ND looks forward after speeches

Questions remain on sponsorship, image

By MAIDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

University President Father John Jenkins spoke with conviction and clarity in his addresses on academic freedom and Catholic character this week, but professors and administrators say the future implications for individual departments and the broader image of the University are still murky.

"This is a situation where the very best features of Notre Dame can emerge," Provost Thomas Burish said. "Father has asked not simply for people to endorse one action or another during 'The Vagina Monologues' and the Queer Film Festival, but he's asked them to help him with a more difficult challenge — how does one integrate principles such as academic freedom and the commitment to the Catholic identity?

Speculation centers on events' fates

By KAREN LANGLEY
Assistant News Editor

The annual campus presentations of "The Vagina Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival have provoked controversy since their arrival at Notre Dame in recent years, but University President Father John Jenkins' academic freedom addresses this week have added a degree of uncertainty to the events' status as a hedging campus presence — leaving student organizers and departmental sponsors puzzled about how to proceed.

Though the two events emerged as focal points of contention in Jenkins' Monday and Tuesday addresses, the extent and timetable of any changes mandated remain unclear.

Jenkins told The Observer Tuesday he could not say whether "The Vagina Monologues" could mobilize Wednesday.

Newly-formed free speech group strategizes against potential restrictions

By MIKE GILLOON
News Writer

Seeking to vigorously engage in University President Father John Jenkins' invitation to converse on the issues of academic freedom and Notre Dame's Catholic character, the newly-formed group "United for Free Speech" met Wednesday to organize committees and brainstorm ideas in response to Jenkins' recent addresses to faculty and students.

Approximately 75 students and faculty filled couches, chairs and the floor of Welch Family Hall's social space to discuss the most effective ways to protest and prevent censorship of "The Vagina Monologues" and other controversial performances on campus.

"We want to show Jenkins that there is an extraordinarily large consensus on this campus that support[s] the right in free speech, (as) concerned about constraints on academic freedom and will fight for this case," said senior Kaitlyn Redfield, who organized the meeting. Redfield led the discussion that produred ideas such as circulating and delivering a petition in support of free speech to Jenkins. Attendees also considered encouraging the University to match a disclaimer to any event it believed ran counter to Catholic principles, staging a visual demonstration and writing letters to alumni and other groups asking for donations and support.

Though nearly all seemed opposed to the censorship of "The Vagina Monologues," the group did not agree on the best way to go about stating its case.

One suggested aggressively accusing the University of infringing on their right to free speech. "Shaming the University about its decision, I think that's the game," senior Peter Quaranta said.

Still others believed working with Jenkins in a more cordial way would be the better route to follow.

Three professors, including English professor Glenn Hendler, observed the lively session but rarely broke in with their own thoughts.

"It was great to see so many students, on such short notice, are so interested in working hard and thinking through this issue," Hendler said. "I came partly to show support for the students and partly to hear what they had to say.

"Whether one approves or disapproves of "The Vagina Monologues," Redfield said, the larger issues her group wants to protect are free speech and academic freedom on campus.

"Reproaching groups such as the College Libertarians, the Progressive Student Alliance and the unrecognized gay-straight group," she said.

Boat Club remains docked

Management vows to fight ruling, reopen bar

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

The ship can't sail yet. Campus buzz that the popular South Bend bar the Boat Club — a notorious underage drinking haven until police raids forced it to shut down more than a year ago — is on the verge of reopening its doors was temporarily quieted Wednesday when the St. Joseph County Alcohol and Tobacco Commission voted to revoke the bar's liquor license instead. Rather than allow it to be transferred, a board member said.

But standing inside the bar Wednesday evening with a small cluster of dejected employees, the bar's manager vowed it was cleaning up its image and should be given a chance to rebuild its reputation.

"It's not the same as it was before," when minors could easily gain admittance, said the manager, Dannah Vanynckt. She said the bar plans to appeal the commission's ruling and attempt to reopen as soon as possible.

"We're trying to make it a better place; we want to work with the community; we want to attract everybody," she said.

"They may see the old image, but that's OK, we'd like them to take a look. Just for the traditions of the place — we've put in a lot of effort and time," South Bend resident Joseph L. Ready had asked the commission for a transfer of the license from Robert McNeill, who has held it.

Cable installation to cause longer dark periods

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Without a reliable Internet connection to chat on Instant Messenger, senior Lisa Tu has felt isolated from her off-campus friends since she returned to school from winter break. To live in Lyons Hall, one of the four dorms currently undergoing wireless Internet and cable installation.

"It's been hard because I've gotten a wireless card from my father but the wireless isn't consistent throughout the dorm," Tu said. "It's been hard finding the hot spots and staying on the wireless.

The dark period, the time when students will be without phone and Internet service in their rooms during the installation, was originally projected to last three weeks for each dorm.

"In some instances, that (the dark period) is probably going to last longer than we previously thought," said Jeffrey Shoup, director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing. Shoup now estimates the installation could take up to six weeks for each dorm.

Due to complications arising from the structures and layouts of the dorms, Notre Dame officials and the University's consultants have had to update their estimates to ensure that all dorms are connected during the necessary installation periods.

"We're working with the contractors to get the other dorms up to speed," Shoup said. "And we're making sure that we're staying on target with the installation and the time frame.

Forced to cope without Internet access in their rooms while cable television is installed, residents of Lyons Hall gathered in their dorm lounge Wednesday to take advantage of a wireless signal.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Dancing queen

This Saturday, I was trying to explain to people why my impromptu Friday night dance performance on a coffee table is unusual. (Dad, I know you're reading this online, and I swear to you, it's not what you think I have nothing against dancing in public, but rather, it's trying to avoid it whenever possible. Why don't I dance? Well, when your mother includes the infamous "churro the butters" and "the sprinkler," it's hard to avoid unhinging comparisons to more coordinate friends. It could be left over self-consciousness from when my social life was crippled by my lack of dance-floor coordination: the American system of Catholic education.

Counting this year, I've spent 16 years in the Catholic education system. In some ways, this is great. I can always answer the Bible questions on "Jesuitically and low collared shirts." Unfortunately, I have a long history of extremely awkward school dances, which I believe directly correlate to my small-town high school policy was that guardian angels were my geometry teacher's new criterion: all dancers must remain extremely awkward school dances, which I believe directly correlate to my small-town high school policy was that guardian angels were my geometry teacher's new criterion: all dancers must remain. The Hasbrouck Heights School's parochial ban on shorts doesn't make sense, the church's pastor said. The Rev. Terry Steffens said in a letter to parishioners that when he arrived at St. Joseph Church in July, he discovered severe damage to the rectory and has been living at a rectory of a church in nearby Schererville. The letter said Bishop Dale M求佐 told Steffens to have the rectory in Dyer, 10 miles southwest of Gary, forgotten before he moved in, Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Jan. 25 edition of The Observer, a photo of the new office building was used as an example of women who graduate from Notre Dame being raped. However, the image that appeared in the photo was reported in 2004 of the approximately 4,000 women at Notre Dame. The Observer regrets the error.

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

OFFBEAT

Male student wins fight to wear skirt

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N.J. — A male high school student can wear a skirt to school after the American Civil Liberties Union reached a new criterion: All dancers must remain. The Hasbrock Heights School senior to wear a skirt to protest the school's no-shorts policy. The district's dress code bars shorts between Oct. 1 and April 15, but allows skirts, a policy 17-year-old Michael Covello believes is discriminatory. "I'm happy to be able to wear skirts again to bring attention to the fact that the ban on shorts doesn't make sense," Covello said in a statement. The Hasbrock Heights superintendent, Joseph C. Luongo, did not return telephone messages left Tuesday seeking comment.

13 years of animal waste damages rectory

Dyer, Ind. — A Roman Catholic church rectory is undergoing more than $100,000 in renovations because of damage caused by more than 13 years of neglect and accumulated animal waste, the church's pastor said. The Rev. Terry Steffens said in a letter to parishioners that when he arrived at St. Joseph Church in July, he discovered severe damage to the rectory and has been living at a rectory of a church in nearby Schererville. The letter said Bishop Dale M求佐 told Steffens to have the rectory in Dyer, 10 miles southwest of Gary, forgotten before he moved in, Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW HAS THE CABLE INSTALLATION IN DORM ROOMS AFFECTED YOU?

Beima Torres  freshman Lyons

"I got to make new and interesting friendships with the cable guys that surprise me in my room."

Bridget Cullen  freshman Lyons

"CoMo and I have become pretty good friends."

Cassie Provenzale  junior BP

"We don't have cable yet."

Chris Schenkel  senior Alumni

"I haven't had to deal with it because Father George buzum is a god."

Mike Anello  freshman Keough

"This guy comes in at night and watches me sleep."

Ryan Engler  freshman Alumni

"We haven't had the pleasure yet, but I can't wait!"

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**STUDENT SENATE**

Resolution recommends drastic increase in library hours

By MADDIE HANNA

A resolution proposed by the Student Senate’s Academic Affairs committee intended for night owls who like to study past 2 a.m. passed with little controversy at the group’s Wednesday night meeting.

Committee member and Carroll senator Jim Grant presented the resolution, which recommends the Hesburgh Library stay open 24 hours a day from 8 a.m. Sunday until 2 a.m. Thursday and open 24 hours during the unofficial midterm week before spring break.

Given dorm overcrowding, inadequate study space around campus, resources specific to the library, other colleges’ procedures and the simple nature of college life, the committee argues, it would be reasonable to extend Library hours.

“Some students are getting swept out of the Library — not literally, but figuratively,” committee chair Chris Harris said.

Currently, the Hesburgh Library is open from 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday.

While the hours requested in the resolution are the “best case scenario,” Harris said his committee would be willing to compromise.

Several senators questioned the logistics of extending the hours, but Grace explained that Library officials wanted to see a Senate proposal before digging into the matter.

Grace said he was told the finances for the project would “most likely” come from the Library’s budget to buy new books and that keeping one floor of the Library open later was not feasible due to fire codes.

Knott senator Jacques Nguyen wondered if Library officials had already considered the potential of drawing “unwanted visitors” by keeping the Library open 24 hours.

In other Senate news:

- **Student body president**
  
  David Baron said he would like Senate to respond to University President Father John Jenkins’ request to start dialogue about academic freedom at Notre Dame.

- **Consequently, the University Affairs, Gender Issues and Academic Affairs committees each will begin to explore this topic.**

  It’s to get as many ideas “out on the floor as possible, so Father Jenkins can hear them,” Baron said. “That’s what he asked us to do.”

- **Students will not make a presentation at next week’s Board of Trustees meeting in Rome, but student government will still send a brief report, student body president Lizzi Shappell said.**

  The report will update trustees on student government’s activities since the October Board meeting and will mention community relations issues, the Transpo agreement, Eating Disorders Awareness Week, the Catholic Think Tank speaker series and the proposed cultural competency requirement, among other topics.

- **After crime rocked several students’ off-campus apartments over break, it’s clear community relations are still an important issue.**

  “We don’t want to make this a surprise action,” he said.

  - The laundry room in the basement of LaFortune has been converted to a study lounge, said Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities.
  - He said the East Lounge is quiet but not silent study space.
  - “We recognize the [imain] basement lounge is much more of a social atmosphere,” Coughlin said.

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Supreme Court will hear injection appeal

Death row inmate Clarence Hill argues lethal injections are unnecessarily painful

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hours after staying the execution of an inmate who was already strapped to a gurney, the Supreme Court said Wednesday it would hear arguments from the man who claims the drug cocktail used in lethal injections can cause excruciating pain.

Lethal injections are used in most states that have capital punishment, and there's been a growing dispute over the way they are carried out.

The Supreme Court has never before stopped the form of execution to be cruel and unusual punishment, and the latest case from Florida does not give court members that opportunity. The justices will, however, spell out what options are available to inmates with last-minute challenges to the way they will be put to death.

Florida inmate Clarence Hill, who filed the appeal, had been strapped to a gurney with intravenous lines running into his upper arms Tuesday night when he won a temporary Supreme Court stay. Thursday's stay was signed by Justice Antonin Scalia.

The full court announced Wednesday that the stay would be issued in a specific case. The justices decide whether an appeal is timely and whether to prevent Hill from challenging the lethal injection method used in Florida.

The argument is expected April 26, with a ruling before July.

"What a fantastic day. What a great day," said Hill's attorney D. Todd Doss, who relayed the news to his client. "He was happy we got to go and present this to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Hill is on death row for killing a Pensacola, Fla., police officer after a bank robbery in 1982. Hill has converted to Islam and taken the name Razzaq Muhammad, although he does not use that name in court filings.

A Florida Department of Corrections spokeswoman said Hill would be moved off death row to a cell block converted to Islam and back to death row.

Hill argues that the doses of three chemicals used in Florida executions — sodium pentothal, pancuronium bromide and potassium chloride

... could cause pain. The first drug is a pain killer. The second one paralyzes the inmate and the third causes a fatal heart attack.

The final drug, potassium chloride, "burns intensely as it courses through the veins toward the heart," Doss wrote in the appeal. He said there is "a foreseeable risk of the gratuitous and unnecessary infliction of pain."

Hill's case allots the court to review a 2004 ruling in an Alabama death case, in which justices said David Larry Nelson could pursue a last-ditch claim that his death by lethal injection would be unconstitutionally cruel because of his damaged veins.

While Hill does not have damaged veins, his appeal cited medical studies about the cocktail of drugs used by Florida and other states.

"The court may be willing to broaden what can be considered as a civil rights claim," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the anti-capital punishment organization the Prison Policy Information Center.

Dieter predicted that inmates death row inmates in coming months will requests under the case, based on the Hill case.

Future

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Of Notre Dame?"

But this sense of openness — a newly revealed quality of Jenkins' presidency — also creates a less certain outlook.

"I think it's too early in the conversation to be making judgments about whether our autonomy as a department will be threatened," said Peter Holland, chair of the Film, Television, and Theatre Department that has sponsored the Queer Film Festival in the past. "I think the thing that needs [to be] clarified is the difference between sponsorship and endorsement."

For Holland, who sent a detailed letter to Jenkins Wednesday, there's a schism between the two. He believes Jenkins does not draw the same distinction.

"We sponsor talks and events such as a department, but it doesn't mean we endorse any particular view. When we sponsor anything we have to have different points of view represented," he said. "We have to make a decision in our department, we don't view sponsorship as endorsement. That allows for diversity of opinion and discussion.

Many of the questions Jenkins fielded from students and faculty after his Monday and Tuesday addresses hinged on his frequent mention of sponsorship and its relationship to public image. His critics in both audiences accused Jenkins of being overly preoccupied with image and projecting an appearance of Catholic character rather than cultivating its reality.

But associate professor of philosophy and director of the Center for Ethics and Culture W. David O'Brien said Jenkins is not a man to worry about perception.

"I don't think he's overly concerned with that at all," O'Brien said. "Jenkins is concerned with doing the right thing, but that wider world thinks about Notre Dame. We're not trying to please everybody — what he's concerned about are doing what is right together with what is true at the heart of the Catholic tradition.

"I think the stuff about perception is a red herring brought for-

...-entational: Jenkins critics who don't realize how serious he is. We're concerned about what kind of University we should be." Jenkins established that serious tone even before he spoke a single word, Solomon said.

"The tension in the room [Monday] before the speech was quite remarkable," Solomon said. "I don't recall when a president at Notre Dame has commanded the attention of the faculty quite the way Father Jenkins did. In the importance of the community, I don't think we've had anything quite like it since [University President Emeritus Father] Theodore Hesburgh announced the 'Fifteen Minute Rule' (placing restrictions on student protest in 1969) so many years ago."

The 'Fifteen Minute Rule' drew a flood of national attention and sparked a slew of national critics as panicking universities across the country looked to Notre Dame's example of where to draw the line on campus unrest. And now the university's national repu-

...tation hinges in part on Jenkins' every appearance in the future, it will be much harder to recruit high-quality candidates — both Catholic and non-Catholic — to our faculty," Fredman said. He said he has also seen a letter from a distressed mother con-

...cerned that her freshman daugh-

...ter might not be able to perform "The Vagina Monologues."

"She was trying to encourage her daughter to stay at Notre Dame and not transfer, but felt it would be hard to continue doing so if her daughter were denied the educational opportunity that per- formers in 'The Vagina Monologues' would afford her," Fredman said. "I can't imagine that this reaction by a student and her parent would not be repeated many times over, should we decide to perform any manufactured presentation," Jenkins said.

Amanda Michaels contributed to this report.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Popes first encyclical stresses love

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI said in his first encyclical Wednesday that the Roman Catholic Church has a duty through its charitable work to influence political leaders to ease suffering and promote justice.

The document, "God is Love," also warns against a "fatalism of oppression." The 71-page document can be seen as an effort by Benedict to stress the fundamental tenets of the Christian faith and to assert that churches do exercise love through its works of charity in an unjust world.

Iran blames Atlanta airport bombing on "terrorists"

IRAN — Iran has denied Wednesday a link to an explosion that killed two people and wounded more than 50 others at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. But two foreigners were arrested at the airport after the blast.

It was the second major explosion this month at a U.S. airport. On Jan. 4, two people were killed and 18 others were injured in a suicide attack at India's Mumbai airport.

In Atlanta, police said two foreigners were arrested for questioning after a blast that looked like it was an act of terrorism. It occurred near an international baggage claim.

Attorney General John Ashcroft told reporters the investigation is "very serious" and "already is quite intensive." He said "terrorists" could be responsible.

Attorney General Ashcroft said the FBI will examine the explosion and evidence will be examined for metal fragments and explosive residue.

Ashcroft said the investigation will also include "interrogating" the two foreigners arrested.

A government contract expert said the two foreigners, a man and a woman, were arrested after "interrogation" at the airport.

National News

Inmate guilty of priest’s murder

WORCESTER, Mass. — A jury on Wednesday rejected a prison inmate's insanity defense and found him guilty of first-degree murder in the strangulation of a pedophile priest John Geoghan, a central figure in Boston's clergy sex abuse scandal.

Joseph Bruce admitted sneaking into Geoghan's room early on the morning of Jan. 4, 2003. He beat and strangled the 66-year-old defrocked priest.

Bruce, an inmate of the Western Massachusetts Correctional Center in Stockbridge, said he killed Geoghan after spending days preparing to commit murder. He said he also wanted to avoid going to prison. He said he planned the murder for weeks so he could be "a big shot" in prison.

New planet possibly discovered

Astronomers say they've found what may be the smallest and most distant planet known to be orbiting a star outside our own solar system.

The work suggests that such small rocky or icy planets may be more common in the cosmos than Jupiter-sized gas giant planets, researchers said. The discovery also indicates there is a "fundamentally new method of finding such 'exoplanets.'"

All of the exoplanets discovered so far around distant stars are larger than Earth. The newly found planet is about 5.5 times the mass of Earth, making it much smaller than most previously known exoplanets.

Local News

Animal shelter deals with fatal virus

FORT WAINTE, Ind. — The city animal shelter has had dozens of dogs suffering from the parvovirus and has had to euthanize several dogs for adoption for a week. Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control director Christine Reeder said there is a "shockwave" of parvovirus scrubdowns. There is a "shockwave" of parvovirus scrubdowns.

"We think it's part of this stretch of mild weather," she said. Dogs are out more, and the virus is not dying off amid the recent warmer temperatures.

MEXICO

Smugglers disguised as soldiers

Associated Press

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tracting company, Koontz-Wagner, is respon-
sible for making adjustments to their installation methods.
During the renovation of Notre Dame installed cable wires and wireless Internet in Notre Dame's residence halls, Keough and Badin halls.
Koontz-Wagner's technicians are learning as they go. "Shooping has been the first four that we did for Christmas break helped them to learn to organize the job.
Contractors are currently working in the next batch of dorms — Lyons, Howard, Walsh and Morrissey.
Robert Guthrie, University Program Director for Strategic Initiatives Planning and Programming, is overseeing the project. The original timetable for installation was largely based on the fact that the contractors could not predict the complications that would arise in individual dorms.
"We have 27 dormitories to do," Guthrie said, "and the issue of doing part of the job right off the bat are that the last time this was done was when we put Net-Net in and none of us, including myself, were even on hand.
In several dorms, like Badin, Keough and Walsh Family, the contractors had to physically move a large enough to house the new, thinner cable and Internet wires. Both of these contractors removed this complic- ation by installing larger conduits to run from the wiring closets in the basement to the dorms on upper floors. The wiring closets in the dorms are often too small to fit new wires and lack the necessary air conditioning systems to keep the electronics cool. Guthrie and his team are reno-
vating the wire closets to install the new cable and wireless systems and to allow for possible future additions.
Guthrie said ensuring the wireless system can be accessed throughout the dorm once its completion is complete is a top priority.
"Wireless is a bit of an art, because the signal is not two-
dimensional, it's three-dimen-
sional," Guthrie said.
Wireless signals can pass through the floors of older dorms but not through newer steel decking cement floors, disrupting wireless access, which affects performance between levels. To circumvent this, the contractors must experiment with alter-
cative installation techniques.
Guthrie said he is pleased with the progress made on four dorms com-
ing today. "We're making a break stay on time and on budget. The contractors aimed for a less than one percent error rate in the budget, and they're doing a great job of installation," Guthrie said.
The actual error rate was less than one percent.
Guthrie and his team are paying close attention to the progress being made on the four dorms currently in the midst of installation, he said.
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"We really did think that it was going to happen," Dahna VanVynckt, bar manager
of the Millennium Club, Inc., which owns the Boat Club, was attempting to sell the bar to Ready on contract, said McNeef. "If Ready bought the club, I would have pulled the license to sell the bar. But McNeff and McNeef were the last couple that wanted to be in, to be able to keep the agreement the bar made with the state ATC — an arrangement that is to build a wireless connection in dorms.
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Rumors that those doors would finally open Wednesday have swirled across campus this week, fueled by everything from glimpses of employees entering and exiting the bar to sightings of Miller Lite trucks delivering there Tuesday.
"I was real excited to go tonight, and then when I found out it was just a rumor, I was crushed," senior Kyle Long said Wednesday, echoing the thoughts of many upperclassmen who remember the bar's earlier days. "As far as memories go... you just can't beat dollar pitchers with flipcup tables and good company.
Senior Chris Trefler said he had hoped for the best Wednesday, but knew he shouldn't have based his decisions on the board's decision.
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"We really did think that it was going to happen," she said, giving credit to her and the newly-scrubbed dance floor and still-graffitied — with Notre Dame students signatures — walls. "I was here until 6:00 in the morning fixing it up."
Heppenheimer plans to appeal the county commis-
sion's decision to the state commission, which he must do within 15 days, but he said.
The state board has been more sympathetic to Boat Club ownership in recent years, twice asking the county to reconsider its votes against renewing the bar's liquor license, then overturning the local board and allowing McNeef to sell the license in escrow in an attempt to sell it as the license hangs in the balance, the bar's employees say they are willing to do whatever it takes to relaunch it.
"We're seeing what we can do and what we have to do," VanVynckt said, to nods all around. "There's much more invested here."

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organization AllianceND, atten-
dees spent over 45 minutes dis-
cussing their opinions before breaking into committees in chaos.
"The typical game is usually sort of cutting, taking action, press releases, petitions and legislation," Quarto said.
Quarto was asked to con-
cerned and believed "University Speech" would be an effective outlet to make their impressions heard.
"I thought people had a lot of really good ideas," senior Curtis Leggett said. "I feel like I've heard a lot of anger, antago-
nism and resentment. But I feel like people were giving some pretty constructive comments — like working with Father McGivney and not just antagonizing him."
Sophomore Alex Renfro, a member of the AllianceND, was cautiously hopeful at the end of the meeting.
"I just think we're going to do everything we can and pray for the best," he said.
Regardless of how those in attendance believe they should approach the situation, Redfield was impressed with the interest generated by the issue.
"This is the biggest meeting I've seen in a long time on this cam-
pus," she said.
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IN BRIEF

Fuji to market vehicles in Mexico

TOKYO — Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. said Wednesday it will begin marketing its Subaru-brand vehicles, including the Legacy sedan, in Mexico, in cooperation with Mexican business group Grupo Galeria in February.

Fuji Heavy and the group have agreed to set up a network of eight showrooms in Mexico City and other Mexican locations, with an annual sales goal of 2,000 units by 2008, the automaker said in a statement.

Subaru of Indiana Automotive makes about 100,000 vehicles a year at its Lafayette plant.

The Monterey-based Grupo Galeria will set up a new distributor, Subaru de Mexico, to import and market Subaru vehicles, the statement said.

During the initial phase of the venture, Subaru de Mexico will sell the Legacy, Tribeca and Outback models produced at Fuji Heavy's U.S. manufacturing arm, Subraru of Indiana Automotive Inc., the automaker said.

Daimler Chrysler announces job cuts

HOUSTON — The automaker Daimler Chrysler AG said Tuesday that it would cut administrative staff by 20 percent worldwide over three years, dropping 6,000 jobs in order to save some $1.2 billion a year and make the company leaner and more profitable.

CEO Dieter Zetsche said the streamlining would boost growth and profits by removing layers of management and improving cooperation between its divisions, especially Mercedes and Chrysler. Some 60 percent of the cuts would be in Germany, he said.

"Our objectives in taking these decisions is to create a lean agile structure, with streamlined and stable processes that will unleash Daimler Chrysler's full potential," Zetsche said in a statement.

The cuts would amount to 30 percent at the management level and would affect areas such as accounting, auditing, personnel and strategic planning. The downsize would cost the company around $2.4 billion in restructuring costs from 2006 to the end of 2008.

Daimler Chrysler shares gained more than 5 percent to 44.67 euros ($54.68) in Frankfurt trading. Its U.S. shares rose almost 5 percent, to close at $54.84 on the NYSE.

CHINA

Economy grew considerably in 2005

SHANGHAI — China's economy expanded by a stunning 9.9 percent in 2005 according to data released Wednesday which suggests it may now be a future leader of the 10 banks by assets.

In June, a divided Supreme Court ruled that cities may use eminent domain to take property owners' land so developers could build a hotel and high-end condo-miniums to keep pharmaceutical giant Pfizer expanding in the state. Scott Bullock, a senior attorney with the Arlington, Va.-based Institute of Justice, who represented homeowners in the New London case, applauded the bank's decision.

"Eminent domain abuse is wrong and unconstitutional," Bullock said in a statement. "BB&T has stepped up and recognized its corporate responsibility to not be a part of this shameful abuse of individual rights."

In its statement, BB&T said it plans to remove or pass on being the use of eminent domain for public development. Similar legislation is pending before the U.S. Congress.

"While we're certainly optimistic about the pending legislation, this is something we could not wait any longer to address," Bullock said in a statement. "We're a company that believes in private property and decision-making and operating standards. From that standpoint, this was a straightforward decision; it's simply the right thing to do."

BB&T, with $119 billion in assets, operates more than 1,400 branches in 11 states and Washington, D.C.
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Monologues" could continue to be performed annually on campus in the play's present form. "(for) my own judicial thoughts on that," Jenkins said. "For the next weeks, months ... I will listen. And when you're listening, you're always open to have your view changed in a certain way. It's the persuasive reasons that I'm interested in, and not simply the numbers."

The president's speeches may not result in significant changes to this year's production of "The Vagina Monologues," sociology department chair Daniel Myers said Wednesday. Sociology, along with English, will co-sponsor the "Monologues" this year.

"At the moment, I don't think it'll have any impact," Myers said. "In the short term, we don't plan to do anything differently, and we'll have to see what comes out of the conversations so we'll have to see how we have to react."

"We're still in a holding pattern."

Gven Hendler, director of undergraduate studies in the English department — who was acting chair of the Gender Studies program when it, along with Film, Television and Theatre, was the first academic unit to sponsor "The Vagina Monologues" on campus in 2002 — said he didn't recall much initial opposition to the play from the University administration.

"It was generally pretty cooperative," Hendler said Tuesday. "I remember being asked to provide some language with which we could explain this decision publicly. As I recall, the University made a statement defending not 'The Vagina Monologues' themselves, of course, but the decision to stage them.

"A lot of the discussion was to try to draw a distinction — one that I think Father Jenkins seems not to be drawing here — between sponsorship and endorsement.

Hendler said he and the Gender Studies program pursued approval for the "Monologues" in 2002 first through the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, who passed it on to then-Provost Nathan Hatch and then-President Father Edward Malloy for final approval. Malloy was traveling out of the country this week, his secretary said, and The Observer was unable to reach him for comment.

"I assume Father Malloy was in on those discussions, but I never spoke to him," Hendler said. But this year was a different story.

Rather than keeping the decision to sponsor the play among the chair and a few leaders of the English department, the department chose — both of its own accord and at the urging of Arts and Letters Deans and President Mark Roche — to take a department-wide vote.

Hendler said it was unanimous.

Of the 30 or so faculty members out of a department of approximately 40 who attended the vote, all elected to sponsor the "Monologues," he said. And debate was "definitely more charged" than in 2002.

"Dean Roche did not threaten censorship or anything of the sort," Hendler said. "Both department chairs (English and sociology) agreed to bring the objections that had been raised by administrators and faculty members opposed to the 'Monologues' to the department and have a discussion with the faculty, which was a new thing, but something we'd actually planned to do anyway ... we didn't think it was a good idea for one or two people to stand for the department."

Despite this year's sponsorship agreement reached by some academic departments, the possibility of such sponsorship at the University level remains ambiguous, said Peter Holland, chair of the Film, Television and Theatre department.

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"The intention of 'The Vagina Monologues' is to raise awareness and money," Redfield said Wednesday. "If you take one thing out of the production, it's that Redfield reacted strongly to mandates she sees as compromising the purpose of "The Vagina Monologues," organizers of the Queer Film Festival accepted an order to change the event's statement of purpose and its name, which Jenkins said could be confusing for current and future University outsiders to suggest Notre Dame endorsement of homosexual actions.

The film festival will now be called "Gay & Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives, Spectators" — a name which event co-chair Martin Laina said "better reflects the academic nature of the event."

"All parties involved are happy with the name of the event, as it more accurately reflects the nature of the event," he said.

Laina declined to comment further on the future of the event.

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Commonality should trump emotion

Before this campus spontaneously combusts into a fiery ball of emotion over University President Father Jenkins' addresses to the faculty and students, I think everyone needs to realize he did not say "Vegans" were not people. In fact, I think it was a bit of an understatement. It was more that he was just not the person to say it. In any case, they were not even the focus of his message to the students. They were only one factor among many that present the subject of academic freedom and the Catholic identity of the University to discussion.

It would seem that Father Jenkins' evaluation of this situation is just and fair. He has not yet instituted any policies, but rather is allowing them to be developed within the context of University teaching. It is a good time for the University to take a stand on this issue, and I believe that we will find more common ground than we would have once Father Jenkins' evaluation of this issue was revealed.

I hope we will remember that the views of Father Jenkins are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Last night, I thought that Professor Glenn Henderson’s recent obituary and the speech he gave during his farewell dinner were both so poignant and moving that I wanted to share them with you. Professor Henderson was a beloved member of our community, and his passing was deeply felt by all who knew him. His words, as well as the speech he delivered, were a testament to his life and legacy. I hope that you will take some time to read them and reflect on the impact that Professor Henderson had on our university and our society.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone who has turned out in support of our students and faculty who have made a retreat during high school and college, and our friends in the Catholic character of Notre Dame. I have spent much of the fall learning to foster faculty ideas and opinions on this topic, and now I hope to initiate a larger discussion on the issues. I want this discussion to be open, even heated, but always respectful, because I press everyone—our students, faculty, staff, and others—to have something to contribute to this discussion and bears good that will draw toward the university and its mission.

What needs to be said, before this discussion even begins, is that censorship is not an option. An institution that censors its faculty or students, inside or outside the classroom, has no right to itself, a great university. It is dubious whether it should call itself Catholic or anything else. I envision an institution that censors cannot call itself an intellectual community. I envision an institution that, in some cases even the ideologically extreme, of some of its members. A university that censors cannot expect the students to apply to it, and cannot expect to recruit or retain faculty or students. A university that censors any event, any performance, or speech proposed by individuals, groups, or units within it—an act of that kind of intolerance cannot be expected, and in some cases even the ideologically extreme, of some of its members.

That is a simple statement, but it is the truth. I believe in our stakeholders, the alumni, all those who care deeply about Notre Dame. We are a Catholic university where you can be a great university must come to understand this truth. I deeply commit myself to edu­­cating them on this matter, and I ask you to join me in this task. Here today I see this as so important. I have come to see that there are two ways of conceiving the relationships between a university and its students, each of which affects the way the students view us, and the way we view them.

First, I see us as a university that has relationships with its students. Those relationships are built on a foundation of respect and understanding. In this way, we can work together to create a positive and productive environment for all. We can foster a sense of community and belonging among our students, which will help them feel valued and supported in their academic pursuits.

Second, I see us as an institution that is solely focused on its own goals and objectives. In this way, we can view our students as sources of revenue and profit, and our primary concern is to maximize our financial gains. While this approach may be profitable in the short term, it can ultimately undermine the long-term success of our institution and our students.

I believe that the first approach is the right one, and that it is essential for us to continue to focus on building strong relationships with our students. This will help us to create a more positive and inclusive environment for all, which will benefit our students and our institution in the long run.

I hope that you will join me in working towards this goal, and that we will continue to strive to create a university that is truly committed to the well-being of its students.

The speech that wasn’t

If not now, when?
Polished sound leads to Stroke of success

By MOLLY GRIFFIN and KELLY DUOOS
Scene Critics

The Strokes have been better known for having a member date Drew Barrymore and for suffering from the sophomore slump than for actually producing music. Fortunately, the band’s latest effort, “First Impressions of Earth,” is making it known once again for music instead of outside forces.

The Strokes burst onto the music scene with its album “Is This It?” which spawned the simple but catchy hit “Last Nite.” They, along with bands like the White Stripes, were alternately hailed as a return to the stripped-down roots of rock and denounced as pale imitations of its musical predecessors.

“Bono on Fire,” the band’s follow-up to its first album, didn’t receive the critical raves or record sales that the previous one garnered. This caused many to feel the band was more part of a garage-band fad than a legitimate musical act.

The band’s third album, “First Impressions of Earth,” both showcases the band’s musical talent and reveals it to have matured a great deal since its first album. There is still a stripped-down quality to the music, but the melodies and production have improved a great deal.

“First Impressions of Earth” can’t fairly be called the Strokes’ return to form — the sound is too different from their earlier albums. It is more accurately a picture of a constantly evolving, and improving, band.

The record starts with the catchy “You Only Live Once,” which instantly reveals the more polished and melodic sound that characterizes the album as a whole. The band then kicks into its album’s first single, “Juicebox,” which is a surprising blend of the Strokes’ normal garage-band sounds with a bit of rockabilly. While usually classified as a rock band, this is the first time that the Strokes have really had a song that had that harder, faster “rock” quality.

One of the best songs on the album is “Heart in a Cage,” which displays jumps around between grooves and melodies to create an entirely catchy and better-with-every-listen kind of song. By the time lead singer Julian Casablancas is screaming, “We gotta laugh, laugh, laugh, laugh, laugh, laugh,” you can’t help but stomp your feet along with the song.

“Razorblade,” part of which sounds uncannily like Barry Manilow’s “Mandy,” displays the fact that lead singer Julian Casablancas’s voice is better suited to rock songs than the quasi-ballads. The song itself isn’t bad, but it is one of the weaker spots on the album. Another feely song is the slightly atonal “Ask Me Anything.” It starts out a strange synthesizer sound, which works well as an introduction, but doesn’t work as the background for the whole song. While listening to it, one keeps expecting the melody to change tempo and kick into a better, faster song, but that move never happens and the song falls flat.

Songs like “Ize of the World” sound like old Strokes songs with a little more polish, and others like “Red Light” seem to take that old sound in a slightly new direction.

Overall, the album is getting the Strokes the well-deserved attention and respect that they deserve as a band. They return to form on songs like “You Only Live Once” and move into new territory as a band with works like “Juicebox” and “Heart in a Cage.” The band maintains the same energy it’s always had, but it harnesses that energy in a much more effective direction.

Kelly: Initially, The Strokes’ “First Impressions of the Earth” is rather disappointing. The songs, at times, sound foreign and very un-Strokes-like, going so far as to resemble bands with lesser crediting such as 2004’s euro-darlings Franz Ferdinand and American up-and-comers The Bravery.

The Strokes’ first album, “Is This It,” captured the hearts of indie-rock-loving young America upon its release. The band’s appeal is that it harks back to a time when art rock was in vogue and music as merely a media through which to sell sex was scoffed at. The Strokes, in reawakening the notion that rock music is essential and didn’t really die in 1994, emerged as the hot new rock band of our generation.

Offering a juxtaposition of originality alongside familiarity, the Strokes are a band that, whether one grows up with them or not, develop an affinity for the new sound, “First Impressions of the Earth” is very likely to be the Strokes’ attempt to get outside of the “Is This It?” box.

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The Strokes have played with bands including Weezer, the White Stripes and the Rolling Stones. They have gained wide fame in both the U.S. and the U.K.

Lead singer Julian Casablancas is the son of modeling agency executive John Casablancas. Drummer Fabrizio Moretti is romantically linked to Drew Barrymore.

Members of The Strokes first performed together at the Music Building in New York City in 1998. “First Impressions of Earth” is the band’s third release.
Deep Arabian Nights

Musician Simon Shaheen set to conclude first modern Arab art film series at Notre Dame

By GRACE MYERS
Scre Writer

The DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts will host its first ever Arab Film Series from Jan. 29 to Feb. 3, celebrating contemporary Arab art and concluding with Simon Shaheen’s acclaimed musical performance on Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall.

The series and concert will provide students, faculty and local residents with cinema and music not often readily available.

The films chosen for the series are highly acclaimed, demonstrating the accomplishments and diversity of Arab cinema. And Shaheen—who performs original fused jazz and classical Latin American and Arab music with an ensemble—was nominated for 11 Grammy Awards for the critically acclaimed 2001 album, “Blue Flame.”

Together, these performances offer the first-ever showcase of contemporary Arab art at Notre Dame.

The Arab film series, organized by the Subways, features films with themes linking the Arab world with the West. The series is in no way political, be said. In fact, the films selected so selected the series would not be politically charged or present any trace of a certain agenda.

“We’re presenters,” Vickers said. The series offers the audience the ability to separate themselves from the current political struggle of the region and view the human face of Arab culture.

“Cairo Station,” a classic film from 1958, portrays a newspaper paper dealer who falls in love with a beautiful but apathetic woman. The dealer becomes consumed by his passion, neglects the woman and faces the consequences.

“Destiny,” the 1997 action adventure by the same director, addresses religious fundamentalism and free speech through the struggles of a 12th century Spanish-Arabian philosopher in Medieval Spain.

The selections for the film series were carefully chosen for their style, diversity and message. Arab cinema is often noted for its dramatic regional differences, and the series pays tribute to the richness of this art form.

The films are artistically and highly successful in their regions, although some have not been distributed at all in the United States.

“A Summer in La Goulette” portrays the struggles of Muslim, Jewish and Catholic fathers who are the best friends until their daughters swear to lose their virginity to men of different religions. During this time, the Six Day War starts, bitterly dividing Jews and Arabs. “Ali Zoua: Prince of the Streets,” featured in the Sundance Film Festival, depicts the bitter struggle for innocence under the rule of the Mafia, featuring a cast of untrained children from the streets of Casablanca.

Shifting to music, Shaheen is hailed as a champion world musician, but he also devotes much of his time to bridging the gap between the Western and Arab worlds through music and cultural awareness.

He teaches and performs at elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities throughout the United States in an effort to increase exposure and understanding of Arab culture. He attempts to inspire peace between these conflicting groups through an open-minded display of the accomplishments of Arab music. In 1994, he started the Arab Festival of Arts in New York City, an annual exhibition of contemporary Arab artists, while creating programs for the study of Arab music.

A brilliant performer, Shaheen is hugely popular on college campuses such as the University of Michigan, where he has put on multiple concerts to sold-out venues. This will be his debut at Notre Dame.

With the DPAC already offering so much international and foreign art, it is fitting for Notre Dame to devote a whole week not only to the accomplishments of Arab artists.

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CD Review

California not a quick fix for lack of quality music

By CHRIS McGrady
Animae Scene Editor

Music from The O.C.: Mix 5 may be characterized by the show’s theme song.

“Right Here, Right Now” by the Subways, is the type of indie-rock that has become a staple on The O.C. This is one of the better songs on the CD, giving a feeling of retro-rock that has become popular with the elevation of groups such as Jet and The Darkness.

But it seems that those in charge of the soundtrack for the show are running into the same problem as the writers — there is just not enough material.

This is evident by the songs coming from the CD, “Wish I Was Dead Pt. 2” by The Shout Out Louds. One of the best tracks on the CD, it has the type of sad, morose vibe that makes you want to listen to the song on a rainy day. That is where the song’s power lies.

In a remake of the classic song “Forever Young” done by Youth Group. While some songs are better

The OC Mix 5

Various Artists

The OC Mix 5, which was released Nov. 8, 2005, Phantom Planet performs a new version of the show’s hit theme song, this version titled “California 2005.”

The best two songs of the CD are in the last three tracks, the first of which is “Your Ex-Lover is Dead” by the Stars. The opening line to this song is “When there is nothing left to burn, you have to set yourself on fire.” Assuming the listener has neither a) burned the CD in a fiery blaze of self-release or b) set themselves on fire by this point, the song is the best of the mix. Strong singing harmonies and generous guitar riffs power this song to greatness.

The last song is “Hide and Seek” by Imogen Heap and has a very unusual sound. There are no instruments, but rather just vocals that are layered heavily with effects. There is something about this song that is extraordinarily catchy.

Overall, the CD suffers from a lack of quality music. The good songs are really good, and the bad songs are really bad. But if O.C. fans can stand the bad half, this CD may just be worth some attention.

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The OC Mix 5

Warner Bros/IWEA

Recommended tracks: ‘Kids with Guns’, ‘Hide and Seek’, ‘Your Ex-Lover is Dead’ and ‘Forever Young’

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Wednesday, January 26, 2006

DPAC SPOTLIGHT
Pittsnogle and West Virginia fall to Marshall

Center guaranteed a victory prior to loss; no regrets after game

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - West Virginia's first Top Ten appearance in 24 years will be short-lived.

So was its ownership of the nation's longest winning streak.

Mark Pinsagir, who had 10 rebounds and Marshall beat No. 14 West Virginia 65-52 on Wednesday night, ending the Mountaineers' winning streak at 12 games.

Center Kevin Pittsnogle had guided West Virginia (14-4), but the Mountaineers were held to a season-low 12 field goals in the nation's longest winning streak. Their 65-52 loss, a 20-point defeat, nullified the first time that's happened since 1981-82.

"After a guarantee like that, it's a good thing we showed up tonight," Patton said. "This is how it is every year in Charleston. It is always back and forth like that.

Pittsnogle didn't apologize for his prediction.

"I said what I said, I said it," he said. "There's nothing wrong with what I said. I think it was just more like confidence.

Marshall (8-9) usually finds motivation for this game because the Thundering Herd is coming off a loss to the state's top ranked team with only two Division I teams. The meeting also occurs in early February when West Virginia's rough Big East schedule.

"They came out with more intensity," West Virginia's Mike Gansey said. "This is kind of like their Super Bowl, this is just another game for us.

It was the Thundering Herd's first win over a Top Ten opponent since beating St. John's in 1971.

It marked the fourth straight meeting between the schools to be decided by six points or less. West Virginia has failed to score more than 55 points in the last three meetings.

Marshall coach Ron Jrsna said his team didn't do anything special. They just played smart and kept themselves focused.

Pittsnogle led West Virginia with 20 points but got little support. Gansey was held to 10 points - 10 below his average.

South Carolina 68, Florida 62

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Tarence Kinsey of South Carolina ended a nine-game losing streak to No. 5 Florida with a victory Wednesday night. Gators' second straight loss after

opening the season with 17 wins.

The Gators (17-2, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) failed to extend the best start in school history with their 80-76 loss to Tennessee last Saturday.

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Lebron James scores 38 points to help top the Atlanta Hawks

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A solid defensive performance by the San Antonio Spurs earned Tim Duncan some extra rest for his sore foot.

Duncan scored 17 points and played for the first time since his worst defeat in Oklahoma City on Tuesday, helping the Spurs rout the Hawks on Wednesday night.

"It was a great defensive effort," Duncan said. "We could have played a little harder and done a little better, but we got the job done.

"We got to learn that in this league, OK, my shots falling, I can do other things to stay involved in this game and get on the floor.

The Hawks were held to 78 points on Monday at Boston, but that marked the second day in a row they failed to score their highest-scoring game of the season. They lost 109-96 to New Orleans on Tuesday.

"You just bounce back," Duncan said. "If you let this one get to you too much, you won't be able to perform in this game," Paul said. "You just take that game as it is and get ready for the next game, the same looks.

Duncan, who matched a season-low with 11 points and went 4-for-14 from the field, said it's just been a tough week for the Spurs team players.

"Obviously, we're not making shots," Duncan said. "I feel it's been going on for a little bit.

"We need to sit down and talk as a team about that, and figure out what's going on.

"One day it's going to end," Duncan said. "Hopefully, it's not.

"We were able to get stops and get out on transition.

"Chicago coach Scott Skiles said it's just been a combination of the Bulls playing well and the Spurs playing poorly sometimes.

"Chicago got to rest after a slow start as Chicago led 28-16 after the first quarter. The Raptors cut the lead to five in the third quarter, but Chicago followed with a 10-3 run to finish the third.

"Chicago led by as much as 18 in the third, but Bosh capped an 11-0 run with an alley-oop dunk after a Chicago turnover, cutting the lead to 67-63 with 12½ left in the third.

"Chicago, however, followed with its own 19-3 run to finish the third quarter up 77-66.

"Not something we look for," Bosh said. "I think we have to get a little more out of our offense.

"Duhon's 3-pointer from 93-83 left the game.

"We won't say it was a lack of effort," Toronto coach Sam Mitchell said. "We didn't shoot the ball well.

Cavaliers 104, Raptors 88

Chicago ended a 10-game losing streak to Toronto more than three years ago, and the Bulls haven't lost to the Raptors since.

"If I'm OK, I'm not doing too bad. I'm getting better each day," James said. "It's not what I'm used to."
Men's College Basketball AP Top 25

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Frank Thomas finishes a swing in his trademark one-handed style in a game last year against the Rockies. The A's hope Thomas can provide them with the big bat they have coveted for the middle of their lineup.

Thomas signs free agent deal with Athletics

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Frank Thomas called Oakland general manager Billy Beane to reiterate how thrilled he would be to join the Athletics.

The two clicked at last month's winter meetings, and it led to a contract for the free agent slugger.

Thomas agreed to a $500,000, one-year deal with Oakland on Wednesday, giving the A's the big right-handed bat they've been searching for in the middle of their lineup. He will be formally introduced Thursday.

"Frank Thomas is a presence," Beane said. "Not only would he be our type of offensive player, he would be everybody's type of offensive player. If Frank is healthy, he's been good against everybody.

"Thomas, a two-time American League MVP who has been slowed by injuries in recent years, can make an additional $2.6 million in bonuses based on plate appearances and not hurting his left foot. He played his first 16 seasons with the Chicago White Sox, who won their first World Series title since 1917 last season.

"It's a good day," said Thomas' agent, Arn Tellem. "From the beginning, the A's were Frank's first choice if he wasn't going to go back to Chicago. Frank had a great meeting with Billy Beane in Dallas at the winter meetings and that created a lot of momentum to getting the deal done. I think there was an instant connection between the two. They have the same philosophy. Frank is very excited to come to Oakland and he thinks he can contribute to a good club and help the A's win."

After missing the post-season for the second straight year following four consecutive trips to the playoffs, Oakland general manager Billy Beane has added Thomas and Milton Bradley to a lineup that struggled to score runs at times last season — and done so without losing anyone of significance.

Beane had been interested in acquiring Thomas for months and the deal was reportedly in the works for some time. Thomas will be the A's primary designated hitter and join Eric Chavez and Bradley in the heart of Oakland's order.

In Brief

Kansas State to hire African-American coach

ORLANDO, Fla. — When Kansas State needed someone to replace retiring football coach Bill Snyder, the first thing the school decided was who not to exclude.

Wildcat consultants were told to watch for promising black coordinators who may have been overlooked, said Jim Epp, senior associate athletic director. K-State ended up with Virginia offensive coordinator Ron Prince.

That kind of commitment to diversity wasn't so evident at many NCAA Division I-A schools, according to a report released Wednesday by University of Central Florida researchers.

The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport determined that white males still make up an overwhelming majority of leaders at Division I-A programs, from presidents and athletic directors to football coaches and coordinators.

Nailon arrested on assault charges

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia 76ers forward Lee Nailon was arraigned Wednesday on simple assault and harassment charges stemming from a fight with his wife at home.

Nailon, a member of the 1994 Indiana high school basketball championship team at South Bend Clay, was placed on the inactive list and will not practice, play or travel with the team, Sixers president Billy King said.

"These are serious allegations, but at this point in time, I think as an organization, we'll let the legal system run its course," King said following practice. Lower Merion Township police said they were called to Nailon's home Tuesday afternoon. Nailon's wife, Marti, told the police that the two had argued and that Nailon had hit her.

Belbin and Agosto shine in last Olympic tune-up

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Tanith Belbin was the picture of serenity as she skated around the ice, while partner Ben Agosto hammied it up with the crowd.

The three-time U.S. champions had every reason to feel good at Four Continents on Wednesday, opening up a big lead in their last tuneup before the Turin Olympics.

"Lots of teams feel better staying at home and just taking it easy and building up themselves in training. But for us, it's definitely better to come here," Belbin said. "These are the same international judges who will judge us at the Olympics and we want their feedback."

Belbin and Agosto are among the world's best, silver medalists at last year's world championships, and they're favorites to end the United State's 30 year medal drought in dance.

MLB

Kansas City Royals vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

Monday, April 26, 2006

Stadium: Kauffman Stadium

Score: 10-0 Royals

Kansas City Royals defeated Los Angeles Dodgers 10-0 at Kauffman Stadium.

Leadoff batter: Joe Mauer

The Kansas City Royals completed a sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers on Monday with an 10-0 victory.

Mauer had two hits and an RBI as the Royals scored in five of the first six innings.

The Dodgers had their first three games of the series postponed due to a rainout on Saturday and a snowstorm on Sunday.

Pitcher: Jamie Moyer

Moyer allowed five hits and a walk in eight innings while striking out eight.

The Royals swept the three-game series as they try to get back on track after losing six of their last nine games.

The Dodgers, who entered the series with the best record in the National League, have lost four of their last five games.
Former Knicks executive sues Thomas for harassment

Team president denies claims of misconduct, sexual discrimination

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Isiah Thomas reacted with indignation Wednesday over a former team executive’s federal sexual harassment lawsuit, which accuses the New York Knicks president of unwanted advances, discrimination and “demeaning and repulsive behavior.”

Thomas said he never harassed Anucha Browne Sanders, the Knicks’ former senior vice president of marketing and business operations, nor did he discriminate against her or participate in her firing.

“She did not even work for me,” he said, reading from a written statement at a news conference. “I will not allow her or anybody, man or woman, to use me as a pawn for their financial gain.”

Thomas said he spokc out despite his lawyers’ advice to keep mum because “it is not their name, it’s not their family, it’s not their career and it’s not their reputation that’s being hurt.”

Browne Sanders said she joined the Knicks and Madison Square Garden “because I had no choices.”

“My pleas and complaints about Mr. Thomas’s illegal and offensive actions fell on deaf ears,” she said Wednesday at a news conference at her lawyer’s office. “He refused to stop his demeaning and repulsive behavior and the Garden refused to intercede.”

The 43-year-old, a former Northwestern basketball star who described herself as the Knicks’ second-highest ranking executive, is seeking reinstatement to her job and unspecified damages. She said she was fired last Thursday “for telling the truth” while going through internal channels to stop the harassment.

Thomas and Madison Square Garden are listed as defendants in the lawsuit, which charges them with sex discrimination and retaliation. Madison Square Garden said she was fired because she “failed to fulfill professional responsibilities.”

According to the lawsuit filed Tuesday in a Manhattan federal court, Thomas refused to stop making unwanted sexual advances toward her, used offensive language and turned others in the organization against her.

Browne Sanders said when she sought assistance from her supervisor, Steve Mills, the president of Madison Square Garden Sports, he did nothing.

“I am appalled by Anucha Browne Sanders’ outrageous behavior,” she said. “I was fired on Thursday because she was still working for us, and I had demand­ed $6.5 million upon her departure, more than 20 times her salary.”

 Asked about the suggestion that she had demand­ed the money, one of her lawyers, Kevin Mintzer said: “How do you put a price on Ms. Browne Sanders’ career? She was the second-high­est individual in the Knicks organ­izations, and one of the most senior African­ American women in all of prof­essional sports. I don’t know how you put a price on that.”

When Browne Sanders sought legal counsel last November, MSG launched its own investigation but told her it would not come to work for three weeks. She was fired last Thursday when MSG said her claims couldn’t be substantiated.

“They weren’t sincerely inter­ested in finding out what hap­pened, they just wanted to pun­ish her,” Mintzer said.

He said a settlement is always a possibility, but if none is reached, depositions will begin with the intent to go to trial.

Players were quick to support Thomas at a Wednesday morn­ing shootaround.

“I know Isiah and I know he’s an honorable man,” Stephon Marbury said. “I know that he’s a guy filled with a lot of char­ac­ter, so I think everyone here is on his side.”

The lawsuit also alleges that Thomas told Browne Sanders he was pushing for more Sunday home games at noon so he could steer opposing players to clubs where he had connec­tions on Saturday nights, hop­ing they would be sluggish the next day.

“These fabricated and outra­geous charges come from an individual who has always sued because of an inability to fulfill professional responsibilities and who is now seeking a finan­cial windfall,” Madison Square Garden attorney Ron Green said in a statement.

The Knicks would not com­ment further.

“I’ve known him since I tried to recruit him in high school and he’s a phenomenal human being,” coach Larry Brown said of Thomas. “And the Knicks have always treated me well, so I guess I’ll let it play itself out.”

Browne Sanders said the problems began shortly after Thomas joined the Knicks in June 2001. In an interna­tion­al article, Brown said Thomas often berated her and made crude comments about her to Knicks officials, telling them not to listen to any of her directions. Marbury also is accused of acting in a hostile way toward her as a result.

Browne Sanders said Thomas’ behavior soon became sexually charged, saying he told her he was “very attract­ed” to her and “in love” with her and tried to kiss her. She charges that last month, he hugged and tried to touch her, and when she pulled away, he said, “What, I can’t get any love from you today?”

Browne Sanders graduated from the University of Georgia as the Big Ten’s women’s career scoring leader and was a two-time con­ference player of the year. She was the school’s athlete of the decade for the 1980s.
Pacers and Kings swap Artest and Stojakovic

Trade almost did not go through as Artest stalled deal Tuesday

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers traded volatile forward Ron Artest to the Sacramento Kings for Peja Stojakovic on Wednesday, a day after a deal between the teams all but fell apart.

Artest reportedly balked at being dealt to the Kings, but met with Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh on Wednesday at Conseco Fieldhouse and apparently agreed to go to Sacramento.

The trade ends a lengthy standoff between the Pacers and Artest, who was deactivated in December after requesting a trade and was suspended most of last season for his role in one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history.

"Obviously, we're very happy about getting a player of (Stojakovic's) caliber," Pacers president Larry Bird said in a statement. "He's one of the best shooters in the league and we definately feel he can help us right away."

Larry Bird
Pacers president

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Pacers president

Kings guard Peja Stojakovic, left, attempts a lay up Nov. 11, 2005 against Nuggets forward Kenyon Martin. Ron Artest, right, cruises out of Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis Wednesday.

percent of his shots — lowest since his rookie year — along with 5.3 rebounds and 2.2 assists.

He has been bothered by a sprained finger, a strained groin muscle and a protruding disc in his lower back which hinders his running, jumping and shooting. He has missed eight games because of the injuries, including three straight earlier this month before receiving a cortisone shot.

The Pacers have struggled without Artest. They were 10-6 in games he played and are 11-14 without him, losing five of their last six — including a 30-point loss to Cleveland on Tuesday night. Jermaine O'Neal has hinted that players might be concerned about possibly getting traded along with Artest, and it could be affecting their performance.

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Woods excited to re-enter competitive fray

Buick Invitational debut ends second longest inactive streak

Associated Press
SAN DIEGO — Even after 10 years defined by his 10 major championships, there are times when Tiger Woods still feels as though he has something to prove.

The chill of a Pacific breeze was in his face Tuesday morning when he reached his ball in the sixth fairway, seemingly too far away to reach the green.

"No chance to get there?" he said to his caddie.

Steve Williams shrugged his shoulders and told him it was 275 yards to the front of the green, a long way considering the wind and temperature in the 50s that keeps the ball from traveling as far.

"Let me show you my stuff," Woods said with a smile, grabbing a driver from the bag.

He ripped a low, piercing shot that held its line until tumbling into the first cut of rough, a few yards short of the green. And this brought another smile.

"That," he said, "was pure.

There were few signs of rust for Woods, who makes his debut at the Buick Invitational after taking the second-longest break of his career.

He missed two months because of knee surgery at the end of the 2002 season, returning at the Buick Invitational and winning by four shots.

He took six weeks off this time, a self-imposed break to recuperate a long year in which he spent more time on the range trying to refine his swing.

More than just the six weeks, Woods made it a point not to touch a club until the calendar changed.

"Once the new year came around and I started to realize I only had a couple more weeks to prepare, to start getting ready, then my mind kind of switched over," Woods said. "Before that, I had been working really well and made a decision not to touch a club until the following year."

He spent four days skiing, and the rest of December in southern California with his father, who is fighting a losing battle with cancer. Woods said only that Earl Woods was "hanging in there.

Woods is the defending champion at Torrey Pines, where the field isn't as strong as it was a year ago. Only three of the top 10 players from the world ranking are at the Buick Invitational, the others being Phil Mickelson and Sergio Garcia. Ernie Els is making his "live debut at the U.S. Open this summer, after the Masters, British Open and two World Golf Championships.

Woods said there is still room to improve, although he is much farther ahead than he was last year.

"I don't have as far to go to get ready for the Masters this year," he said. "Last year, I had a long way to go. I had a lot of different things I needed to fix to be ready for Augusta. This year, it's not as many. The list is a lot shorter, and the changes aren't as big.

"From that standpoint, I've got a head start on last year."

There are other changes outside of the golf. The Tiger Woods Learning Center, an after-school project for kids in the Anaheim area, will have its grand opening Feb. 10. And he recently completed a $38 million purchase of a 10-acre property in southern Florida that stretches from the Intracoastal Waterway to the Atlantic Ocean.

Woods didn't say when he would move from Orlando, Fla., or where he would play, although he has an invitation from Jack Nicklaus to the exclusive Bear's Club.

"I told Tiger that he is more than welcome," Nicklaus said. "He may choose to come to The Bear's Club, and he may choose not to come here ... may not want to feel like he's imposing on my situation while he's trying to break my record. He's certainly been invited.""}

Woods said he likely would keep a house or villa at Isleworth, a course that he said was ideal for major prepa­rances.

And that's ultimately what matters to him this year, just like always.

"Hopefully, I can put together some wins and have a more succes­sful season than I did last year," he said.

Torrey Pines has been friendly to him over the years.

Woods and Mickelson are the only three-time winners of the Buick Invitational, and Woods' worst finish in this tournament was a tie for 10th in 2004, when he missed a playoff by two shots.

"I've been playing here since I was 12," Woods said. "I've had some success here even in the junior ranks. The golf course just suits my eye.

"Mickelson, who grew up in San Diego, has been playing it even longer, and still likes to sneak out with the public, although that hasn't happened in a few years.

"I think Torrey Pines South is the hardest golf course I've ever played at day and day out," Mickelson said.

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Tiger Woods looks on after driving a ball on day one of the Shanghai Champions Tournament in Shanghai, China, on Nov 30, 2005. Woods will return to play at the Buick Invitational this weekend.
**NFL**

**Holmgren attempting an unprecedented feat**

**Coach would be first to win with 2 franchises**

Associated Press

Bill Parcells failed. Dan Reeves, Dick Vermeil and Don Shula never had the chance.

Now Mike Holmgren has taken a second franchise to a Super Bowl. Can he become the only coach to win with more than one team?

In nearly four decades of Super Bowls, only Parcells managed to win in his first try, then come back with another club. But after victories with the Gaits in 1987 and 1991, Parcells' Patriots were beaten in 1997 by the Packers. 

Green Bay's coach that season: Holmgren.

Reeves went three times in four years with the Denver Broncos and John Elway, but flippard against Parcells in 87, against Joe Gibbs and the Redskins the next year, and to George Seifert and the 49ers in 1990. He also lost to Denver in 1999 while coaching Atlanta.

Vermeil was a Super Bowl loser with the Eagles in 1981 to the Raiders, then won with St. Louis in 2000. Shula, pro football's winningest coach, fell in 1960 with the Colts to the Jets, then won twice with Miami (1973, '74). Holmgren knows the history. He's trying to ignore it, but hoping he can change it.

"I think both the players that have gone through Super Bowl games and the coaches that have been there, that helps," says Holmgren, whose Packers lost to the Broncos — by then coached by Mike Shanahan but still with Elway at quarterback — in 1998.

"Because the more you can talk about it, kind of explain, kind of pave the way for them ... they won't believe what's happening to them. It's different. So we kind of pave the way for them a little bit." 

It seems odd that only one of the previous coaches to take different franchises to the big game has had an opportunity for double victories. Shula, Reeves and Vermeil are among the most successful coaches ever. But Reeves was 0-4 in Super Bowls, and Shula went 2-4, losing his first two.

Vermeil was 1-1, but the loss came first, and he, like Shula and Reeves, is now retired.

Parcells, now with Dallas, could even have the distinction of getting to the Super Bowl with three franchises. He came close in the 1998 season when his Jets lost at Denver for the AFC championship.

**Steelers hoping magic continues**

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers sense something special is going on here, the kind of season that is remembered and replayed not only for a few years but for generations.

A season in which a team has to try harder and travel a far more difficult road to win football's biggest game.

After a month virtually unraveled in NFL playoff history, the Steelers are one victory away from a Super Bowl championship that, by degree of difficulty, might eclipse any of the four they won during the 1974-79 seasons.

"If you're not able to finish the deal, you'll be forgotten," Bill Cowher, Steelers coach, said. "You have a chance to put your name up there with some of the great teams. That's the opportunity that you're selling to your players."

It's also why Cowher is trying to keep this off week close to a regular week, even if he knows that is impossible. Cowher is attempting to keep the edge, ambition and motivation the Steelers fed off while beating Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Denver during the first sweep of a conference's No. 1, 2, and 3 seeds.

The Steelers were off Wednesday — they haven't played or practiced since their 34-17 rout of Denver in the AFC championship game Sunday — but will work out Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Then, after another day off Sunday, they'll travel to Detroit on Monday to resume preparations for the Feb. 5 game against Seattle.
Saxer

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record in the pole vault, a mark she broke herself an amazing nine different times. She won the indoor and outdoor NCAA championships in the pole vault, and was also a finalist for the National High School Athlete of the Year.

"I always have expected to perform well, I just wasn’t sure how soon to expect the results that I have been looking for," Saxer said. "It felt good to perform at such a high level right away.

Saxer has been leading the charge for a very impressive trio of pole-vaulters this season for the Irish. Saxer, along with senior Laura Fluarte and fellow rookie Katie Mattson, has helped form a formidable trio.

"We have always expected Mary to be an excellent performer, but for her to perform to this well this early is a very pleasant surprise," head coach Joe Flann said.

Although Saxer has already turned in a great freshman campaign, she is not 100-percent satisfied with her performance to date. Her personal best in the pole vault, which she set in high school, is 14-foot. "My goal for the remainder of the season is to just get back to where I was last season. I want to be able to consistently clear the heights that I was clearing when I was at my peak last year," Saxer said.

"It would be great if my provisional vault holds up and I end up making the NCAA Championship, but my main goal is just to continue to improve my marks." If her past history is any indication, there is no reason to believe that she won’t at the very least reach her peak level over the next four years, if not exceed it.

Get the erasers ready, the record books are about to be rewritten.

The track and field squad returns to action this Friday at Lufus Sports Center with the Notre Dame Invitational, a tune up for the prestigious Meyo Invitational.

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**NBA**

Kings beat Knicks in OT

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Though Ron Artest should make the Sacramento Kings better, there was nothing he could do to help them Wednesday.

Mike Bibby and Brad Miller did plenty. Bibby scored eight of his 35 points in overtime and added 10 assists, and Miller had 25 points and 15 rebounds to lead the short-handed Kings over the New York Knicks 106-102 on Wednesday night.

That capped a big day for Sacramento, which acquired the volatile Artest from the Indiana Pacers for Peja Stojakovic in a trade shortly before the game. "I talked to Ron a couple of times," Bibby said. "He comes to play and he plays hard every night. That's what we need, regardless of what he does off the court.

The Kings hope Artest, a superb all-around player who is one of the league’s best defenders, will join them in time for their game at Boston on Friday night.

In the meantime, the Kings — playing for the second straight night — used only eight players and took four of their 15 points from their bench while winning for the first time on their six-game eastern road trip.

"We needed this win and we definitely thought it was a win we could get, so we just had to come out and get it," Bibby said.

Bibby got it for them with another outstanding game. He scored a career-high 44 points in a loss to Philadelphia on Tuesday night. Miller bounced back from a dismal showing in that game, when he was 0-for-8 from the field for two points.

"Mike was really terrific again tonight and Brad was good tonight," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "We really, really needed this win after the last three on the road."

Stephon Marbury scored 22 points in his return to the lineup after missing three straight games with a sprained left shoulder for the Knicks, who lost their sixth straight game following a six-game winning streak.

"It's a humbling guard," guard Jamaal Crawford said. "You never really figure it out." New York was dealing with its own distractions.

The Knicks began the day by having to deal with questions about a former team executive's federal sexual harassment lawsuit filed against team president Isaiah Thomas on Tuesday. Thomas defended himself Wednesday and said Anucha Browne Sanders, the Knicks' former senior vice president of marketing and business operations, was trying to use him for financial gain.

Maurice Taylor had 21 points and 12 rebounds for New York, and Eddy Curry contributed 17 points and 10 boards.

**ATHLETIC APPAREL**

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that he's a real solid citizen," Jackson said. "He does a great job in the classroom and very active in community service. He's a modest player, but he's got a big heart." "He goes to his head on straight. He's the kind of kid in Providence who would be proud to call my son, he's got that kind of character to him." Trick has been extremely involved in numerous Notre Dame-area programs. "Trick is the kind of kid that I would be proud to call my son, he's got that kind of character to him." Jeff Jackson
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nance, illustrated no better than by Providence's performance in last year's NCAA championships.

During the first two days of team competition -- the men's portion of the tournament -- Providence came down with food poisoning and boarded a plane to New Hampshire. It wasn't released until an hour and a half after the first game of the third day of the championships, the beginning of the women's portion of the tournament. "I was really encouraging to see her compete that well," Jackson added of the Irish's performance. "She gained a lot of respect for

being such a tough competitor. I think it was also inspiring for all the girls competing at the end." Through Providence finished fourth in the women's sabre competition, it was a strong enough performance to help Notre Dame overcome a 24-point deficit against its fiercest competitor, Ohio State, and win its seventh national title with a score of 173-171.

"Going into those final days, we were concerned," Storlars said. "Even that first day [of the women's competition] we were in a tough spot because we only made up [11 of the 24 bouts] and knew they had 13 real tough bouts the next day. But our girls weren't even upset. We just went out and had fun in our game."

"We definitely have a shot at winning the NCAA title this year," Storlars said. "And it looks like it is going to be another good match-up against Ohio State."

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alec Bas, 25; China Kruus, 35; Dr. Matt Ruff, 48; Richard Grove, 36.

Happy Birthday: Pick a cheese wisely what you do this year. You will be tempted to scatter your energy, finishing nothing. Be careful not to let others change your responsibilities if you are in love. You will have the discipline to get things done as long as you are very diligent and well prepared. Your numbers are 1, 3, 6, 28, 30, 37.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Physical activities are a must today. You will go off and show everyone what you can do. You are going through a winning streak. Resistance is looking good. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will tend to overreact to personal matters today. If asked, offer assistance willingly and you will avoid arguments later in the day. Legal matters aren’t likely to go the way you want. Don’t be too quick to settle. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This is the perfect day to talk to people who can help you reach your goals. Preparation will be the cause, if you have a complaint with someone, speak up, and involve the issues that are bothering you. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): As long as you can change your attitude going on around you, life will get better. Travel will get you thinking about what you can do with some of the ideas you have mulled over in your mind in the past. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): First to do something social with your friends today. Partnerships will be rewarded if you are not petty or demanding. Something is available for you against which you can take care of your problems. Take care of these matters yourself. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): Do something that will enhance your looks or your attitude. The very people you depend on or who depend on you will cause you the most grief today. Make some changes that will get over well but will not be for you. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will not be feeling up to par. It’s vital you push yourself today. Much can be accomplished. Tacts will lead to important decisions in your advancement. A chance to change direction looks possible. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful what you say and how you approach people. You are not to have problems while traveling. Don’t let one small act during your day make the changes necessary to make your personal life and surrounding become.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Show your emotions, talk about your concepts and get whatever has been causing you grief behind you. Once you can be clear about what it is you want, it will be easy to move forward. Take a new approach to an old idea. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may face some opposition by taking charge, but that shouldn’t stop you. Love is in the stars but don’t challenge the person you are involved with. Today is about nurturing your personal relationships. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Travel should be on the back burner. You will face some problems if you don’t have your personal papers in order or if you don’t stick to rules and regulations. Someone will offer to help you out but make sure what they propose won’t cause trouble. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take care of money matters or investments. You have to look at the big picture you want to make it all sit right today. Today is about adapting to change and making positive moves. ****
**Hockey**

**Trick and treat**

Irish senior provides community service in the South Bend area

By KYLE CASSILY

Chris Trick anchors the Irish blue line on the ice, but off of it he plays an equally large role supporting the lives of children less fortunate than the rest — and has earning national recognition for it.

The Notre Dame senior defenseman was named as one of seven finalists Jan. 20 for the 2006 Hockey Humanitarian Award sponsored by the Hockey Humanitarian Foundation. The award will be given out in a ceremony to be held on April 7 at the 2006 NCAA Frozen Four in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The finalists for the award are selected from among every men’s and women’s college hockey team in Division I, II, and III and the winner is announced alongside the Hobey Baker Award for college hockey’s top player.

“It’s always nice to get recognized for your efforts,” Trick said of being nominated a finalist. “It’s good for our team as well because all our projects have to do with team stuff. There’s always different guys doing different stuff. So it’s more of a team award than an individual work.”

Trick was nominated to the Hockey Humanitarian Foundation as a candidate for consideration by Irish head coach Jeff Jackson and his staff. Jackson first took notice of Trick’s extra-curricular activities when Trick entered his office to ask if a practice could be moved earlier in the day so that the team could do some service work.

“I could tell from early on when I made him a captain,” Jackson said. “It’s always nice to get recognized for your efforts.”

**Fencing**

Providence sets out to repeat title

Injured sabre battled food poisoning during last year’s NCAAAs

By DAN TAPETILLO

It’s hard topping an NCAA national championship, but that is exactly what junior sabre Valerie Providence has set out to accomplish.

Thriving on the momentum of last season, Providence and the rest of the Irish squad are looking for a repeat of their 2005 national title and continuing Notre Dame’s fencing legacy.

“The motivation to win came toward the end of last year,” Providence said. “So we will only add to the excitement from last year as we get closer and closer to the championships this year.”

The Irish confidence comes from their ambition for dominant play and the determination to beat the favorites.

**Track**

Saxer impresses early in collegiate career

Pole vaulter came to college with strong high school resume

By JORDAN BELTZ

Freshman pole vaulter Mary Saxer came to Notre Dame with high expectations based on her high school accomplishments, but not even Saxer could have predicted how quickly she would excel at the national level.

The Blue-Gold meet is traditionally the first official meet of the track and field season. But there was nothing traditional about Saxer’s accomplishment.

The freshman posted a vault of 12-feet, 11.5 inches, which provisionally qualified her for the NCAA Indoor Championship. She also would go on to win the pole vault competition at both the Purdue Invitational and the Notre Dame Invitational.

It’s safe to say the four-year letter winner from Central High in Lancaster, N.Y. has burst onto the scene in a big way.

“The transition from high school to college has been different because of the change in coaching styles,” Saxer said. “However, it has been a little easier since I came from a big high school; the competition is on the same level.”

Her remarkable performance right out of the box was the perfect transition from a high school career full of accolades.

She holds the high school record at 100 percent effort, and that is why we won,” senior forward Shelly Bender said.

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**PGA**

As Tiger Woods enters his 11th season on the PGA tour, he still feels he has a lot to accomplish.

**NCAA Basketball**

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West Virginia 52

Marshall upsets No. 9 West Virginia after Mountaineers star Kevin Pittsnogle garnered victory.