**Monologues' raise questions for Church, at ND**

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

A two-day seminar for bishops hosted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the University will start today at a convent in Mishawaka, instead of Notre Dame, because organizers wanted to avoid connections to the likely presentation of "The Vagina Monologues" in March.

"Many bishops have objections in principle to the performance of this play on Catholic campuses and felt that, as teachers of the faith, they could give the impression that they endorsed this play by their presence on campus, knowing it was likely to be performed," theology department chair John Cavadi, one of the seminar's main organizers, said Sunday.

**Basketball fans camp out in 'Breytopia'**

By CHRIS HINE
News Writer

They called it Breytopia.

Named for Notre Dame's men's basketball coach Mike Brey, Breytopia was the campsite set up by members of the Leprechaun Legion on Thursday night near Gate 11 of the Joyce Center. Approximately 50 students camped out in anticipation of Notre Dame's game against Marquette on Saturday.

Senior Kyle Miller, who helped organize Breytopia, said he and 15 other fans started camping out Thursday and were joined by more on Friday. Breytopia was all the dedicated fans who have been following the team for years.

"That's a corps of guys that has been coming to games for a while. They know our team, our players," Brey said.

"When I go over there, I have to really be ready. They fire some good shots. We've had to really be ready."
Why is Barack ‘black’?

Why is Barack Obama “black”? Just look at him, you might say. Nobody, he’s black.

Who am I, you ask, to put forth such an impertinent question? Well, Obama and I actually have quite a bit in common. We both sport healthy year-round complexions. I could also fairly describe myself as “a skinny kid with a funny name.” We both have white mothers.

We have our differences as well. He’s running for president, I’m not. However, the real story—this is picking his nose (in the poster)—writes itself.

Barack Obama, by characterizing America’s first black president, the media have set the stage for a great story—a story that is the basis for the funny name, coming from a single parent household to rise above race and racism to take America’s greatest office.

I understand that the story of Barack’s rise to eminent superstardom was made for a great story—it writes itself. However, the reality of the situation is that the media’s black-and-white portrayal of the candidate has painted the entire picture.

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Obama’s rise to the top has been inspired and moved a large part of the nation with his infectious message of bringing change to Washington.

My point is not to comment on Barack’s political rise as a narrative, but rather to comment on how the national media have made this presidential race about race.

By characterizing Barack as America’s first black president, the media have set up a convenient and simple showdown in the Democratic primary between Obama and Hillary Clinton. Man vs. woman. Black vs. white.

There’s just one problem. It’s not as simple as that.

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

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INSIDE COLUMN

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ARE YOU VOTING FOR?

Andrea Mayus senior Welch Fam

Matt Cossack sophomore O’Neill

Katie Baza junior Howard

Angela Salvo sophomore Pangborn

Luke Jarynske junior Dillon

Ryan Renacci freshman Dillon

Tae Andrews Scene Editor

Write in candidate: I’m voting for myself.

“Reish and Schmidt because they came to my dorm and said my room was awesome.”

“Bob and Grant because they’ve been working so hard.”

“The guy who is picking his nose (in the poster).”

“Reish and Schmidt because Robin Brown told me to.”

Members of the Notre Dame Marching Band attempt to motivate the crowd during Friday night’s hockey game at the Joyce Center. The Irish lost to Ferris State 5-3.

OFFBEAT

PETA opposes tribute to fried chicken

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Animals rights advocates are squawking at a measure that would make fried chicken Kentucky’s official picnic food.

State Rep. Charles Siler is sponsoring legislation to assign the designation to KFC “finger lickin’ good” chicken, first served by Colonel Harland Sanders in 1940.

The late colonel’s fried chicken deserves the title because of the worldwide attention and economic benefits it has brought to the state, Siler said. KFC, a subsidiary of Louisville-based Yum Brands Inc., has 11,000 restaurants in more than 80 countries.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals bristles at the idea. The animal rights group claims that the chicken KFC serves are abused, even tortured.

Woman takes plea deal in messy lawn case

OREM, Utah — When 70-year-old Betty Perry was accused of neglecting her lawn, she became defiant.

Perry was arrested, handcuffed and briefly jailed in July for declining a ticket for failing to water her lawn.

She agreed on Friday to resolve her case by pleading guilty to a disorderly conduct charge and paying a $100 fine. She also faces six months of probation.

Perry was scheduled to go to trial Monday on a more serious charge of resisting arrest for refusing to give her name, accept a citation or allow herself to be handcuffed on her front steps.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Charity Denim will take place today from 2-8 p.m. in the conference rooms of the Saint Mary’s Student Center. For a $1 donation for admission, attendees will have access to 500-600 pairs of designer jeans being sold for 40-70 percent off the original price. Ten percent of the proceeds will benefit the Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon and Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Father Theodore Hesburgh will preside over a Mass celebrating the 150th anniversary of the apparition of Mary at Lourdes. Mass will be held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5:15 p.m. followed by a reception in the Coleman-Morse Center.

As part of Ethics Week, Richard “Digger” Phelps will present a lecture entitled “Community Service: An Ethical Imperative” Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Mendoza College of Business.

Women’s basketball will play Marquette Wednesday night at 7 in the Joyce Center.

Women’s tennis will play Ohio State Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Admission is free.

There will be Stations of the Cross Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

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Station lacks student audience

WSND 88.9 adds indie music, promotions to appeal to ND population

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
New Writer

WSND 88.9, Notre Dame's classical radio station, targets students in its programming, but the students aren’t tuning in.

“It's a constant struggle to get students aware,” station manager Stephanie Yoshida said. “To have something like this here and to have students not know about it really astonads us.”

WSND 88.9 focuses on classical music and also airs jazz, Celtic and Broadway music as well as news and a Harley-Davidson-sponsored astronomy program, said Ed Jaroszewski, a radio technician that's worked for the station for 35 years.

Recently the station has also begun playing college rock and indie after midnight. “To appeal to as broad an audience as possible,” Yoshida said.

Yoshida said that while much of the current audience is made up of people in the South Bend community, the station has begun offering promotional products, such as concert tickets to performances by the Notre Dame Symphony, in order to target the Notre Dame student population.

“Most of the callers to my show are members of the broader South Bend community rather than Notre Dame students,” she said. “Our advertisements mostly target people where they’re easier to reach and may not have lived in the area long enough to know which radio stations are available.”

However, according to Yoshida, one of the major obstacles the station faces is the sheer lack of radios on campus. Moreover, the station is not allowed to broadcast online.

“I wish that we could broadcast online, but because of FCC regulations, we can’t,” Yoshida said.

Jaroszewski said the station has also been affected by educational budget cuts to musical programs.

“Students have taken a beating and I’ve noticed that, having worked at the local symphony, that younger people aren’t attending the concerts,” he said.

Yoshida said one selling point of the station was its accessibility, allowing students to request nearly half of the songs played during the weekend on-air hours.

“It is unusual for classical stations to have a request hour. For the few that do, it’s usually confined to a few hours,” she said. “We’d like to think of ourselves as very democratic.”

When asked, several students said they really had no knowledge of WSND, something the group hopes to change with better programming.

Nicholas Dan, a sophomore, said he listens only to online stations because he doesn’t have a radio.

“Besides, I’m not really sure what WSND plays,” he said.

“I’ve heard of the station, but I can't remember listening to it,” said John Fahy, a Stanford assistant rector and graduate student in theology. “I wouldn’t say that I’m interested in classical music, but I just don’t listen to much radio. I’m not very familiar with its programming, either.”

Nonetheless, Yoshida, who is also a classically-trained violinist, said she hopes students will be enticed by the station’s marketing and begin listening to WSND 88.9 in order to develop a greater appreciation of classical music.

For me, classical music has really tapped into my imagination. It lets me experience something utterly indescribable, something wonderful and open a window into a world of sheer beauty and possibilities,” Yoshida said.

“If we’re able to introduce this to just one more person, then I think we’ll have made progress.”

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NAACP hosts talk on relationship issues

By DENNIS SLATER
New Writer

The North American Association of Colored Persons (NAACP) campus group invited students and faculty members to meet for a discussion on relationships over dinner Sunday evening in the South Dining Hall Hospitality Room.

The participants came to discuss careers, families and relationships between males and females as well as between people of the same sex, said Midrey Jacobs, the vice president of Notre Dame's NAACP chapter.

“There is normally a retreat every two years,” Jacobs said.

“But this year we wanted to do something for the students on a smaller scale.”

Students said the prospect of having a variety of viewpoints on gender relations piqued their curiosity.

“I came to this dinner because it seemed to be a very interesting topic,” said Madelyn Warren Outlaw.

“Gender relations at Notre Dame is a very interesting subject to students and that aspect of this event intrigued me.”

The intimate setting fostered close discussion about the relationships people encounter and how to deal with them.

Conversations were not public, in order to encourage people to speak freely, but Jacobs said before the dinner the focus would be “to talk about how to balance working careers while maintaining relationships.”

Episodes from Tyler Perry's movie "Why Did I Get Married" were shown to stimulate conversation about relationships involving communication and trust. The discussion was meant to be all-encompassing and covered not only heterosexual marriage but also homosexual relationships.

Faculty and staff members in attendance included assistant vice president in the Office of General Counsel Lois Jackson, assistant director at Mendoza College of Business Connie Porter, and director of the Educational Talent Search Warren Outlaw.

Each faculty member led a discussion where he or she offered insights about relationships during and after college by recounting personal experiences. Students had the opportunity to describe a few of their own experiences and receive feedback.

Several questions were posed as conversation starters, including “What does it mean to be happy?” and “What is love in a relationship and is it enough?”

“This event is important because relationships are something we all have in common,” freshman Isabel Chirase said.

“We all deal with them during and after college and it is a common bond between all of our students.”

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The Observer is accepting applications for a 2008-09 Business Manager and Controller. Responsibilities include preparing a yearly budget and handling payroll for a 200-person staff.

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"We understand that not all are in agreement on the propriety of allowing performances of this play on a Catholic campus," he said. According to Brown, the University worked "collaboratively with the bishops to move the seminary off campus out of respect for everyone involved."

"This is not a public protest," Cavadinli said. "How could it be, since the original event was not even public?"

"But Father Jenkins is aware that if the decision is made to perform the play, I will make a statement as I have done each year when Notre Dame has sponsored this play," D'Arcy said. But the director of communications for the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese, Vince LaBarbera, said that D'Arcy "can only speak for himself as I cannot speak for the bishops about this play and that the bishop intends to maintain a working relationship with Jenkins."

Brown similarly said that the relations between the University and the USCCB and some of its bishops have been less than cordial.

"Notre Dame and the U.S. bishops have worked together constructively in the past, they are working together on this current meeting and we are sure that our partnerships will continue in the future," he said.

After initiating a 10-week campus-wide discussion about academic freedom and Catholic character, Jenkins announced in 2006 he would not ban the sexually explicit play "Vagina Monologues" from the University's Institute for the Study of Ethnicity, Culture and Religion. "This was some of the most serious comments I have ever heard from my bishops," Jenkins said in 2006.

"I got these some pizza, hung out with them. I saw that line outside of my office and I said, 'The camp-out guys are awesome. I hope they don't have the flu from being out there so long.'"

During the game, many campers painted their chest black with green lettering that spelled out "Go Irish Breytopia!"

Freshman Blair Rasmus was the person who dubbed the campsite "Breytopia.

"It's just a good feeling that you can overcome with this," Rasmus said.

Breytopia is something that both Brey and his wife, Tish, are very familiar with.

"That's funny because The Breytopia is a place where you are like that," Brey said. "She said it's been twenty-four years today."

The Breytopians watched Notre Dame defeat Marquette 86-83 on Saturday and improve to 8-2 in the Big East, one game behind conference leader Georgetown.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

12,000 Darfur refugees enter Chad

GENEVA - New reports indicate that Sudan's Darfur region to neighboring Chad over the weekend, according to French air strikes. A column of Sudanese military and thousands more may be coming, the U.N. refugee agency said Sunday.

The agency said the entrance to the Chad border where the Darfur refugees entered was the first time refugees have entered Chad from Darfur. It said most of the refugees were on the move and that they told the U.N. that thousands of women and children are on their way. CAU added.

Chavez threatens to cut off U.S. oil sales

WASHINGTON - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez threatened on Sunday to cut off oil sales to the United States in an "economic war" if Exxon Mobil Corp. wins court judgments to seize billions of dollars in Venezuelan assets.

Exxon Mobil has gone after the assets of state oil company Petroleo de Venezuela SA in U.S., British and Dutch courts as it challenges the nationalization of a multi-billion dollar oil project by Chavez's government.

"A small nation has launched an unprecedented and illegal war that must be stopped," Chavez said during his weekly radio and television program, "Hello, President." "Do you know how we are going to send oil to the United States. Take note, Mr. Bush, Mr. Danger."

LOCAL NEWS

Sick astronaut taken off spacewalk

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"We had trouble," German astronaut looked and sounded well Sunday as he helped a crewmate prepare for a spacewalk that should have been his.

"This was an extremely unusual move," NASA pulled Schlegel off the spacewalk to help install the European lab, Columbus, at the International Space Station and he delayed the work until Monday, one day later than planned.

Schlegel, 36, a physical and former para-trooper who has seven children, was fine for the Thursday's liftoff and became surprised at how well he was doing in orbit, as he helped a crewmate prepare for a spacewalk that should have been his.

The trickier question is whether Petraeus will tell Bush that security conditions and prospects for other important issues are so improved enough to permit even more troop cuts without risking a deterioration in security. Petraeus's strategy is based on an expectation that improved security will open up great political opportunities. Asked whether he would question Petraeus about the possibility of recommending a pause in the troop drawdown, this summer, Gates replied,"I think our conversation will cover the whole range of possibilities."

"We are interested in how to stabilize the country and pin a medal on Lt. Gen. Crocker. It was Gates' first visit this year and possibly his last before Petraeus and Crocker return to Washington in April to recommend to President Bush whether to continue reducing U.S. troop levels after Petraus's current draw-down plan is completed in July. By then, four brigades are due to head home, leaving 15."

"I will be interested in how they are planning it - which units are coming out - between now and July, Gates said."

"His eagerness for them to proceed and successfully conclude some of this legislation has been high," Gates said.

"I do not urge to do so by the former first lady Clinton's chief told reporters Monday, February 11, during Gates's unannounced visit to Baghdad on Sunday."

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Former mayoral candidate to go on trial

WASHINGTON - Former Columbus city councilman Doyle announced the shift in an e-mail to the staff, "I have been proud to manage this campaign and proud still to call Hillary my friend for more than 16 years," said Doyle.

"Maggie and I are returning to Washington and has been nominated by Bush for promotion to four-star rank and assignment as Army vice chief of staff.

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Caucus results questioned
Huckabee's campaign to investigate McCain's Washington victory

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee is crying rip-off from an apparent victory in the Washington state caucuses Saturday.

Huckabee's campaign released numbers Saturday saying it will be exploring all available legal options regarding the "dubious final results." Arizona Sen. McCain said the final results in the caucuses with 26 percent of the vote count of 24 percent.


Rollins said Huckabee was losing by 242 votes with 87 percent of the vote counted. He said there were another 1,500 or so votes that were supposed to be counted.

"That's an outrage," Rollins said.

Rollins said the Huckabee campaign's lawyers will be on the ground in Washington Sunday wondering who the count took so long, and why the vote counting was stopped prematurely.

"It would be a disservice to every voter Washington state to not pursue a full accounting," Rollins said on CNN.

Rollins said Huckabee's "fullest points" in the state "were never in the count."

"We're going to pursue this," Rollins said.

Esser said despite Huckabee closing the margin, it is still too early for him to declare that McCain is the winner.

"We are still on even more confident now," Esser said. "These last hours will tell us what I said last night. It's a close race, but it's clear Sen. McCain is currently leading in Washington state precinct counts.

"Had it been McCain, Gov. Huckabee would have been out of state but substantial staff, I think, are here just to help and have called it that way.

"The former Arkansas governor, who said on Sunday was attended by all 36 delegates at state and narrowly held the lead to the center for the Louisiana's primary. He's been discussing them but making his momentum going into Tuesday's elections in Maryland and Virginia.

However, he badly trails McCain, the likely nominee, in the overall real-estate market. Some say he should even step aside as a way to the GOP maintain resources for the general election.

Huckabee had prepared such talk as "total nonsense."

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In Brief

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Stimulus plan may not stop downturn
WASHINGTON — Despite remarkably quick passage, the economic aid plan and its cashrebates may come too late to prevent a recession

Yahoo rejects Microsoft takeover bid

The downturn caused Yahoo’s stock price to plummet by more than 40 percent, erasing about $20 billion in shareholderwealth, in the three months leading up to Microsoft's bid.Supposing on an opportunity to expand its clout on the Internet, Microsoft dangled a takeover offer that was 62 percent above Yahoo’s stock price of just $19.18 when the bid was announced Feb. 1. Yahoo shares ended the past week at $29.20.

Public opinion: Country is in recession

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WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton retains her lead among suddenly critical Democratic Party insiders even as Barack Obama builds up his delegate margin with primary and caucus victories across the country, according to a survey by The Associated Press.

Of the 796 lawmakers, governors and party officials who are ballots in the superdelegate race, Clinton had 243 and Obama had 156. That edge was responsible for Clinton's overwhelming victory in the pursuit of delegates to secure the nomination. According to the AP's latest tally, Clinton has 1,127 said delegates and Obama has 1,093, heading into Sunday's Florida and the remaining primaries in which a candidate must get 2,025 delegates to capture the nomination.

The superdelegates illustrate not only the remarkable proximity between the two candidates, but also the extraordinary influence superdelegates could wield in determining who becomes the nominee. Both campaigns are aggressively pursuing superdelegates, trumping their endorsements the moment they are secure.

"I told my wife I'm probably going to be pretty popular for a couple months," chuckled Richard Ray, a superdelegate and prominent member of the AFL-CIO. Ray said he will remain undecided because the lack of a clear winner makes it hard to endorse. Both campaigns are aggressively pursuing superdelegates, trumping their endorsements the moment they are secure.

"If they endorse, then I will, too," Ray said.

The national party has named about 796 superdelegates. The remainder will be chosen at state party conventions in the spring and summer. AP reporters have interviewed 95 percent of those delegates, meeting with the most recent round of interviews taking place last week, after Super Tuesday.

For the first time since the AP began conducting these interviews last fall, more than half of them — 399 — have endorsed a candidate. Most of the remaining 397 delegates said they are either undecided or uncommitted, making them the subject of intense lobbying by both campaigns.

With Clinton and Obama trading wins and losses as the primary and caucus season winds down, the role of the superdelegates has been magnified and is causing anxiety inside and outside the campaigns. If the current snapshot of the race holds, superdelegates could decide the nomination in favor of one candidate even if they do not receive more votes in the primary parties and caucuses.

Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama speaks at a Chicago rally on Super Tuesday.

"My strong belief is that if we end up with the most states and the most pledged delegates, and the most voters in the country, then it would be problematic for political insiders to overturn the judgment of the voters," he said.

"I think that should be the guiding approach to determining who will be the nominee," he said.

Clinton, speaking to reporters on Saturday, argued that superdelegates should make up their own minds and pointedly noted that Obama has the endorsements of superdelegates John Kerry and Edward Kennedy, both senators from Massachusetts, a state whose primary Clinton won.

Superdelegates are by design supposed to exercise independent judgment," she said. "If Senator Obama and his campaign continue to push this position, which is in the contrary of what the definition of superdelegates has historically been, I will look forward to receiving the support of Senator Kerry and Senator Kennedy.

Unlike pledged delegates secured through a primary or a caucus, superdelegates can vote for whomever they choose, and they are not required to vote for the candidate they endorse. Indeed, some superdelegates who had endorsed other Democratic candidates have already switched to Clinton or Obama or are reconsidering their earlier choices.

Democratic superdelegate Christine "Rex" Samuel of Montclair, N.J., said she backed off her preference for Clinton after hearing former President Bill Clinton scoff at Obama's stance on the Iraq war. "I am disappointed in a few things that were said a few weeks ago by President Clinton," she said. "I am going to have to revisit what I think about now and when we vote.

"Workers still missing in refinery explosion

Associated Press

PORT WENTWORTH — Search crews found no trace Sunday of three workers still missing in the smoldering remnants of a sugar refinery explosion last week that left five people dead and injured dozens more.

Officials called off the search at sunset, but had not yet searched a part of the Imperial Sugar plant that was still burning and where the buildings were dangerously unstable.

Sugar still burning in two of the refinery's three badly damaged, 100-foot storage silos threatened to weaken the towering structures to the point of collapsing if the fire wasn't extinguished soon, Fire Chief Greg Long said.

He said firefighters hoped to reach the silos by Monday using construction cranes to dump sand into silos. One of the silos blew up late Thursday, possibly causing a cloud of sugar dust ignited.

Long said search crews had covered 95 percent of the massive refinery. While more bodies were not recovered, Long said it was unlikely company officials were still alive, believing three more workers remained inside.

"They have used diligence in getting me the exact number of people," said Long, who knows the missing workers personally. "They're confident in it. Unfortunately, I need to be confident in it.

Long said the areas that had not yet been searched were on the first floor of a building near the explosion, including a break room, where upper floors had collapsed.

After shoring up the building, crews would have to squeeze through tight areas among the rubble to search them.

None of sugary sludge pouring out of the silos Sunday was solidifying, creating other obstacles to the recovery efforts. A firefighter said his search team had to use power tools to tear down a door glued shut by sticky sludge.

"As you've got sugar that's crystalizing and running down the chutes, it's like concrete," Savannah-Chatham county police Sgt. Mike Wilson said.

Strong wind coming off the Savannah River made conditions even more hazardous for crews trying to prevent the silos and plant buildings from collapsing, Savannah Fire Capt. Mike Stanley said.

"We have a very windy day and a very weak structure," Stanley said.

Meanwhile, none of the five recovered bodies have been positively identified, said police as the Savannah County police Detective Josh Hunt.

Hunt said investigators have asked families for medical records and anything about specific medical conditions, broken bones or surgeries the workers may have had to do with the bodies.

"Unfortunately, due to the severity of this disaster, it's going to be a difficult closure to reach," he said.

Searchers for refinery workers were hospitalized Sunday in critical condition with severe burns. Three others were released Sunday, said Beth Pfits of the Joseph M. Burn Center in Augusta.

Six of the critically injured, 49-year-old Gene Daniel Bryan Jr., moved his head Sunday in response to relatives, even though he was still sedated. Bryan's sister, Penny Daley, Bryan's supervisor, led several of his employees to safety but they had to flee down a staircase that was engulfed in flames, Daley said in a telephone interview.
Prime minister rules out Gaza military operation

Palestinian rocket attacks wound 8-year-old civilian; Olmert says Hamas violence makes peace agreement impossible

Associated Press

JEZUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Sunday ruled out a broad military operation in the Gaza Strip after an 8-year-old boy lost a leg in a Palestinian rocket attack.

But Israel's top diplomat warned that it was time to reach a peace agreement with Palestinians as long as the Hamas rulers of Gaza continue to foment violence.

"It is not a military operation plan," Olmert said in response to reports that he was planning a full-scale invasion of northern Gaza to take over the areas where militants have been launching the rockets. There were calls from the Cabinet for assassinating Hamas political leaders.

Residents of the battered town of Sderot, some 90 miles from Jerusalem, barricaded the main highway entrance into Jerusalem as the Cabinet met. They demanded government action after doctors amputated a leg to a 10-year-old Palestinian boy who was wounded in a rocket attack late Saturday.

"The boy's serious injury galvanized Israeli outrage," said Livni, who leads Israel's foreign ministry. "We must take a neighborhood in Gaza and wipe it off the map," Cabinet Minister Meir Sheetrit said, indicating that the army had learned to "hit and run." At nightfall, about 20 Israeli army vehicles rolled into northern Gaza, where most of the rocket attacks have been, with Israeli forces on the move, said witnesses. The military called the operation the "resumption of military activity" at the border, a Palestinian militant was killed.

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The unwell, unregulated militia

On Feb. 1, 15-year-old Nicholas Browning shot and killed his parents and two Indianapolis brothers in their home outside Baltimore with his father’s handgun, following an argument with his dad over an upcoming Boy Scout camping weekend. On Feb. 2, five women were shot and killed while shopping at a retail clothing store outside of Chicago, during an attempted robbery. On Feb. 7, a long-disgruntled resident of Kircwall, Mo., shot and killed one police officer outside of a City Council meeting, before entering the meeting room and continuing his rampage. Four more people were shot and killed, while two — including the town’s mayor — remain in serious condition. The shooter himself was shot to death by police during the incident.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Big donations come in small packages**

The article "NO gives little cash to hopefuls" (Feb. 8) asserted that Notre Dame students and professors have contributed significantly less money in donations to U.S. presidential campaigns than their counterparts at other universities. This statement is misleading. The article's claim was based on federal campaign finance records. These records, however, only include data on contributions exceeding $200. Smaller donations are not uncommon and can have a significant impact on presidential campaigns. The claim that only 15 Notre Dame students and professors donated to presidential campaigns is inaccurate and may significantly underestimate the campus' involvement in the presidential race.

Ben Lindsey

**Monologues encourage mistreatment of women**

As the Irish Rover pointed out on Feb. 7, the Monologues on campus. Every year we discuss the meaning of "academic freedom" and the extent to which the university should promote student expression, but I believe this weakly misses the mark. The Vagina Monologues' performances are tied to V-Day, which defines itself as "a global movement to stop violence against women and girls." (www.vday.org) If this were the extent of the movement, I would wholeheartedly support the effort, but I am saddened that the Monologues are seen as the way to react to it. It seems fairly obvious that if one desires to end violence against women, we must attack the mentality which sees women as sex objects. Unfortunately, the Monologues mostly depict women who have simply found ways to treat themselves as sex objects without the help of men. I was appalled to see the rape of a young girl by an older woman celebrated and masturbating bluntly encouraged.

As a woman who has been a victim of sexual violence and talked to dozens of others in situations much more tragic than her own, I believe it is our duty to make sure that this does not happen to anyone else. This cannot be done if we are taught to view ourselves as playthings and we cannot be successful unless we recognize the dignity of the human body. In permitting the Monologues, we are promoting a different kind of violence toward women: One that tells us it's okay to see ourselves as nothing more than walking vaginas, yet demonizes men for doing the same.

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**Reconsider 'suck it' cheer**

I've been going to Notre Dame basketball games since I was seven years old and have been a season ticket holder almost since I graduated. There's nothing I like more than seeing a rousing crowd at the Joyce Center and not having any doubt in my mind that the crowd -- especially the students -- helped Notre Dame to their recent win over Marquette on Saturday that kept the big home win streak alive.

That said, I saw on Saturday what seems to be a recent tradition in the student body. I've seen it at a couple football games as well (including the Navy game this past fall) and it's one I wish they'd reconsider. I refer to the addition of the "Suck it, looniepont!" phrase to the "Go Irish Go" cheer. Besides being unoriginal and not very clever, it's the kind of crassness we usually expect to see from some of our opponents' student bodies. "#8 is the Irish" is a routine chant leveled at us at road games and I've never had a Notre Dame fan yet who finds that in any way interesting or believes it reflects well on those students.

Mike Coffey

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**Under the boardwalk**

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**THE SINKING SITUATION**

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BEN LEE gives
Intimate Interview

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Writer

In concert, Ben Lee has proved to be entertaining, funny, quirky and talented. Off stage, he’s much the same. In either case, the best way to describe Lee is genuine. His laid-back confidence is contagious, both in concert and in person. Taking time to do an interview for The Observer, Lee, who performed at Legends this weekend, talked about his inspiration, his love life, his celebrity and his music.

SCENE: Have you been playing college crowds lately?
BL: No, we’ve been recording. We’ve been recording a soundtrack to my friend’s film, for an Australian director. So I’ve just been in the studio working on that. We just came for tonight, and took a couple days off recording to do this gig.

SCENE: What’s the film?
BL: It’s called “The Square.” It’s like an Australian romantic thriller. It’s really exciting; I’ve never done a project like that before. I’m trying to learn to flex a lot different musical and creative muscles because I feel pretty inspired. Sometimes the rate that it takes people to get music, like you put out the album, it takes about a year for all the people to get it, who are going to purchase it. So I like to stay creative during those periods, too.

SCENE: What’s been inspiring you lately?
BL: It’s sort of like a personal attempt to document each moment. What really inspires me is just this moment right now. I haven’t experienced before. So I’ve never documented my feelings about it. I’m trying to keep it up to date. I make changes and growth as a person, as I express that in my song. It’s not a strict thing that inspires me. It just the fact, the idea, of channelling this into music is exciting to me.

SCENE: You’re recently engaged. Is that playing into your inspiration?
BL: It’s kind of fun. I think I spent so many years just putting all my energy into chasing women and thinking and worrying about it and everything. Starting to settle down a little bit makes me feel more musically creative because I can put the creative energy into music.

SCENE: You’re about to head back to Australia. What’s your tour going to be like over there?
BL: That’s a really cool one because we’re doing a couple concerts with the symphony orchestra of Western Australia. I’ve never done that before. It’s like a 60-piece orchestra, and we’re doing two hours of my music. I have no idea what to expect.

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And Mandy Moore is coming and she’ll support and then sing with me. It should just be a really fun couple of nights with big outdoor audiences.

SCENE: How was working with Mandy Moore?
BL: Did you ever think you’d be working with someone who got her start as a 1990s pop star?
BL: I’ve never written anything off. A lot of different things I’ve done, like singing with Kylie Minogue or writing songs for Evan Dando, they’re like childhood ... not even dreams, because you don’t even dream things like that. They’re too weird. Specifics of collaboration are just too bizarre. You never think about this stuff but have always kept a very open mind about the people I work with. And generally people that interest me and intrigue me, I want to work with.

SCENE: You’re mentioned being interested in different types of people, and your lyrics seem to reflect an interest in Jay-Z and Beyoncé. Could you explain that?
BL: Well Jay-Z, I love, I really do look up to him. I think it’s important to have role models in the world. We’re so obsessed at the moment with the negative side of celebrity and people’s tragedies, and stuff. I think that it is important to derive hope and courage from people’s stories. Someone like Jay-Z is just full of inspiration, that he’s achieved what he’s achieved. And gone from being a crack dealer and just made this amazing music that is so honest and real and fun.

SCENE: Are you interested in using your celebrity to plug anything?
BL: There are a few sides to it. Number one, every artist has an opportunity to contribute to social change just by being an artist. Art is about getting people to live in a more intuitive emotional sensitive open way. Just the act of being an artist is inherently political in a way. It tells people to think about their internal worlds and with sensitivity about what’s happening to them and their neighbors. So I think you do contribute to societal change. And I also think that by being yourself you give your audience permission to be themselves. So that is a big change you can make. Then there are things, I’m not so much concerned with political things, but I do what I can if I get an opportunity to be involved with a program like The Earth Hour Program. And then in Australia, I’m an amasador for the Clown Doctors, which trains doctors to entertain children. So there are so many things an artist can do, some of them directly through art and some through the public eye. And others by being a human being.

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MORE TIME NEEDED ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

SCENE AND HEARD

As a passionate student and fan of the political process, I find the current campaign coverage woefully lacking at Notre Dame.

As a microcosm of the current primary elections across the nation, we currently have a scintillating election heating up on our frigid campus. However, other than a smattering of endorsements and a student government insider in last Friday’s edition of The Observer, campaign coverage has been non-existent. We need to know more about our candidates. If we are not informed of the fullest extent, how else can we vote as informed citizens?

For this, I blame myself. Even though we typically devote ourselves to entertainment and student life, we have the talent to reveal the very facts which candidates say in which dorms.

We also need demographic breakdowns: pie-charts, bar graphs, blue and red graphics — we need the works. That way, we can isolate and identify regional voting patterns by quad. North quad vs. South quad. Mod quad vs. God quad. Carroll Hall vs. West Bumble.

I want breaking news reports like “BREAKING NEWS – This just in: with nine percent of the vote in, it appears that (so and so) have just won Farley Hall.”

We also need to expand our debating beyond the traditional one-and-done structure. We need candidates to answer the pressing questions of our time here at Notre Dame. We need candidates to answer polarizing political questions with the honest-to-God truth, not the traditional double-speak favored by politicians.

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Even seemingly innocuous questions such as, “Do you consider yourself pro-Run or anti-Run?” have grave implications, particularly if you’re trying to steal support from Zahm Hall and its traditional two-freshman ticket.

I want exit polls. Heck, I want entry polls. For that matter, I want one-on-one debates. I want enough polls to determine within a hair’s breadth (and the margin of error) the likelihood of each candidate’s taking the cake. Let’s poll it up.

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NBA

Pierce scores 35 as Boston beats Duncan, Spurs

Heat lose to Lakers in Mariner’s first appearance; Anthony leads Nuggets to blowout win over Cleveland

Associated Press

BOSTON — Tim Duncan beat Glen "Big Baby" Davis a few times in the first quarter, and that was about it for the rookie's face-off.

"We had to remind him that Duncan is really good. That’s going to happen," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said Sunday after Boston beat the San Antonio Spurs 98-90. "You can’t get frustrated."

Filling in with Kevin Garnett and Kendrick Perkins injured, Davis had nine points and eight rebounds for Boston. Paul Pierce scored 35 points, but Allen had 19, and Rajon Rondo had 12 assists and 11 rebounds Sunday as the Celtics won their third straight game and improved to 16-0 against the Western Conference.

Tim Duncan had 22 points, 14 rebounds and six assists, and Manu Ginobili scored 21 for the Spurs, who lost for the first time in five games. San Antonio got into three points with 1:13 left, but Michael Finley’s 3-point attempt went in and out.

Twice in the final minute Ginobili was forced to take off-balance, heavily guarded 3-point attempts, neither one was close.

"We have an opportunity and a great shot by Mike that rattles in and out to tie the game down that stretch," Finley said. "Then two turnovers in a row and they get two offensive rebounds. Just too much mistakes that bit us down the stretch." 

The Celtics improved to 5-2 since Garnett went out with an abdominal strain, and they better got used to it. Rivers said after the game that his big man — leading All-Star vote-getter — won’t be back before the Feb. 17 exhibition in New Orleans.

"He’s out until after the All-Star Game. He’ll be our All-Star game," Rivers said. "The team will have to get used to him about, but I assume so."

Subs Eddie House, who scored all 10 points in the second quarter, and James Posey, who had five of his seven rebounds in the fourth, also came off the bench to pitch in.

"I just have to give credit to the whole bench being ready, turning the game around," Pierce said, also praising Rondo for leading the team in rebounds. "We’re 1-3 times since Garnett went out. Every time that happens, the team in rebounds, we win. So keep crashing the boards, Rondo." 

But the biggest lesson was Davis, who combined with Leon Powe to keep Duncan from taking over the game.

"What we told Glen was, ‘I’ve told you how busy you’re going to be. You’re heavier than you. You’re not going to grow," Rivers said. "He did that a couple of times."

Rivers said he didn’t tell Powe to be starting until the walk-through.

"Don’t sit and hold a vigil or anything,” the coach said. "We try not to make a big deal of it, because we do, they." 

Lakers 104, Heat 94

Shawn Marion drove for dunks, found teammates for easy layups and coaxed the Miami Heat into running more than usual.

All good things, though.

For Miami, to escape the worst rut in its nine-game road trip.

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"I know we can play better. It was one game." James didn’t play in the fourth quarter when the Heat fell behind by 37 and played all their reserves.

Anthony, coming off a 49-point performance in a win against Washington, went 11-of-19 from the floor and added eight rebounds in 32 minutes. He, too, spent the fourth quarter on the sideline, savoring Denver’s first all-around straight win over Cleveland.

"It was one of the most complete games we’ve played," Anthony said. "We didn’t come in here expecting a blowout, but that’s what happened."
Jim Zorn, the new Redskins coach, speaks at a news conference on Sunday at the Redskins Park Auditorium. Zorn signed a five-year contract Saturday after being hired as Washington's offensive coordinator two weeks ago.

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Always the energetic left­hander, Jim Zorn had an upbeat but nervous start to his coming-out event with the Washington Redskins.

The new coach got the team colors wrong. He paid tribute to an assistant the team recently fired. He lacked the polish of his predecessor, Joe Gibbs, who sat watching from the second row during the news conference Sunday in the Redskins Park auditorium.

Not too surprising, really, given that Zorn himself said it was nothing short of "miraculous" that he was standing where he was a few feet behind the team's three Super Bowl trophies, essentially making the jump from quarterback to head coach because none of the candidates on owner Dan Snyder's initial list worked out. The 54-year-old Zorn was taking the first step in finding out what it really means to take such a big job in a Redskins-crazy town.

"I look at these three trophies," Zorn said, "and it's quite intimidating." Zorn signed a five-year contract Saturday, ending a monthlong coaching search in which he was originally supposed to be an interesting sidebar. The Redskins hired him as an offensive coordinator two weeks ago, hiring him away from the Seattle Seahawks, then decided late last week to interview him for the head coaching job after New York Giants defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo withdrew from consideration.

"Not too surprising," Snyder said. "I wasn't speechless, because my first words were: 'Certainly, I'd like to do that.' It was a bit shocking. After that I got my game face on and tried to get after it.'"

## In Brief

### British athletes sign contract to not make political remarks

London — British Olympic athletes must sign a new clause in their contracts prohibiting politically sensitive remarks or gestures during the Beijing Games.

"The reality is, given the level of political scrutiny of the world's media on these games and the way China will handle them, the BOA felt it was sensible and proper to flag that rule to our athletes," British Olympic Association communications director Graham Mewson said Sunday.

The International Olympic Committee already has a rule that states "no kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in any Olympic sites, venues or other areas."

In January, Belgian athletes were told they would be prohibited from raising human rights or other political issues at Olympic venues.

Swede breaks 60-meter hurdles indoor record

KARLSRUHE, Germany — Susanna Kallur broke the 18-year-old world record in the women's 60-meter indoor hurdles Sunday, finishing in 7.68 seconds to lower the mark by 0.01 seconds at the Karlsruhe International.

The 26-year old Swede broke the record set Feb. 4, 1990, by Russia's Ludmila Narozhnilova — who later changed her name to Ludmila Engquist. Kallur, the European indoor champion just missed the mark with a 7.72 effort a week ago in Stuttgart.

"The record is unbelievable. I'm speechless," Kallur said. "I don't know how I will celebrate. I don't know how much money I will earn for the record either."

She established herself as the favorite for the indoor world championship, set for March 7-9 in Valencia, Spain.

Lowery wins first time in eight years

PEMBROKE BEACH — Steve Lowery made up more than seven years and 199 tournaments without winning, a drought that would have continued Sunday at Pebble Beach if not for a stunning collapse by Vijay Singh.

Three shots behind when he stood on the 15th tee, Lowery made up quickly ground when Singh made three straight bogeys, then won on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff with a 7-foot birdie. At 47, he became the oldest winner in the 71-year history of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Lowery closed with a 4-under 68 and won for the third time in his career, all of them in playoffs.

Singh recovered from his three bogeys with a wedge that stopped two feet away for birdie on the final hole for a 71 to force the playoff. Both players finished at 10-under 278.

### Around the Dial

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Suzanne Salkind
Villanova, St. John’s get much-needed wins in thrilling contests

**NCAA Men’s Basketball — Big East**

Louisville tops G’Town, shakes up standings

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St. John’s, 64, Providence 62

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St. John’s, 20-7, 8-3 Big East)

Jerry Smith added 20 points, Jerry Padgett led the Pirates a 70-69 edge with 37 seconds to go. But after a home ball was turned over by several players, Rhamondre Stevenson, and Diandra Anderson for a foregone conclusion.

This is the best win I’ve ever experienced as a player,” Padgett said. “It all starts with defense. We started the game, I think we might have been a little nervous. In the second half we played defense the way we’re all capable of.

The Cardinals held the Hoyas to just 35 percent shooting in the second half, keeping Georgetown without a field goal for a decisive eight-minute stretch in which Louisville took command.

Austin Freeman and Roy Hibbert led the Hoyas with 14 points apiece, but Georgetown fell apart during an uncharacteristic five-minute stretch.

Louisville barreled Georgetown with its press, forcing the normally deliberate Hoyas into 15 turnovers. When the Hoyas did manage to get into their offensive sets, they rushed shots and hardly played the inside game that has carried them all season.

Villanova jumped out to a 29-20 lead when Cory Fisher hit a 3-point shot with 9:55 left in the first half. Larry Davis then made a 3-point play, sparking a 14-2 run and the Pirates moved ahead 34-31.

Villanova responded with 12 unanswered points while the Pirates missed eight consecutive shots to take a 43-34 lead. Seton Hall scored the final seven points of the half to close within 43-41 at the break.

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It was the second time this season Efuejuk, a 70 percent free throw shooter, couldn’t bring the Pirates into a tie with free throws with less than a second to go. It made one of two from the line with two left in Providence’s 68-67 loss to South Carolina on Dec. 8.

Sean Evans had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Red Storm (10-12, 4-7 Big East), who won against leading scorer Anthony Mason Jr. (13.5 points). He injured his ankle in the win over South Florida and also missed the victory over Rutgers on Wednesday.

St. John’s took the lead for good at 59-57 on a layup by Justin Burrell with 2:09 left.

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**ND Women's Tennis**

**ND drops two in ITA Nat'l Indoors**

By LORENZO REYES

Sports Writer

After dropping its first-round match of the ITA Women's National Indoor Team Championships Thursday against No. 6 Georgia, No. 19 Notre Dame wanted to make the most of its remaining time at the tournament in Madison, Wis.

The Irish ended up splitting their weekend matches.

**Notre Dame 4, William and Mary 3**

In a tight contest with No. 13 William and Mary Friday, Notre Dame held a 5-1 advantage before the Tribe battled back to even the dual match at 3-3. It all came down to junior Kelsey Tefft, who needed three sets to dispose of Tribe sophomore Baginli Acharya 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 and give Notre Dame the victory.

William and Mary took the doubles point by winning two of the three matches and defeating the No. 3 doubles tandem in the nation, senior Brook Buck and Tefft. The Tribe also topped the No. 14 team of sophomores Cosmina Ciobanu and freshman Kristen Rafael.

After falling in the doubles portion of the match, the Irish quickly won the first three singles matches to build their lead. No. 89 sophomore Kalli Krisik convincingly ousted sophomore Carmen Pop in straight sets 6-0, 6-1 to even the match and improve her overall record to 14-3 and 5-1 in dual match play on the season.

Keeping the Irish momentum going, junior Colleen Rieley won a three-set victory 6-2, 2-6, 6-1. Rieley shook off her losses from the previous day against Georgia to improve her record to 9-5 overall and 3-2 in dual match action.

Buck, who also lost a three-set match against the Bulldogs, came away with a three-set victory of her own. After dropping the first set, Buck fought back and took down junior Katarina Zoricic 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.

The Tribe sensed the match slipping away and fought back to take two straight singles wins, thanks to senior Megan Moulton-Levy and sophomore Lauren Sabacinski. With the match now in a deadlock, Tefft made sure the Irish would not slip back-to-back matches in consecutive days.

**Baylor 5, Notre Dame 1**

After piling on the victory against William and Mary in dramatic fashion, Notre Dame concluded its tournament play against No. 11 Baylor Saturday. Trailing, No. 88 sophomore top-seeded Stanford in the first round, and continued to play consistent and solid tennis Saturday, defeating the Irish 5-1.

Notre Dame dropped the first match of doubles play, but then came out on top for the second as sophomore teammates Ciobanu and Rieley defeated freshman pair Taylor Ormond and Jelena Stanimirovic 9-8, 7-3. The Bears secured the point in the third doubles match to put the score at 1-0 in their favor.

The final match paired two of the top doubles teams in the nation as Tefft and Buck lost to No. 4 sophomore Lenka Broosova and senior Zuzana Zemenova.

The Irish dropped their first chance at a singles point after Zemenova defeated Buck in straight sets 6-0, 6-2.

With the score at 2-0, Notre Dame needed to produce some victories to stay in the match. Unfortunately for the Irish, they picked up just one point on the day, sealing the Baylor victory.

Tefft, playing in her third-straight three-set match of the tournament, overcame an 0-6, 4-6, 5-1 deficit. Despite the score, Tefft was proud of her performance.

"It was a tough match and I had to fight hard. I played my best and I'm happy with the result," Tefft said.

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Kessler sets mark, Belles fall

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Senior guard Alison Kessler set the school record for 3-pointers in a career, but Saint Mary's fell while Albion (17-4, 17-4 overall) stays in second.

After two free throws from forward Newsom seven minutes to go in the half, No. 9 Notre Dame eventually came out on top over No. 30 Wisconsin 4-3 Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish also came up with a 4-3 win over Southern Methodist on Sunday.

The Irish are now 6-1 — including a 3-0 record in close matches that finish with a 4-3 score.

Notre Dame started off the match by winning the doubles point for the first time since Jan. 31 against Northwestern.

"We haven't been able to win the doubles point lately," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We've been emphasizing that we should win it, and today we did."

The Irish clinched the point with an 8-6 win at No. 3 doubles by junior Santiago Montoya and freshman Tyler Davis.

"Montoya has become more stable on his returns and has always been good at net," Bayliss said. "He is playing with freshman Tyler Davis who competes like a lion."

Senior Sheeva Parbhu and junior Brett Helgeson pulled out the other doubles win over senior Nolan Polley and sophomore Michael Dieberger 6-2, 6-4 to knot the match at 1-1.

"Havens has great timing," Bayliss said. "He also has great shot making ability, but he needs to play with more discipline."

The Irish pulled into the lead again when freshman Daniel Sulib pulled out a 7-6, 6-3 win at No. 6 singles against Rassow-Kantor.

The score went to 3-0 when Helgeson made his comeback. Helgeson took two of the next five games to pull out the set.

The third set was back and forth until Helgeson tied the set at 3-3 and bounced back to win it 6-3.

Irish freshman David Anderson fell in a tight match to Badgers sophomore Michal Helgeson 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

In singles action, the Irish had control of the matches.

Irish freshman Andrew Roth and freshman Stephen Havens lost 8-6 to senior Jeremy Sonkin and sophomore Luke Rassow-Kantor.

Sonkin and Rassow-Kantor are ranked No. 26 in the nation.

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The Irish dropped the No. 2 doubles match when senior Andrew Roth and freshman Stephen Havens lost 6-4 to junior Santiago Montoya and freshman Tyler Davis.

Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole has a long and distinguished career as an educator and champion of civil rights. Her work as a college professor and president, her published works, her speeches, and her community service consistently address issues of racial, gender, and all other forms of discrimination.

Much of her work is in the interest of harmony and social justice in two centered in her role as the Chair of the Board of the Johnnetta B. Cole Global Diversity and Inclusion Institute, founded at Bennett College for Women.

Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole is the Chair of the National Visionary Project. She serves on the board of the Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe, TransAfrica Forum and the United Way of America.

In addition to her 52 honorary degrees, Dr. Cole has received numerous awards, including the TransAfrica Forum Global Public Service Award, the Radcliffe Medal, the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal, the 2001 Alexis de Toecqueville Award for Community Service from United Way of America, the Joseph Prize for Human Rights presented by the Anti-Defamation League, The Uncommon Height Award from the National Council of Negro Women.

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Happy Birthday, Kenny Towler!
MEN'S TRACK
Benninger qualifies for nationals in 3K event

Three athletes break four-minute mark in Meyo Mile race

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

Senior Kurt Benninger is fast.
Really fast.
He made that a well known fact at the Meyo Invitational this weekend in the Loftus Center by taking second in the Ryan Shay 3,000-meter race.
His time of 7:53.86 guarantees him a spot at the NCAA Indoor Championships.
He was the fastest collegiate athlete in the field, as the runner who took first place in the event was from an independent track team.
Junior Patrick Smyth also did well in the event, coming in fourth — the second fastest collegiate time — with a time of 7:55.41, also beating the NCAA provisional time.
The Meyo Mile, traditionally one of the most competitive events in Notre Dame's schedule, was loaded with talent from several different schools.
Three athletes broke the four-minute mark, and overall the race lived up to the hype.
Senior Jake Watson was the fastest Irish sprinter, but after leading in the beginning of the race he fell toward the end, finishing in sixth.
Notre Dame had a strong showing in men's shot put as well.
Sophomore Brandon Drennon, freshman Denes Veres and senior Mike Schubert all placed in the top 10, finishing in sixth, seventh and 10th, respectively.
The Irish will compete again Saturday at the Windsor Team Challenge in Windsor, Ontario.
This will be their last event before the Big East championships in New York.
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Montoya, Irish roll to sweep in ND Duals
Junior epeeist goes undefeated for weekend

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

The Irish throw on the cruise control and coasted into an easy sweep in the Notre Dame Duals this weekend.

Junior epeeist Kim Montoya led the Irish effort with an undefeated performance. Montoya finished 27-0 and earned her 150th career win after her opponent withdrew before her final bout. Montoya, though, wasn’t happy with her 150th victory.

"I’m just happy that I went undefeated," she said.

Montoya’s wins came in the Joyce Center against fencers from Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State and Florida, among others. The junior finished 26-0, including a win over 2007 NCAA finalist Justyna Kowalska, of Wayne State.

That was the biggest achievement of Montoya — that she beat someone of a bigger name and show that name doesn’t matter," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "And it builds confidence for the others.

Montoya, sophomore walk-on Vanessa Rosa and senior walk-on Nikki Lubold were Notre Dame’s only women epeeists for the event because sophomore Kelley Hurley and freshman Ewa Nelin competed in Europe. That meant the Irish had no substitutes for its nine dual matches. For Lubold, who was focusing on her studies and the limited-in-experience Rosa, endurance was the big issue.

They held up just fine, besides Montoya’s perfect afternoon. Lubold went 14-13 in bouts against varsity teams, and Rosa went 13-14.

"It was a pleasure to see them bouting," Bednarski said.

The Irish women and men each beat all nine of their opponents, with the women’s foil squad leading the charge.

Senior Rachel Cota, junior Adi Nott, junior Emilie Prot and freshman Hayley Beene combined for a 78-33 beat record.

On the men’s side, senior foilist Jakub Jedrzkowiak went 8-0 and in the process earned career victory No. 150. Meanwhile, freshman epeeist Chris Paris went 15-1 and ope classmate Andy Seroff finished 15-2.

"We expected to do this, but the expectations aren’t the results," Bednarski said.

The event was Notre Dame’s final true regular season event. Members of the squad will travel to Charlotte, N.C., next weekend for the Junior Olympics. After that, the Irish lost the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships from Feb. 23-24.

Bednarski likes the trajectory of the Irish this season.

"I think it was a good meet for them preparing for the Midwest Championships and the end of the season," Bednarski said.

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Pitt

Irish freshman guard Devereaux Peters goes down with an apparent knee injury during the second half of Sunday’s win over Pitt.

Note: -McGraw will donate $420 to breast cancer research because of her team’s 42 rebound against the Panthers as part of Notre Dame’s “Think Pink” campaign. The evenly split between the Kay Yow Cancer’s Coaches Association Cancer Foundation and the Susan G. Komen For the Cure Foundation.

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Defensive and Darrell Hand and offensive tackle Bartley Webb were declared medically unable to play this season. Both will keep their scholar­ships, but they will not count against the football team’s total number.

As part of the medical scholar­ship, both players will have to find a campus job. Weis said Webb — who one day wishes to be a football coach — will work closely with the team.

-The American Football Coaches’ Association, led by new president and former Irish coach Tyrone Willingham, decided during its convention last month that head coaches will no longer be able to travel on recruiting visits during the spring. Weis said Notre Dame will have a second junior day on campus in late March as a result. The Irish had already planned for a junior day on Feb. 24.

Weis said he plans to spend the added time with Notre Dame’s current players and his family. He also plans to visit this spring with the winning Notre Dame Alumni Clubs across the country.

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their free throws during that span as they held on for the victory and their 34th straight at home.

"This is a team win for us," Irish guard Tory Jackson said. "There were no individual stats that really stood out. It was a lot of things we did as a team; free throws were big for us today.

Notre Dame led 80-70 with 3:22 remaining in the game but Marquette put together a 9-0 run to cut the deficit to 89-80 with 32 seconds left.

After Irish forward Luke Harangody made two free throws to give the Irish a 91-80 lead, Marquette guard Dominic James nailed a pull-up 15-footer from the left side, then stole the ball from guard Kyle McAlarney and cruised in for a layup.

The Irish committed turnovers on six of their next 11 possessions and Marquette capitalized on them.

Notre Dame freshman forward Tim Mealy had shown signs of being a scoring threat in recent games that McNeal found teammate David Cubillan a 3-pointer.

"And the Irish really have no individual stats that stood out. It was a lot of things we did as a team," Jackson said.

Tory Jackson
Irish point guard

McAlarney had 12 points and made the key 3-pointer to cut the Irish lead into the locker room.

The Irish were held to 38% shooting for the game with 18 turnovers.

"Tory Jackson is a team win for us," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "There are a lot of good people doing good things for us. We just didn't have anyone who could stop him defensively.

Marquette's 3-pointers normally were going to come when a shot attempt was missed. But after Bulldog goaltenders out late in tight games, Marquette didn't have any time with 14 points, eight assists and three steals.

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Note:

- Irish senior forward Robert Kurz had a stomach virus and never got into the game.

- Against Marquette, Kurz finished with five points and five rebounds but said he had the stomach bug.

- The ball from behind the arc.

- Irish guard Tory Jackson, guard Jonathan Peoples began the free throw game and in.

- The Irish were 18 of 21 from the foul line. Jackson finished with 14 points, eight assists and three steals.

- The free throw doesn't seem crucial as the Irish were the first team to win 3-1 in the Big East since 2004.

- Peoples' free throws put Notre Dame up 76-67 — but Marquette was about to make a run.

- Less than a minute remaining, the Irish were still up 5-2 on Notre Dame.

Notre Dame had to inbound the ball with 13.2 seconds left, and the Golden Eagles had to foul. With free throw sharpshooters Kyle McAlarney and Luke Harangody tightly guarded, Peoples took the throw in.

"We have seven games left and we need to pull together," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I'll just say it's going to come, go to Seattle tomorrow afternoon and they're going to be ready to go.

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Blair Foley alone in the slot. Riedel in the slot. Ferris out of the puck over Irish goalie Jordan Pearsen's shoulder into the back of the net.

The teams went into the first intermission tied at 1-1. Ferris State had all the momentum, outscoring Notre Dame 10-3.

"It was a little bit silent and that's something we don't want," Deeb said of the period. "We need to energize our bench.

The teams traded goals again in the second period. Ferris State goalie Mike Fillingame scored just 1:17 into the period after a shot appeared to hit the post but missed the net and was ruled a goal.

"We needed a timeout, a breather for our defense," Deeb said. "But we turned that into a goal.

Deeb received a ten-minute misconduct at the end of the period for improper conduct toward a referee and was ejected from the game for the remainder of the game.

That's the most ridiculous call I've ever had against me," Deeb said. "I thought you guys had to take them as they came.

Note

Ferris State 2, Notre Dame 1

Notre Dame once again scored early on a power play goal on a shot from Jordan Pearsen's point. But Ferris State was too quick off the puck.

Scott Hanson said. "I'm not a big fan of that system."

"We're seeing with Luke Harangody every time," Brey said. "It's great; it's awesome to see.

But ultimately, the Irish were a 37-34 lead and highlighted Ferris into the basket, but the ball touched the offense, giving the Irish the possession.

"That's not true of the Irish defense is that this was not the first time Harangody had been in the penalty situation."

Just a little over a week ago, on Jan. 31, the sophomore forward had stepped to the line with his team down two and just seconds remaining against Providence. Harangody hit both and he hit both against Marquette to provide the final margin.

Obviously, Notre Dame's field goal drought is disturbing. The Irish have not made a good team out of the gym for 34 minutes, out of the gym for 34 minutes, and then they suddenly stopped being aggressive and couldn't do hit shots. This kind of passivity has already cost them games against Baylor and Georgia Tech this year, and if they're not careful it will cause them to drop games again.

But with head-to-head free throw shooting like they had Saturday, the Irish have the ability to close games late in tight games.

They just have to make sure they finish off the games that shouldn't be close as well.

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Ferris State goalie Jordan Pearsen readies for a rebound for Ferris State. Notre Dame tied the Bulldogs 2-2 on Saturday night.

"All I had to do was shoot in the open net."

With two goals, the power play appeared to be one bright spot during Notre Dame's disappointing weekend. Jackson said he had recovered from a 0-for-38 slump that lasted from early December to late January.

"Obviously if you get one power play goal a night it's going to help - that's just glad that we're getting some success on the power play."

The Irish looked to add to their power scoring when they had a 5-on-3 advantage on a power play in the first period. But after Bulldog defensemen Zach Redmond intercepted a pass from the Irish, the Bulldogs cleared the puck out of their end zone.

"That's how we want to play when we have a power play," Deeb said. "You need to make sure you can convert on anything during the final period."

The Irish struggled in both games to keep Ferris State's trapping defense.

"It's really difficult to get points when you're playing with one man down.

"I'm not a big fan of that system," Deeb said. "I'm not a big fan of that system."

Notre Dame has a long week ahead involving four games against four of the top teams in the Big Ten and the ACC.

The Irish must get back on track if they hope to secure a first round bye in the NCAA playoffs. Nebraska-Omaha is only four points behind them, though Notre Dame has two games at hand.

"We need to win four of our next five games to have a chance to make the Big Ten tournament. We need to pull together."

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**FOOTBALL**

Weis to give up playcalling duties to coordinator Haywood

Tenuta will coach linebackers, Brown moves to secondary; Polian becomes full-time special teams coach

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

For the first time since he came to Notre Dame in 2005, Charlie Weis will not be calling the offensive plays.

Weis announced Friday that he will relinquish offensive play-calling duties to offensive coordinator Mike Haywood in 2008 — a decision the head coach said was very difficult to make. "I'm going to try to cut the proverbial — the figurative — umbilical cord and try to move myself a little bit away from being the sole primary guy on the offensive staff," he said. "That means Mike will write the scripts and set it up on offense, and that means that all the offensive coaches now won't have to worry about the ever

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish hold off late run to beat Eagles, avenge January loss

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

What a difference a month makes.

No. 21 Notre Dame got double-digit scoring contributions from five players as it defeated No. 16 Marquette 86-83 at the Joyce Center on Saturday, providing the Irish with sweet revenge for a 92-66 loss in Milwaukee on Jan. 12. "I think it's a step forward for us," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I just think in the last few weeks we've become more confident, individually and as a group."

The Irish didn't score from the field for the last 6:21 of the contest but made all 10 of their free throws during that crucial time. See EAGLENS/page 22

**HOCKEY**

Woes continue in loss, tie against Ferris State

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame may not have broken out of its Christmas slumber just quite yet. After 6-1 and 4-1 wins over Bowling Green two weeks ago, all appeared to be well with the Irish. But after a 5-3 loss and 2-2 tie to Ferris State this weekend, coach Jeff Jackson's squad finds itself in a perilous position for the CCHA playoffs.

"I don't think any of the worst games we played all season long," Jackson said after Friday night's loss. "They were the better coached team. They were the better prepared team."

Ferris State 5, Notre Dame 3

The Irish got on the board early in the first game, when Kevin Deeth netted a power play goal 11:56 into the first period. Erik Condra passed the puck from the point to Ryan Thang in front of the net. Thang slid the puck across the crease to Deeth, who calmly slid the puck past Ferris State goalie Mitch O'Keefe, who made 28 saves on the night. The Bulldogs responded quickly when Notre Dame defenseman Kyle Lawson returned the puck over to Bulldog forward Cody Chupp in the Irish zone 4:16 later. Chupp took the puck behind the net and found teammate sophomore guard Tory Jackson goes up for a layup in Notre Dame's win over Marquette Saturday in the JACC. Jackson and his sophomore classmates have never lost a game at home, winning 34 in a row.

Sophomore guard Tory Jackson goes up for a layup in Notre Dame's 86-83 win over Marquette Saturday in the JACC. Jackson and his sophomore classmates have never lost a game at home, winning 34 in a row.

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish take down No. 15 Pitt

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

 Barely five minutes into the second half, Notre Dame guard T'yasha Gaines grabbed a defensive rebound and sent forward Devereaux Peters down the lane. Peters converted the pass into a layup — and a foul — to give the No. 16 Irish their first double-digit lead over No. 15 Pittsburgh at 45-33.

Notre Dame (18-5, 6-3 Big East) cruised the rest of the way and came away with an 81-66 decision Sunday at the Joyce Center.

Gaines' defensive rebound was just one play of many from an Irish defense that couldn't look more different from the one that stepped on the court.

Irish guard Melissa Lechlitner calls a play during Notre Dame's 81-66 victory over No. 15 Pittsburgh Sunday night.