Tickets vie for student leadership

Presidential, vice presidential candidates vary in experience, age, goals for Notre Dame

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News Writers

Apart from a shared focus on community relations, this year's candidates for Notre Dame student body president and vice president vary greatly in experience, goals and age.

One ticket is led by current student body vice president Lizil Shappell. Another is headed by Jason Laws, a member of the 2004-05 national championship fencing team. Another two are completely comprised of freshmen — and the fifth is split between a sophomore and freshman, bringing the total number of freshmen in the race to five.

The pair housing the most student government experience is Shappell and junior class president Bill Andrichik, both juniors. Given their ties to the current administration, led by student body president Dave Baron, Shappell said continuing to pursue this year's student government initiatives is "to be expected."

"Obviously, we have some continuity," shappell said. "The ordinance issue, we think that's huge ...

... it will be at the forefront of our administration."

In light of student evictions from Turtle Creek Apartments after last summer's passage of the disorderly house ordinance by the South Bend Common Council, community relations has been a focus of Baron's presidency.

Shappell and Andrichik promise to pick up where the current administration leaves off, building partnerships with the Notre Dame Law School to arrange legal aid clinics, a telephone hotline and office hours as resources to help off-campus students.

Light weighty plans include pushing the spring semester move-out day from Monday to Sunday and adding homes to the Grab-and-Go system, such as ramen noodles and popcor

Shappell and Andrichik have been heavily involved in student government since freshman year, when Shappell served on the student and Spirituality Committee for then-student body president Emily Chin and Andrichik was the Stanford Freshman Class Council representative and Freshman Class Treasurer.

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ND group aims for free speech

Coalition formed for student expression

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

Notre Dame students concerned about academic freedom and artistic expression plan to take action and make their voices heard through a new coalition called United for Free Speech.

United for Free Speech is a group of students whose stated aim is to promote dialogue about the recent campus controversies surrounding "The Vagina Monologues" and Queer Film Festival.

The group formed as a response to University President Father John Jenkins' speeches to faculty and students Jan. 23 and 24, which questioned — among other things — the events' appropriateness in light of the University's Catholic character.

The organizers of United for Free Speech say they want to potentially University policies stemming from the addresses will limit students' ability to express themselves.

"The group, United for Free Speech, will advocate and work for a University environment that protects academic freedom and respects diversity," said a press release issued

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SMC questions paper usage, printing habits

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

SMC students enjoy a variety — large dorm rooms, on-campus apartments, South Bend house lodging they may not own — but one luxury students may not realize they have is free printing on campus.

If paper usage and printing habits remain as they are now, however, that may change.

According to director of student information technology Kathy Haussmann, Information Technology spent $1,870.72 last semester in order to stock the College's various computer centers with 139,735 sheets of paper — approximately 260 pages per student. While some students do not use the free printers on campus at all, preferring to use personal printers in their rooms, others use printers daily — and IT is overspending on paper each semester to try to compensate.

Haussmann said the cost of paper and ink is $2.40, or $4.80 per 1,000 pages.

One disturbing trend witnessed by computer center consultants and residential computer consultants involves students removing paper from campus printers or taking entire reams from unlocked storage cabinets for use in their personal printers.

While campus printing rules state a print limit of one copy per document per student, online recycling containers across campus are stuffed with paper.

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Keenan Revue tickets gone within minutes

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students quickly snatched up tickets Friday for the sometimes-controversial Keenan Revue. The annual comedy show — new in its 30th year — sold out all three of its performances within minutes.

Keenan gave away 1,300 tickets at Notre Dame's Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center and in the O'Laughlin Auditorium lobby at Saint Mary's. Ticket sales for Notre Dame began at 4 p.m. at the JACC and at 1 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

People began lining up at the JACC at noon, ticket manager L.J. Cappa said.

"We didn't have to turn anyone away," Cappa said.

"We seemed to have just enough for everyone who wanted one," Cappa said.

Tickets for the Feb. 9 and 11 shows were sold out within 14 minutes, and tickets for the Feb. 10 show were sold out within half an hour, show producer Thomas Flowers said.

In addition to the tickets given away at the JACC and Saint Mary's, each Keenan resident receives at least four tickets and more are reserved for VIPs and faculty members.

The Keenan Revue — which Keenan's Web site says "the lone spark of entertainment during the spring semester" — will be performed in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

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Chuck D raps on racism, music

By NICOLE ZOOK
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Controversial and influential rapper Chuck D — founder of the group Public Enemy and well-known music Web site D-Roots — was the guest speaker at Notre Dame's African American History Month keynote address on Feb. 2 during his Black History Month keynote address.

Rapper Chuck D tied race and music together in a talk that proteets academic freedom and respects diversity, said a press release issued

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culture, rap's history, the worth of a college education and the state of the United States today.

"America is reaching the point where antiracist and xenophobia is coming

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FRONT PAGE
The eternal city

For most American college-age journalists, an assignment in Rome to cover University representatives' interaction with Vatican officials within 48 hours would be a misadventure impossible. Jetlag, culture shock, the language barrier, confusing transportation and winding streets would present serious logical problems. But for me, it was like going home.

Last week, when the Observer decided to send a writer and a photographer to Rome, I was able to physically take in the streets I've lived here, crossed this street and stopped. Two years ago, I studied abroad in the Eternal city - Rome, the eternal city.

Auberge, the Observer writer, to my favorite place where flowers, fish, fruit and vegetables are sold. "Auberge Espaizzle," the narrator explains. "When you first arrive in a new city, nothing makes sense. Everything's unknown... After you've lived here, window shopping, you'll know them inside out. You'll know these people. Once you've lived here, crossed this street 10, 20, 100 times, it'll belong to you..."

In some ways, this sentiment goes beyond the physical nature of Rome. While the art, grandeur and spectacle at the Vatican is impressive, the sense of spirituality that I found in Rome goes beyond the pomp and circumstance. It is a deep sense of the architectural achievement, a new understanding of the divinity that touches through the fascist food and a lesson in human existence, where people will always remember you with an intense loyalty.

When I learned that Father John Jenkins could be attending the Pope's public audience, I contacted the director of the Saint Mary's Press. "Saint Mary's Press," explained my situation, and asked if she knew how to obtain special permission for photography at the Vatican.

Sure enough, she knew the perfect person: Father James, a Vatican official and a 1989 Notre Dame graduate who studied at the Saint Mary's Program. As I sat in the media gallery high above the papal audience with professional photographers, I captured the moment when the pope spoke to Father Jenkins about Notre Dame. There and then, I realized that the sequence of events that made my dreams become reality and that moment possible could have only happened in such a magical place - Rome, the eternal city.

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

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OFFBEAT

Whale soul for sale

LONDON — It used to be a practice confined to parts of the devil, but now an anonymous vendor in America is offering to sell the soul of the London whale.

The northern bottlenose whale died two weeks ago after swimming up the River Thames into central London. "I was accompanying the poor whale in his last journey, and he handed me his soul to me. He asked me to sell it, so I could invest the money raised in other bottlenosed whales," said the seller from Minneapolis, giving the whale the wrong gender. The soul seller describes the proud possession as "100 percent soul" and promises to ship it anywhere in the world.

Sailor's bottle message gets angry reply

NAPEAGUE, N.Y. — A sailor who sent a message out to sea in a bottle says he received a reply from England — accusing him of littering. "I kind of felt like no good deed goes unappreciated," Harvey Bennett, 55, told the East Hampton Star.

The plastic bottle was one of five that Bennett placed in the ocean off Long Island in August. Last week, he excitedly opened a letter from England, and was stunned by the reply: "I recently found your bottle while taking a scenic walk on the beach by Poole Harbour. While you may consider this some profound experiment on the path and speed of "oceanic currents, I have another name for it, litter."

"You Americans don't seem to be happy unless you are mucking about somewhere," says the letter. Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What do you think of Notre Dame's parking policies?

Joel Steiner

sophomore

Stanford

"I got stuck paying a full year for bringing a car in November. I hate it."

Dan Hackett

sophomore

Fisher

"The parking situation is as dirty as his moustache."

Chris Dechiaro

sophomore

Morrissey

"I'll park my chopper wherever I want."

Kyle Reis

fifth year

off-campus

"Put it underground and make it robotic."

Chris Huffer

sophomore

Morrissey

"It's really far to walk."

IN BRIEF

Robert Campbell, a Pulitzer Prize winner and veteran architecture critic for the Boston Globe, will present a lecture titled "Why Don't the Rest of Us Like the Buildings the Architects Like?" at 4:30 p.m. today at Bond Hall.

The student government General Election Debate will take place Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Huddle area of LaFortune Student Center.

Participants in Speed Dating will have 10 dates in half an hour Thursday at 11:55 p.m. at Legends. To sign up, e-mail leg­ends@nd.edu by Wednesday.

The Paquosilla East Musical Co. will present Footloose at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Washington Hall. Tickets are $5 for students and $7 for adults and can be purchased at the LaFortune Box office.

Chicago drumming group Howl at the Moon will play at Legends at 10 p.m. Friday.

The Edith Stein Project: Refocusing Feminism, a two-day conference on violence against women, will take place Friday from 12:27 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in McKenna Hall. For complete schedule, go to www.edithstein­project.com.

Award-winning band Carbon Leaf — which has toured with Blues Traveler — will play Saturday at 10 p.m. at Legends.

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

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Erotic tradition of scripture vital, speaker says

By MEGAN O'NEIL
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The erotic tradition which grew out of the Song of Songs in the Hebrew Scriptures is an enriching facet of Christian spirituality despite centuries worth of arguments to the contrary, said Saint Mary's Aquinas Chair emeritus Keith Egan Saturday.

Egan's lecture, entitled "Eros and Friendship," was the first of two given at the College over the weekend as part of the ninth annual Thomas Aquinas Symposium. This year the Symposium also served to kick off the 66th anniversary celebration of the Saint Mary's religious studies department.

While one of the most commented on books during the middle ages, the sensual Song of Songs has at times been ignored as part of the Canon in Christian tradition, Egan said, or interpreted in such a way that dilutes its meaning.

"The erotic direct sense of the text has been allegorized, in other words, given a spiritual or mystical meaning," Egan said. "The Jewish tradition has depicted the Song of Songs as a celebration of the Lord's love for Israel while Christians have seen the Song as a celebration of Christ's love for the church or the individual Christian."

The passionate language found in the Song is absent from the writings of great Christian theologians, Egan said, including Thomas Aquinas. Instead Aquinas chose to write about "caritas," which he argued unites one to God in friendship.

Many scholars such as Denys Turner and Fergus Kerr believe the erotic mysticism born out of the Song lacks a theological foundation and no longer has the power to communicate a message, Egan said.

Nevertheless, the erotic tradition born out of the Song of Songs has influenced the work of many Christians throughout history and, in conjunction with the friendship language of Aquinas, remains relevant today, Egan said.

"The list of commentators and mystical authors who have expressed their spiritual vision through the language and symbols of the Song reads like a who's who of saintly and mystical Christian authors," he said. "Their articulation of their religious experience in erotic terms is much too important to write off.

In a society saturated with sex, Egan said, the power of erotic language such as that found in the Song is at risk. It is necessary, therefore, to retrieve and preserve the tradition in order not to lose the wisdom of women mystics such as Teresa of Avila, Thérèse of Lisieux and Edith Stein.

Celebrating the Song of Songs can also help in the development of a positive theology of sexuality, Egan said. "What is needed is a positive vision of human sexuality as sacred and sacramental," he said. "The Song celebrates and delights in the goodness, power, energy, intensity and beauty of the sexual love of the Song's tomes."

Ultimately, Egan said, the principles of eros, friendship and love that have long been presented by scholars at odds with one another are interdependent, and should be brought back together in reflection.

"Eros on its own can become self-indulgent, friendship without love is no friendship at all, and a supposed caritas disconnected from earthly love stands in danger of becoming that which scholars Fergus Kerr calls a supernaturalism, that is, a pretend piecy that shuns human society," Egan said.

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by the group this week. "The first step toward that objective is to ensure that the University does not censor student productions that address issues of controversy.

The press release also said that a University of Notre Dame has an obligation to allow students to examine sensitive issues from many different perspectives, and should not censor the events.

As part of a campaign to advance its mission, United for Free Speech began circulating petitions to faculty and students last week. The group plans to hand-deliver the signed petitions to Jenkins.

"We're trying really hard to engage in a dialogue about these issues," United for Free Speech spokesperson senior Knitly Redfield said. "We want to make sure (Jenkins) understands our experience and tells him why these issues are important.

In addition to signing the petitions, the group urges Notre Dame students to write letters and e-mails to Jenkins to express their ideas and concerns. Both the petition and a form letter can be found on United for Free Speech's Web site.

"I just really want to emphasize that we want to discuss and promote and understand every student's expression of their experiences," Redfield said.

Redfield said approximately 120 students are involved in United for Free Speech, based on the numbers from the group's e-mail listserv. Many of these students attend the group's first meetings Jan. 25 and 29.

Administrators and students who criticize "The Virginia Monologues" and similar events have said they do so because the productions present sexuality in ways contrary to Catholic teaching.

"I respect their viewpoints, but I would say that is too limited an understanding of Catholicism," Redfield said.

"We think there is a misunderstanding and we hope to expand that view so more students could feel welcomed into Catholicism. If Notre Dame is going to be a family, it needs to accept all of its members."

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Saint Mary's.

Flowers said he is enthusiastic about the quality of the show this year. Thirty acts, plus four four-person acts, will perform in the revue.

"It's a very well-rounded, quality show," Flowers said. "We hope to entertain everybody and have a good time."

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Pulitzer Prize winner to speak at festival

Special to The Observer

Buzz Bissinger, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist and author of the best-selling novel "Friday Night Lights," will be among the distinguished presences at the 39th annual Notre Dame Literary Festival, taking place at the University from Feb. 13 to 16.

Bissinger will wrap up the festival on Feb. 16 with a writing workshop at 4 p.m. in the Foster Room of the LaFortune Student Center and a lecture that evening at 7 in Washington Hall.

The recipient of a Pulitzer Prize for a series of reports on the Adelphi inquirer on that city's court system, Bissinger also has written for such publications as Vanity Fair, the New York Times Magazine and Sports Illustrated. Published in 1990, "Friday Night Lights" was released in 2004 as a major motion picture.

Joining Bissinger on the festival line-up are novelist and short story writer James Salter, humor and mystery writer Kevin Guilfoile, novelist Tasha Alexander, slam poet Saul Williams, and poet/playwright Rane Arroyo.

Donation allows open online course entrance

Heewell Foundation focuses on spiritual classes

Special to The Observer

The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning at Notre Dame has received a two-year, $233,000 grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to support the OpenCourseWare pilot project, which will make the materials for some 30 Notre Dame courses available on the Web, free of charge, to any user in the world beginning this fall.

The project will feature courses devoted to understanding the spiritual and moral aspects of life, the human condition, the search for meaning and conflict resolution, and will align Notre Dame with the OpenCourseWare Consortium, a collaboration of more than 60 institutions worldwide, including Kyoto University, Paris Tech, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, and Tufts and Utah State Universities.

Houseled in the Kaneb Center's Learning Technology Lab, the OpenCourseWare project is directed by Terri Bays, a concurrent assistant professor of English and former associate director in the University's London Undergraduate Program.

Since 1966, the Hewlett Foundation has been awarding grants to solve social and environmental problems around the world. Based in Menlo Park, Calif., the foundation concentrates its resources on activities related to conflict resolution, education, environment, performing arts, population, and U.S.-Latin American relations.

Founded in 1996 and named for Notre Dame alumnus and benefactor John A. Kaneb, the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning supports a variety of initiatives designed to stimulate reflection about teaching and learning.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nations question next step in Iran

UNITED NATIONS — Now that the U.N. atomic watchdog agency has agreed to report Iran to the Security Council, diplomats have variously different notions about how the body should be involved in negotiations to make sure Iran is not trying to develop a nuclear weapon. The five permanent council members are split, with the United States, Britain and France hoping to pressure Iran into backing down with the ultimate threat of sanctions. However, Russia and China do not want to cite Tehran and would prefer that the council play a limited role. The Iranian allies want the International Atomic Energy Agency to keep the lead in handling Iran.

Haitians head to polls amid violence

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Stray bullets whizzing through slums, kidnappings, suffocating poverty and a dying economy — Haitians have no shortage of things they would like to change about their troubled country. They will have their say on Tuesday in long-delayed elections aimed at restoring elusive democarcy, two years after a bloody revolt ousted elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Two other former presidents, a wealthy businessman and an ex-rebel are among three dozen presidential candidates running in the polls, being held under the protection of thousands of U.N. peacekeepers and police and deemed crucial to pulling the country out of its cycle of misery.

"The future of Haiti is at stake," the top U.N. diplomat in Haiti, Tim Carney, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

NATIONAL NEWS

Stuffed space suit transmission lost

CAPE CAIRNBAWAL, Australia — A spacecraft that was tossed out of the international space station after being stuffed with old clothes and a radio transmitter was again sending weak signals as it circled the globe, ham radio operators reported Sunday.

"Death reports were premature," said Allen Marsiglio for the American Radio Relay League, a Connecticut-based association for amateur radio operators. He said the space station radio was "weak, cold and really hard to copy, but alive."

The suit, dubbed "Ivan Ivanovich," was released by the space station Friday, looking like a cosmetics tumbler helplessly thrust into space.

NASA reported late Friday that the space suit had ceased transmitting.

Spy program deemed unrealistic

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' explanations so far for the Bush administration's failure to obtain warrants for its domestic surveillance program, "creeped up" and "creeped over," the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman said Sunday.

Sen. Arlen Specter, whose committee has scheduled hearings Monday on the National Security program, said he believes the administration violated a 1978 law specifically calling for a secretive court to consider and approve such monitoring.

LOCAL NEWS

New casino boosts real-estate values

MOORE, Okla. — A new $1.5 billion, 4,000-room casino that opened in south Oklahoma City has sparked a land boom in the southern Indiana county as developers eager to capitalize on the new gambling venue announce ambitious plans for "new cities" in the area.

"For Sale" and "For Lease" signs now dot the French lick and adjoining West Baden Springs, the small Indiana resort towns which between them have a population of just 2,500.

In French lick, where the French lick Springs Resort & Casino is expected to open this December, homes are selling for 25 to 30 percent more than just two years ago.

BEIRUT

Muhammad caricatures cause riot

BEIRUT — Muslim rage over caricatures of the prophet Muhammad grew Wednesday in several Muslim countries on the second day of attacks on its diplomatic outposts in the Middle East.

In Beirut, a day after violent protests in neighboring Syria, the thousands-strong crowd broke through a cordon of troops and police that had encircled the embassy, Security forces fired tear gas and tossed their weapons into the air to stop the onslaught.

The protesters, armed with stones and sticks, seized fire engines, overturned police vehicles and garbage containers for use as hurling missiles and threw stones at a Maronite Catholic church in the wealthy Ashrafiyeh area — a Christian neighborhood where the Danish Embassy is located.

Flames and smoke billowed from the 10-story building, which also houses the Austrian Embassy and the residence of Slovakia's consul.

Protestors waved green and black Islamic flags from the broken windows of the building and tossed papers and filing cabinets outside.
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Environized, a private recycling company, empties the recycling bins daily, then shreds and recy­
cles it, Hausmann said. Junior Dana Christiano said she finds the printers in comput­
ers to be more convenient than the printers in the basement of the library, but she only uses the printers on Wednesdays. She said, "I do print, it's not like I

"We're a private university, the administration can do whatever

We're going in there knowing it takes a proactive approach."

Lizzi Shappell 2012 presidential candidate

I use what I print, but when I'm done I'll recycle it.

Katie Marr junior

It is necessary for the learning process to be able to print off articles.

Dana Christiano junior

"I use what I print, but when I'm done I'll recycle it." Watt said. "It's a significant cause of paper waste is due to students printing multiple pages. Because students don't want to put PowerPoint notes with one slide per page into their binders, they'll print out the slides again and again. This can be expensive and time-consuming, especially for students who are in a hurry. Watt said, "I always use multiple slides per page."

According to Hausmann, lack of patience is another complic­ation for students to attach their printouts to the documents they are printing. Students are testing a print accounting solution now, and it is hoped that they will be able to see how many pages they are printing. Watt said, "There will be charged for printing. The quota is $10.95! The pair’s platform can be summarized as "Drinking is awesome, and I want to be awesome too," said Szewczyk, who then contemplated the possibility of a neon sign to flash the slogan. They would also like to remo­nstrate the "dumb" black and white in the lounge, building a Nickleodeon Global Guts-style line. Neither candidate has any Notre Dame student government experience, but McCune serves as the assistant coach of the "Fear" Interhall hockey team. Walsh said he was the "assistant to the assistant coach" and said, "Take that as you will.

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Saint Mary’s sophomore Jana Blake views pages from the Writing Center printer in LeMaha Hall Thursday.

Like Laws and Costa, Wells and Chamberlain — a Peer Mentor, April Kr and member and Salek Walu­ker — emphasized the importance of the student voice, voicing to involve more members of the student body in student government to include "open forums" on any issues students want to dis­cuss. They said they see their cam­paign as a duty to the school and to the students.

"We’ve had an extensive background in service and I feel that’s what leadership revolves around," Chamberlain said. "I don’t think about the poli­cies, just want to make a differ­ence," Wells said.

The second pair of freshmen candidates, Zahn residents Ryan McCune and Elizabeth Martinez, are big on humor but short on practi­cal ideas. The pair’s platform can be sum­marized as "Drinking is awesome, and I want to be awesome too," said Szewczyk, who then contemplated the possibility of a neon sign to flash the slogan. They would also like to remo­nstrate the "dumb" black and white in the lounge, building a Nickleodeon Global Guts-style line. Neither candidate has any Notre Dame student government experience, but McCune serves as the assistant coach of the "Fear" Interhall hockey team. Walsh said he was the "assistant to the assistant coach" and said, "Take that as you will.

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Cuba invites U.S. investments

Officials ask corporations to lobby against trade embargo and invest in energy sector

State business contract taking bids
During a recent address at Kansas State University in which President George W. Bush offered audience members the rare opportunity to ask him questions that had not been scripted in advance by his public image Gestapo, one individual jokingly (or perhaps hopefully) inquired as to whether they would bring up the movie “Brokeback Mountain.”

“I don’t think so,” Bush responded with a smile. If he had known the audience was made up of laughter rolling through the packed auditorium, “I’d be glad to talk about ranching,” he hastened to add, almost as if the movie had failed.

But the fact is, the president was probably luckier that he hadn’t seen Ang Lee’s Oscar-nominated western that brought a whole new meaning to the phrase “ride em, cowboy.” After all, the over-commercialization of American life has reached such a sickening level that even one of our most банffish national pastimes — such as the motion picture industry — has become a political hotbed ripe with opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to tear at each other’s throats.

For instance, conversations about “Brokeback Mountain” (which, as everyone knows, is about two cowboys) have become so controversial and homosexuality, but also makes me sad. By restricting and removing concepts of laughter rolling through the packed auditorium, “I’d be glad to talk about ranching.”

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Zahn apologizes for disrespectful behavior

To Our Notre Dame Family,

We are NI. We chant it over and over again in football pep rallies to late night celebrations. We write it on our dorm rooms, we sign our class e-mails with it. Simply put, this phrase encompasses everything about us as students and the school we attend — for — our faith, our solidarity, our spirit — sexual expression and image of Our Lady's University.

You see us all around campus making noise with this chant, watching the Notre Dame Hall — or "House" as some of us like to call it. And despite our love and commitment to and as a part of the Notre Dame Family, we have taken it upon ourselves to call attention to grave threats distantly and not from that family. It’s time to set the record straight.

We are an extremely proud dorm. We are proud of our history, our beautiful homes, our camaraderie, our commitment to works of charity and our involvement in community programs. The look on someone’s face when they hear we’re from Zahn, or in particular, Notre Dame students chant it offers a welcome, familiar sound. It’s a loud and proud expression of a community that has come to realize that all of these things that we’re proud of don’t matter at all in light of what our reputation has become. It doesn’t matter how many "activities" we participate in or how well we do in competitions. What matters is our biggest cause for pride, our reputation, has slowly digressed into a cause for other dorms to hate us and ridicule us. We want to redefine this letter to look down on us and discipline us. While the image has been tarnished by the minority of our residents, we recognize that the majority of the dorm has done nothing wrong.

We’ve had a lot of conversations about how to re-establish the position we earned as one of the best dorms at Notre Dame, and it begins with an apology.

Here and now, we are the men of Zahn Hall, as students at the University of Notre Dame and members of the Notre Dame Family, want to express our deepest apologies for our continued disrespectfull behavior. We’re sorry for giving you all the reasons you need to hate Zahn. We truly value your respect and friendship, but also realize you must be earned. From this point on, we will do just that.

We’ve decided as a dorm to move forward in a positive way. We’ll still be the craziest dorm on campus. We’ll still put 10 percent into every event that we’re involved in. Essentially, we’ll still do everything that makes us Zahn Hall, we’ve lost the only thing that will change our disrespect for the amazing opportunities that Notre Dame has given us and others who are lucky enough to call them selves Dames. As we move forward in becoming who we should be as a dorm community, we ask that you support us in our mission to rejoin the Notre Dame Family in every aspect.

Here at Notre Dame, we are among the best students from around the world. We have so much pride in who we are, what we stand for, and what we accomplish. Zahn Hall is just one small part of what makes Notre Dame great, and we are committed to strengthening our relationship with the Notre Dame Family from this day forward. So when you hear us yelling "We are Zahn Hall," know that deep inside all of our hearts that phrase echoes with "We are NI." and we hope that it echoes in yours as well.

Yours in Notre Dame,

The Men of Zahn Hall

Libertarian confusion

Although I have very much enjoyed reading the recent string of Notre Dame Libertarians viewpoint letters and letters, I feel that each of these writings has consistently misrepresented libertarianism in some way. For example, the most opposition to the letter, sponsored by the group itself, confuses and misrepresents the "Monologues." This second point

Letter to the Editor

Feb. 3

Steve Tordel

EDITORIAL CARTOON
Call of Duty 2

"Call of Duty" franchise has established itself as one of the premier World War II first person shooters on the market, which is no easy task in that crowded market. "Call of Duty 2" had many expectations placed upon it before it was released, and while not as fresh as the original, it is one truly one of the first WW II games to give that feeling like the bullets are flying by and the enemy is close at hand.

Graphically the game is up there with best of the launch titles. Buildings crumble and tanks lurch thru the snow or desert in the game's many diverse campaign locations in a pleasing way. There is the feeling that no game at this point hasn't tapped into what the Xbox 360 has to offer. The level design is fairly wide and open and there never is the sense that the character is following some sort of narrow path. Where this game really shines however, is in the A.I. Enemies duck and cover, fall back when the odds are against them or surge forward when they see a decisive advantage.

The members of the accompanying squad are also fairly intelligent. Most of the time they are more than just vacant polygons, as they communicate enemy position, curses, taunts and orders.

Of all the games that are available for the Xbox 360, "Call of Duty 2" is probably the best of the launch lot, at least in terms of consistency.

Overall rating: A

Perfect Dark Zero

With almost six years having past since the original Nintendo 64 hit and spiritual successor to "Goldeneye," one would think that developer Rare would have a polished killer-app on their hands. Unfortunately, "Perfect Dark Zero" is not that killer-app that the Xbox 360 needs.

In terms of story, the game takes place prior to the original game. It fails to engage or have relevance, and the cheesy dialogue and poor voice acting in cut-scenes leaves much to be desired.

The single player campaign is marred by the awful level design. However, the developers seem to have been aware of this fact. After wandering around aimlessly on the same level, some time now as well, with examples being "Half-Life 2" and "T.E.A.R."

When the Nintendo 64 was released, and the Dreamcast in the following generation, there was an obvious leap in content and abilities. The leap isn't quite as sharp this time around.

That doesn't seem to be Microsoft's focus however. With the 360, their focus has been heavily placed upon online gaming. There are two different methods of getting online for gamers. There is the Silver Membership, which allows gamers to get online for free, but they are unable to access most of the features available.

Most gamers will find the Gold Membership to be a better choice. Despite costing more, online gamers can download demos of future games for free, play online games and join in on more of the Live community features. Players can customize their profile as they want, and Live is much more versatile in its 360 incarnation.

Microsoft is also placing a lot more emphasis on a personalized gaming experience that extends beyond the Live community. The 360 has an interchangeable face-plate that can be customized in a variety of ways.

The controller was left relatively untouched from its previous iteration. Microsoft kept the format of the Controller S, the smaller of the two first-party controllers. This helps keep gamers from being alienated by a new control scheme, and lowers the learning curve.

It should be noted that, like the first release of every console system so far, the 360 release was hampered by a number of defective units. A number of units suffered from freezing issues, or they would simply stop working outright. A number of complaints arose from disk scrathing issues. The limited supply of 360's meant that most people who purchased one would have to wait a significant amount of time for a replacement.

Photo courtesy of www.ign.com

"Condemned: Criminal Origins" is a spooky, atmospheric game that follows an FBI agent's search for a serial killer. The game features a host of realistic settings and an unusual array of weapons.
the Future

In the United States, Halo, a first-person shooting game, is now available. The Halo 360 edition is the first to offer a collaborative multiplayer experience, allowing players to work together against the game's enemies. The game's main feature, "Halo: Combat Evolved," features a post-apocalyptic setting in which the human race is a shadow of what it used to be. Monsters have appeared out of the Earth, and only a few places on the planet are safe. The player assumes the role of an elite commando in a squad of humans. It's a heavily cooperative game, as did the Xbox. The game's main rating: A-

Condemed: Criminal Origins

"Condemed" is probably one of the best-looking launch titles on the Xbox 360. As first-person survival horror game, blood splatters in a fantastic fashion and the heads of foes in results in convulsions that are built thoroughly and wonderfully realistic.

The atmosphere of "Condemned: Criminal Origins" is very chilling and there are a number of moments of sheer terror. Playing the game in the dark, or alone for that matter, is not recommended.

The game's main character, Ethan Thomas, is an FBI agent who is quickly thrown into the underbelly of a rotting city while pursuing a sadistic serial killer. As the game progresses, Ethan begins to question his own sanity and the sanity of the people around him. The game is a rush to play. Overall rating: B-

Contact Mark Bemenderfer and Gary Hotze at mbemende@nd.edu and chotze@nd.edu

May 14, 2003

The first-person shooting game "Perfect Dark Zero" is the follow-up to a massively popular Nintendo 64 game. It has become one of the most highly anticipated releases for the Xbox 360.
Win gives Clippers best record in team history

Sacramento recovers from abysmal 0-20 fourth quarter to take second game of weekend series with Utah

Associated Press

TORONTO — Even though the Los Angeles Clippers have never played well in Canada, they aren’t worried about changing their reputation.

Ellon Brand scored 30 points, Cassell added 27, and the Clippers improved to 11 games over .500 for the first time in team history in a 115-113 overtime victory over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday.

“We just the same old Clippers. That’s all we are. We just the same old Clippers,” Cassell said. “We want to continue to take us to our next level.”

After 12 consecutive losing seasons, the Clippers won for the eigth time in nine games and improved to 12-10 on the road after they have already surpassed their total of 10 road wins in each of the last two seasons.

The franchise — known for being one of the worst in sports — hasn’t won 11 games over the break-even mark since the Buffalo Braves were 30-19 on Jan. 28, 1976.

“It means a lot,” Brand said. “Every game step we take forward, we are 1-0 tonight. And the first time we 0-1, first time we 0-2, first time we 0-3, first time we 0-4, we have a winning January. Everything we do we take pride in.”

Cassell sent the game into overtime with a wide open 3-pointer with 7.8 seconds left in regulation.

“We were wide open and missed three jumpers in the top of the key,” Cassell said.

Brand missed one of two free throws with 10 seconds left, giving the Toronto the chance to tie, but Cassell’s jumper from the top of the key hit the rim.

Sacramento 96, Utah 78

Kenny Thomas’ dunk 28 seconds into the fourth quarter clearly had a little extra oomph behind it.

Just like that, the Sacramento Kings knew they would score more baskets than they managed in the deficit two days earlier against the Utah Jazz.

Mike Bibby scored 23 points, Kevin Martin added 20 and the Kings hit more than enough offensive field goals in the fourth quarter of the victory.

Ron Artest scored nine points despite a bruised hip for the Rockets. Houston knocked down just 13 of 43 field goals from a humiliating 0-for-20 shooting performance Friday in Salt Lake City. They managed 12 points on free throws while blowing a 1-point lead with 13.9 seconds left in an 89-79 defeat.

In the third quarter, the Kings went 11-19 from the field while finishing off the Jazz on both ends. They’ve still got all the inconsistency to be expected from their oft-shuffled roster, but the Kings are trying to get it together.

Sacramento hasn’t lost at home since Jan. 8, but is 1-6 on the road in that stretch.

“It’s like I said, we’re starting to figure it out,” Artest said.

Sacramento has scored 22 consecutive points since Cassell’s 3-pointer and held Utah scoreless for nearly 6 minutes in the second quarter before falling irretrievably behind when they couldn’t score in the first 3:45 of the fourth.

“We gave them everything they needed to get their game going,” Artest said.

The Sacramento Kings scored nine of his 11 points in the fourth quarter, and his impres­ sions included a career-high five blocked shots.

“I’m just trying to do my best and play a lot of defense,” Artest said. “I know Coach Cassell wants me to shoot more open shots, and I’m trying to get better at it. It felt good on both ends tonight.”

Memehd Okur had 25 points and eight rebounds for the Jazz, who have lost four of six. They had their offensive issues this time, going scoreless for nearly 6 minutes in the second quarter before falling irretrievably behind when they couldn’t score in the first 3:45 of the fourth.

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Associated Press

DETROIT - Paint this Super Bowl black and gold. With a whole lot of satisfaction for Bill Cowher and his Pittsburgh Steelers.

Throw in a little trickery featuring MVP Hines Ward, a bunch of help from the Seattle Seahawks and a huge boost from the Terrible Towels, and the Steelers won the Super Bowl 21-10 Sunday.

Moments after the Rolling Stones rocked a Ford Field that could easily have been Blitz Field - or Hines Field - the Steelers were up 10-0 and the Giants didn't score again.

Associated Press

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College Basketball

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Steelers win, Bettis caps career with title

Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger and Jerome Bettis embrace after the Steelers' Super Bowl victory Sunday in Detroit. After Pittsburgh lost to New England in the 2005 playoffs, Roethlisberger promised Bettis a Super Bowl XL appearance in his hometown.

IN BRIEF

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Superdome spokesman Bill Cori confirmed Sunday night that the game would be the first event of any kind to be held in the venue since Katrina struck on Aug. 29.

associated Press

Dementieva downs Hingis to end comeback effort

TOKYO - Martina Hingis got a taste of the power game in women's tennis, losing her first singles final since making her comeback.

The Swiss star, who has five Grand Slam singles titles, had no answer for ninth-ranked Elena Dementieva's big serves and returns, falling 6-2, 6-0 Sunday in the final of the Pan Pacific Open.

Hingis upsets No. 4 Maria Sharapova in the semifinals, but she was broken three times in the first set and had a series of unforced errors in her fourth tournament of 2006 after a three-year retirement.

With the tone set early, Dementieva took the last three games of the set.

"I'm not looking for any excuses," Hingis said. "She was just too good today. I've had a very good start to my comeback and I will go home with my head up."

Rookie Holmes becomes quickest to top $1 million

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — When J.B. Holmes reached the third grade, he was good enough to play on the high school golf team. Four tournaments into his PGA Tour career, he again showed he can play with the big boys.

The rookie gained five shots on his nearest competitor on the 15th hole and walked away with a seven-stroke victory Sunday in the FBR Open.

The hard-driving 23-year-old from Kentucky shot a 5-under 66 in the final round - 5-under 31 on the back nine - to finish at 21-under 263 and win $936,000. Combined with the $127,500 he won for a 10th-place tie at the Sony Open in Hawaii, Holmes became the fastest to win $1 million in the tour. It took Retief Goosen five tournaments to reach $1 million in 2001.

"It was one of my goals to win out here. It happened real quickly."
Unranked Jayhawks come from behind to beat No. 19 Sooners

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Georgetown allowed Aaron Gray to look like the game's biggest star, but it was the Hoyas' defense that kept the No. 19 Sooners from winning the game.

The Hoyas took a 10-point lead into the second half and never looked back, winning 61-58.

"They're a good team," said Georgetown's Patrick Ewing, who had 12 points and 12 rebounds. "But we played well in the second half and that was the difference.

"People on ESPN have been talking about him all week. We expected him to play well."
Weight lifts Hurricanes over Bruins in shootout

Montreal blanks injury-riddled Philadelphia as Canadiens’ backup goalie records second consecutive shootout

Associated Press

BOURTON — It didn’t shootouts, over in score. When haven’t on half of scoring,” who stopped a shootout to Boston to Murray, Brad the game-winning win.

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Weight lifts Hurricanes over Bruins in shootout

Monday, February 6, 2006

NHL Carolina, which improved Sullivan said. “It was disappointing, over the Hurricanes outshot Boston 18-4 in the second period, scoring twice.”

I don’t say enough about (Thomas),” Boston defender Nick Boynton said. “He’s been playing great. He makes key saves when he has to give us a stop.”

Staal said a Stillman pass and faceoff won the puck from the middle of the right circle 3:23 into the third period to put the Hurricanes up 3-2. Staal, who has four goals and six assists in the last seven games and 34 goals on the season, also assisted on Cole’s game-tying goal late in the second period.

Less than a minute after Boyes’ 16th of the season gave the Hurricanes a 2-1 lead, Cole backhanded a shot past Thomas to make it 2-2 15:23 into the second period.

“I thought we were pretty relentless,” Carolina coach Peter Laviolette said.

Glen Wesley’s second goal of the year tied it at 1 in the second period. Thomas made a pad save on a Chad LaRose slap shot, but Wesley pokechecked the rebound past an outstretched Thomas and into the bottom right-hand corner of the net. Ward also assisted on the score.

Montreal 5, Philadelphia 0

Cristobal Huet continues to give the Montreal Canadiens the kind of goaltending they expected to get from Jose Theodore.

Huet recorded his second shootout in as many days, and Michael Ryder got his first career hat trick to lead the Canadiens to a win.

Huet, who got his first Montreal shootout in Saturday’s 2-0 win over Boston, made 25 saves in win consecutive games for the first time since March 9-10, 2004, when he was with Los Angeles and swept the Phoenix Coyotes in back-to-back games.

The Flyers posted his sixth career shootout win while making his third straight start since replacing struggling starter Theodore in three of the Canadiens’ previous four games.

“That’s what I’m here for,” Huet said. “We have two goalies and when needed, we’ve got to step up and do the job. The matter is to help the team right now, that’s what we need.”

Huet lowered his goals-against-average to 2.47, and his save percentage to .926, while improving his record to 9-5-1 in 14 games. Theodore, the 2001-02 league MVP, is 17-15-5 with a 3.46 goals-against-average and an .881 save percentage.

The consecutive shootouts were the first by a Montreal goalie since Theodore accomplished the feat Feb. 5 and 7, 2002 with a pair of 1-0 wins in New Jersey and over Pittsburgh, respectively.

“We gave him a pretty easy night,” Flyers forward Turner Stevenson said. “When I look down and he’s stretching halfway through the game because he’s only seen 11 shots, you know, we made it pretty easy on him. You could have put basically anyone in net and we never really had anything until the third period.”

Ryder scored on a power play midway through the third, ending a seven-game goal drought in the process. He added his second of the game just 40 seconds into the third to put the Canadiens up 2-0 and got his third goal — his team-leading 23rd — on a 5-on-3 advantage at 16:52.

“Since it was my first one the guys hit me on the head a couple of times and I don’t know if I’ve got a concussion,” Ryder said of the hat trick celebration that prompted about a dozen fans to toss baseball caps on the ice. “It’s kind of cool to get it under my belt.”

Jan Bulis and Sheldon Souray also scored for Montreal, which won its record under GM and head coach Bob Gainey at 6-0.

Philadelphia, playing in its first back-to-back lineup, lost its third in a row and has lost five of six (1-4-1).

“It was disappointment more than frustration,” Flyers captain Derian Hatcher said.

Already playing without Peter Forsberg, Keith Primeau, Eric Desjardins and Kim Johnson, the Flyers lost defenseman Mike Bobich to a groin strain during the game after losing Petr Nedved and Chris Therrien to injury Saturday.

Nedved left the Flyers’ 4-3 overtime loss to the New York Rangers with a groin injury and Therrien also left the game because of an undisclosed head injury.

Montreal has played a pair of home matchups during Super Bowl weekend every season since 1990-91. The weekend sweep improved the Canadiens’ record in those games to 15-9-4 overall.

Ryder, who hadn’t scored since matching 20 goals in a 6-2 loss in Vancouver on Jan. 21, scored his 21st goal 11:14 in when he put Saku Koivu’s pass beyond Antero Niittymaki on the first-power-play opportunity of the game.
Quick start propels Calvin past Saint Mary's

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Calvin College opened up the game against Saint Mary's with nine points in three minutes and never looked back, allowing the Belles to take the game in a 76-64 win over Saint Mary's Saturday.

The Belles did make things interesting for a few minutes, closing the gap to five points with seven minutes left until intermission, but the No. 14 Knights battled back with a 9-2 run and extended halftime with a 25-33 lead.

The Belles did try to respond in the second half, but could only cut the lead to eight points before Calvin would again deny any comeback attempts by going 3- for-3 from the free throw line and 14- for- 14 on foul shots to cement the win.

Four of the Belles' five starters had double digit points, but still could not overcome the large deficit established early in the game. Moreover, the Belles were not as strong as Calvin on the glass, as they were out-rebounded 36-23. Saint Mary's also shot only 38.6 percent from the floor, compared to Calvin's 52.3 percent.

Starting point guard Bridget Liske, in her third game back since she injured her ankle in a Jan. 18 game against Abilen, shot 1- for-7 from the floor and grabbed two rebounds with five assists in 35 minutes. In the three games Liske has played since returning from her injury, she has shot 6.7 percent from the floor.

Overall, the Belles felt they played well, particularly in light of their performances in recent weeks.

"We gave a good effort against Calvin," forward Shelly Bender said. "But we have to rebound for the rest of the season."

In spite of the loss, the Belles are still in a good position going into the MIAA postseason at 10-12 and 8-5 in conference. With only three games to go, the Belles are guaranteed to be at least .500 in conference, their best fin- ish in five years. More important- ly, it gives the Belles the chance to host a first round playoff game in a best of three format and they can win one more conference game, which Bender thinks they can do in tomorrow night's game.

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Irish drop a pair to ranked foes

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So close, and yet so far away. The Irish started off on the road this weekend, dropping two 4-3 matches to No. 20 North Carolina and No. 9 Duke.

But there is little rest in sight for Notre Dame, as the Irish travel to No. 4 Illinois Monday.

"There's a toughening process that comes with playing great teams," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "At some point, you have to realize it's your turn and that you're not satisfied with coming close. And I can tell you no one here is satisfied with coming close."

North Carolina 4 Notre Dame 3

Despite an upset of the nation's No. 1 doubles team by Ryan Keckley and Barry King, the Irish were unable to pull out a win over North Carolina in Chapel Hill Saturday.

"They were really hard fought," Bayliss said of the individual battles. "Carolina fights extremely well. Their crowd, they had a big crowd, they were very vocal. The level of intensity was extremely high. Just every match, you had to really play well."

In doubles, Stephen Bass and Eric Langenkamp were first off the courts, losing 8-4 at No. 3. Brett Helgeson and Sheeva Parbhu followed with an 8-5 loss, giving the point to the Tar Heels.

After North Carolina had clinched the point, Keckley and King won at No. 1 with an 8-4 defeat over Ryan Luchici and Brad Pomroy, the nation's No. 1 doubles team.

In singles, Patrick Buchanan won 6-2, 6-4 at No. 6 to tie the score at 1-1. However, Helgeson, who had been reserve to retire at No. 4, trailing 7-6, 4-7, 3-0, "tied up was 5-4 in the first set, and he began to cramp and he cramped up worse, he finally had to retire," Bayliss said. "He needed two 10's and he was in the emergency room."

Down 2-1, the Irish rallied with a win at No. 5 from -4-6, 6-0, 7-5 victory came before King fell 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 at No. 3.

The Tar Heels clinched the match at No. 1, when No. 5 Luchici defeated Bass — currently ranked No. 8 nationally — by a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 margin.

Bass's close loss was also signifi- cant in the context of last year's match between the two programs.

"Stephen lost pretty badly to [Luchici] a year ago and now all of a sudden he's really in a war with him, and it really shows the progress he's made," Bayliss said.

Parbhu won the final match on the courts, defeating Derek Porter to win 2-6, 6-7(5), 6-2.

Duke 4 Notre Dame 3

With a revamped doubles lineup, the Irish won the doubles point from powerhouse Duke but couldn't put away the Blue Devils in another close defeat.

"We changed our doubles combination" because Brett was "a bit off," Bayliss said. "The team we heat at third doubles had won against Illinois and for the second day in a row, our No. 1 team [Keckley and King] had a real big win."

Keckley and King were first off the courts with a dominating 8-2 victory at No. 1, Langenkamp, paired with Andrew Boby, won 8-5 at No. 3 to clinch the point for the Irish, despite an 8-6 loss by Bass and Parbhu at No. 2 doubles.

Keckley was again a stand-out player for the Irish, with wins in both doubles and singles despite an Irish loss to the Blue Devils.

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However, the Irish rebounded as No. 14 Parbhu topped No. 20 Jonathan Sкеe at 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2.

"That was a great win for Sheeva today," Bayliss said. "Stoke's is a top-20 player in college tennis. At Duke, indoors at home, he doesn't lose very often, he really returned serve well... he really had to step up to the plate and hit it with authority."

Keckley tied the score at 3-3 with a 7-6, 6-3, 6-0 win at No. 5.

"Keckley deserves a ton of credit," Bayliss said, explaining that Keckley's singles opponent felt "a lot more pressure" to come to Duke from Bulgaria and had performed well in professional tournaments there.

"Keckley really played an unbelievable third set, he played with a lot of courage today... he found different ways to get to the net, he used his slice backhand, he served and volleyed — he really just kept him on his heels the whole match."

However, Bass fell to No. 9 Ludovic Walter in a hotly con- tested 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 match to give Duke a point to the Blue Devils.

"One guy who deserves a lot of credit is [Bass] for putting in the effort at that position against a very tough opponent."

Bayliss said. "I know he's crushed on being able to come back with some of the recent matches, but a year ago he wasn't com- petitive against some of these people and now he's really in a rite-to-tie."

The Irish have one day of rest before traveling to Illinois Tuesday.

"As disappointing and crushed as we are with the results, we're ready to go," Bayliss said.

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Track and Field

Erigha, Benninger excel in dash, run

By JORDAN BELITZ
Sports Writer

At the country's largest meets, the biggest stars often shine.

Notre Dame has several bright stars, and that was evident with their performances over the weekend at the prestigious Meyo Invitational at the Loftus Sports Center.

Several members of the Irish squad turned in remarkable performances against some of the top competitors in the nation.

Maryann Erigha turned in a sparkling performance in the women's sprints. Erigha took home the title in the women's 60-meter dash, and in doing so she set a new Notre Dame record with a time of 7.42 sec- onds. Erigha also ran the women's 200-meter dash, finishing second with a time of 23.42 seconds. Despite the rush she was good enough to provision- ally qualify her for the NCAA championships.

Junior Kurt Benninger turned in yet another solid showing, this time in the men's 3000- meter run. Benninger opted out to run the mile, the signature event of the meet, in favor of challenging the defending NCAA champion — Michigan sopho- more.

He turned the 3000-meter run into the most exciting event of the meet, wearing a thrilling duel with Woods. Woods ended up passing Benninger on the final lap and the Irish junior finished second with a time of 7.52.27.

Benninger's mark obliterated the Notre Dame record in the 2000 by a full two seconds and earned him an automatic berth in the NCAA Championships.

In the meet's signature event, the Meyo Mile, Pittsburgh stand- ing Sam Bair, Jr. held off a pack of five other competitors to win with a time of 4:01.22. His father Sam Sr. ran a sub four-minute mile for Kent State in the 1970s and Bair Jr. came just short of the 4 minute mark. More importantly, the Bair-son tandem achieved the mark.

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forward Josh Selba said. "They had excellent stick position, so we ended up with a bit of tipped and blocked shots. All we need to do is get the puck better along the boards and make sure we keep trying to put the puck in the net." The Irish started Friday's contest in South Bend strong, earning a few early chances against Michigan State goalie Dominick Vicari, but were unable to score. "There's always a chance, whether the puck bounces one way or another, that you might score," he said. "Whether there are nine seconds or nine minutes left, we always feel like we can score." Saturday's rematch in East Lansing was one of the best games of Brown's career, but even his season-high 38 saves could not save the Irish from another defeat. "It's a little frustrating," Selba said. "But everyone is doing their thing and it's all better in the end." In the ensuing minutes, the Spartans had two breakaway chances to tie the game, but couldn't capitalize on either of them as shots by Abdelkader and Booth both clanged off the posts. Michigan State finally broke through for the game-winner with 5:29 left in the game on a shot by team captain Drew Miller. Miller deflected a rebound of a Booth shot past Brown to earn the weekend sweep for his team. Notre Dame will try to right the ship next weekend in a home and home against Ferris State Friday and Saturday.

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managed only six points.

"We did a great job on her; I was really pleased," McGraw said. "We were worried about being able to play man-to-man on her because she's quick and she can drive the ball. And I thought our post did a really good job on her around — man, zone, whatever we were in.

Providence coach Phil Seymour said the Irish defense on Nwafili made it impossible for the Friars to compete.

"If she's not scoring, say your prayers," Seymour said. "They outmatched us physically, and we needed to play better ... They are just more talented than we are."

Even the Friars' six points in the first quarter were courtesy LaVere. She had two blocks and shut down Nwafili — and she kept that success going on the other side of the court, hitting 6-of-10 from the floor for 18 points.

At 6-foot-3, LaVere said she planned to take advantage of her size against Providence.

"I knew there was going to be a lot of mismatches, so I thought I'd be able to score in the block a lot easier than most,' LaVere said. 'I hit my shots. It got me in a rhythm for the whole game."

The Irish established control of the game midway through the first half and steadily increased their lead the rest of the way.

With 1:17 remaining in the second half, LaVere hit a jumper at the top of the key, and Notre Dame had the lead for good.

Leading by eight, Notre Dame ran out a huge play of Charle Allen and Tulyah Gaines, the Irish extended their advantage to 15 and all eight players had finished with 10 points, eight rebounds, and four assists. Gaines matched Allen’s eight rebounds and added six points of her own. Each had three steals.

"Defensively, I thought Charle and Tulyah did a great job on the boards," McGraw said.

Duffy said Breona Gray’s play was also crucial in the win. Gray finished with 10 points in 22 minutes.

"As long as they run, that’s my job to get them the ball," Duffy said. "It’s hard to catch Tulyah and Bre when they get out and run. And they did a fantastic job of filling the lanes and then finishing.

Notre Dame kept up its fast-paced offense in the second half, extending the lead to 36 midway through the second period.

Duffy said the quick tempo Irish attack helped their defense, which held Providence to 6-32 (18.8 percent) shooting in the second half.

"The fast pace is nice because we got some easy buckets and didn’t have to run to have much offense out of it," she said. "That gets our legs underneath us, and we get some easy baskets, and it’s a little easier on the defensive end to give our stops some.

Notre Dame next faces Villanova on Tuesday at the Joyce Center. That game has been switched from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. for television purposes.

Notes:

- The four players in double figures scoring for the Irish were the most five since four players scored 10 or more in the 1996-97 season.
- The 48 points allowed was the best defensive performance for the Irish since their season-opening 55-45 win over Michigan Nov. 18.

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Overtime

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Quinn led all scorers with 31 points (11-of-21 field goals), making two free throws with 11.2 seconds remaining to put his team up, 80-77. But Dean

an off several screens on the ensuing possession and curled around Louisville forward David Paggett (24 points) to make the tying shot from the right side, despite a hand in his face from Irish center Torin Francis (three points, 10 rebounds).

In overtime, Irish shooting guard Breyanna Jenkins' only missed free throw attempt of the afternoon (7-of-8) with 8.5 seconds left gave Notre Dame a chance to tie. Quinn rushed upcourt guarded by Dean and threw a running 12-point from the right wing, but the shot fell short, and so did the Irish — again.

The Irish and Louisville shot an identical 42.2 percent from the field, each making 27-64 total shots as a team. Both teams also attempted about half of their field goals from the 3-point line, but the Cardinals made more from behind the arc (17-34), while the Cardinals sank 15-28.

But Louisville also scored 25 second-half points to Notre Dame's seven, offsetting hot outside shooting from Quinn and Carter (10-15 combined from 3-point range).

The loss pushes Notre Dame one step further away from its goal of reaching the Big East Tournament at Madison Square Garden in March. Notre Dame's midfielders will advance to the postseason tournament from the new, 16-team Big East.

Note: Notre Dame remains No. 15, ahead of only South Florida (0-8) in the standings.

The Irish started off Saturday's game by making seven of their first 10 3-point attempts by the 10:10 mark, when Notre Dame led 25-23. But Louisville went on a 6-0 run, capped by Jenkins' strip of Quinn near the court that led to a fast-break layup and a 29-25 Cardinals lead with 5:10 remaining.

Notre Dame trailed at half-time, 44-38, not attempting a free throw in the first 20 minutes.

Four of the remaining seven teams on the Irish schedule have losing records in the Big East — Rutgers (3-6), South Florida (0-8), DePaul (2-7) and Providence (3-6).

Notre Dame hosts Rutgers Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center, then has a week before its next game, a home contest with last-place South Florida.

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By KEN FOWLER Sport Writer

Megan Duffy took her seat next to the coaches on the Irish bench Saturday with 7:12 remaining in Notre Dame's 66-48 victory over Providence, an indication the Irish finally had an easy win under their belts.

"It was nice to get a break," said Duffy, who played just 29 minutes in the contest after averaging 38.5 minutes in the Irish's first 20 games. It was her lowest total minutes since Dec. 17, when she played just 26 minutes in Notre Dame's rout of Arkansas State in the Duel in the Desert.

The senior guard had 12 points and four rebounds Saturday, but her outlet passing in transition and six assists were keys to the Irish victory.

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Irish guard Tynasha Gaines drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 66-48 victory over Providence Saturday at the Joyce Center.