Three halls receive racist letters

Jenkins, Poorman warn students, condemn message: unclear why ND was targeted

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

After every resident of at least three Notre Dame dorms last week received racist letters, University officials have reached out to the student body to condemn the messages and warn that more letters may arrive.

In an e-mail to the student body sent Friday, University President Father John Jenkins and Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman dismissed the writer's claims as "blatant propaganda" directed at Notre Dame's stance on race.

The writer of the one-page letters — who identified himself as a man from North Dakota — sent an envelope to each room in at least two residence halls, addressing them simply to "The Occupant," Jenkins and Poorman said.

The Observer has since learned that at least one more dorm received the letter. Though Zahm, Leo, and Knott Halls were the only dorms that have commented, the Observatory has since received two more racist letters that have yet to be confirmed recipients of the letters.

The letter, Jenkins and Poorman said in their e-mail, "makes the fact and abhorrent argument that blacks are inherently inferior to whites."

"In the letter, the writer claims that "on average, blacks are less intelligent than whites and the reason why is genetic," they wrote.

He cites various books and articles on race from civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. and economist William Julius Wilson.

Jenkins and Poorman said they have reached out to the United States' African-American schools will not result in "significant improvement" in these communities' levels of education. He further condemned the United States' decision to give aid to African countries.

In April 2007, the same man sent 34 letters to residents in seven different dorms in Ohio State and Notre Dame.

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Radical Islam examined

Writer: Muslims must take responsibility

BY MADDEE HANNA
News Writer

Muslims need to take responsibility for violence and oppression perceived by radical followers of their religion, Chabibi Djavann, an Iranian woman who moved to France and became a writer, said Friday at Notre Dame.

"There are provocative novelists, whose writings include a pamphlet protesting the veil worn by Muslim women and a book criticizing radical Islam in Europe, delivered a lecture to about 50 students and professors in O'Shaughnessy Hall. She spoke primarily in French and didn't hesitate to make politically charged statements, including calling Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad a "psychopath." Her remarks were translated by French professor Catherine Perry.

The problem with radical Muslims, Djavann said, is that "they see themselves as radical Muslims." She focused on the French word Islamisme.

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Sociologist targets urban poverty

Coalitions could ease ethnic tensions, help build community

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The key to combating the racial and economic tensions associated with urban poverty is to work to build coalitions that defy ethnic and socioeconomic barriers, said Harvard sociologist William Julius Wilson.

Wilson's speech Sunday evening in DeBartolo Hall encouraged community collaboration and commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Center for Social Concerns.

"The American ideal of integrated neighborhoods is difficult, but not impossible, to achieve, but coalition building at least have the potential to create interdependence, where groups can come together and recognize they need each other to reach common goals," Wilson said.

According to Wilson, it is an inescapable fact that make neighborhoods completely ethnically diverse, but that it is possible to ease ethnic tensions to the point where "diverse groups can live side by side in harmony, not in fear.

Building community coalitions is the best method for easing ethnic tensions, Wilson said.

Although he declined to give the names of any specific neighborhoods, Wilson cited the example of what he called the "Dover" community in Chicago, where white and Latino residents created a coalition to bring an end to the housing of students to schools in poorer neighborhoods. The coalition helped build new schools in "Dover" to solve the housing problem and also forged closer relations between whites and Latinos in the area.

In addition, Wilson emphasized that the impact of urban poverty on the middle and working classes extends beyond race. Most city neighborhoods are concerned with the "prevalence of crime and other social dislocations in nearby ghetto neighborhoods," he said.

Middle-class neighborhoods are worried that "incomning residents of a lower socioeconomic status will bring high and military crime rates with them.

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Hine elected 2008-09 Observer editor-in-chief

Observer Staff Report

The Observer General Board elected sports editor Chris Hine as the 2008-09 editor in chief Saturday.

Hine, a junior history major and journalism, ethics and democracy minor from West Pit t s ton, P e n n , joined The Observer as a sports writer during the fall of his fall freshman year. He started by covering Interhall football and soccer, then has covered Notre Dame swimming, track and field, women's golf, women's tennis, men's basketball and football.

"I feel very honored and hope to live up to the high standards of the editor-in-chief I've worked under during my time here," said Hine, who lives in Fisher Hall.

As one of The Observer's two sports editors this year, Hine learned to manage a department and work with new reporters "to write the best stories possible, to make the best sports section that you can," he said. The position, he said, gave him the experience he needs to run the paper.

"I have confidence in Chris's ability to lead the Observer next year,” outgoing editor-in-chief Maddie Hanna.
INSIDE COLUMN

Airing of grievances

Lately, I've been thinking of things that annoy or frustrate me, things that have been happening to me as I go about my day. I have decided to share these with you, formatted in a trendy, jeté-conière top ten list, for your reading pleasure. So, without further ado, I present my own Airing of Grievances:

10) People who have cell phone conversations while "doing their business" in the bathroom. When I go to the porcelain throne, I go there to be alone, to meditate. It is a place of solitude and reflection, and the guy blabbing next to me on how drunk he got last night and who he hooked up with is not something I want to hear when I go into the bathroom. I live in a guys' dorm after all, so I already hear enough of it.

9) People who do not say "Excuse me" and just shove their way through people. Come on people, this is just common decency. You will expend more energy shoving someone than simply saying, "Excuse me."

8) People who block the aisles in between seats in a classroom. Do I have to go through an obstacle course to get to my seat? Hell, next time I will bring my running shoes and stretch before class.

7) People who preach tolerance until their eyes bleed and then practice anti-tolerance in regards to something they do not agree with — this one is about respect. Agree to disagree, live and let live, and stop telling me what I'm thinking is wrong — my brain might fall out.

6) People who do not silence their phones in movie theaters after seeing 10 different commercials/warnings to silence their phones. There is a special place in Hell for you kind.

5) People who think Starbucks is the best coffee ever. Enough said.

4) People who wear shorts and T-shirts and shorts. It is far too cold to wear that in February. You are not in Arkansas.

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2) Snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow. This has been my winter so far. I love it.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SINGER/BAND WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE PERFORM AT LEGENDS?

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Lindsey McAlamern
freshman
Leans
"Dave."

Isaac Reichman
freshman
Fisher
"Guster."

Nga Chu Man
freshman
Walsh
"The Bee-Gees."

IN BRIEF

School Sector Manager for the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Rachel Gatte will deliver a lecture entitled "USGBC and LEED: Building Green on Campus and Beyond" at 4:30 today in 104 Bond Hall. She will discuss USGBC's National Green School Campaign as well as the LEED for Schools Green Building Rating System.

Prints from the Sante Museum of Art's collection that focus on artistic subjects from the 17th century will be displayed Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit, "Rembrandt and the Art of Printmaking in Holland," will highlight the golden age of Dutch art, depictions of landscapes, portraits of animals and individuals in non-aristocratic social and economic classes, and scenes of their everyday life.

Women's basketball will play Providence Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center arena.

The film "In July" will be shown at 7 p.m. and again at 10 p.m. Thursday in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets will cost $3 for students, $5 for faculty and staff, and $6 for general admission.

Men's basketball will play Providence Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center arena.

Men's hockey will play the U.S. Under-18 Team Friday at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center ice rink in an exhibition.

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

OBFFEFT

Burglar steals crown from bishop's car

ARLINGTON, Texas — A burglar who broke into a Greek Orthodox bishop's car made off with quite a haul, but fencing one of the stolen items could prove difficult.

Among the items stolen from Bishop Metropolitan Isaiah's car was a jeweled crown of gold and silver, which Isaiah estimated to be worth between $6,000 and $10,000.

Isaiah, who is based in Denver and is bishop for the Northwest region of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, said he was dining with others at a restaurant when the break-in occurred. He said the car was parked off-site, in a well-lit spot.

"We came out at 10 o'clock, and the window was smashed," he said.

Brazilian carnival star eyes surgery record

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazilian model Angela Bismarchi will dance near­ly nude ahead of a 300­ person drum corps in next month's Carnival parade, hoping her sculpted beauty as a "persecution queen" will lead her samba group to the championship.

But she has another goal in mind as well.

In preparation for Rio's five­day Carnival blowout in February, she's having her 42nd plastic surgery — closing in on the Guinness World Record of 47 surgical procedures held by 32­ year­old American Cindy Jackson.

"I always was vain," Bismarchi, 36, acknowled­ged at the medical clinic near Rio where her plastic surgeon husband has operated on her 10 times.

"Information compiled by the Associated Press.

The photos are by John Siegel, courtesy of John Siegel.

Keenan Revue director John Siegel III watches performers act out a skit at tryouts this past weekend. The Revue is this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

CORRECTIONS

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

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Monday, January 28, 2008
Parolee arrested for murder of student

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — A Wyoming prison parolee has been arrested in the 1997 rape and beating death of a University of Colorado senior after he was linked to the case by a DNA match and other evidence, police said Sunday.

Diego Olmos-Alcalde, 38, was being held on $5 million bail on charges of first-degree murder, kidnapping and first-degree assault for the rape and killing of 23-year-old Susannah Chase of Stamford, Conn., police said.

"As you might imagine our emotions have run the gamut since we first heard of the DNA match with Susannah's case," said Chase's family.

"The department is ecstatic over this," police Chief Mark Beckner said.

Chase's family praised investigators in a statement issued at the Sunday news conference.

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Associated Press

Police believe the intended motive of the attack was sexual assault.

Police never gave up on the case, and interviewed more than 100 people to try to find Chase's DNA.

"If we had to do it over, we would do it differently. We would have spent more time with the people we interviewed," said Detective Chief Mike Eversole.

The suspect entered into a national DNA database, apparently recently, matched Olmos-Alcalde's, Beckner said.

"We said we could not make Olmos-Alcalde available for comment by telephone. A jail official did not know whether Olmos-Alcalde had an attorney, and the prosecutor's office was closed Sunday. Olmos-Alcalde, who is from Chile, went to prison in Wyoming for a kidnapping in 2000 and was released to immigration officials in July 2007, police said.

He failed to report to his Wyoming parole officer and was arrested Saturday by Boulder and Aurora police for violating his parole. Police served Olmos-Alcalde with the murder warrant after his arrest.

Bush calls for action economic plan

President says bipartisan agreement on bill is 'important'

WASHINGTON — President Bush appealed on Saturday for swift congressional action on an economic rescue initiative and an electronic surveillance law that soon expires.

"While I understand the desire to add provisions from both the left and right, it would be a mistake to undermine this important bipartisan agreement," the president said.

"By working together, we can provide our economy with a shot in the arm when we need it most," Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said Saturday.

"The Senate's cooperation with Congress in recent days is long, long overdue. And it's encouraging. But let's hope it is habit-forming," But Dorgan, delivering the Democrats' weekly radio address, added. "We need to do so much, much more. We need to fix the bigger economic issues that threaten our country's future."

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"Among those issues, Dorgan said, are the cost of the war in Iraq, the mortgage crisis and the trade deficit.

The eavesdropping law expires Feb. 1. Among the issues to be resolved are: How much oversight, and by whom, the government's surveillance of communications involving people inside the United States would be a mistake to undermine this important bipartisan agreement," the president said.

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The Observer is accepting applications for the 2008-09 term for the following positions:

Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editor

News Editor, Sports Editor, Viewpoint Editor, Scene Editor, Saint Mary's Editor, Photo Editor, Graphics Editor, Advertising Manager, Ad Design Manager, Web Administrator, Systems Manager, Business Manager and Controller

Applicants for Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor should demonstrate strong journalistic and management skills. An in-depth understanding of newspaper production, including skills in Microsoft Word, Quark XPress and Photoshop, is required. Experience with Macintosh computers is helpful.

Applications for Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor should be 12 pages long and should explain the applicant's qualifications and goals.

Applications for other editorial positions should be at least five pages.

All applications should be submitted this week to Chris Hine at The Observer office, located in the South Dining Hall basement.

Please direct questions about these positions to Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu or Maddie Hanna at mhanna1@nd.edu
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which translates as "Islamism." The term is used less in the U.S. than elsewhere, where it is generally defined as "political Islam." Djavann said.

This emphasis on legislation has led the West to draw a parallel between Islam and communism, as "communists, they [called] themselves communists, say I said." Stalin said, "I am a communist," and the West also named the Moslems communists. But nobody says I am an Islamist, in a Muslim country. Islamism, she continued, is a "concept that doesn't reflect any reality in a Muslim country." Djavann said.

"From this disconnect, Muslim intellectuals often say that we can't do anything to do with Islam, Djavann said. But she believes those intellectuals are ignoring the West.

"No one says the Inquisition had nothing to do with Christ, she said, adding that what happens during the history of a religion should be considered part of that religion. "Without recognizing the problem, there cannot be a solution...

...What's happening today in the Muslim world in the Muslim countries, it belongs to Islam," Djavann also criticized the way Muslims view the Koran, the holy book of Islam. The book includes messages of love, but also messages of war and jihad, she said. "Everyone takes what he wants."

M u s l i m t h ink e r s blame radical Islam on "problems of interpreta tion" of the Qur'an, she said. But Muslims who believe the Qur'an is the direct word of God ask, "Why would God need humans to interpret his word?"

The Qur'an was written by humans decades after the prophet. Muslims are divided on this, Djavann said, and "what is written by a human being can be criticized by it. We have the right to criticize the Qur'an.

"But I say that in my Muslim country?" she paused and looked slitting her throat.

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University, reported the school's student newspaper, "The Lantern." The paper chose not to disclose the writer's name, which, in Darra Newman's case, was included at the end of the letter.

"I wish we could just throw all of this hateful mail away but since it was sent through the U.S. Postal Service, it must be delivered under federal law. "Everyone has a right to say what they want in this country, I respect that right, though I find nothing in the letter the least bit worthy of our time or respect. My suggestion is to toss it in the trash as soon as you see the envelope in your mailbox."

Like Jenkins and Poorman, Colonna also told the residents of Zahn that he did not know whom Notre Dame or Poorman had named as the recipient of the mail. "It is with great disgust that I inform you that our hall is one of the halls that received the racist mailing for which Poorman is responsible."

The prompt response by the administration to address the issue helped everyone to stay calm and take the letters for what they are—offensive junk mail.

"The prompt action for the University, Poorman said.

Colonna sent in their e-mail they were receiving a U.S. postal inspector and officials from Ohio State to evaluate a hate crime.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Protest leaves seven dead in Lebanon

BEIRUT — Protesters angry about elec­tricity rationing clashed with Lebanese soldiers Sunday in Beirut, killing seven people, hospital and security officials said.

A group of Shi'ite Muslims opposed to the government rioted and burned tires, blocking several major roads in the Lebanese capital and some of its southern suburbs.

Lebanese soldiers fired into the air to dis­perse the crowd, but it was unclear how the deaths occurred and whether the soldiers also intentionally fired on civilians.

Egypt criticizes Gaza's Hamas rulers

CAIRO — Egypt has asked the head of the government of Gaza's Hamas rulers, Egypt complained Saturday of "provocations" during the Gaza-Israel border crisis and said more than three dozen members of its security forces were killed or wounded.

The border, which was initially breached by Hamas militants, remained open for a fourth day, though Egyptian security forces blocked Gaza from driving beyond the border town of Rafah.

Egyptian border guards were now author­ized to return fire if attacked, a security official speaking on customary condition of anonymity on the Egyptian side of Rafah.

Developers propose 16-mile tunnel

OYSTER BAY, N.Y. — It would be the world's longest highway tunnel, running more than 16 miles under the west end of Long Island Sound.

The cost is estimated at $10 billion — and it wouldn't cost taxpayers a dime. A developer wants to build the tunnel with private money, recouping his costs by charging driv­ers $25 each way and by selling advertising.

Developer Vincent Polliemen says the tun­nel between Oyster Bay and Rye on the New York mainland would let travelers going between Long Island and New England avoid crowded New York City highways and help alleviate traffic congestion.

If the proposal is approved, the request to be completed before 2025, the proposal renewed renewed atten­tion this week when a state Senate committee held a hearing.

Canines celebrate carnival season

NEW ORLEANS — Carnival season in New Orleans is the prime time to see all the crazy pets in this community.

It's the time for the dogs to mix, as they did Sunday, and it becomes the annual Krewe of Barkus parade.

Hundreds of dogs and their owners paraded in the French Quarter. Human and beast, alike were dressed for the occasion. Popular outfits for the four-legged set included frilly collars and tutus, sweaters and hats.

Amber Scott and her boxer, Roxy, were clad in she-and-doggy matching bumblebee out­fits. For Scott, it was her first venture to the parade, sponsored by the Krewe of Barkus and Meoux, which helps disabled and homeless animals.

LOCAL NEWS

Some fear bill may lead to racism

OAKLAND — Some members of the Indiana Hispanic community met Sunday with the sponsor of legislation to sanction companies that hire illegal immigrants, telling him the bill may lead to racism.

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Mike Delphy, a spokesman for the National Human Rights Commission, said as he submitted his proposal.

"Appropriate action should be taken, but claims they added up to 100,000 people. But are they allowed to vote in local elections, because — the men say — they don't do enough work. It doesn't happen in a village that has struggled for cen­turies to preserve its Zapotec traditions, that Eufrosina Cruz, 27, decided to become the first woman to run for mayor — despite the fact that women aren't allowed to attend town assemblies, much less run for office.

As a woman, Eufrosina Cruz has launched the first seri­ous, national-level challenge to traditional Indian forms of government, known as "use and customs," which were given full legal status in Mexico six years ago in response to Indian rights movements sweeping across Latin America.

"For me, it's more like 'abuse and customs,'" Cruz said as she submitted her complaint in December to the National Human Rights Commission. "They are telling us that we, the women of the mountain, have the right to decide our lives, to vote and run for office, because the commission says we have these rights." Lopez acknowledged that vote information is classified as a "use and customs," but claims they added up to only the satellite lost power, or under what circumstances.

"Appropriate government agen­cies are monitoring the situation," said Gordon Johnston, a spokesman for the National Security Council.

WASHINGTON — A large U.S. spy satellite has lost power and could hit the Earth in late February or early March, government officials said Saturday.

The satellite, which no longer can fire its engines, is not in a low orbit and will fall to Earth, officials said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the information is classified.

"The status of the satellite will determine how long it will remain in orbit, and it will fall back down into the atmosphere when it does," said the officials. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the information is classified.

"It is not clear how long ago the satellite lost power, or under what circumstances.

"Appropriate government agen­cies are monitoring the situation," said Gordon Johnston, a spokesman for the National Security Council.

The spacecraft contains hydrazine fuel, which is flammable and a toxic substance when it comes in contact with skin. Satellites typically are disposed of through a con­trolled re-entry into the ocean so that no one else can access the spacecraft, he said.
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"Society cannot continue to ignore social problems of ghettos because of their impact on the middle class," Wilson said. "[Neighborhoods] are concerned about the immigration of lower income populations, with renters who do not share the values of homeowners." Wilson cited a neighborhood he named "Groveland," also in Chicago, as an example of socio-economic status creating divisions in the community. "Groveland" was a predominantly middle- and working-class, African-American community that experienced some influx of lower-class individuals. "Families from nearby poor neighborhoods had begun to trickle in, and their behavior was closely scrutinized," Wilson said. Many of the residents expressed fears about their new neighbors, and Wilson said that one resident of Groveland was worried about the "riffraff coming in." When lower-class African-Americans entered the neighborhood, he said.

In conclusion, Wilson said he supports the candidacy of Sen. Barack Obama, and argued that the senator has the ability to "successfully reach out across racially and political spectrums." That will allow him to be "far more likely to get groups together to generate a sense of interdependence to pursue collective goals," he said. Wilson stressed that urban poverty is not an isolated experience, but rather, is something that affects society as a whole. The problems associated with urban poverty, such as crime, perpetuate the rest of society in the form of fear and apprehension of those living in poverty.

It is only through working together to "address the needs of lower income urban black residents," Wilson said, that society can alleviate these fears and the poverty that causes them.

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"I'm not going anywhere yet," Hussein said.

Although it is not currently a term of sale, the potential buyers say they plan to keep Club 23 a bar, Hussein said. Hussein admits that the winning bidder will have to put additional investments into Club 23 even after they finalize the sale.

"They'll have to put money into remodeling and give it a better look," he said.

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During his tenure, Hine said he hopes "to bring an in-depth look at our campus and get people talking about what goes on at Notre Dame."

Hine will take over as editor-in-chief on Feb. 25.

The News department is looking for new writers. Contact Karen at obsnews@nd.edu

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IN BRIEF

Trader backed for no personal benefit

PARIS — Societe Generale said Sunday that a trader who evaded all its controls to bet big on subprime mortgages in the United States.

"I don't think the Senate is going to want to derail that deal," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said. "And I don't think the American people are going to have much patience for anything that would slow down the process."
Obama calls win a ‘turning point’

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM — Democrat Barack Obama said Sunday that his landslide win in South Carolina’s presidential primary marked a turn in political history, showing that a black candidate can appeal to voters of all colors and in all regions.

The Illinois senator told a raucous crowd of more than 9,000 people that his big victory Saturday disproved the old notion that “black people can’t vote. You can’t get white votes,” and vice versa.

“By starting work on a new chapter in the South, we’re going to write a new chapter in American history,” he said during his 64-minute speech to a crowd that included the University of Alabama at Birmingham basketball arena. The arena was roughly two-thirds black and one-third white.

Earlier Sunday he made a similar argument, responding to comments by former President Clinton that some interpreted as an effort to diminish Obama’s win Saturday over Hillary Rodham Clinton. Bill Clinton noted that Jesse Jackson won the South Carolina primary in 1984 and 1988. Jackson never became the party’s presidential nominee.

Obama, speaking during a television interview, said: “There’s no doubt that Jackson set a precedent for blacks seeking the presidency. But he noted that was two decades ago.”

“I think that what we saw in this election was a shift in South Carolina,” he said, with implications “all across the country. I think people want change. I think they want to get beyond some of the racial politics that, you know, has been so dominant in the past.”

Obama resisted being drawn into a spat with the Clintons, even though he suggested they are part of a political past the country is ready to leave behind.

“I think that Bill Clinton did important work back in the 1990s,” he said. “The question is, now we’re in 2008, and how do we move it forward to the next phase?”

“I think that in the ’90s, we got caught up in a slash-and-burn politics that the American people were weary of,” Obama said.

“Now, that is not the Clintons’ fault,” he said on ABC’s “This Week.” “It is all of our faults, in the sense that we’ve gotten into these bad habits and we can’t seem to have disagreements without being disagreeable.”

Later, speaking with reporters during a flight from Georgia to Alabama, Obama said, “I think the country wants to look forward, and that has always been the central thesis of our campaign.”

He said Hillary Clinton will have an advantage in the southern state’s Feb. 5, when Democrats vote in 22 states, because of her nearly universal name recognition. “It presents more of a challenge for us,” he said, because he needs time for voters to get to know him.

Obama declined to directly comment on his own campaign, noting that he and his wife will be in South Carolina over the weekend for the Republican National Convention.

California pounded by heavy rain

Inclenment weather forces roads to close, spurs fears of flooding

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Fast-moving thunderstorms brought new waves of rain on Sunday to Southern California, following days of drenching thunder and heavy mountain snowfall and raising fears of mudslides and flooding.

The worst of the storm was over, and Monday promised to bring a spell of clear weather, forecasters said.

“Things will start to die down as the night goes on,” said National Weather Service forecaster Ryan Kittell.

As Obama campaigned in Georgia and Alabama, party officials confirmed that Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy planned to endorse him Monday in Washington.

Obama was endorsed during the weekend by Caroline Kennedy, the senator’s niece and daughter of the late President Kennedy.

Last year’s wildfires, mud and minor rock slides prompted authorities to shut a highway through a burned area near San Diego. Voluntary evacuations were called off Sunday night in heavily burned Modjeska Canyon in Orange County.

The Los Angeles County and Orange County fire departments were on standby for possible flash floods and slides. Flash flood watches were in effect through Sunday night for Los Angeles, Ventura and San Bernardino counties.

To avoid overflow, the flood gates at the Big Tujunga Dam in the San Gabriel Mountains were opened Sunday, releasing 500 cubic feet of water a second.

Department of Public Works spokesman Gary Boze said the controlled flooding was routine during heavy storms.

In downtown Los Angeles, Sunday’s basketball game between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the L.A. Lakers was delayed 12 minutes after wet rain gear left by roofing company workers on a catwalk led to a steady flow of water on to the Staples Center court.

The Summa Arnia race track in Arcadia, meanwhile, canceled horse races for the sixth day this month because of wet conditions on the synthetic track.

The storm system also soaked parts of Northern California and snow forced the closure of the main artery between Sacramento and Reno, Nev.

Eastbound Interstate 80 was closed Sunday night, about 30 miles northeast of Sacramento. Westbound traffic was being held at the Nevada state line.

Highway 92 was reopened Sunday after being shut down for a few hours between Skyline Boulevard and Half Moon Bay south of San Francisco after the storms knocked down trees and power lines.
**Indonesia**

**Former President Suharto dead at 86**

Associated Press

**JAKARTA** — Former Indonesian President Suharto, a Cold War villain and the architect of one of the region's most brutal military regimes, died Sunday. He was 86.

Suharto, hailed as one of the worst bloodsheds of the 20th century, died peacefully in his bed on Sunday. A long-term supporter of President Yudhoyono, was buried with full military honors in his native island of Java.

**President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and others from the country's political elite prayed over his body. Yudhoyono paid his respects to one of Indonesia's best sons.**

Suharto loyalists, who ran the courts, called for forgiveness and a dialogue, saying the time for revenge was over.

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**Kenya**

**People flee to safety under police guard during clashes in Naivasha, near Nairobi, Kenya, on Sunday.**

Associated Press

KENYA — Fighting escalates over weekend

One month later, nation faces worst ethnic crisis since 1963

**NAIVASHA — Gangs of young men armed with machetes and clubs fought running battles with police on Sunday and burned three people alive in their homes in western Kenya, pushing the death toll from a month of escalating ethnic violence to nearly 800.**

The clashes marked exactly one month since the Dec. 27 disputed election that sparked the violence that has transformed this once-stable African country, putting long-time neighbors against each other and turning worlds where tourists used to gather for luxury holidays into no-go zones.

It also complicated the task of former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the latest international envoy to Kenya, who met talks between President Mwai Kibaki and his chief rival, opposition leader Raila Odinga. The two met Thursday for the first time since the election.

Kibaki and Odinga remain far apart. To resolve the crisis, the worst the country has seen since its 1963 independence, it is widely felt Kibaki must go or the country will be driven to the brink. But the opposition leader says he is open to direct talks with Odinga, but that his position on the two leaders' negotia- tions is open to the alternative. The clashes have mainly pitted tribes against the opposition because they feel marginalized, against those who they believe have benefited from the ruling party.

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Some members of the political elite consistently called for charges against Suharto to be dropped on humanitarian grounds.

Some noted Suharto also over­ saw decades of economic expan­ sion and a peace dividend, and that much of the envy of the developing world. Though he was an associate professor of polit­ ical economy at Northwestern University, said the historian Barbara HartT and Ted Robert, a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin, said he is open to direct talks with Odinga, but that his posi­ tion on the two leaders' negotia­ tions is open to the alternative. The clashes have mainly pitted tribes against the opposition because they feel marginalized, against those who they believe have benefited from the ruling party.

"I cannot un­ derstand why I have to f i e a d S u h a r t o before he never admitted his mistakes," said Perman, a 43-year-old man, who spent a year in prison because of his left-wing sympathies. Sutopo Widjajanto, who spent a year in prison because of his left-wing sympathies, wrote on Twitter, "Suharto was finally laid to rest by mass street protests in 1998 at the peak of the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis.

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**U.S. re-focuses on war initiatives**

Bush administration seeks to concentrate on Pakistan, Afghanistan

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON — In a shift from previous administrations, the Bush administration is attempting to re-energize its top priority in the war on terror, in Afghanistan, the original target of a post-Sept. 11 offensive, and refocusing on Pakistan, where a new threat from al-Qaida is posing fresh threats.**

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The fighting spread Sunday to Naivasha, 55 miles northwest of Nairobi, a previously quiet tourist town with a slim­ mon population. At least 22 people were killed in the town over the weekend, said district commissioner Kaine Mwangi. At least five of them were burned to death in their homes, said Wily Luga, a police official. Others were hacked to death with machetes, a local reporter told The Associated Press.

Kikuyus torched the homes of Luo rivals in the center of Navaisha. Police said they were over­ powered, did not inter­ vene. Gunshots rang out into the evening.
The city outside the Notre Dame bubble

One of the first things you see when you arrive at the South Bend airport is a sign insisting that the South Bend/Michiana area is "Notre Dame and a Whole Lot More!" It sums up the relationship between Notre Dame and South Bend pretty well — acceptance that Notre Dame is in fact the big draw for the South Bend area, but an underlying insistence that there really is something else worth seeing out here.

The St. Joseph River is not the only thing that separates Notre Dame from South Bend. Most of the University has an ephemeral relationship with the greater Michiana area. Most students still consider themselves residents of their hometowns who are just itinerant here for four years or so; many don't bother to change their license plates or register to vote here, and I imagine that there are more than a few whose only knowledge of South Bend, exclusive of Notre Dame, extends to the airport and a handful of fast food or delivery places. Between residence halls, dining halls, football games, Legends, the Debitoars Performing Art Center and LaFortune, it's certainly possible to eat, drink, shower, sleep and entertain yourself for all four years and never once set foot off campus. We even have our own police and fire department, zip code and power station. Notre Dame is, for all intents and purposes, a self-sufficient community; there's nothing really anchoring it to South Bend.

South Bend, on the other hand, could not ever tie itself with Notre Dame without the existence; the "Backer" would lose one of its core constituencies. The University itself is the largest single employer in the county and impacts the local economy to the tune of $830 million annually. On home football weekends in particular, it seems like South Bend exists solely to be an extension of the stadium parking lot. Many businesses live and die based on their connections to the University, whether they sell Notre Dame merchandise, because they appeared in Rudy, or because they depend on the business of students. In short, without Notre Dame, South Bend might be just another declining Rust Belt city like Gary, with a stagnant economy, rampant crime, drug problems and the emigration of its affluent population into the suburbs.

Because the dependence is not mutual, but one-way, it's no surprise that South Bend's official attitude towards Notre Dame appears ambivalent. On the one hand, the city has recently approved commercial space to build the Eddy Street Commons. On the other, the Common Council introduced, and then hastily withdrew, legislation to clamp down on off-campus parties by requiring permits — a plan police officials questioned because they doubted the enforceability of the proposed ordinance. At the same time, that it took a regulation targeted at students to start a dialog between the Council and student body representatives didn't dispel the idea that we are disinterested in the wider community.

Some of the issues that hold the attention of the greater Notre Dame community — football records, course maps, parking — seem remote or even frivolous when compared to the issues facing the city: violent crime, property taxes, the reutilization of downtown and the meth epidemic. At the same time, much of the student body takes part in community outreach and social justice programs in the city — it's not all about football and parties. Whether it's because of our lack of political engagement, ignorance of the vibrant social outreach programs, the curmudgeonly of an aging population (the over-45 age group is the fastest-growing population segment in South Bend) or some combination of those and other factors, the perception of Notre Dame students as a whole is neutral, at best.

Unfortunately, because our self-sufficient community is separate from the city in more respects than location, it doesn't seem likely to change. We have the opportunity to study at one of the finest institutions of higher education in the country, but there is nothing that says we have to limit our experience simply to the campus itself and the opportunities offered through the University. There are things worth doing that don't involve chain restaurants, strip malls and liquor stores — even if they do take us outside of our sheltered lives. And despite what impression you might have, it's more likely than not that you can go downtown without getting mugged or worse.

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"To make mistakes is human; to stumble is commonplace; to be able to laugh at your mistakes is poetry." — William Arthur Ward, poet
Float like a butterfly, sting like a pacifist

John Cropper
Ohio State University's Lantern

Before I begin, I should offer brief disclaimers to those readers who might be quick to judge: First, I am neither easily impressed nor overly sentimental. Second, I am by all accounts critical of most things. And lastly, this column is about a film. It is not a review, but rather a reflection on those who haven’t seen the movie in question. I will likely be lost.

With that said, I can comfortably go on. I have modeled my life and personality after a single fictional film character. Now comes the explanation. Most “cult classic” films come and go with much more than a Criterions Collection release, forever immortalized on the DVD racks of self-righteous 20-somethings. But some manage to create a subculture of fans so devout in their worship that all other films pale in comparison.

“The Big Lebowski” is one such film. Its title character, Jeff “The Dude” Lebowski, is a fictional persona who has spawned a rabid following and maintains a messianic status for me and others almost 10 years after the film’s 1998 release.

So when I read that Studio 35 was showing the film Sunday, along with a beer tasting (courtesy of the good folks at Columbus Brewing Company), I could all but hide my giddy reaction. And it was while lounging in the theater that I realized just why the movie strikes a chord with me each time I watch it. It’s not the winding (and ultimately unim- portant) plot outline. It’s not the stellar cast of characters. It’s not the leaps of faith. Really, why else should I, as an Ontario-born Canadian, care much for others I’ve never met on Prince Edward Island? Religion—as a potent social force as any—depends on incredible leaps of faith.

As a one-time Catholic, I spent years accepting the miracle of transubstantiation. Given that all of us are already chin-deep in the improbable mechanics of faith as it is, let’s add one more front and all signs of pacifism today. And after all, as I like to joke with friends, if you don’t agree with my faith in pacifism, don’t come on this trip and give me permission to sock you in the jaw.

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By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Scene Writer

Kate Nash walks a fine line between Brit pop and indie heart. Most albums coming out of the United Kingdom today are infectious, enjoyable and produce a few straights-to-the-airwaves London hits. This is certainly the case with London suburbanite Kate Nash’s “Made of Bricks,” but she manages to break free of the industrial pop sound that one has come to expect from Brit pop and tap into something that is far more organic and quite possibly appealing to fans across the pond.

Nash grew up outside of London. After attending the BRIT School for Performing Arts and Technology, she auditioned for the Brtitish Old Vic Theatre School and was rejected. She began writing songs with witty lyrics and a somewhat cynical view of everyday life. Lily Allen, an established Brit pop songstress known for her catchy 80s flair, put Kate Nash in her top-right on MySpace, and soon Nash was flooded with profile views. She eventually released a single and was picked up by Fiction Records. She flew to the top of the Pops in the United Kingdom and her album “Made of Bricks” was No. 1. It has since been released here in the United States.

There is certainly no harm in a quick spin through “Made of Bricks.” The first track is a pointless intro, but every other song has something that makes it stand out, either in the form of a melodictic hook or else in the unexpected subject matter. “Foundations” is the single that has made a mark (however distant from its United Kingdom success) in America. It is textbook catchy with its piano riff and synthetic drumbeat, but an honest lyric to the lyrics is enough to make you laugh out loud. Nash jumps effortlessly between complaining about her day-to-day life to providing her own wry commentary on it. It also a bit of a novelty to hear her speak in that oh-so-careless British accent.

“Strong caution must go with the track “Mariolla,” because one listener will leave it stuck in your head for hours. This story of a grammar-school girl who breaks all convention is annoyingly addictive. “Birds,” the original B-side of Nash’s first single, is a true indie gem. This sunny love story provides a nice break in the middle of the album. “Pumpkin Soup” is an upbeat tune that almost expects whoever is listening to it to sing along. Every song has a distinct sound and a redeeming factor, making the album as a whole not a bad experience.

The route Nash took to success is a testament to the changing ways of the music industry. Her fame came first from her MySpace page, not unlike another self-made songstress, Colbie Callait. Callait was brought to fame purely by popular appeal, with hardly a middleman to speak of.

Although Nash may not be making a musical breakthrough, she certainly provides 40 minutes of pleasant distraction. Her reflections on life are not revolutionary, but her work reminds us that anyone with a piano and some heart can make a bit of music that matters.

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Most will remember him for his Academy Award-nominated performance as Jimmie Del Mar in "Breakback Mountain," but I will always remember him as Patrick Verona, the misunderstood teen in a preppy high school in '10 Things I Hate About You.' Heath Ledger is my first celebrity crush to die. Of course, my own feelings are inconsequential compared to those of his family and friends who are mourning him deeply right now. My heart especially goes out to his daughter, Matilda Rose, who must grow up without her father. But if Ledger's death doesn't concern me, then why is this 21-year-old girl five months pregnant? Maybe it's because I used to have pictures of him next to my bedroom door. Maybe it's because my best friend Caitlin and I used to watch '10 Things I Hate About You' on repeat just to see him smile. Maybe it's because I had lengthy discussions with my friends at slumber parties over which hair color suited him best. Maybe it's because I was so angry when his character died in "The Patriot" but I wanted to see him get his happy ending. After a week, the immediate shock of Ledger's death has worn off, but it is still difficult to believe. Ledger was a prominent member of Young Hollywood. The generation of performers has lost someone very special. Ledger was always a movie star, but he showed Hollywood he was an actor with 'Breakback Mountain.' And most recently, Ledger had the difficult task of reinventing the Joker in the latest Batman film, "The Dark Knight." Know that he had a lifetime of Oscar nominations in his future. As sad as it is for family, friends and fans, it's amazing to think of the extent of the consequences of an actor's sudden death. Ledger was six weeks into the filming of "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus" with director Terry Gilliam and co-star Christoper Plummer. The future of that film (with an estimated $30 million budget) is in jeopardy since the studio-soundstage rumors are circulating that Ledger hadn't completed any post-production work on "The Dark Knight," an involved process essential to any film, especially to the one packed with special effects. Director Chris Nolan and Warner Bros. executives have yet to comment or make a public statement. We still do not know Ledger's cause of death, but evidence is now pointing away from a drug overdose and toward natural causes, which is an apparent disappointment to the media. Entertainment shows and Web sites like TMZ.com had a field day speculating Ledger's death and never once refrained from speculating that Ledger had died from suicide or an accidental drug overdose. In the meantime, Ledger's family insisted that he would not have committed suicide and they pleaded to be left alone. It may be too much to ask the media to stop sensationalizing a tragic death, but just because Britney Spears and Amy Winehouse are complete messes, that doesn't mean everyone is. In the end, does it really matter what his cause of death was? The fact remains that a dishwasher has lost a father, Hollywood and Australia have lost an amazing actor and fan has lost a teenage crush. My heart will still melt whenever Ledger sings "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You" in '10 Things I Hate About You.' But I will probably never be able to watch that movie in the same way ever again. I'll get that same sad feeling every time I watch James Dean in "Rebel Without a Cause." I'll be watching, knowing that I'll never get to see his movie star smile again and knowing that a brilliant film career was tragically cut short.

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By JIMMY COSTA
Scene Writer

In 1998, Levon Helm lay in a hospital bed. Stricken by throat cancer, he underwent a torturous regimen of treatments, including chemotherapy and surgery, to beat the disease before it could kill him.
He survived, but he was feared that the old lead singer of The Band would never sing again. Yet last year, the Helm had a voice that was a bit thin and rough. The voice was a bit thin and rough. While the voice was a bit thin and rough, the affective depth that defined Helm throughout his career. Dirt Farmer is Levon Helm's first record since being diagnosed with cancer. Mainly comprised of cover songs, the disc is a powerful demonstration of Helm's range as a performer. There are few original songs written by various friends which fit into the overall sound and feel of the disc. There was an overload of American music while creating a sound that is entirely contemporary and relevant in today's music scene.

To support the cover songs are a few original songs written by various friends which fit into the overall sound and feel of the disc. There was so much talent among his friends and neighbors many years ago. A poignant and tender mix of traditional southern backcountry songs including the traditional "Blind Child," the Stanley Brothers standard "False-Hearted Lover Blues," and A.P. Carter's cheeky "Single Girl, Married Girl," the record gives them all new arrangements. These arrangements allow a fresh take on timeless tunes, giving the listener a lesson on the roots of American music while creating a sound that is entirely contemporary and relevant in today's music scene. The best part of "Dirt Farmer" is that, after a few listens, it is clear that this is not just a good album for a man recovering from throat cancer. Rather, it is a good album — period. He sings his songs with great care, with honesty and, most importantly, with brave love.

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Heath Ledger died in his New York City apartment on Jan. 22.

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**NBA**

Barbosa's fourth quarter leads Suns over Bulls

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Shots were flying in all directions. They hit the rim, they hit the backboard. They seemingly hit everything but the bottom of the net until Leandro Barbosa got going early in the fourth quarter and buried the Bulls again.

Barbosa led the decisive run, Amar'e Stoudemire scored 24 points and the Phoenix Suns pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat Chicago 88-77 Sunday.

"I always like to be aggressive," said Barbosa, who scored 13. "I saw some space for me, so I go to the basket and I made the shot, so was happy." (Corrected: I made the shot, so was happy.)

Last season, he buried a 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds left to lift the Suns to a one-point win at the United Center. This time, he started a 12-0 run in the fourth with a baseline drive and a 3-pointer, sending the Suns to their sixth win in seven games. That allowed Phoenix to exhale after three difficult quarters and two overtime periods.

The Suns needed a last-second jumper by Shaq on their way to beating the Bulls in the 2008-09 season.

**SMC SWIMMING**

Belles drop third straight

By PETE REISENAUER Special Writer

Saint Mary's was unable to stop its losing streak to nationally ranked Calvin and extending its losing streak to three meets.

Calvin posted victories in all of the first 10 events and recorded a 199 win over Saint Mary's. The Belles posted record times in 5-5 in MIAA competition, while Calvin improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in MIAA.

Despite the loss, Belles coach Ryan Dombkowski was impressed with some of his swimmers' efforts, and said he feels very good about his team's chances for the rest of the year.

"The team swam great on Friday after a hard week of practice that was really looking ahead towards our conference meet with very little rest or focus on anything before then," Dombkowski said.

Some of the Belles posted their best times of the year in the loss. The all-freshman 200-yard medley relay of Reggie Williams, Gary Niezer, Caroline Arness and Laura Hartman finished in a school-record time of 1:53.03, which also beat the previous record of 1:53.73, which was posted in the 2003 season.

The 200 freestyle relay team not only won the race, but it also posted the Belles' best time in the event in the last five years with a mark of 1:43.70.

Mary Kate Dudley and Molly Schaible posted personal-best swims in the 1,000 freestyle, and Dudy recorded a season-best time in the 500 freestyle.

"People in swimming will understand that doing this during an unrated mid-January dual meet is huge and means some great things when our championship meets come around in about three weeks," Dombkowski said.

"We had a great day of practice Saturday morning, and we are looking forward to our meet on Friday night at Kalamaazoo." (Corrected: We had a great day of practice Saturday morning, and we are looking forward to our meet on Friday night at Kalamaazoo.)

It's not really at this point that we can afford to look much away from our training to focus on a single dual meet, but hopefully the motivation of our only home meet of the year will lead to some great performances.

The Belles have already posted a school record for dual meets this year.

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**PGA**

Tiger Woods wins fourth consecutive Buick title

Tiger Woods celebrates after sinking a birdie putt at the Buick Invitational golf tournament Sunday in San Diego. Sunday's victory gives Woods 62 career PGA Tour wins tying him with Arnold Palmer for fourth all-time.

**IN BRIEF**

**Associated Press**

**San Diego, Calif.** — Tiger Woods joined the King, and left everyone else at the Buick Invitational feeling like paupers.

In his most dominant start to a season, Woods built an 11-shot lead Sunday until his game and the fieldie weather turned cold on the back nine. A birdie on the last hole gave him a 1-under 71 and an 87-shot victory, giving him 62 for his career to tie Arnold Palmer on the PGA Tour list.

"I'm sure that there are many, many more coming in the future," Palmer said. "There isn't any question about that." Just like there was no question about the outcome. Woods opened with a 60-foot birdie putt, threw in a 60-foot birdie just to keep a four-deep gallery from falling asleep, and only looked mortal when he made three straight bogeys toward the end of his round.

All that did affect the final margin, not the name on the trophy.

Woods finished at 19-under 269 to win the Buick Invitational for the fourth consecutive year, tying a PGA Tour record for consecutive wins in a single tournament. Woods is the only player to own such a streak at two events, having also won four in a row at Bay Hill.

Ryuji Imada matched the best score of the final round with a 67 and was the runner-up.

Woods returns to Torrey Pines in June for the U.S. Open, and if this week was any indication, it could be another long week for his peers. The world's No. 1 player now has won six times as a pro at Torrey Pines, and his comment that the Grand Slam is "easily within reason" looked every bit of that.

"What's he going to do is screw the U.S. Open up for everyone else," Fred Couples said. "If he had shot 10 or 11 under, the USGA would have said, 'Well, maybe we have it in the right spot.' Now, they may have to regroup a little." Then again, it might not have worked.

Woods has his last two PGA Tour events by eight shots, and this was the third in his career he has won by at least eight.

"I wanted to go out there and make no bogeys and shoot something under par," Woods said. "I got half of it right." The 71 ended Woods' streak of 14 consecutive rounds in the 60s, dating to the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship. He has finished no worse than second since the British Open in July, when he tied for 12th at Carnoustie.

**NCAA Men's Basketball**

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ND Women’s Tennis
Vanderbilt upsets Irish with late singles surge

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Lopsided win sends seniors out in style
By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer
Notre Dame shepherded Big East rival West Virginia on a day dedicated to sending the team's seniors out of their last home meet.
The 249-116 Irish victory improved their record to 4-7 for the season and put them at 2-1 against Big East foes.
By ALEX BARKER and ANDY ZICARELLI
Sports Writers
The Irish earned a win over West Virginia'sAquatic Center, as did Notre Dame.
"This was the first class I had worked with for four straight years," said assistant coach, "and then as their head coach," Nixon said. "This is the first group that we will be able to make the whole journey together."
The seniors soaked in the memories of their first regular season meet at Rolfs Aquatic Center, as did Notre Dame.
"They have been such a big part of our times will continue to drop," said senior guard Alisson Kessler, the reigning MIAA player of the year, scored 10 of her team's high 21 points before the break.
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Despite the loss, which was their second in a row, the Belles got another solid performance from their leaders. Kessler backed up her 21-point outing with seven assists and seven rebounds. Junior guard Katie Rashid nasted 13 points, Kammrath finished with 12, and Newsom contributed 11 points and nine rebounds.
Saint Mary's will look to rebound Wednesday night when the Belles host Olivet.
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SMC BASKETBALL
Hope gets Belles in clutch
By GRIFFIN DASSATI
Sports Writer
Saint Mary's hung tough with the No. 4 team in Division III for all 60 minutes of Saturday's game.
Unfortunately, hanging tough did not end up being enough, as the Belles lost to No. 4 Hope 77-71.
By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer
The Belles entered the game 6-21 all-time against the Flying Dutch, the first half looked promising for the home squad. Saint Mary's gained a 10-4 lead early in the game, and after sophomore forward Anna Kammrath's layup put them up 16-14 with 9:01 to go, the Belles rode their lead into the locker room at halftime.
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ND WOMEN'S TRACK
Victory in last event seals a tie against MSU
By ALEX BARKER and ANDY ZICARELLI
Sports Writers
The Irish women's 4x400-meter relay team won the last event of the Notre Dame Invitational Friday at the Loftus Sports Center to clinch an over all tie with Michigan State in the Invitational.
Down by three points to the Spartans with one event remaining, Notre Dame needed a win and a Michigan State third-place finish to pull even with the Spartans. The Irish relay team triumphed with a season-best time of 3:52.61, and they received help from Marquette, who edged out Michigan State for second place - allowing Notre Dame to slip into a tie with the Michigan State. Both squads finished the meet with 118 points.
Notre Dame coach Tim Connally said the competition did not reflect bower's capability.
"We still have a very long way to go to be at full strength and close to our full potential," Connally said.
Junior Anna Weber's domination of throwing events was crucial to Notre Dame's success. Weber put the meet together for the Irish by coming from behind to win the weight throw competition on her final attempt. Her winning toss of 61 feet, 11 inches was not only a career-long, but it also qualified her for the NCAA championship meet.
Weber also finished strong for the Irish, taking the shot put title in the second-to-last event of the meet with a sea­son-long throw of 45 feet 10 inches. Teammate Jaclyn Espinosa also recorded her season-high mark in the shot put, finishing third and earning points that proved critical in the Irish comeback.
Notre Dame's long-jumpers took the top three spots in their events, led by junior Alyssa Hasan, whose jump of 18 feet 9 inches was good for first place in the event. Sophomore Jaime Minor finished second with a leap of 18 feet 6 inches, and junior Mary Saxer came in third with a jump of 18 feet 3 inches.
Connally said the Irish will not let up anytime soon.
"The big focus for us will be to continue to improve and continue to compete hard," Connally said. "If we compete well against other competitors, our times will continue to drop and we will start to work our way into a position where scoring well at the conference meet becomes realistic.
The team will return to action Friday at the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind.
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MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame beats Mountaineers on senior day

Squad took early lead, dominated afternoon competition; junior Michael Bulfin breaks school record on 3-meter board

By CHRIS DOYEN and ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writers

Victory never felt so sweet for Notre Dame's seven seniors. Notre Dame led after the morning session and dominated the afternoon session of the Shamrock Dual Meet Invitational Saturday en route to a 214-150 victory over West Virginia on senior day for the Irish.

The seniors went out on a high note while swimming in front of a home crowd for the last time. "Everybody likes to win," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "But I think probably the most important thing for us yesterday was to swim well and have fun. We like being at home."

The Irish snagged six individual titles along with a record-breaking dive by junior Michael Bulfin in the 3-meter board. Bulfin broke the school-record with a score of 393.37.

The Irish swept the 200-yard freestyle, securing the top six spots. Sophomore John Lytle won, followed by sophomore Patrick Lloyd, senior Rob Seery, freshman Robert Kingery, freshman Steven Brus and freshman Joseph Deters won the 1,650 freestyle in 15:57.12 and took the top spot in the 500 freestyle.

Notre Dame also captured all four point-earning positions in the 200 butterfly, and it dominated the day's relay races. Notre Dame earned the top two spots in the 800 freestyle and 400 freestyle, and the Irish won the 200 freestyle relay.

In the same diving event in which Bulfin set the school record, senior Sam Stoner came in second, followed by freshman Wesley Villaflor.

On the 1-meter diving boards, Bulfin, Stoner and senior Steven Crowe earned the top three spots, respectively.

Welsh said he was happy to defeat the Mountaineers, who won the Shamrock Invitational last year. "West Virginia has a smaller roster than they did last year," Welsh said. "Nevertheless, we wanted to see how we match up with them, and it was good to come out on top."

The Irish are now 4-1 in the series versus the Mountaineers. The Irish will next head to East Meadow, N.Y., on February 20-23 to compete in the Big East Conference Championship. The Irish have finished in top four of the tournament each of the past 10 years. Notre Dame won the title in the 2005-06 season before a second place finish last year.

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Irish fall to rival Ohio State at NYU

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Round 1 goes to Ohio State.
The Buckeyes, Notre Dame's bitter rivals, went 12-0 and in the process topped the Irish in both the men's and women's competitions Saturday at the NYU Duals, the most important team event of the regular season.

"Ohio State, it looks at this point as the strongest team in the nation," Notre Dame coach Jamie Heidtmann said. "By night, by day, they have a lot of sensors."
The Notre Dame women ranked No. 1 in the first U.S. Coaches Association poll lost to the Buckeyes and to Columbia, finishing the competition with a record of 4-2. The Irish men, ranked No. 3, lost only to Ohio State — and by a single bout."

"This year is still open, but we are not in the championship competition," Heidtmann said. "We are not the strongest at this point, but we are not the weakest."
The Buckeyes topped the Irish women 12-0. Columbia beat the Notre Dame women by the same score.
The Irish fencer without sophomore épéeist Kelley Hurley, who competed in Europe as part of her push to make the U.S. Olympic team for the 2008 Beijing Games, Vanrooa Rosa, who fenced in Hurley's absence, went 0-3 against the Buckeyes; she would have needed a 2-1 mark for the Irish to win.

"We should look a little bit stronger on the women's side," Bednarski said of an Irish squad with Hurley's presence. "But who knows? Even a great fencer can lose."
Bednarski said the mixed results were indicative of the strong level of competition among the nation's top schools. Besides Ohio State and Columbia, top 10 teams from St. John's, Yale and Northwestern also competed in New York.

"It's very tough competition," Bednarski said. "It's very tough. We simply were fighting to the end in all the crucial competitions."
The Buckeyes men's and women's squads will probably take over the No. 1 national ranking. Columbia, meanwhile, went 4-1 on the women's side and 2-3 in the men's competition.

History indicates that Saturday's result might not predict how the season-ending NCAA Championships in March will turn out.
The Buckeyes had great difficulty with the Buckeyes in 2007 but finished fourth to Ohio State's fifth in the title competition.

"It's not final. We will probably have different results in the NCAA competition," Bednarski said. "But, believe me, it's not easy. "We have a lot of work to do. Yeah, you know, let's fence. We'll see."

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and did not give up any real scoring chances.

"It was good sign for us to come out and play a strong first period," Thang said. "We hadn't been doing that at the beginning of the year."
And Notre Dame didn't stop after the first period. Senior captain Mark Van Gelder, freshman Cballe Ridderwall, and junior Christian Hansen added goals before the final horn sounded.

With the outcome no longer in doubt in the third period, the play took on a more physical tone. Bowling Green forward Todd McIlrath took an apparent cheap shot at Irish goalie Jordan Pearce 8:11 into the period. Notre Dame senior Brock Sheffield stood up for his teammate, squaring with McIlrath. Both players received two-minute roughing penalties.

The violence escalated nine minutes later, when Sheffield was whistled for a slash on McIlrath. Players from both teams exchanged blows in front of the Irish bench. When all was said and done, six players received 10-minute misconduct penalties for their involvement.

"I think that something should have been done after Pearce was run over," Jackson said. "Our team will protect our goalie if the referee doesn't."

Though Jackson expected the emotions to spill over to Saturday night, only two penalties were called in the first period of the second game, neither for excessively violent conduct.

Notre Dame's newfound power-play spark continued as the Irish netted another two goals with the man advantage, both from freshman Ben Ryan. Ryan put the Irish up 1-0 4:33 into the first period after he slammed home a rebound of a Kyle Lawson slap shot.

After freshman Ian Cole beat Falcon goalie Jimmy Spratt on his glove side to put the Irish up 2-0, Bowling Green mounted a comeback when forward Dan Sexton beat Pearce on a short-handled breakaway at 11:58 of the second period.

But any Falcon hopes were quickly put to rest by Ryan, who tallied three points total on the night. Ryan received Kissel's pass all alone on Spratt's right side and buried a shot under the crossbar.

An empty net goal from sophomore Kevin Deeth wrapped up the scoring for the Irish, who said they are relieved to have regained their offensive rhythm.

"We're pretty excited," Thang said. "To finally get some goals is a big sigh of relief."
Notre Dame will be in action again Friday when it takes on the U.S. Under-18 National Team in the Joyce Center. The Irish do not have another CCHA game until facing off against Ferris State on Feb. 8.

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court press, which had been in place for the second half. Ayers found an open Luke Harangody under the basket for an easy dunk and a lead the Irish would not relinquish. As they were pressing hard and they cut it to six when I got that last dunk so that was a big play," Harangody said. "Ryan was able to get the ball up-court and that was a big play for us."

The dunk was one of several second-half slams for the sophomore forward, who had one over Villanova forward Dan Cunningham three minutes earlier. Harangody received a pass from senior Rob Kurz and Montgomery pulled up from 18 feet behind the three point line, which was blocked by Huskies forward Charles Davis. "I think that was a big part of the game," Harangody said. "It was a fast player at the end of the game but I think we did a great job on him." Harangody said, "Going into the game, that was probably our main concern." Kurz scored 12 points and Ayers chipped in 10 points off the bench for the Irish.

"Everyone did their job and that's what we need to do," McAlarney said. "It's kind of a challenge for me to keep stepping back." The Irish gave up 80 points but held Reynolds, the reigning Big East Player of the Year, to 21 points on 5-of-13 shooting.

"We were able to play more of a press than normal," Brey said. "Everyone contributed and that's really what we need down the road." Contact Fran Tolan at fran@nd.edu

### Notes

McAlarney's sweet shooting did their job accounting for 13 points on 5-of-10 shooting. The biggest scare Notre Dame gave the Huskies in the second half came at the 8:28 mark when the Irish were down 54-44. Irish guard Alex Barlow drove hard to the basket and attempted a layup, which was blocked by Huskies forward Charles Hodge.

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Charles was also able to work against Notre Dame's attempts to double-team her because of a lack of effective zone defense by the Irish. "We know we had to double-team her to stop her and we weren't able to get the other person down there," McGraw said.

McGraw took the blame for her team's inability to stop Charles down low, saying she should have worked more on preventing the 6-foot-4 sophomore from getting the ball. Charles said playing down low was just a big part of Huskies guard Geno Auriemma's game plan all season.

"Coach (Auriemma) always tells the post players to be aggressive in the lane and dominate as much as you can and that's what I did," she said. "I was just trying to maintain a healthy lead throughout most of the second half since it seemed Connecticut would have the advantage."

The biggest scare Notre Dame gave the Huskies on Sunday night was when they forced Notre Dame to use a 2-3 zone defense to mitigating just two turnovers. "We needed to learn -- to weather the storm," McGraw said. "Not all the problems are going to be perfect, but we're really proud of our record and that we're really a pretty good team. But we have to learn -- to weather the storm."

"I think that was a big part of the Irish defense, especially on defense, especially considering that we were giving up 81 points for the second consecutive game," McGraw said. "She has improved considerably on defense, especially since she played with the 6-foot-4 sophomore against Tennessee on Jan. 5. McGraw also said she no longer feels her team is the worst defensive team in the Big East—"her sentiment after the Irish lost 81-60 on Jan. 22 against DePaul. "I think we see that we're more of a zone team," McGraw said. "We had some success with it in the zone tonight so I think we need to look at that tonight."

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Philadelphia flyers**

Irish get first league road win at Villanova

By FRAN TOLAN

Junior guard Kyle Maloney scored 30 points and Notre Dame held off a late rally by No. 18 Villanova Saturday for a 90-80 victory, its first Big East road win of the season.

The Irish were blown out in their first two conference road games against Marquette and Georgetown but were in control for most of the contest against the Wildcats.

"I think we've learned how to play on the road a little bit the past two games," Maloney said. "We took those two losses to heart. We didn't want that to happen to us again."

Notre Dame led comfortably for most of the second half, but Villanova guard Scottie Reynolds drove to the basket for an easy layup with 49 seconds left to cut Notre Dame's lead to 84-78.

On the next Irish possession, junior forward Ryan Ayers broke the Wildcats full-court press with a fast break layup to give Notre Dame a commanding lead.

Irish forward Luke Harangody pulls down a rebound during the second half of Notre Dame's 90-80 win over Villanova Saturday at the Muchova Center, Harangody scored 25 points in the game.

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**HOCKEY**

Squad breaks out of scoring slump, reaches 20-win mark

By SAM WERNER

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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish fall to No. 1 UConn

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Irish guard Charol Allen (5-of-14 shooting for 11 points) rebounded with the Connecticut defense clamped down during that run, forcing Notre Dame to take bad shots.

"Their defense was great. A lot of shots I took was rushing," she said. "A lot of them I just didn't hit, but Irish coach Muffet McGraw wanted me to continue to shoot."

The Irish held strong early in the Connecticut run and managed to stay within seven points for two-and-a-half minutes while Huskies guard Renee Montgomery — who averages 12 points and four assists per game — sat on the bench.

McGraw said her task team failed to take advantage of the opportunity.

"That was when — with Montgomery out of the game — that we really needed to make a run," McGraw said. "And that's where you just got to find someone to body to score and unfortunately we couldn't find anyone."

After four Irish free throws brought Notre Dame back within five points, the Huskies offense found its footing by relying on Charles in the post. Charles, who finished with a game-high 22 points in addition to eight boards and a block — took advantage of Notre Dame's triangle-and-two and box-and-one defenses and dominated in the low post.

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**MEN'S LACROSSE**

Laxers feel good about scrimmage

By MICHAEL BRYAN

Notre Dame began its first competition of the year Sunday by putting on an impressive performance in an exhibition against Robert Morris.

The Irish, ranked fifth in the Lacrosse Magazine preseason poll, controlled the scrimmage from the outset. While score was not kept for the contest, Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan said the team "got up early" and "never let up."

Corrigan said he was pleased with the team's overall performance against the Colonials.

"We haven't had a chance to break down the film just yet, but I thought we did a pretty good job of playing at a good level and playing there consistently," he said.

With several players unable to play in the scrimmage, the Irish showed their depth with many players contributing on both ends.

"It's nice to know we have guys ready to step in and give us that depth down the line," he added.

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**MEN'S TENNIS**

Team drops match to top-ranked Cavaliers

By KATE GRABAREK

Notre Dame fell 5-2 to No. 1 Virginia at home on Sunday, but senior Sean Parthub was a bright spot for the Irish.

Parthub defeated Cavaliers junior No. 3 Dominic Ingle (6-1, 6-2), which tied the match at a point apiece after the Irish dropped the doubles point. Parthub took a 3-0 lead in the first set and continued to roll from there.

"Parthub was an All-American last year," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "He is one of two players we have that can play number one-singles."
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2. Prepare, Prepare, Prepare
   - Attend a “Preparing for the Career Fair” workshop
   - Determine your objectives for attending
   - Review the list of companies attending the fair on Go IRISH and compile your “Top 10” list of companies to visit
   - Review the position descriptions on Go IRISH
   - Develop and refine networking, relationship-building skills
   - Develop your “Thirty Second Message”
     - Hello, I’m... (introduce yourself, your year and major, and interest in industry/career field)
     - Your company is... (demonstrate knowledge of company)
     - I’m interested because... (explain your interest in company)
     - I can... (match your skills with their needs)

3. What to do the day of the fair
   - At the fair:
     - Dress in business attire and bring several copies of your resume in a portfolio/folder to Gate 3 of the Joyce Center
     - Scan your ID when you enter
     - Review the map of employer booths and take a bag for “giveaways”
     - Be proactive by approaching employers
     - Speak with both young alums and experienced representatives
     - Demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm in delivering your “Thirty Second Message”
     - Ask the representative how to sign up for an interview (i.e. “After reviewing your company information and the position, I am interested in speaking with you or one of your colleagues further. How can I obtain a slot on your interview schedule at The Career Center?”)
     - Obtain the representative’s business card

4. Following the fair
   - If you obtain an interview:
     - Prepare by researching the company, it’s industry, it’s competitors, and the job or internship description on Go IRISH
     - Review The Career Center’s Interview Guide and be sure to practice sample interviewing questions available online
     - If you have a web cam, practice interviewing using “Interview Stream” at http://careercenter.nd.edu/for-undergrads/resumes-cover-letters-interview
     - Within 3 days of the fair, send an email thank-you to the recruiters with companies of interest from which you collected business cards
If you obtain an interview the day following the fair, are you prepared?
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Review potential interview questions and come up with possible answers using examples
1. Why are you interested in our organization?
2. What work experience has been the most valuable to you and why?
3. Give an example of a problem you have solved and the process you used.
4. Describe a situation in which you had a conflict with another individual and how you dealt with it.
5. What idea have you developed and implemented that was particularly creative or innovative?
6. How did you choose to attend Notre Dame and how did you select your major(s) in ______?
7. How do you think you have changed personally in the past (5) years?
8. Tell me about a team project of which you are particularly proud and your contribution.
9. What types of situations put you under pressure and how do you deal with the pressure?
10. Describe a leadership role you have held and tell me why you committed your time to it.
11. What challenges are you looking for in a position?
12. What three trends do you see in the future for our industry?
13. Tell me about yourself.
14. Why do you want to work in (career field)?
15. What is your greatest strength/weakness and how will it affect your performance in this program?
16. Why should I hire you?
(There are many more sample questions in our Interview Guide)

Use the STAR technique to help you answer interview questions
SITUATION - Class project, student activity, volunteer experience, job
TASK - Goal, problem to be solved, improvement to be made
ACTION - Planning & implementing to reach goal, problem solving used
RESULT - The outcome, influences, changes

Always prepare questions to ask the interviewer
1. To what extent will I determine my work objectives?
2. Describe the rotational training program associated with this position/internship. What career paths have others generally followed after completing the program?
3. As an intern, what kind of projects will I receive?
4. What characteristics best describe individuals who are successful in this position?
5. Where could a person advance who is successful in this position? Within what time frame?
6. How is job performance evaluated?
7. What has been the professional growth track for other students who have been recruited by your company over the past 3-5 years?

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- Wear a suit - Jacket and trousers. Dark, solid colors are best (black, navy, dark gray).
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- Be sure your shoes are polished. Avoid wearing gym shoes.
- Choose a tie that complements your suit. Be fairly conservative with the pattern.
- It is key to have your clothing pressed.
- Have your hair well-groomed and brushed.

Women:
- Wear a suit with a jacket and skirt or pants. Try to wear conservative colors. It is important to not stand out for the wrong reasons (i.e. a skirt too short or an inappropriate color such as fuchsia).
- Choose a collared shirt or top with a modest neckline. Avoid tank tops or camisoles.
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