Shappell-Andrichik secures majority

General election vote decides race for student body president, vice president

By MARY KATE MALONE
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Juniors Lizzi Shappell and Bill Andrichik ran away with the victory in the student government president and vice president election Monday, winning 51.78 percent of the vote and narrowly escaping a run-off — the first time a ticket has done so since 1999.

The pair will take on its new posts April 1. Shappell will replace current student body president Dave Baron, and Andrichik will replace Shappell, the current vice president.

Typically no ticket wins the majority vote in the general, and that results in a run-off election between the two with the highest number of votes. But this year was different, as Shappell and Andrichik managed to clinch the majority and avoid a week of historically dogged campaigning leading up to the vote.

Vice president-elect Bill Andrichik embraces president-elect Lizzi Shappell after learning of their victory in Monday's general election.

Election victory indicates mandate for Shappell, insight of Notre Dame student body

I didn’t think it would actually happen. I’d joked for days about how great it would be for the election to be decided without a run-off, but with two strong tickets leading the charge, I knew that was just the pipe dream of a reporter who had slogged through the three-round slugfest that was the 2004 Charlie Ebersol and Adam Jones race.

So when the call came last night that Lizzi Shappell had secured a majority the first time around, I literally stared at the receiver in shock.

Add another item to the list of landmark events this semester. Not only was Shappell given a powerful student mandate — one withheld since the 1999 election — but she also will stand as just the third female student body president in Notre Dame history.

It is a testament to the respect garnered by Dave Baron and Shappell over the course of this term that on a campus criticized for strained gender relations, a woman was elected to lead without hesitation.

Notre Dame students also stepped up, shaking off their oft-bemoaned cloaks of apathy and turning in a performance as impressive as that of Shappell. Elections are always a complex mish-mash of mixed messages and torn loyalties, even more so on a college campus. One candidate seduces with attractive — and usually impossible — promises, while another oozes enough charisma to trap potential voters like flies. Merely living in the wrong dorm or owning the wrong type of car can spell doom for a ticket.

Competency and realistic ideals are overlooked in favor of glad-handing and shear volume.

But this time around, the student body seemed to experience a moment of clarity while embracing Shappell.

‘Monologues’ opens in new academic setting

Audience reacts to controversial play staged in classroom

By HEATHER VAN HEGARDEN
News Writer

Amidst ongoing debate about whether academic freedom should permit University departments to sponsor events deemed to conflict with Catholic values, Notre Dame students performed "The Vagina Monologues" for a nearly full auditorium of students, faculty and administrators Monday night, touching on themes from sexual awakenings to female genital mutilation.

This year's play — sponsored by the English and sociology departments and set to continue tonight and Wednesday — was performed in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

An audience of students, faculty and administrators wait in DeBartolo Hall 101 for the performance of the "Monologues" to begin.

Monologues’ opens in new academic setting

Panel discussion caps performance, addresses sexuality

By MADDIE HANNA
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After the first of this week's productions of "The Vagina Monologues" ended Monday, two theologians and one social scientist delved deeper into the discussion of female sexuality and violence against women — an academic approach that retained almost 100 people in DeBartolo 101 after the performance.

Theology professor Bobin Darling Young, theology and law school professor M. Kathleen Kaveny and sociology professor Jackie Smith spoke Monday night on the ability of "The Vagina Monologues" to confront often-unspoken issues and bring them to light.
INSIDE COLUMN

Don't stop 'believin'

I know the situation looks bleak. After a promising 10-2 start, Notre Dame basketball stumbled their way to becoming the greatest 1-8 team in Big East history. It felt like I was having déjà vu every time I had the misfortune of watching the Irish in the last five minutes of a game. I mean, how many times just knew that the prayer of a 3-pointer by Taquan Dean would somehow find its way to the bottom of the net at Louisville? Watching the reaction of the Notre Dame bench after that shot went in made you question not only whether this team could take anything, but quite possibly the existence of a higher power as well.

That's just something about this team though. Something about this team that doesn't let me give up on them yet. Something about this team that makes me think that the seemingly untainable idea of an NCAA tournament bid is still a tangible possibility.

Allow me to draw on the immortal wisdom of Bisto Blutarski when he says, "Was it over then when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor?" So, it wasn't over then, and it isn't over now for the Irish and an NCAA tournament bid.

"Why?" you ask. Well, first and foremost, I'm a strong believer in the "You can only lose so many games where you walk back to your dorm wanting to give anymore, but quite possibly the most powerful way we've possibly expected us to endure in one year?" That theory in mind, I come back to the idea that there's just something about this team. A weak team would have rolled over and died after the Villanova game. The majority of teams would have packed it in after the West Virginia heartbreaker. Even a mentally tough team would have decided this just wasn't their season after the Louisville loss. If, however, the Irish had packed it in for the season already, like most teams would have in their situation, they would have come out against an undermanned Rutgers team and proved to a Leperchaun Legion that the team felt their season was over.

That's just the thing, though. Chris Quinn and company don't seem to feel that this season is over. Whatever their reason — an unyielding spirit, a superior mental toughness, a possible subscription to the aforementioned "close game" theory — Notre Dame believes they can turn those heartbreaking losses into emotional wins in this season's remaining games.

The Irish haven't given up on this season, and until they do — or they do — we owe it to this year's team not to give up on the season either.

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

CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 13 edition of The Observer, a news article about "The Vagina Monologues" named Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Right to Life opposes the YWCA and the SGS morning funding raised by "The Vagina Monologues" because the groups on a national level have an anti-life sentiment. However, Right to Life believes SOS is an acceptable recipient of funds because the group has no explicit relationship with the University and because it does not counsel women on how to abort. Right to Life also finds the YWCA problematic because of its national pro-choice stance. The Observer regrets the error.

Due to an editing error, coordinator of the ND Holocaust Project Tony Singer was incorrectly identified in her Letter to the Editor as Becky Singer on Monday, Feb. 13. The Observer regrets the error.

IN BRIEF

A Student Night hosted by Kevin Guilloule and featuring slam poet Saul Williams will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program as part of the 2006 Literary Festival and is open to the public.

Notre Dame graduate and author of historical fiction Tasch Alexander will speak tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Auditorium. The event is cosponsored by the Creative Writing Program and the Institute for Latino Studies as part of the 2006 Literary Festival and is open to the public.

Keith Beauchamp, civil rights activist and filmmaker, will discuss his documentary "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till" Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

Poet Rane Arroyo will lecture Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium. The event is cosponsored by the Creative Writing Program and the Institute for Latino Studies as part of the 2006 Literary Festival and is open to the public.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will take on the University of South Florida at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Joyce Center.

The Saint Mary's psychology department will host a lecture by Notre Dame head football coach Charlie Weis Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Vander Venet Theatre in the Student Center. Weis will discuss the interplay of the mind, body, and spirit in sports psychology. The event is open to the public.

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

OFFBEAT

Couple reunites after sixty years

ADRIAN, Mich. — Willard Mason and Ila Ost are giving new meaning to the phrase: "Love is patient." More than 60 years ago, the couple were engaged to be married, but life's circumstances got in the way. Now, after they each married others, raised families and their spouses died, the two are together again.

"Ila was my first girlfriend," Mason told The Daily Telegram. "I first met her when I was a sophomore at Blissfield High School." The two began dating and got engaged. But in 1941, Mason moved to Ypsilanti to work at the Willow Run bomber plant. There, he met a woman named Helvi, and broke his engagement to Ost. He married Helvi in 1942.

Ost later married her husband, Marvin, and had three children before he died in 1974. Mason's wife died in 2003, and by chance, he ran into Ost's brother in Blissfield in 2004, and he encouraged Mason to call Ost. The two started dating, with Mason driving from his home near Houghton Lake to Adrian, where Ost lived. On one of his trips to Adrian, Mason blacked out and struck a tree with his car. Tests showed he needed a new pacemaker, Mason said. He moved near Adrian and invited Ost to move in with him.

"We get along perfectly," Mason said. "We've never had an argument. She's a great cook, and she takes care of me." * Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: Who did you vote for in the student body presidential election?

Kushal Parikh sophomore Sorin

"The candidate who looks out for the minorities."

Caleb Laux freshman Morissey

"I'm not voting, because I have a coup plan for next week."

Katle Paquette freshman Farley

"Lizzi Shappell, because she has lots of experience."

Jeffrey Koch freshman Fisher

"Laws and Costa, because they're getting the most done."

Jenna Laedtke freshman Farley

"Lizzi Shappell, because she's made the biggest effort of trying to get her campaign out around campus."

Rob Huth sophomore Stanford

McGillins juniors Barbara MacDonald, left, and Tanya Noronha sell make-your-own Valentine's Day cookies for $1. In LaFortune Monday night. The cookies sales continue tonight and Wednesday from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Proceeds benefit Operation Smile.
Leito gives ‘wish list’

By MARY KATE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

After months of meetings and brainstorming within the Campus Life Council, a task force on campus grounds and structures, task force chair James Leito, said, “It was created in conjunction with the Student Senate’s Committee on residence life. CCL will send the resolution and Leito’s report to vice president of student affairs Father Mark Poorman, who can then forward it to appropriate administrators for future campus construction decisions.”

“This is great work,” Dillon Hall rector Father Paul Doyle said. “I support it 100 percent.”

In other CCL news:

- It is response to recent campus debate concerning academic freedom and the University’s Catholic character, Baron asked the Council to create a task force charged with evaluating how Jenkins’ remarks will affect programming for student activities.

- Leito said the newly-created task force on preparing standards will address how controversial events sponsored by student activities might be affected by Jenkins’ comments. The task force will provide recommendations on how such events should be handled in lieu of those comments.

- CCL will discuss the academic freedom issue more thoroughly at their next meeting, Baron said.

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Executive treasurer Jillian Waters reminded officers the BOG would be receiving a request of as much as $7,000 for The Show in coming weeks.

Last year, student government gave $2,000 to Midnight Madness, Waters said, but not through an official co-sponsorship grant.

“This year they’re trying to make it a little more professional on where they’re getting their money,” she said.

Some officers expressed concern about the amount of money requested and how it was going to be spent.

“Looking back at the whole year, do we want to spend $5,000 on food and prizes and shirts?” mission commissioner Ashley Enright said individually, including Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm, and local businesses donate prizes to Midnight Madness, but the planning committee still needs the financial support of student government and requested $5,000.

“We’re asking for a lot of money, but it is just half of the cost of what is going on,” she said.

Following Enright’s proposals, board members discussed BOG’s past financial involvement with Midnight Madness and the effect providing the money would have on future co-sponsorship requests.

“Are they asking for $5,000, which is all we have in our budget, so I’m guessing you are not going to vote for that,” Mitros told the Board.

Mitros also expressed the possibility of utilizing club co-sponsorship funds for non-club events. Student Activities director George Rosenbush said officers could potentially redirect money from the club lines to finance other activities.

Senior class president Lauren Condon moved to give half of the requested amount, which was immediately voted on and approved.

In a second co-sponsorship proposal, Residence Hall president Jackie Wright, who sits on the College’s Fire Safety Committee, requested $295 to help purchase whistles and safety tip cards to be distributed at the Saint Mary’s Fire and Safety Fair this spring.

After minimal discussion, the board voted to provide this money.

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campus life council

Announcing the Year 2006 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2006 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student’s degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbana, Columbia University in Salzburg. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O’Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame;
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
4) a budget indicating the cost involved;
5) the names of two references.

Application Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2006
Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship
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University of Notre Dame
Famous author kicks off Literary Festival

BY WILL KEARNY

The annual Notre Dame Literary Festival, once host to distinguished writers such as John Paul McCartney and Norman Mailer, continued its tradition of attracting acclaimed authors. Here's an excerpt from an interview with author J. K. Rowling:

Rowling: It's funny how things change. When I was a child, I couldn't even imagine being an author, let alone having a literary festival written about me. But here I am, sitting in a beautiful venue, discussing my latest book with a captive audience. It's a dream come true.

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to the forefront of debate. While she presented the Church's point of view, Young made her opinion perfectly clear by speaking out against abortion. Her speech was a powerful reminder of the intricate balance of pro-life and pro-choice perspectives.

Young, a specialist in early Christianity, said throughout the history of the Church, universities and bishops have "occasionally clashed," since their roles in teaching and governing are not always aligned.

Following the reading, Salter spoke about the importance of understanding the intricacies of human desire.

Theology, as good as it is, is theology, as good as it is, but it's not always enough. We need to think deeply about the nature of our desires and motivations. This is where the power of literature comes in.

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instead of the Dellart Center for the Performing Arts after University President John Jenkins asked. John Jenkins required that it take place in an academic setting. Jenkin’s compromise for this year’s event — he has not yet issued a general policy on allowing policed performances affecting future performances — also meant organizers could not choose the more heavily trafficked Monologues to raise money as they have in the past.

"Monologues" Asian American Performance Monday, and he said it was his first time seeing "The Vagina Monologues." He also said he attended the play on his own and was "very moved" by the performance. "The Vagina Monologues" continues tonight at 5:30 in LaFortune Ballroom with Tasha Alexander and runs through Thursday.

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South Africa... 15 percent of women are victims of violence, with an overall cost to the country of R180 billion — over 60 cents for every dollar a man makes. The South African government has shown its commitment to ending violence against women through its recently passed Domestic Violence Act, but much work remains to be done. Of particular concern is the high rate of domestic violence against women, which is a pressing issue that affects women across the country.

In 1994, Nelson Mandela, then President of South Africa, delivered a speech in which he laid out a plan for reconciliation and healing. Mandela's words are as relevant today as they were then, emphasizing the importance of women's empowerment and the need for change.

"If [women] want to support it more, having a say in the definition of what is important to them... " Monologues" is one of those things that we can talk about and discuss among the 30 professionals who make up the V-Day organizing committee, the department of about 40 people. Hendler said.

For example, Madison Liddy, this year’s director of "The Vagina Monologues," who delivered an impassioned moving performance of her own as one of the "Vagina Monologues"... strides to it, green algae species that comes from that.

Freshman Chris Hall, who saw "The Vagina Monologues" last year, said she enjoyed the performance and identified some academic aspects.

"I thought it was a really good show," Hall said. "There were a lot of really good perspectives. I guess you could say it was educational."

Freshman Jessica Koppel said her first experience at "The Vagina Monologues" was not a positive one, although she was at times taken aback by its frankness.

"I thought it was really awesome, actually," Koppel said. "I just wanted to go see it; I had read all about the whole academic freedom thing. And violence against women is an issue really close to my heart. At first I was shocked at how frank and out there it was."

Notre Dame Right to Life, which has demonstrated against the performance, said it plans to protest Monday’s event, saying the group intends to pray for the end of the play.

“We will continue to pray that God’s blessings will be present throughout the play, that the play is an explicitly, sexually provocative and inappropriate means of expression. We respect the right of anyone to perform while thinking about the issue of violence against women, but this is not acceptable," said the Observe in an email.

"The Vagina Monologues" will take place on Saturday, Thursday, Sunday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 101 and DeBartolo Hall, respectively, followed by a panel discussion at 9:15 on Saturday.

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LOCAL NEWS

Prisoner dies from drug overdose
PENSACOLA, Ind. — A prisoner at the Pensacola, Indiana, prison died from an overdose of a drug combination that had been deadly to another prisoner in the facility.

The death of 22-year-old Kenneth L. Linder was confirmed by the Indiana Department of Corrections on Monday.

Linder was serving a 12-year sentence for armed robbery, car theft and accessory after the fact.

Inmates at the state prison are not allowed to have personal items with them, but Linder was found with a small amount of a drug combination that the department said is commonly used to induce hallucinations.

Linder was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead at 9:46 a.m. Monday. The death was the second at the prison in less than two weeks.

The prison has been under investigation by the juvenile justice department since the first death, which occurred on Jan. 2.

Inmates at the prison have reported to authorities that they have been subjected to frequent searches for contraband items, including drugs and other prohibited items.

The investigation into Linder's death is being handled by the Indiana Department of Corrections and the Marion County Sheriff's Office.


dan says country misrepresented
COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Denmark's prime minister complained Monday that his nation had been unfairly portrayed as intolerant in the international furor over the Prophet Muhammad cartoons, and he said he was not about to allow any more such incidents to happen.

"This meeting just testifies that the demonstration wants a positive dialogue with all groups in the Danish society," he said. "The way forward is peaceful.

However, critics said the network did not represent Denmark's estimated 200,000 Muslims and warned the prime minister could be heightening tensions by not reaching out in radical groups.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bald eagle population increases
WASHINGTON — The American bald eagle, after falling back from the brink of extinction because of habitat loss and DDT, took another step Monday toward coming off the endangered species list in 1999. But the delisting has taken far longer than the typical year, partly because updated counts are required from each of the states, and some of those have their own rules that add to red tape.

Lawyer's group denounces spaying
CHICAGO — The American Humane Association denounced President Bush's warrantless domestic surveillance program Monday, accusing him of exceeding his powers under the Constitution.

The group has programmed a heated debate about presidential powers in the war on terror since it was disclosed in December.

Iraq

Hussein returns to courtroom

Associated Press

IRAQ

Baghdad — Prosecutors produced documents Monday that put Saddam Hussein on the stand Monday as his lawyers tried to close the trial and shift the blame to others.

Hussein's half-brother, Barzan Ibrahim — dressed only in an under-shirt and long underwear — struggled with guards as he was pulled into the courtroom. Ibrahim, the former chief of intelligence, then sat on the floor with his back to the judge in protest for much of the session.

The defendants, including Saddam Hussein, his half-brother Barzan Ibrahim and four other men, have said they did not know until the next day, Aug. 30, that they had been breached.

On Monday, Brown defended his performance.

"For Secretary Chertoff to claim that I failed to keep him informed before the numerous telephone calls and e-mails between me and him prior to, during and after landfall" of the storm, Brown said in an e-mail to the Associated Press.

Brown also applauded congressional investigations into the government's response.

Townsend, without naming names, criticized those at FEMA she said had "become bitter" and "out of control." Brown and other federal officials have said they did not know until the next day, Aug. 30, that levees had been breached.

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"We cannot attempt to rewrite history by pointing fingers or laying blame," Townsend said.

The Senate panel is conducting a separate review due in March.

While both Chertoff and Townsend acknowledged that the federal response fell short of what was desired, both suggested federal officials up to Bush had been unfairly criticized.

Bush, who was traveling in Arizona and California the day the storm roared ashore, was "highly engaged" in monitoring its advance, Townsend said.

And she said it was Bush himself who first canceled several days after the storm — one of the nation's worst natural disasters — that "the response to the hurricane was insufficient."

The White House welcomed congressional inquiries into Katrina and the aftermath, and will cooperate with them, Townsend said. "But let's be clear about the facts," she said. "As you know, President Bush was highly engaged in the preparation and response effort, beginning when Katrina was a tropical storm off the coast of Florida."

Chertoff announced wide-ranging changes to FEMA.

White House defends reaction

Bush 'highly engaged' in Katrina response, Homeland Security representatives said

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Monday defended its response to the Katrina disaster from criticism leveled by ex-Administrator Michael Brown and congressional Democrats.

"I reject outright the suggestion that President Bush was anything less than fully involved," said White House homeland security adviser Frances Fragos Townsend.

Housing and Security Secretary Michael Chertoff "unequivocally and strongly" rejected suggestions that his agency was preoccupied with terror threats at the expense of preparing for natural disasters.

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run-off. No one was definitely sure [that we didn't need to have a run-off]. Judicial Council presi­dent James Leito said. "We had a lot of good candidates mixed up between classes." Shappell and Andrich won handily to keep their respective offices, and sophomore Bob Costa came in second with 1,457 votes, or 32.64 percent of the vote. Freshmen Ryan McCune and Tim Szewczyk won a tie for third place, with 3.62 percent of the vote. One hundred sixty-one non stu­dents abstained, and freshmen Ryan Black and Catherine Martinez won the three remaining seats. Wells and sophomore George Chamberlain split the remain­ing votes.

A record-breaking 4,253 votes were cast — the highest in at least four years, constituting about 51 percent of the student body. Leito said the election process was smooth, despite an early morning delay in sending the first round of the 30,000 flyers.

"Now it's time to take a deep breath and get started." - Lizzi Lizz薏 Shappell

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Standing in the midst of polariz­ing debates on academic free­dom, the student body and the administration are working with Michigan residents, and it picked the candidate most qualified to deal with the big issues. The students chose the ticket most familiar with the on­going development at the University and with the most favorable approach to find­ing some solutions. Perhaps I'm giving campus voters too much credit. Perhaps they just picked a candidate based on whom the media endorsed or who stuffed the most flyers in their mailbox or who looked the best in a skirt. But hopefully not. I'd like to think this choice was not driven from a $40,000 a year education are a little wiser, a little more informed than that.

And if you know any differ­ent, please keep it to yourself.

So, what's next? As Barr­ows out, Shappell will have to juggle picking up the pieces after successful term leaves off while forging her own policy path.

She'll inevitably face diplomatic struggles with the University administration and the students of South Bend. And judging by the way this semester is going, I hope she can accomplish one of Shappell's funda­mental goals — improving diversity.

But the one thing Shappell won't have to worry about is whether she is the one behind the body, and after last night's voting, she can confi­dently say she is where she wants to be, no matter whom she's standing in the way.

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Chenery warned for breaking law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney has been given a warning citation for breaking Texas hunting law by falling to buy a $7 stamp allowing him to shoot upland game and big birds.

The warning came from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department after it investigated Cheney's accidental shooting of a fellow quail hunter Saturday on the private Armstrong Ranch in the south part of the state.

The department found the shooting was done by a "hunter's judgment factor" when Cheney sprayed another hunter while standing on a hillside.

The report said the victim, thought to be a 79-year-old rancher, could not describe the line he was sharing with Cheney. Another covey was flushed and Cheney swung on a bird and fired, striking Whittington in the face and dropping it. The bird line he was sharing with Cheney. Another covey was flushed and Cheney swung on a bird and fired, striking Whittington in the face and dropping it. The bird was injured.

Whittington also received a wound to the head from the shotgun shot. A department spokesman said warnings are being issued in most cases because the requirement only went into effect February 1 and many hunters aren't aware of it.

Whittington was in stable condi­tion at the Spahn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial and was moved from intensive care to a "step-down unit" Monday. Doctors decided to leave several shots still lodged in his body rather than try to remove them.

Katharine Armstrong, owner of the ranch where the shooting took place, said it happened as the covey approached the yard and it was still sunny but as darkness was encroaching and they were falling behind in the shoot. She said Whittington made a mistake by not announcing that he had walked up to open the bird line, and Cheney didn't see him as he chambered a round. Armstrong said she saw Cheney's security detail running toward the scene. The first thing that crossed my mind was he had a heart problem," she told The Associated Press.

She said Cheney stayed "close but cool" while the agents and medical personnel treated Whittington, then took him by ambulance to the hospital. Later, the hunting group sat down for dinner while Whittington was being treated, receiving updates from a family member at the hunting lodge.

Chenery's demeanor during dinner as "very worried," the report said.

Pamela Willsf изд, the U.S. ambassador to Switzerland, another member of the hunting party, told The Dallas Morning News for a story in Tuesday's editions that she and Cheney didn't realize Whittington had picked up a bird and couldn't see him.

Willsfeld said she has hunted with Cheney before and would again.

"There's a great shot. It's very safe conscious. This is some­thing that unfortunately on an bad accident and when you're with a group like that, he's safe or safer than all the rest of us," she said.

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Wednesday, February 14, 2006
Fannie Mae misses housing goals

WASHINGTON— Mortgage giant Fannie Mae last year fell a bit short of one of the government-set goals for making home ownership affordable, a study worked to gauge its accounting in an $11 billion scandal.

A preliminary analysis by the government-sponsored company, which finances one of every five home mortgages in the United States, found that it "fell slightly short"—by less than 1 percent—of its housing "sub-goals," a Fannie Mae official said Monday.

Bush administration officials have said in recent years that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, its smaller rival in the $1 trillion home-mortgage market, must do more to help low- and moderate-income families become homeowners. In 2003, the companies met the government-set goals only because three unusual multibillion-dollar deals were counted toward the targets.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have been under increasing scrutiny and political pressure since their accounting scandals surfaced in September 2004 and June 2005, respectively. Legislation pending in Congress would tighten federal oversight of the two companies.

The Securities and Exchange Commission, which has ordered Fannie Mae to restate earnings back to 2001, and the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight is investigating the company's accounting. The Justice Department is pursuing a criminal investigation.

"It... appears that we fell slightly short" of the two sub-goals, Chuck Greene, Fannie Mae's senior vice president for communications, said in a statement. "We are still committed to working with HUD in an effort to meet these goals.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development sets the annual affordable housing goals. HUD spokesman Leman Wooley said the agency had no comment on the matter because it hadn't yet seen Fannie Mae's loan data.
Show remembers dogs of Katrina
Westminster Kennel Club show features video montage tribute

NEW YORK — When he was a boy, Hiram Stewart took a bus to Virginia, put a puppy in a paper bag and cradled it all the way home to New Orleans.

For more than three decades, he cared for dogs in the Big Easy. Usually champion dogs, the kind that would reach the Best in Show ring this week at Westminster.

Still, nothing prepared him for what he saw happening to pets around town after Hurricane Katrina hit. Like that pair of lit­tery gloves in the show ring this week at Westminster. Desmut the pup won the toy group and will aim for the top honor overall Best in Show title.

The hound, barking and sporing to be judged Tuesday night, was Best in Show chosen 13 dogs - and a gun, just in case — into her mobile trailer and rolled into New York. Her husband stayed behind with sons Tiger and Bazasen; one of the dogs ran away when the wind blew and was never found.

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**Pakistan**

**Missiles hit nomads**

U.S. blamed for shots along Afghani border

Associated Press

MIRAN SHAH — Suspected U.S. military fire struck the tent of a nomad family on the Pakistani side of the rugged border with Afghanistan, killing two women and injuring at least four children, two Pakistani officials said.

The Pakistani officials said four rockets or shells were apparently fired by the U.S. military in fighting with suspected militants in Afghanistan's eastern Khost province late Saturday, and one hit the nomads' tent at Bungi Dar, in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal area.

The officials — one an intelligence official, the other a local government administrator — said they were not authorized to speak to media. There was no immediate response from the Pakistani government or military.

In Kabul, U.S. envoy Craig, a spokesman for the U.S. military in Afghanistan, said a security post along the border in Khost was attacked from the Pakistani side Saturday afternoon, and the U.S. military, coordinating with the Pakistani military, returned fire.

Craig said there were no reports of casualties on either side. The intelligence official confirmed that a coalition post had been fired at.

About 20,000 U.S. troops are in Afghanistan hunting for Taliban militia and al-Qaeda fighters.

Fire from coalition forces has sometimes landed in Pakistani territory.

Pakistan is a key ally in the U.S.-led war on terrorism but does not allow U.S. troops to operate on its side of the rugged and ill-defined border where foreign militants are believed to be hiding.

Last month, Pakistan protested to the U.S. military in Afghanistan over two air strikes — one on a village in North Waziristan that killed eight people, and the second, a missile strike that a village in Bajaur tribal region where top al-Qaeda figures were suspected to be hiding. Thirteen civilians died, and according to Pakistan, five foreign militants, including an al-Qaeda operative.

**Iran**

**Talks with Russia postponed**

At some point that morning, Dena Schlosser put Maggie Schlosser down on the bed and cut off her arms.

Curtis Howard

Prosecutor

**Trial starts for Texas mother**

Woman pleads not guilty to killing 10-month-old daughter

Associated Press

MCKINNEY, Texas — A woman accused of killing her 10-month-old daughter by cutting off the baby's arms with a kitchen knife went on trial Monday after pleading not guilty by reason of insanity.

Prosecutor Dena Schlosser, 37, covered in blood in her program is designed solely to provide oversight so no weapons would be made. She said that the plan did not fulfill its requirements but was worth pursuing.

Despite resumption of enrichment, uranium gas must be fed into hundreds of centrifuges to produce significant amounts of enriched uranium, which — depending on the degree of processing — can be used for civilian purposes or warheads.

In January 2003, just a few months before U.S. officials announced their intention to start nuclear weapons tests, Iran had said it would build Bush used special centrifuges to enrich bomb. Iran is years away from running the 50,000 centrifuges it says it wants to operate as a source of fuel for its Bush refit plant.

But even small-scale enrichment is significant because it represents symbolic determination by Tehran to go ahead with a technology that most nations want to stop because of fears of misuse.

In Washington, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Iran's restarting of enrichment shows its "continued defiance and confrontation over cooperation and diplomacy."

"The regime in Iran knows what it needs to do," he said. "So far, they're continuing to choose defiance and confrontation over cooperation and diplomacy."

Also Monday, Tehran issued its third veiled threat in as many days to withdraw its uranium from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. If the international community does not agree to Iran's right to enrich uranium under the NPT "there is a very strong possibility that we will go on our current nuclear policy while we are deprived of the positive aspects of the treaty," said a spokesman for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Tehran has threatened to go beyond the world's other major proliferation concern — North Korea, where a diplomatic freeze was imposed in January 2003, just a few months before U.S. officials announced their intention to start nuclear weapons tests. Iran has no official cooperation and diplomacy.

Scott McClellan

White House press secretary

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Lack of vote troubling

I am a first-generation domer, and this is my first year. I could not have voted for Feb. 13 to come by; it was my first day on campus. I had read up on every candidate, looked at all their platforms, and I was ready to vote. Imagine my surprise when I was told I wasn’t allowed to vote. The reason? I’m a grad student. Now, I know there is an organization called the “Grad,” for a grad student like me (which, incidentally, doesn’t represent all graduate students — sorry MLA and law students!) However, when someone is representing Notre Dame as “Student Body President,” should not the entire student body be able to vote for him or her? I have a student ID card. I’m the same card everyone else uses for Domer dollars, to get into the dining hall or to go to pep rallies. When I watch home games, I’m standing in the student section. Heck, I even get the student discount at Café de Grasta.

Why is this so important? The very issues that affect undergraduate students also affect us grad students as well. The undergraduates student government has committees on minority affairs and diversity. Did you know that the graduate student population is more diverse than the undergraduate student population? “A great many of us come from outside the United States and have many different backgrounds (I myself am a Canadian-born Muslim with Bangladeshi parents — how much more of a minority can I be, eh?)

The student government also has voting representatives from dorms on campus. Yet, Fisher-Graduate and O’Hara-Grace are not included. Don’t grad students have votes too? If we violate Due, Lac, or Notre Dame as well? Heck, there are also senior undergraduates living there — will they be represented? Not, but the biggest reason why this is important to me is because of something I learned very early on after coming to Notre Dame. We are all Notre Dame students, and if we all feel unrepresented, we join one governing association. Isn’t it fair to do the same before we graduate?

Shawn Ahmed
graduate student

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Observer Poll
 Are you going to “The Vagina Monologues”? Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at www.ndsmcobserver.com

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The supreme happiness in life is the conviction that what one is doing is loved — for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves."

Victor Hugo

FRENCH POET

今天的毕业生可能比大多数其他毕业生都更没有归属感。……一个伟大的多数是来自全国各地的，有不同文化背景的……里我自己的身份是加拿大-印第安-孟加拉人。——更不用说你们大多数人能拥有一个属于自己的身份呢？我没有。所以，我没有归属感。
Carry out simple fact-checking

University profits vs. student losses

As an avid hockey fan, I was more than willing to arrive early at this weekend's 'Cats game. Upon arrival, we were greeted by ushers who informed us that we were to sit at least three rows up from the ice, as the University was selling tickets in the student section to the general public. As disappointing as this was, we were appreciative of the pre-warming from the staff, as it allowed us to get seats where we were gauged that we could enjoy the game without having to move. Shortly after we were seated, the first row, then the second and then the third row filled up. At this point, we expected that the staff would have conveyed to the box office that the section was filled and ticket sales would have ceased, but this was not the case.

Soon, students in the fourth row of the student section were asked to move. By this point, the aisles were teeming with seatless students. If we had not been seated by ushers, we would have moved. By this point, the aisles were teeming with seatless students. By this point, the aisles were teeming with seatless students. By this point, the aisles were teeming with seatless students. By this point, the aisles were teeming with seatless students.}

My friend and colleague in philosophy, Fritz Warfield, wrote a piece (“Contending academic equivalence”) in the Feb. 10 Viewpoint section of The Observer critical of a comment made by University President Father John Jenkins in a Catholic News Service CNS release of Feb. 3. Warfield quoted Jenkins as having said that academic freedom at Notre Dame “is the same academic freedom that is enjoyed elsewhere.” He then challenged Jenkins and his minions to invest a day on campus, “to move. By this point, the aisles were teeming with seatless stu­dents and department chairs at major un­iversities and their institutions permits academic depart­ments to sponsor events as they see fit. The answer one can expect is in the negative.” Warfield pointed to the University of Michigan as a particular example.

Unquestionably, Warfield’s letter fails to prove a counter for Jenkins’ remarks and appears to perpetuate the myth that secular universities are in every respect freer than Catholic. An honest assessment by ushers believe Jenkins was making a broad generalization about every facet of academic life at major universities, or at least that Jenkins was making a claim about academic depart­ments. Otherwise what academic departments at other universities do would not pass the counterexample that Warfield would like.

And yet the actual context of Jenkins’ remarks reported in the CNS story makes it clear that he was not making any such broad claim. Jenkins was arguing that academic freedom enjoyed by students and scholars to think as they please, publish the results of their research and speak about their respective specialties. CNS paraphrased Jenkins as holding that “At Notre Dame, and for Catholics in general, in Catholic Colleges and Catho­lic Universities — have the right to think what they like, publish their research and speak about their field of expertise.” The story then immediately quoted him as saying, “in the direct quotation from Jenkins clearly refers to the preceding claim about the freedom of students and scholars to publish and speak about fields of expertise. It makes no reference to departments and other academic units within universities, or to the issue of their capacity to sponsor events. However, the story then immediately reports that Jenkins himself raised the question of the role of academic depart­ments and their sponsorship of events in his examination of questions of academic free­dom. I then tell the story by describing him as sug­gesting that “a university may want to look critically at what events are being spon­sored and seemingly entered by its aca­demic departments” in light of the mission and character of the university. Anyone who listened to Jenkins’ talk with the faculty knows that he highlighted this as a central issue for the academic community to think through. As Joan Porter pointed out in her comments at the talk, it is perhaps the most embarrassing issue we faced, a point that Jenkins readily conceded. For my colleagues to insist that the behavior of departments at other institutions settles the case against Jenkins’ quotation in the CNS is both selective to quote Jenkins out of context and to beg the very question that he has raised and that everyone attentive to his discussion knows that he has raised.

Warfield suggests that it is a simple “fact-checking exercise” to determine that at other major universities, the University of Michigan being his chosen example, “aca­demic departments are free to sponsor events as they see fit.” The University of Michigan is an ironic choice. In the late 1980s, it tried to impose a speech code upon the university community so broad that not only was it thought by many to be in conflict with academic freedom, but was struck down by the courts as violating the Constitution of the United States in Doe v. University of Michigan (1989).

In fact, as Jenkins points out in this year’s department of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame sponsored an event, a Roman Catholic Mass to celebrate the vigil Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. Given that St. Thomas is the patron saint of uni­versities and students, this was not only a liturgical event but also an academic event, including an erudite homily about the nature of Catholic intellectual life and universi­ty, as well as prayers for the University, its students, faculty, and staff. Several hundred students, faculty, staff, and community members filled the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Such an event perfectly exemplifies the Catholic refusal to segregate the worship of God from the intellectual life, or to divorce faith from reason in academia, in contrast to prevailing secular norms like those at the University of Michigan and elsewhere. Or does my colleague really believe that the department of philosophy at the University of Michigan is free to sponsor any type of event “as it sees fit?”

This past autumn, the department of phi­losophy at the University of Notre Dame sponsored the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association. At the request of the leadership of the department, the College of Arts and Letters provided several thousand dollars to underwrite the activities of the Association. In order to bring this association to Notre Dame, the department had to commit itself to official sponsorship so that the Association’s regular daily Masses could take place on campus. This commitment was required by the Association in order to meet its goals. Again, does Jenkins believe that if we asked the chair of the department of philosophy at the University of Michigan he would claim that his department is free to sponsor this profes­sional gathering of philosophers, as part of its freedom in sponsor events “as it sees fit?” The University of Michigan and its depart­ment of philosophy would be in violation of the Constitution of the United States in Doe v. University of Michigan (1989).

In contrast, and to insist that the behavior of other universities seems to have engendered an environment to departments and other units settles the case against Jenkins’ quotation in the CNS is both selectively to quote Jenkins out of context and to beg the very question that he has raised and that everyone attentive to his discussion knows that he has raised.

Unquestionably, Jenkins described academic freedom as “sacred.” But it is difficult to see how it can be genuinely so in communities that posi­tively exclude any hint of the genuinely sacred from entering into their midst. If academic units such as the department of philosophy at the University of Michigan are unable to sponsor a meeting of a profes­sional association of philosophers, their academic freedom could hardly be described as “sacred,” and Warfield’s claim that they are able to sponsor “events as they see fit” is false. It would appear that he has failed to carry out the simple fact­checking he urges upon Jenkins and his minions.
And the award goes to...

By ROQUE STREW

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So while we may be knee-deep in the funfare of award shows with the Oscars just around the corner, don't expect the others to live up to the antics that the Grammys and its collection of eccentric performers brought last week.

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**Book Review**

**'Arthur and George'**

**By TREVOR GASS
Scene Critic**

It's the next best thing since the last best thing.

In a world where some of the most anticipated games are re-releases of previous successes, developers know that the quicker they can turn out another title, the quicker they can turn a tidy profit. However, a recent avenue that developers have become keen to be profitable in some parts of the world is expansion packs. Expansion packs are traditionally cheaper than the base game and work to promote high replay value at low production cost. Entirely new gameplay mechanics are not needed in the world of expansion packs. Simply a new level, a gadget or side story needs to be added. Thereby, they deserve extra consideration for their efforts in trying to convey a careful balance between elation and gratitude during acceptance speeches. To add to their challenge, recording artists also have to preserve their devout musician reputations by saying something racy — typically, approaches that promote a political cause or are completely self-promoting work. Not to mention, regardless of seat assignment — which could place somewhere on the floor too close to Emien's entourage or next to this year's nominee's for best New Age album (who has a Grandparent-esque understanding of songs like "Gold Digger") — artists have to maintain those made-for-TV smiles while seated. After all, no one wants to appear on the Grammy big screen broadcast with a gigantic grin.

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2 ounces Gruyere, grated (4 cups)
8 ounces extra-sharp Cheddar, grated (2 cups)
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
34 pound fresh tomatoes (4 small)
1 1/2 cups fresh white bread crumbs (5 slices, crusts removed)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Drizzle oil into a large pot of boiling salted water. Add the macaroni and cook according to the directions on the package, six to eight minutes. Drain well. Meanwhile, beat the milk in a small saucepan, but don’t boil it. Melt six tablespoons of butter in a large (four-quart) pot over low heat for five minutes, stirring occasionally. With an immersion blender, puree soup. Serve bowls of soup with basil chiffonade and floating soup toppers.

Soup toppers

2 slices crusty bread, 4 inches across, 1/4-inch thick-slice artisan breads at counter in market
2 cloves cracked fresh garlic, optional
Extra-virgin olive oil
1 (28-ounce) can concentrated crushed tomatoes (12-ounce)
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Cream Cheese Frosting

1 1/2 lb (or total) packaged cream cheese
1 cups sour cream
1/2 oz total boxes powdered sugar
1 top pumpkin pie spice
2 cups chopped pecans

Combine all ingredients except for nuts and beat until fluffy. Frost cake. Sprinkle nuts on top.

Recipe based on “Grandma Heil’s Carrot Cake”, The Lady and Sons Savannah Country Cookbook by Paula Deen.

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1 (28-ounce) can concentrated crushed tomatoes
1 cup heavy cream
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Soup toppers, for garnish, recipe follows

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James scores 4 Cleveland win over Spurs

Blazers ending streak against Bobcats; Raptors down Minnesota, 98-94; Hornets beat Wizards at the buzzer

Associated Press

LeBron James and the Cavaliers play like title contenders at home against the NBA's best.

Monday night was the perfect example.

James dominated with 44 points and Cleveland defeated defending champion San Antonio to end the Spurs' nine-game winning streak.

Maybe the Spurs could just be as good against the bad teams.

Cleveland is 14-2 at home against teams over .500, and 5-5 against teams under .500.

The win over the Spurs came two days after a lackluster home loss to the Knicks.

"We have to grow up," James said. "We can't keep beating Phoenix, Detroit and San Antonio and then lose to sub-par teams." James led Cleveland with his sixth game over 40 points this season. He went 19-for-33 and added five assists, three rebounds and four steals. James scored 18 in his third quarter, tying his career high for points in a period, and had 36 through three quarters.

"He willed himself to the rim and he willed this win for us," Cavaliers coach Mike Brown said.

The win ended a two-game slide for the Cavaliers and stemmed another streak for the Spurs, a franchise-record nine straight road victories.

James got plenty of help from Zydrunas Ilgauskas, who had 17 points, seven rebounds and Drew Gooden, who finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Cleveland has reached the 20-win mark before the All-Star break for the second straight season.

Trail Blazers 91, Bobcats 83

Charlotte Bobcats coach Bernie Bickerstaff sounded embarrassed after his team's poor showing against the Portland Trail Blazers.

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 Asked Randolph: "Were we doing anything that would make these guys be excited to see us and we could get a lift?"

Randolph scored 10 points in the fourth quarter and put the game away with an impressive scoring flurry in the final five minutes.

Portland Nursing a three-point lead, Randolph hit a short jumper, added a free throw and then drew a foul on a dunk with 2:21 left in the game on a game pretty fast.

Sebastian Telfair.

Raptors 98, Timberwolves 94

Mike James scored 27 points, including two key baskets and two free throws down the stretch, to help the Toronto Raptors win their ninth game in a row.

The Raptors came back right after six straight points, before James hit a three-pointer to make it 92-88 with 2:15 left. Garnett hit a short jump hook to make it 92-90 and the teams exchanged baskets to make it 94-92 with 30 seconds left.

Garnett then hit another big shot, taking seven-foot forward Blount to the basket and scoring on a driving left-handed layup to make it 96-92. After Trevor Ariza's dunk, James sealed the game with two free throws.

Hornets 97, Wizards 96

David West hit a 20-footer from the three-point key at the buzzer to give New Orleans a win over Washington on Monday night, for the Hornets' fourth straight victory.

West's shot was his third game-winner of the season. He also made last-second shots to beat Milwaukee on Jan. 30 and Houston on Dec. 24.

New Orleans has won eight of its last nine games and moved five games above .500 (28-23) for the first time this season.

All-Star guard Gilbert Arenas scored 43 points to lead Washington, which had its five-game winning streak snapped.

With the Wizards trailing by a point in the final seconds, Arenas missed a 23-footer, but after a scramble for the rebound, Antawn Jamison got the basketball and made a 20 - footer on the baseline with 0.5 seconds left, putting the Wizards ahead 96-95.

After a timeout, New Orleans' Desmond Mason inbounded to West, who switched his jumper to a cap - point performance. Game officials reviewed the shot to see if West released the basketball in time and ruled that he did. Arenas, the Eastern Conference player of the week earlier in the week, scored 40 or more points for the seventh time this season. He had his streak of consecutive game-winners end at 15 when he missed one with 8:35 left in the game.

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Blood tests are negative for skiers

Suspended athletes now cleared for play

Associated Press

PRAGELATO, Italy — Four suspended Olympic cross-country skiers took new hemoglobin tests Monday and all passed — including two Americans and a German gold medalist.

A dozen skiers were suspended five days last week for elevated levels of hemoglobin, the part of the red blood cell that can increase endurance. The test chose to put off their tests because they weren’t scheduled to compete in the men’s and women’s team sprint Tuesday.

"All of those who are going to be on start lists for tomorrow had tests that were negative," International Ski Federation cross-country race director Juerg Capol told The Associated Press.

Some skiers may have wanted time to take their tests to fall closer to their events, giving them more time to bring their hemoglobin below mandated levels. For example, Sean Crooks will be tested in the coming days because he wasn’t slated to race until the individual sprint Feb. 22. Cross Country Canada said.

German cross-country skier Evi Sachenbacher and the two Americans — Kikkan Randall and Leif Zimmermann — were among the four who were reinstated Monday. The identity of the fourth skier was not immediately released.

Randall is set to ski Tuesday. Zimmermann is not racing but simply chose to be tested immediately after his five-day suspension was served.


Sachenbacher told The AP she was not given her new hemoglobin levels from tests, but that she could compete in team sprint events, and German coach Jochen Rehbein confirmed she would ski Tuesday.

"Now my Olympics can begin. I have this anger in me, and I want to show them all." — Evi Sachenbacher

Sachenbacher was a member of the German 4x3-km relay team that was awarded the gold medal after Russian star Larissa Lazutina was disqualified for doping at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games. Sachenbacher also captured a silver in sprint four years ago.

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Sachenbacher clutched a guitar bottle of water as she spoke Monday. Drinking fluids can lower hemoglobin levels. "I drank a lot and I did all I could, hoping that it would work out," she said. "I hope that now I have enough strength to come out and show them all. I think I do." — Luke Bodensteiner

Sachenbacher was cleared to skate Tuesday, and she made the team. The American is now on the starting line for the Women's Olympic 500-meter speed skating race.

Joey Cheek of Greensboro, N.C., celebrates winning the gold medal in this winter's Olympic 500-meter speed skating race.

Cheek plans to donate bonus cash to Africa

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Joey Cheek has never done things by the book. In the sixth grade, he insisted on reading The Wall Street Journal on the way to school. At 14, he watched Johann Olav Koss win three speedskating gold medals at the Lillehammer Olympics and decided that's what he wanted to do.

"There's only one problem," Cheek's mother told him at the time. "We live in North Carolina." Details, details.

Cheek overcame that little obstacle on the way to a dominating victory Monday in the Olympic 500 meters. Then, in keeping with his unique approach to life, he said he would donate his $25,000 U.S. Olympic Committee bonus to an organization run by Koss, with hopes of helping war-torn Africa.

"I always felt like if I did something big, I wanted to give something back," Cheek said. "The best way in is helping someone else." Cheek was so committed to the idea that, just a few hours before the race, he went to the athletes' village office of Koss' group, Right To Play, to read up on some literature.

It was time well spent when Cheek skated the two best races of his life, posting a combined time that was 0.65 seconds ahead of the silver medalist, Russia's Dmitry Dorofyev. That's a huge gap in a furious sprint race normally decided by hundredths of a second. South Korea's Lee Kang Seok took the bronze.

"I'm kind of stunned that I skated that fast," said Cheek, the only one to break 35 seconds all day — and he did it in both of his back-to-back races. "Obviously, I wanted to get some medals here, but I had no idea it would come together like it did." Cheek won the race in the same time that was 35.37. Actually, that number belonged to Canada's Jeremy Wotherspoon, who skated in the remaining lane. The American's time was 34.82 — which put him a commanding 0.42 ahead of Dorofyev.

Cheek flipped back the hood on his skintight and revealed a shearpin grip, as if he really couldn't believe he had skated so much faster than everyone else. When he returned a couple of hours later for the second 1,500 lap trip around the oval, he had to do was avoid a fall. "I don't want to jinx him," teammate Tucker Fredricks said, "but there's no way he's going to lose." Fredricks was right. Starting slowly but building speed with every frantic push of his clap-skates, Cheek put up another time (34.94) that was better than any of his competitors.

"It's incredible," said Kip Carpenter, another of the Americans in the race. "We've by far the best skater out there today. It looks like he's the only one who brought his 'A' game to this competition."

Cheek has been prepping for this moment since he started roller skating at age 10 — another of those refugees from the wheeled sport who turned to ice with hopes of capturing Olympic gold.

In fact, ex-inliners from the unfilkest places have won the first two American speedskating golds of the Turin Games: Chad Hedrick, the Texan who captured the 5,000 on Saturday, and now Cheek, from Greensboro, N.C., giving the U.S. its second straight victory in the 500.

"Chad and Joey have opened up a whole new group of people to enjoy what I think is a pretty neat sport," said Bonnie Blair, the retired U.S. speedskating star who followed a more traditional route in the Upper Midwest.

Cheek, a Texan who grew up in North Carolina, is the grandson of basketball legend Elgin Baylor. Cheek's career in skating started when he was small, after his parents bought him a pair of inline skates.

"I always felt like if I did something big, I wanted to give something back," said Cheek, winning gold in the 500 meter with a time of 34.82. The Associated Press
Gretzky ignores rumors, prepares for Torino

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Wayne Gretzky arrives Tuesday at the Olympics, and a nervous Canada wonders if he's bringing the formula for another hockey gold medal or a whole mess of trouble.

No matter what Team Canada does starting Wednesday, questions will accompany Gretzky throughout the games about what he knows, if anything, about a gambling ring allegedly fronted by his top assistant coach with the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes and supposedly patronized by Gretzky's wife.

"It's more difficult than you think," he said. "We'll get there. I promise." John Hughes said he thought Emily would arrive too late to practice in a mountain town near Turin with the other U.S. skaters, Sasha Cohen and Kimmie Meissner.

USA upsets Norway in curling opening round

FLORENCE, Italy — The U.S. men routed the defending Olympic champions 11-3 in the opening game of the curling tournament on Monday, scoring a whopping five points in the eighth end and forcing Norway to concede with two frames to go.

It was tied 3-3 in the fifth when American skip, or captain, Pete Fenson knocked out a red Norwegian stone and left three yellow ones closest to the middle. Norway made it 6-5 in the sixth and was setting up for another three points in the seventh when U.S. vice skip Shawn Rojeski executed a perfect three-stone takeaway.

With an open target, Fenson threw long with his first stone and then intentionally threw his second through the house — giving up an easy point to retain the last-throw advantage and try for multiple points in the eighth.

Johnson's crew chief ejected from Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jimmie Johnson's crew chief was thrown out of the Daytona 500 for illegal modifications made to Johnson's car during post-qualifying inspection.

Chad Knaus was accused of raising the rear window on the No. 48 Chevrolet to alter aerodynamics during Johnson's run Sunday. The infraction was discovered in a post-qualifying inspection when the car failed to fit NASCAR templates.

NASCAR said Knaus cannot appeal the ejection.

Hughes to replace Kwan on USA figure skating team

SYOSSET, N.Y. — Figure skater Emily Hughes practiced at a rink near her hometown Monday. How she's getting to Italy for the Olympics was still being worked out.

The 17-year-old younger sister of 2002 Olympic winner Sarah Hughes was told Saturday night by U.S. skating officials to pack for Turin to replace Michelle Kwan, who pulled out because of an injury.

Hughes, from Great Neck, N.Y., finished third at nationals last month but was bumped after Kwan got the medical bye onto the Olympic team.

"It's more difficult than you think," he said. "We'll get there. I promise." John Hughes said he thought Emily would arrive too late to practice around the dial

**WINTER OLYMPICS**

Team Canada executive director Wayne Gretzky fields questions Monday after a team practice in Turin. Gretzky said that the recent gambling scandal will not affect Canada's Olympic performance.

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**IN BRIEF**

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TURIN, Italy — Tot and Max’s Russian route made the judges’ jaws drop.

Tatiana Totmianina and Maxim Marinin eliminated any chance for controversy and kept their nation’s domination of Olympic pairs gold. Monday night with a bullelfree skate reminiscent of the greatest Russian couples.

Tot didn’t try to hold back the tears on the medals podium, while Marinin smiled widely.

Not a bad way to finish off a career that also includes two world titles.

Their huge margin, 14.75 points over China’s Zhang Dan and Zhang Hao, avoided any suspicions of judging impropriety in the first Olympic pairs event since the 2002 Salt Lake City scandal that led to the new code of points system.

Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo of China won their second straight bronze medal. A Russian or Soviet pair has won the gold medal every year since 1964, and this one was as good as any. Go ahead, add Totmianina and Marinin to Gordeeva and Grinkov and the Pridopopovs as the top of perhaps the greatest dynasty in Olympic sports.

"I can’t even explain the emotions because they are so very high," she said. "It was a long, long way and it wasn’t the easiest way, I’m just thrilled with everything. We’ve done so well, our personal best at the Olympics." The Russian skaters had to overcome the shoddy performance of their other duo, Xue and Hongbo, Friday. While the Russians were untouchable, Zhang and Zhang showed incredible courage and stamina.

Skating last, Zhang Dan fell in a split while attempting an unprecedented throw quad salchow and doubled over in pain. They stopped skating as Zhang Hao struggled to help her off the ice.

After a few minutes talking with coaches, she asked to continue. With the fans clapping in support, the event referee allowed it.

"We didn’t say any words of giving up," he said. "We said we could go on." Somehow, they nailed every element in the next four minutes.

She again doubled over when they finished and Zhang Hao cried. They had nothing to cry about when they saw the marks that kept them in second place with a personal best.

"I think it’s a very valuable experience for competition," she said. "It’s so important for myself because I made a mistake on the first element, but I think I can do all the other elements, so why not keep going?"

But they were far behind Tot and Max’s personal best of 204.48, and Marinin wanted his longtime partner and cran­
ded her in his arms when the final scores were posted.

No one raised a voice against the scoring this time, unlike the boo that echoed throughout the arena at Salt Lake City with the news of the biggest scandal in Winter Games history.

"We didn’t talk after the pairs competition that she’d been ‘pres­sed’ to put Russia’s Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze ahead of Canada’s Jamie Sale and David Pelletier. The scandal so rocked the

Olympics that the International Olympic Committee took the rare step of awarding duplicate golds to Sale and Pelletier.

The International Skating Union then decided to scrap its 6.0 scale for a more objective points-based system.

U.S. champions Rena Inoue and John Baldwin, the only couple to hit a triple throw in competition — at U.S. nationals and in Saturday’s short program — couldn’t duplicate the magic. She fell on their signature move, and they also struggled with some spins and in their side-by-side triple toe loops.

"I didn’t give her quite the thrust I gave her in the short program," Baldwin said. "It was more cautious."

But they were fast and, unlike many of the other couples, didn’t tire deep into their program.

That was a problem for nearly every duo that skated earlier.

Inoue and Baldwin wound up seventh, one spot down from their short program standing but the best full-field interna­

tional finish for a U.S. pair since the 2002 worlds.

With their fans chanting, waving Chinese flags and shak­

colorful rattles, Shen and Zhao capped their first competition of the season with a spec­
tacular performance. The two

Russia world champions missed the entire season as he recov­

ered from an August torn Achilles’ tendon. He hurried back from the injury and showed no sign of any physical problems.

On both of their throws, a triple salchow and a triple loop, she soared much higher than the boards. Their flying triple twist was immense and they moved as one in their circular steps, making “Madame Butterfly” come to life.

Today was very difficult, especially after these two months we got injured," he said. "We got a good result. I am very happy about that."

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Courageous Chinese pair recovers for silver

After devastating fall, the Zhangs still medal

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Zhang Dan crashed into the ice with her legs split wide, a brutal fall that drew gasps from the crowd. She limped off the ice doubled over in pain, seemingly finished.

Stunningly, she recovered to win an Olympic silver medal.

Zhang Dan and her partner Zhang Hao of China displayed much courage as skill Monday night in the Olympic pairs free skate.

Skating last, Zhang Dan spun awkwardly into the ice while attempting an unprecedented throw quad salchow. The skaters stopped their routine and, with Zhang Dan bent over, they strug­

gled to the sidelines to talk to their coaches.

After gathering her composure, she asked to continue, and the event referee said yes.

The crowd roared and she even managed a slight smile.

"Then the Zhangs nailed every­thing."

"We didn’t say any words of giving up," she said. "I think it’s a very valuable experience for competition," she added. "It’s so important for myself because I made a mistake on the first element, but I think I can do all the other elements, so why not keep going?"

"Skating’s rules don’t specifically deal with that situation."

They decided to continue and seconds after their first element, they landed a triple Salchow.

"They were very efficient, it was a beautiful performance," said Zhang Hao.

"But it wasn’t the best," she said. "It’s just the beginning."

Associated Press

Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo of China won their second straight Olympic bronze medal. Pang Qing and Tong Jian were fourth, eliminating them from contention, not the Russians, might be the pairs power of the future. 

Shen and Zha’s first competition of the season was better than anyone could have predict­ed. Zhao recovered incredibly fast from an August torn Achilles’ tendon, and the two-time world champions were in terrific form Monday night.
Men's NCAA Basketball

Sutton takes leave of absence after DUI offense

Coach may return to court side next season

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Eddie Sutton may have coached his last game. A 35-year career possibly ending six victories short of 800 because of a traffic accident in which he was injured and cited for driving under the influence.

Oklahoma State announced Monday that the 65-year-old Sutton would take a medical leave and that Sean Sutton, his son and designated heir appar­ent, will finish this season as coach. The school said no decision had been made on who will coach next season.

Sutton said in a statement released by the university that he nearly took medical leave after a Feb. 4 trip to Kansas State because of chronic back pain that was "making it very difficult to coach."

"After Friday's events, I know it is best to go on medical leave the remainder of the season to address my future health," he said. "It is very difficult to step away from the team. But I know they are in great hands."

Eddie Sutton spent the night in the hospital with a head injury following Friday's accident in Stillwater.

Witnesses described Sutton's sports utility vehicle as driving dangerously and erratically, forcing cars to swerve out of the way before he hit another SUV from behind at about 60 mph, according to police reports released Monday.

The driver of the other SUV received minor injuries and was released at the scene.

One witness at the accident scene told police that Sutton seemed confused, responded angrily to questions and had a "slight fruity odor" on his breath.

The same witness reported seeing a bottle of prescription hydrocodone, a narcotic painkiller, on the seat of Sutton's SUV.

Stillwater police cited Sutton after the accident but did not jail him on a complaint of driving under the influence because of a lack of physical evidence, the city's police chief said Monday.

Witnesses told police that shortly before the accident, Sutton was unsteady on his feet and struck his head after falling in the parking lot of Gallagher-Iba Arena before entering his vehicle. Sutton refused an ambulance at that scene and insisted on driving, police reports show.

The results of blood tests — which could take six to eight weeks to receive — will show whether the coach was driving under the influence. Stillwater Chief Norman McNickle said.

Sutton was not given a field sobriety test at the time because he needed medical treatment, he said.

Police also filed complaints against Sutton for speeding and crossing the center line.

Under Oklahoma law, driving under the influence can include a range of substances, including prescription painkillers or alco­hol. The university said it would not comment on the DUI citation because of privacy and legal reasons.

When Sutton came to his alma mater in 1990, he acknowledged he had undergone treatment for a drinking problem and said "I've dealt with it."

In Monday's statement, Sutton said he had been under a tremendous amount of stress because of "my deteriorating physical condition and other issues."

Sutton has weathered other tough times to become the fifth winningest men's coach in Division I history, trailing only Dean Smith (879), Bob Knight (866) and Jim Phelan (830). Sutton is in his 16th season at Oklahoma State.

"I hope he's back next year. I mean this sincerely," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. "I've never coached against a better coach than Eddie Sutton."

Sutton resigned in 1989 from a Kentucky program placed on four years' probation. In 2001, a plane crash killed two Oklahoma State basketball players and six team staffers.

The Cowboys have advanced to postseason play 14 times in 15 years under Sutton, including 13 NCAA tournament appearances. He took the Cowboys to the Final Four in 1995 and 2004. He also reached the Final Four with Arkansas.

After last season, there was much speculation about whether Sutton would retire. Instead of stepping aside, he stayed on and his son became his replacement in waiting, though no specific timetable was given for the change of power.

The Cowboys are 13-11 and 3-7 in the Big 12 with six regular­season games left. Sutton recently criticized his team's tough­ness, calling it the "softest team in 16 years that I have ever coached."

With Oklahoma State sched­uled to play Kansas at home Monday night, Sutton spoke to players twice Sunday, assistant coach James Biekly said during the Big 12 coaches conference call Monday.
No. 4 Villanova shoots down No. 1 Connecticut

Ray leads Wildcats in conference upset

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Villanova went inside in the first half and stayed outside in the second. Add some solid defense and an offensive boost from an unlikely source, and the Wildcats came up with a way to beat No. 1 Connecticut.

Allan Ray keyed the Wildcats’ 7-for-9 effort from 3-point range in the second half and fourth-ranked Villanova beat the Huskies 69-64 Monday night, its first victory over a top-ranked team in nearly 11 years.

"It was a big test for us," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said.

Ray had five 3-pointers in a 22-4 run that gave Villanova (20-2, 10-1 Big East) the lead for good in its ninth straight victory. The Wildcats, who forced the Huskies into 17 turnovers, also got a lift from their center in an offense that relies on four guards.

The four guards account for 79 percent of the team’s points, but center Will Sheridan, who averages 4.5 points per game, matched his career high with 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to help the Wildcats stand up to Connecticut’s size advantage.

"We need to get our forwards involved," Wright said. "We’ve been working on it," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "Will has been defending, making plays, but not scoring as much. Tonight he took it to another level in a big game against an outstanding team, which I think tells you a lot about Will Sheridan."

Sheridan, not known for his outside shot, hit two big jumpers from the corner in the second half.

"They made 3s, Sheridan hit some tough baselines. I don’t know what adjustments you’d like us to make for Allan Ray’s 3s, forward Matt Kline said.

Connecticut had a chance to tie in the final seconds but Marcus Williams lost the ball on a Battier pass near the corner and UConn made free throws with 2.2 seconds left to make it 69-64.

"There was supposed to be a pick but Rashad Anderson said Ray pushed him and we bumped and lost the ball," Williams said.

It seemed most of the 20,859 at the Wachovia Center, the largest crowd to watch a college basketball game in Pennsylvania history, stormed the court to celebrate the Wildcats’ first win over a No. 1 team since Feb. 18, 1995, when they beat Connecticut.

"I think we beat them on a good night. They’re great, 7K-60ers," UConn guard Tom McGoey said.

"What they answered everything we did, we answered what they did and that’s what made a great game between two outstanding teams," Wright said.

UConn opened the second half with a 13-0 run to go ahead 45-33. That’s when Ray, a 36 percent from 3-point range entering the game, started his long-range barrage. The first 12 points of the big run were on his 3-pointers and Mike Nardi, who had missed the last two games with an offensive rebound and felt like I had good looks for another basket to start the second half of the Wildcats’ 69-64 upset of the No. 1 Huskies Monday.

After Williams scored on a driving layup and the last of his 3s and Sheridan connected on a jumper from the corner and it was 55-49 with 9.2 to go.

Sheridan knows he isn’t much of an outside threat.

"Everybody doubles our guards, why wouldn’t you?" he asked. "They were kind of backing off a little bit. I just felt like I had good looks tonight. The guards were seeing me."
In the best weekend showing since sweeping Michigan two years ago, the Irish men's ice hockey team captured a share of the Big Ten title and a victory over Illinois in the regular season finale. Aided by a pair of Irish penalties, the Irish controlled the second period, scoring four goals in the opening 20 minutes before breaking away to tie the game. The visitors had several other point blank opportunities, but a stout defensive play by goalie Mindy Stark prevented any further damage. A back and forth third period saw each team come up empty on good scoring opportunities, and the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Despite the weekend victory, the Irish remained scoreless until the third period. Aided by a pair of penalties, O'Neill scored a hat trick, while his two assists along withMiia Rasinen, completed the victory.

The Notre Dame men's team had a rousing start for the weekend, scoring in the first 2:30. It continued to pressure Michigan in the first 15 minutes, before it began.

The weather worsened as the men's team competed at this weekend's Michigan Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich. It was a change from last year's event, as the Irish as they opened play with the Irish squad led by the stellar O'Neill and freshman Kelly Horner each rifling home four goals, and senior Lindsay May accounted for the remaining two.

The precision skaters will perform their next competition at the Joyce Center Feb. 25, during intermission of the men's ice hockey game.

Gymnastics
Continued and steady improvement marked Notre Dame and Saint Mary's performance at Purdue's Golden Grips this weekend. The women's men's squads finished among the top three schools, both strong showing with partial rosters.

Anne Krishan anchored the Notre Dame women's team by capturing first in the vault in vault and fifth on the beam. Cecilia Torres, Maria Rivas, Stacey Stibor, Kelly Pizzolato, Jaclynne Carney, Courtney Collins and Luciana Navarro all earned team points for the Irish in the women's main event, followed by Purdue and Virginia Tech.

Brian Dunn's fourth place finish in the vault vaulted the men's squad, with Alan Arce and Zach Gagnon also contributing points to the team total. The injury-plagued squad is recovering and the coaching staff is realizing its potential. The Irish will next compete Feb. 25 at Indiana.

Bowling
The Irish Dame placed No. 23 among 29 teams in the American Heartland Bowling Conference tournament in Toledo. Daniel Martin paced the club with a 193 average, including three games of 202, 205 and 207.

Figure Skating
Captain Bridget Purcell and her fellow seniors, Gretchin Christ and Mina Rusciman, completed their competitive careers this weekend at the Tri-States in Dearborn, Mich. The seniors proved to be memorable as the Notre Dame women's team excelled in their program.

The Irish finished a very close runner-up to Michigan. Bowling Green was third to lead the men.

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Freshmen Stephanie Dalton finished in seventh place. Following Dalton were Butler in eighth, Dunne in 14th and Lindsay May in 24th, as Kate Paquette in 36th, Katie Coniglio in 39th, Kate Paquette in 42nd, Kelly McGuire in 46th and Mary Kate Sweeney in 54th.

The men's snowboard team finished their season in mediocre form, slipping a few spots to fifth place overall. The team struggled greatly with DNFs from all three competitors who thought that speed was a little more important than finishing the course.

The women's snowboard team beat all of the competitors except Michigan on Sunday's last run, finishing a distant third by less than a second. Senior Nichole Mitchell finished fourth. Following Mitchell were Katie Reiberger in seventh, Casey McNeill in 14th, Cat Dunne in 16th and Dayna Dantzcher in 22nd.

Rash of injuries Alpine skiing

Equipment, speeds make popular sport more dangerous

Associated Press

Linsey Kildow catches her left edge while airborne and out of control at 50 mph and is catapulted into the air before landing on a small covering of snow on the course. Her left knee ligaments were damaged when she made a routine turn during pre-season training last fall, but she has been able to continue training ever since before it began.

Faster equipment, man-made snow and powerful bodies make it a relentlessly exciting sport for Alpiners, and skiers may simply be unable to handle it. "The equipment's speed and the quality of skiing, but it probably does put people at more risk," U.S. Ski team agent Dr. Richard Steadman told The Associated Press.

Skill design has changed radically in recent years. In the late 1970s, big jumps were most often broken; today it's knees and ankles. Boats are higher and more flexible, putting pressure on the skier's knees, and more pronounced hourglass shapes, allowing tighter turns. Wales are higher to absorb the shock of impact in most movements, making knees and ankles vulnerable and increase the injury with of slower falls.

Weather specifically less snowfall in recent years is a factor, too. "That's means there is only a small covering of snow on the course," said Salomon skis race director Phillippe Auer. "The terrain may be more dangerous and that makes it more dangerous. The snow cannons make this harder, but if you make too manly, then it's very aggressive." Wales are higher and more gappy like the difference between grass and artificial turf.

Man-made snow is used for carving edges. One false move and a racer's ski swoops away, and only clinging with it. If a skier catches an edge in a fall, the injury is often bad and the knee hard enough to cause injury without a fall. "If the knees are hurt, you can also aggravate a fall. A skier skidding on skis, without being able to land, could hurt if a sharp edge hits the gppy surface, launching him into the air."

That's what happened to Kildow during her Olympic downhill training run Monday, though, amazingly, she escaped serious injury.

The women's snowboard team continued to be the bright spot of the Notre Dame team. Senior Nichole Mitchell denied her two silver medals from last week and cruised to a solid fourth place finish on Saturday. Mitchell was followed by freshmen Katie Reiberger in 8th place and Casey McNeill in 10th. Rounding out the women's team were Cat Dunne and Dayna Dantzcher in 14th and 20th.

The men's team on Sunday morning finished in fifth place. However, Joel Shurburough continued to shine with his fifth place finish. Behind Shurburough were Byrne in 26th, Leif Petersen in 34th, Hedges in 38th, Pat Leinknecht in 43rd and Alex Glocker in 50th. Again, Steve Feutz lived up the sleepy crowd with a DNF while Hedges saved himself from a disastrous fall that would have made even Herrn Maier proud.

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Special to the Observer

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The members of the Notre Dame Ski team were powered with aspirations of Olympic Gold this weekend, and skied like champions. Work three saw some bright spots from fresh­men Stephanie Dalton and Joel Shurburough, and other members helped the team to top spots in the Midwest division landing them with a spot in the regional tournament next weekend in Marquette, Mich.

The men's team had quite a time in this weekend's races. Fresh blood in freshmen Connor Byrne and Joel Shurburough helped the men's team finish in a solid fourth place in their Saturday morning slalom race. Shurburough and Byrne placed fourth and 20th respectively. Following the weekend were senior Jeff Petersen who ripped up the course in his first run, ending up in 9th, Brian Hedges in 38th, Chris Eakins in 22nd, Tom Bollant in 45th, Pat Leinknecht in 46, Alex Glocker in 49th, and Jon Meek rounding out the men's finishers with a 52nd finish place.

The women's team built on their success from past weeks with a third place finish at Saturday slalom event. The brightest spots for the team were in senior Molly Butler and freshmen Stephanie Dalton. Butler finished in eighth place, just a spot in front of double. Other finishers for the women's team were senior Lindsay May in 16th, Sarah Rauenhorst in 19th, Katie Coniglio in 36th, Chris Feutz in 38th, Casey McGuire in 43rd, Katie Paquette in 46th, and Mary Kate Sweeney in 54th.

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Western Lacrosse League in scoring the past two years and was nominated for the Tewaaraton Trophy as the nation’s top
player in 2004. But rewriting the Irish offen­sive
record books is not why he plays the

"Honor and stuff are always nice, but I’d rather be in the Final Four," said Walsh, who believes this year’s team is capable of reaching that mar­cation. "Everyone on our team has never been to the tourna­ment. We have that motivation. We have a lot to prove."

Driscoll, a fellow 2003 hono­orable mention All-American and a defender, shares Walsh’s expectations for the season. As one of the team’s two captains, he sees the same com­mitment from every one of his seniors.

"Captain is only a title," he said. "Our entire senior class is acting like leaders. Our team motto is ‘hard work,’ and everyone is busting their tails, living up to that motto. We want it to mean something. It’s what our class stands for.

Despite missing the NCAA tournament by one spot in each of the past two years, the team remains determined. And Irish coach Kevin Corrigan is impressed.

"That’s not something I have to remind them of," he said. "They came here to win a na­tional cham­pionship and they think they are tal­ent­ed enough to do that. They understand what it takes.

Senior mid­fielder Drew Peters, co-captain with Driscoll, believes the seniors’ class camaraderie will aid the team’s chemistry.

“We understand each other,” he said. “We know how much talent we have. We see it in practice every day. If we play well together, we can go far.”

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freestyle, in which he holds the school record time of 1:59.30. The team feels last year’s experience will help its members improve and increase the team’s chances of being part of the championship 

"The team is ready to go," said junior swimmer Tim Kegeleman, who will compete in the 100 and 200 butterfly events. “With all the experience the team has, the younger guys will most likely thrive under the added pressure.”

Notre Dame will be under some added pressure this season’s meet with the addition of Louisville and Cincinnati to the Big East, making the field of 11 teams the largest in conference history. Big East officials also decided to allow an unlimited number of divers for each school this year, which could be an advantage for a deep Irish squad. Notre Dame is sending 35 swimmers to New York—more than the maximum 23-man roster in last year’s victory. It is a decision to our advantage.

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No. 13 Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights are hot after defeating No. 12 Penn State in their last meet of the season. And the Irish took note of their conference foe’s recent feat.

"When we saw that Rutgers beat Penn State, we thought they might be trying to send us a message," Irish junior Julia Quinn said after the Shamrock Invitational Jan. 28. "Rutgers will probably be our toughest competition as they have some stars, but they don’t have the depth we have."

Notre Dame’s depth is an asset, given the swimmers’ past performances in the conference meet. Six Irish swimmers have collected first place finishes at this tournament before. Katie Carroll leads the way with 10 victories, five individually and five as a member of a relay team. Rebecca Grove and Caroline Johnson each have four first-place wins, while Jessica Stephens, Ellen Johnson and Katie Guida all have at least one championship.

Although Notre Dame will be competitive in most events, there are a few areas the team is heavily favored to win. Notre Dame’s Jessica Stephens and Julia Quinn hold the top two Big East times this year in the 100-meter breaststroke. Stephens’ mark of 1:03.57 is fast enough for an NCAA “B” cut time, and Quinn is close behind with a time of 1:03.88.

The 400 individual medley (IM) is another strong event for the team as Carroll holds a time of 4:15.34 — the best time in Men
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a Notre Dame women’s swimmer competes against California Oct. 28.

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throughout the recruiting season.

“My family [members] are huge Notre Dame fans,” Weissenhoffer said. “I’m really excited to play with the girls, [too] the campus and all the good stuff that goes along with being at Notre Dame.”

She will step in and take the roster spot of Katie Thorlakson, who finished second this year in ballhusting for the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy, given annually to the nation’s best player.

“Everybody’s going to be really excited when they watch her,” Waldrum said. “Defensively and defensively, she can do a lot of things for your team. I think she’s going to have some similarities to Katie Thorlakson. She’s built similar to Katie, and she’s got that toughness to her that Katie’s got.”

Weissenhoffer said one of the best parts about filling the role Thorlakson had last year is the ability to step up and standout forward Kerri Hanks.

“I’m really excited to play with her,” Weissenhoffer said. "Hopefully, we’ll get the chemistry right and play up there. I think I that to play with each other, she’ll be really fun to learn from and to feed off each other." 

While it is possible Weissenhoffer likely will earn headlines as a goal- scorer, Rosen of Brecksville, Ohio, garnered the most national attention during the recruiting process after playing on the Under-17 U.S. national team.

Waldrum said her ball-handling skills make her a prototype impact midfielder.

“She’s a big land for us," he said. “The one thing I really like about her is she seems to be able to see the game so well. She can [be] like your point guard in basketball. She can find people and knows how to get people involved in the game.”

Waldrum compared her favorably to junior midfielders Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek, along with freshman midfielder Brittany Bock.

“In our system and the way we play, you’ve got to have a player that can control the ball for you,” Waldrum said. “I think it was really important to get a player in here in order to have to lose from those players and get her the experience playing so she can take the lead when those two kids graduate.”

Weissenhoffer’s teammate and fellow Navarre native Clark may join Rosen in the midfield.

Waldrum said Clark could end up as a defender or at mid-field.

The thing that I really like about her, she’s got a mindset that’s tough, kind of an enforcer type," Waldrum said. “You can be confident about what she does is she brings that element of toughness to the team. She’ll be one of those that the opposition won’t want to be around her.

The other possible defense- man in the class is Ford of Midland, Texas.

“Haley ... probably flew a little bit under the radar screen, so to coaches across the country ... she’s not going to be one that’s going to be nationally as known as Courtney Rosen or Weissenhoffer,” Waldrum said. “But we’ve liked her for a few years. As I watched her this past year, she has just continually gotten better and better.”

Waldrum said Ford is versatile enough to play midfield, too.

"The good thing about Haley is she can play in the midfield if we need her [to],” he said. “I think that’s always good for the teams you can always find them places to go to get experience when they’re developing.”

Lyander, a goal product of San Diego, Calif., rounds out the Irish class. She will be one of three goalies on the team, along with sophomore Lauren Karas and junior Nikki Westfall.

Waldrum said Lyander has the talent necessary to succeed at Notre Dame but may need some fine-tuning.

“She’s probably not going to be too pretty at times,” Waldrum said. “I think that’s always good for the team as Carroll holds a time of 4:15.34 — the best time in
**JOCKULAR**

If you tell 11 year old that it's the head of the tree, then the base of the tree. I'll be proud to let the hatchet.

Thaddeus G. H. 11

**CROSSWORD WORLD**

GEORGE DAD, I AM SO EXCITED TO VISIT YOUR HOME. IT'S CURIOUS. NOW I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET YOUR HOPES UP. TAKING NOTRE DAME IS A TOUGH SIGHT TO GET. BUT I THINK YOU'VE GOT A GREAT SHOT.

THAT'S GREAT. BUT, I THINK YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ANOTHER COUNTRY. ANOTHER COUNTRY. NOW LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.

Good, I thought you were going to be all people. Now let's get this over with.

THAT'S ENOUGH. TO BE CONTINUED...

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36 Place to broil

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ND SWIMMING

Double defense

ND men put title on line at tournament in East Meadow, N.Y.

By DAN MURPHY

The Irish already have had a successful season, but they travel to East Meadow, N.Y., Wednesday to defend their Big East Championship crown in the most important meet of the year.

"This year we are the defending champions," Irish sophomore swimmer Jay Vandenberg said. "That makes us stronger than last year. Once you have it, you don't want to give it up."

Vandenberg is out to defend his title in the 1,650-yard cal honors and statistical leader out of you, because you want to get the most out of the season in South Bend.

Waldrum tried to answer that challenge Feb. 5 when he announced the signings of five players to national letters of intent to play for Notre Dame next fall — forward Michelle Weissenhoffer, defender Haley Ford, goaller Kelsey Lysander and midfielders Courtney Rosen and Amanda Clark.

"I don't think we're going to be highly, highly rated as one of the top classes in the country, but I think that realistically, we're not concerned with that because we know what we need to make our system work," he said. "And I think the players that we got were ... a great fit."

Weissenhoffer, who utilizes a body-flip throw-in style for her Eclipse Select team, was the fourth highest scorer in the state of mind.

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Irish women look to capture 11th straight Big East championship

By GREG ARBOGAST

When the Big East Championships begin Wednesday in East Meadow, N.Y., Notre Dame will look to pick up where it left off — in more ways than one.

The Irish have sat idle for almost three weeks but have won their last seven events this season. They also have captured the past 10 Big East titles.

Notre Dame wants to make sure both streaks continue.

The No. 20 Irish enter the meet as favorites, along with

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Waldrum calls incoming freshmen 'a great fit' for system

By KEN FOWLER

Going into the recruiting season, Irish coach Randy Waldrum had a tough task in front of him — replace two All-Americans, a four-year starting goalkeeper and a starting senior midfielder.

The departures of All-American forward Katie Thorlaksson, fifth-year senior Candace Chapman, veteran goalkeeper Erika Bohn and midfield standout Annie Schefer left a serious hole in the Notre Dame roster.

"Letting the younger guys know how important it is brings the leader out of you, because you want to get the most out of the year," said Walsh.

Walsh's personal accomplishments are endless. The attackman is the first Notre Dame player to earn STX/USILA All-America honors in each of his first three seasons, with honorable mentions in 2003 and 2005 and third team honors in 2004 and 2005. He also led the Great

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Accomplished seniors seek tournament bid

By TIM DOUGHERTY

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

In a New York state of mind

By BOBBY GRIFFIN

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