first start of the year, scoring
five points, and Breona Gray
came off the bench and added
10 points in 31 minutes of
action.

Post presence Lindsay
Schroder scored nine points
down from nine
rebounds on
the bench in the 78-72
win over tenth-ranked
DePaul.

"I was trying
to moti-
vate her, and
she thinks
she a n s w e r e d
the call," M c C r a w
said. "If you can't score around the basket, it's
really tough to rely on that outside
shot security."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

McGraw said she hopes for the
same sort of offensive and
defensive performance from
her reserves Saturday.

"The offense, I think we
need to keep that up," she
said. "I think we have to have
that balance .... We just going
to try to build on that and
play well defensively."

Notre Dame's focus on the
defensive and
will be sopho-
more Hoya for-
ward Kieraa
Marlow, who
leads with
16.5
points per
game.

"We can't feel
too good about
ourselves (after
the win against
DePaul)," McGraw said. "And
I think we're ready to do
that."

Notes:
- McGraw said she is still
undecided on the starting five
for Saturday.

"I think Duffy will start," McGraw quipped. "It's up for
grabs."

- Georgetown is averaging
just 414 fans per home game
this year at McDonough Gym.

- McGraw said that could play
a factor in the game.

"It's hard to play in an
environment like that," she
said. "Even when the crowd's
against you, it's not hard to
crowd. It's more like a
high-school gym."

- The Baltimore Sun report-
ed Wednesday that McDonough
High School (Purnfret, Mary.)
early all-division selection in
Baltimore, verbally commit-
ted to Notre Dame.

- NCAA regulations prohibit
coaches from commenting on
recruits until national signing
day.

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Turkovich were rated No. 32
and 35 nationally by Scout.com last
year.

The year before that, Notre
Dame also signed two offensive
line recruits — Chauncey
Incarnato and John Kadous
— neither of whom are still with
the team. Incarnato left the
squad at the beginning of fall
camp in 2005. Kadous is still
enrolled at Notre Dame but is
not on the team.

Note:
- Walk-on applications for the
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58 Raspberries

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4 Some kitchen appliances
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7 W.W. II group
8 Deuce follower
9 Morrison, man character in Graham Greene's "The Third Man"
10 Like the "y" sound in "yes"
11 See 30-Down
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13 Has little to explain about
14 It may be unprecedented
15 Hawthorne's home
16 Start of a Cockney boast
17 Lower the price of, maybe
20 Popular TV host, seller of many 11-Down
23 Longest age
25 Joke by Sherry O. Blocker
31 Concern for Batman
32 Not for free
33 Like some weekends
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36 Give a book that could kill
37 Give out an old score
38 Ingredient in some soaps
39 Paternal kinsman
40 Whys and wherefores
41 Foodstuff
42 Everything will be
43 Absolute
44 Gold star
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46 Perfumery compounds
47 Top hit to 1972 that was over 7 minutes long
48 Enjoy friends, family and your nearest loved ones.
49 Geese
50 Lead by the hand
51 Let other people be trusted
52 Happy Birthday! Align yourself with someone who has the abilities, talents and services you need to get ahead. Don't be afraid to take a fresh or unique approach to an old idea. You can promote something you believe in this year. The more said you are on the project, the easier it will be. Your numbers are 1, 8, 4, 25, 12, 36
53 Aries (March 21-April 19): Don't put just pressure on yourself. There will be enough people doing that for you. Try to make a practical approach to everyday you do. A self-improvement project will get you moving. ** Taurus (April 20-May 20): It is something you've been waiting for now in the time. A tough attitude will get you a long way. Don't put up against trying to feed you alone. Have friendly, family and your lower inner. ** Gemini (May 21-June 20): Use your wisdom from past experience to give the right direction. No one should be treated or considered to be on your side. Do your research and play it safe. You will be in a high creative cycle. ** Cancer (June 21-July 22): Make your own choices, especially in more matters. A chance to make some minor adjustments in your residence will benefit you financially as well as where comfort is concerned. Don't put restriction, suggested by the above cartoon.
54 Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't rule out the fact that not everything will be in your corner. Limiting what you can and can't do don't do the answer. Let the opportunities that you are experiencing stop you from following what you win.
55 Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Social events will be a must. The people you wish to meet are not who you want to find love or to briefly acquaint. You can be someone you care for deeply is evident. Travel should be in your plans. You will have plenty of opportunities to show.
56 Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your plate is full and this can cause you to overcompensate for everything and everybody. Give yourself a break. Ask for assistance and, thus, lots other people know they are needed. Home improvement projects will pay off. **
57 Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Everything will be dependent on how you hand others. You should have the urge when it comes to do, so don't hold back. Travel will open up a new relationship with someone you respect. ** Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may know what you want in happen but, unless you physically make it so, your ideas aren't going to get anywhere. So, it's up to you to get what you want. **
58 Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll have plenty of opportunity to start something up with someone you are interested in. Both in business and romance, you can make connections that will help you the right and out of something of interests you. Confidence will lead to the help required. **
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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Top offensive line recruit Sam Young commits to Irish

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

The number of Irish offensive line recruits grew to a half dozen Thursday when 6-foot-7, 300-pound offensive tackle Sam Young verbally committed to play football for Notre Dame.

Young, listed as the No. 2 offensive lineman in the nation by Scout.com, made his intentions known in a press conference Thursday afternoon televised by ESPNews.

He attended St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and registered 80 pancake blocks in his senior season.

Matt Carufel, who committed to the Irish on Jan. 7, is the most recent offensive line recruit aside from Young. All six offensive line recruits — Young, Carufel, Dan Wenger, Chris Stewart, Bartley Webb and Eric Olsen — are rated among the top 50 offensive line prospects in the country by Scout.com.

Young chose Notre Dame over Southern California, Michigan and Penn State were also in the running for his signature.

"I just felt the most comfortable with Notre Dame in terms of the three big factors I was looking at," Young said. "The academics, the athletic program, and third, what I thought was most important, how I fit on campus with the other players."

Notre Dame has tripled the number of offensive line recruits from last season, when Paul Duncan and Michael Turkovich were the only big men to sign with the Irish. Duncan and Turkovich will both be eligible to play in the fall.

ND BASKETBALL

Irish and Marquette set for showdown in noisy Bradley Center

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame is familiar with top scorers, given point guard Chris Quinn's 24 points per game in four Big East contests — good for second in the league behind Rutgers guard Quincy Douby's 26.

But they will encounter another elite offensive threat who has been just as effective in league play when the Irish travel to Marquette tonight for a 9 p.m. game at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

Golden Eagles senior forward Chris Novak is averaging 22.6 points per game in five Big East games, including a 41-point performance against Connecticut on Jan. 3.

Irish coach Mike Brey stressed the need for his defense to find a way to control Novak.

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HOCKEY

Team needs win in league game

By KYLE CASSILEY
Sports Writer

It will take a little hard work and a few lucky breaks, but the as-of-late lowly Irish hockey team could become the cream of the CCHA crop in the matter of weeks.

The CCHA has become a logjam in recent weeks. Only four points separate the 10th-place Irish from 5th-place Michigan, and it is a relatively small six-point jump to where Northern Michigan inhabits second place.

The Irish (5-8-3, 12-12-3 overall) open a two-game away series against the Scarlet Knights on Friday, January 20, at the 10,000-seat TransWorld Arena. Notre Dame is 0-3-1 against the Scarlet Knights this season.

SMC SWIMMING

Belles meet K'zoo in big MIAA meet

By DEIRDRE KRASULA and BECKI DORNER
Sports Writers

The Belles' swim team is not focused on the final score of today's meet at Bob's Aquatic Center against Kalamazoo, but rather with hopes to improve individual and team times.

Coming off a hard two weeks of winter training, Saint Mary's head coach Lynn Kachrnarik is positive that the team will continue to improve.

"The team really took on this challenge and had a fantastic two-week training camp," she said.

The team's diligent work ethic its meet against Alma Wednesday, as the team came away with three first-place finishes — two by senior captain Kelly Nellis. Nellis won the 500 and 1000-yard freestyle and Carla McGeough took first in the 100 backstroke.

SPORTS

ATHLETES A GLANCE

MEN'S SWIMMING
Notre Dame faces No. 16 Northwestern and unranked Cleveland State this weekend.

MEN'S TENNIS
The Irish will volley against three top-10 teams in the opening weeks of the new year.

SMC BASKETBALL
Saint Mary's at Alma
The Belles want to secure their second straight league win.

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Notre Dame vs. Michigan State
Notre Dame hopes for an easy win over the Spartans.

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Notre Dame Opener
The Irish host their first meet of the new year in the Loftus Center.

NBA
The NBA announced it would suspend the Knicks' Antonio Davis five games for entering the stands.