Reish, Braun tickets advance to run-off election

Top two pairs prepare for final contest Thursday

By JOSEPH McMahan
Assistant News Editor

Candidates Bob Reish and Grant Schmidt came 61 votes short of capturing the student body presidency and vice presidency during the primary elections Monday. Reish and Schmidt received 1,870 votes, 48.43 percent of the total 3,861 votes cast. Since they did not receive 50 percent of the total votes, they will compete in a run-off against Maris Braun and running mate George Chamberlain, who came in second. Braun, the current student body vice president, and Chamberlain, the senator from Netti Hall, received 866 votes, or 22.43 percent of the total.

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Student Body Primary Election

New policy ignores abstentions in final vote count; Judicial Council pleased with voter turnout, condemns 'abstain' posters

By JOSEPH McMahan
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Judicial Council officials said they were pleased with voter turnout in the student body elections Monday — but they took issue with posters displayed around campus encouraging voters to abstain from the election. This is the first election in which abstentions were eliminated from the vote count so that candidates need receive only 50 percent of votes cast for a specific candidate to win the election. Judicial Council president Ashley Weiss said the change in tallying abstentions ensures the abstaining votes could not block a ticket from receiving the necessary 50 percent, as happened in the 2007 student body elections. That election was decided by a Senate vote, resulting in the election of student body president Liz Brown and student body vice president Maris Braun.

"We introduced this as a safety net to make sure it doesn't happen again," Weiss said. "Weiss and vice president of elections Danny Smith expressed disappointment with posters placed in dorms and South Dining Hall encouraging students to vote "abstain." One such poster read: "Voting doesn't count if you vote abstain. God save the Irish." Though the Judicial Council does not have jurisdiction over the matter unless the person responsible is a member of student government, both Weiss and Smith condemned the posters.

"I think it's a little disheartening and almost disappointing that individuals that have really invested themselves in the student body and are striving to achieve more have individuals that are proclaiming against that," Weiss said. "In the fashion that they've been putting up the posters, it's disrespectful to the candidates and to student government as a large." Since none of the posters were approved by the Student Activities Office, Smith said posting around campus is a punishable offense.

Top editors selected for 2008-2009 term

Observer Staff Report

Jay Fitzpatrick, Katie Kohler and Deidre Krasula have been hired to help oversee The Observer editorial operations in 2008-09, incoming editor-in-chief Chris Hine announced Monday. Fitzpatrick will be the managing editor, Kohler the No. 2 position at The Observer, while Kohler and Krasula will serve as assistant managing editors. Fitzpatrick, a junior majoring in history and Arabic with a minor in journalism, ethics, and democracy, will assist Hine in managing all depart­ments at The Observer. He said he will focus on improving the quality of writing and efficiency of daily production at The Observer.

"When I first joined The Observer, I never thought that I would have this chance to carry on the legacy of the paper," Fitzpatrick said. Fitzpatrick, a resident of Dillon Hall from Catonsville, Md., began writing Interhall football in the fall of his freshman year and has covered various sports beats including football and women's basketball. For the past year he served as an associate sports editor.

Students assist tax filing

Accounting majors earn credit to provide free help in community

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

As the April 15 deadline for filing income taxes looms, students in the Tax Assistance Program are helping members of the local community prepare tax returns as part of a two-credit course. The program provides free tax-preparing services of federal and state income taxes for any individual or family with a combined income of less than $38,000.

The Tax Assistance program "gets students involved in the real world, applying what they are learning in the classroom to real help for real people," course professor Ken Milani said.

Beginning Feb. 9 and continuing through the tax season, 90 students will spend three hours a week at one of five designated centers in South Bend-Mishawaka area. These centers include the Mishawaka Public Library and South Bend Public Library as well as on-campus locations such as LaFortune Student Center and the Center for Social Concerns. The program extends beyond the area at another site in Plymouth, Ind.

Assistance is also available for students and staff who have tax returns that meet the income requirement. Accountancy majors who have taken a federal tax class are eligible to participate in the Tax Assistance Program, and some students like senior Kevin Manning and Masters of Accountancy student Tricia DeGroot will be participating in the program for a second semester.

"It just makes you feel good because you know that these people can't afford to have their tax returns done by anyone else," Manning said. The Tax Assistance Program was started in 1972 by a law student and an MBA student, Milani. "We began instructing the course ever since.

"The program started with one center and half a dozen students," Milani said. "Now, there are 10 locations and 90 students ... it has changed

edefated candidates reflect on campaign, look ahead

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Four of the six tickets vying for Notre Dame student body president and vice president left the campaign trail after being defeated in the primary Monday. The top two tickets — Bob Reish and Grant Schmidt and Maris Braun and George Chamberlain — will compete in a run-off Thursday.

By JOSEPH McMahan
Assistant News Editor

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Presidential candidate Bob Reish, left, and running mate Grant Schnidt, pictured at the debate Wednesday, finished first in the primary.
INSIDE COLUMN

Just love

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This Valentine’s Day, remember to share the love. If you’re in a relationship, don’t limit your love to your significant other. If you’re single, don’t bitterly wish you had a girlfriend.

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Denim sales raise funds for hospital

By KATIE KOHLER  
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's Dance Marathon pilot charity project "Charity Denim," which took place today, attracted nearly 400 students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's and raised more than $1,200 for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, fundraising chair Maura Clougherty said.

Charity Denim sold discounted designer jeans from 40 to 70 percent off their original price. The California-based company is a non-profit corporation that partners with philanthropic organizations, colleges and other charitable organizations.

Dance Marathon charged $1 admission to see the jeans and raised $350 from admission alone. Sales from jeans and T-shirts raised $977, Clougherty said.

"The entire total from today is going directly toward the total amount we are donating to Riley from Dance Marathon," she said.

Clougherty, a junior at Saint Mary's, said she didn't know what to expect from the fundraiser. "My friend and I pass ideas back and forth and when she told me about this, I thought Saint Mary's would be a great place to do it," she said.

Charity Denim offered jeans from a number of brands including 7 For All Mankind, Joe's Jeans, Miss Sixty and Banana Rep. The Dance Marathon will be held on April 4.

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Halls compete in RecycleMania

By KARA COYLE  
News Writer

With more than 400 college students participating in the 2008 RecycleMania challenge, the 10-week competition has propelled the students of Notre Dame to actively -- and even stealthily -- collect as many recyclables as possible.

RecycleMania, established in 2001, is a national competition to increase recycling efforts and raise waste reduction awareness on college campuses.

Junior Lourdes Long, a member of the co-sponsoring Energy and Environmental Issues Committee, said the event is designed to increase consciousness of recycling and environmental issues.

"Awareness is our No. 1 goal," she said. The competition is also sponsored by the Student Senate's University Affairs Committee.

Long said it is the hope of these two committees that over the course of the competition, recycling "will become habit" for students at Notre Dame.

While this is Notre Dame's first year participating in RecycleMania, the University has already increased the competitiveness of the challenge by encouraging competition between residence halls. "Our goals are to have some fun," said Long.

As RecycleMania continues in its third week, the results from the first week have been revealed. In the Per Capita Classic, which measures the amount of recyclables per student in a dorm, Notre Dame amassed 1.7 pounds of recyclable goods per person in dorm rooms, ranking the University No. 21 among participants, according to the RecycleMania Web site.

On the Notre Dame campus, Farley, McGlinn and Cavanaugh amassed the most recyclables during week one, while McGlinn, Cavanaugh and Howard were the three leaders among participating halls.

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Both positions are salaried, about six to 10 hours a week.

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quite a bit, but we still have every effort committed and concerned students helping taxpayers.”

During the first four weeks of the semester, the class meets twice a week for instruction with Milani. The students learn about scenarios they could meet when they prepare tax returns at local libraries.

“We go through different situations we might face with people in the area and do some practice returns,” Manning said.

According to Milani, the program’s students began work last Saturday in teams of two at various locations.

“It’s great to be able to offer services to the South Bend community, especially the fact that it’s done through a class that is organized ... you’re well-trained and that makes you feel more prepared,” DeGroot said.

There is also a group of seven students who will make house calls to individuals who are unable to get to the centers. The program staffs a phone center Monday through Friday to answer questions about the service.

“There aren’t a whole lot of phone calls, but we think it’s a really nice service for people to be able to speak with a live person,” DeGroot said.

DeGroot said one of the great features of the program is that students have some flexibility when they work at the centers during the week.

“We have center operations every day of the week except Sunday and Monday, and some in evenings and afternoons,” DeGroot said.

Students end up working at the sites about six times during the semester.

The program advertises through Notre Dame and in local newspapers and radio and television stations.

“A lot of the people that came to the sites came because they have been before,” DeGroot said.

Manning has found that the learning experience extends beyond just preparing tax returns.

“It’s a really rewarding experience to give something back to community,” Manning said. “You get to meet a lot of interesting people who have lived in South Bend their whole lives and talk to you while you’re preparing their tax return.”

A certified CPA is usually present at the major sites to handle more complicated tax returns and to assist the students.

Manning said there are usually very few errors on the student-prepared tax returns, but when an error does occur, the IRS contacts Milani. He then corrects any mistake that may have been made.

Manning said participating in the Tax Assistance Program has influenced his career plans.

“I think the program helped me decide that I wanted to go into the tax field,” he said. “I didn’t know for sure, but I really enjoyed doing this, so it strengthened my idea that I wanted to do something in taxes.”

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Run-off

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Schmidt said he and Reish were “pleased” with the results. The pair is looking forward to Thursday’s election.

“We’re excited for Thursday,” Reish said. “I think our supporters came out and we’ll see what happens Thursday.”

Braun and Chamberlain said they were surprised by the results.

“I think it’s really hard to tell how things are going to pan out, especially in this election with six tickets,” Braun said. “I was surprised, but I really didn’t know what was going to happen.”

Though the Braun-Chamberlain ticket received 1,044 fewer votes than the Reish-Schmidt ticket, Chamberlain said he and Braun are not ready to concede and are looking forward to the run-off.

“We’re going to keep campaigning,” Chamberlain said. “I’m just excited about Thursday, really. We’ll just do our best and hope the campaign goes well.”

Both tickets said they would evaluate the results and target the dorms where they think they can improve.

Braun especially stressed the importance of a “grassroots” campaign.

“I think we’re going to take a look at the dorms where we feel we can make an impact and go from there,” she said. “We’ll focus on grassroots campaigning for the next few days and go from there.”

Reish and Schmidt also plan to visit dorms during the next few days.

“We’re going to reevaluate the dorms we contacted — see where our weak dorms are, see where some strong dorms are and go from there,” Reish said.

“I think the biggest thing is making sure people realize what we stand for,” Braun said.

While Braun and Chamberlain attempt to gain more support, Reish and Schmidt said their major concern is maintaining the backing they already have.

“Getting these 1,870 kids that voted for us to vote again is the biggest thing that we want to push,” Schmidt said.

Both sets of candidates said it is imperative that students vote on Thursday.

“It’s pretty painless to vote, so hopefully students will remember,” Braun said. “I think it’s important to speak your mind, whatever that may be.”

The run-off election will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

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Two CBS journalists missing in Basra

BAGHDAD — Two CBS News journalists were missing in the predominantly Shiite southern city of Basra, the network said Monday.

CBS said all efforts were under way to find the journalists, who were not identified by the network. It requested "that others do not speculate on the identities of those involved" until more information was available.

Iraqi police said the journalists were taken away Sunday after masked gunmen entered the Sullivan Building in central Basra before 5 a.m. and spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media.

"CBS News has been in touch with the families and asks that their privacy be respected," the network added in a brief statement from CBS Corp. headquarters in New York.

Leader stable after failed coup attempt

DILI, East Timor — The network said Monday that he accidentally struck her when he pulled the trigger to remove a bullet fragment he suffered in a failed coup attempt, the hospital's administrative said.

Dr. Len Notaro, the general manager of the Royal Darwin Hospital, told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. Tuesday morning that surgeons operated on President Jose Ramos-Horta for three hours to remove the fragments and repair his wounds.

"His condition remains extremely serious but by the same token, stable," Notaro said. The next few days will be the telling point.

National News

School fight leads to shooting

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A feud between two high school students that began off campus culminated in a gym class Monday when one student shot the other twice, then handed the gun to a coach, saying, "I need you to hold this for me," police said.

The victim, a 19-year-old senior, was in critical condition at a hospital, authorities said. The suspected shooter, 17-year-old sophomore Cornelius Chees, was charged with attempted first-degree murder, "recklessly endangering another child" and being a minor in possession of a gun on school property, said police spokesman Christopher Cutts.

The teenagers got into a confrontation off campus over the weekend or last week, police said. Investigators were trying to determine whether it was related to gang activity, Martin said.

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"I didn't mean to hurt her," Bobby Cutts testified during trial, clenching a handful of white tissues.

The 30-year-old said he was at Jesus Davis' home to pick up his 2-year-old son, Ilukke, and was telling her to hurry.

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LOCAL NEWS

Bayh: Indiana primary still a factor

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's presidential primary is still nearly three months away, but Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh expects it could still decide the race between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama.

Bayh, who endorsed Clinton last fall after he dropped his own presidential bid, said Monday he would not be disappointed in his campaign and continued to support her because of her political experience.

After primaries on Tuesday in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, the two major contests will be in Texas on March 4 and Pennsylvania on March 4. The last major test, the Obama race at that point would turn national attention to the Indiana and North Carolina primaries on May 6.

"Given the nature of our rules, it's going to be very difficult for either one of these candidates to get a very big lead, which makes it very likely that Indiana will be important," Bayh said.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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Weiss and Smith said they were impressed with voter turnout in the student body presidential primary election, but both expressed dismay at the presence of posters around campus urging voters to abstain from the vote.

Weiss and Smith said they hope more students vote in the run-off election this year.

The run-off will include the tickets of junior class presi-
dent Bob Hennings and sophomore class president Grant Schmidt and student body vice president Maris Braun and Berlin senior George Chamberlain.

Student turnout was higher than last year with 3,860 votes cast. "It's a hund red 0 more people than this time last year," Weiss said.

"Well have been voted 40 or two more people came out." Though the 3,861 total votes was lower than the turnout of the Notre Dame student body, Smith said the turnout results were positive. "It's better than last year, and it's a higher percentage than most other student gov-
ernment programs at other schools." Smith said.

"I had to link to the voting on the Notre Dame ballot," increased participation, Smith said.

Weiss said no further information reported during the cam-
paign.

Danny Smith
vice president for elections

"You've got to go big or go home. And we're going home."

"The election was up to the people, and that's the way it should be. Although the result do say something about the student body," Ehrlich said.

Juniors Peter Kelly and Jon Poelhuis received 242 votes to capture 6.27 percent of the total.
In Brief

Homebuilders stocks rise amid unease

NEW YORK — Wall Street finished higher in an uneven session today as retail and homebuilders stocks rose on expectations for more interest rate cuts, but banks and insurers fell on worries about further mortgage debt troubles.

The Federal Reserve has been in rate-cutting mode this year and it is expected to lower the federal funds rate once more either this month or at its next regularly scheduled meeting March 18. And the cheaper cost of money is beginning to register in the stock market.

"It is the sectors that retail and housing have done better since the Fed acted, and they are leading the market again today," said Scott Goldman, an analyst on Wall Street Street at Weeden & Co. "These stocks are called early believers and they tend to lead a recovery."

But investors continue to grapple with bad news in the credit markets. The stock market fell in early trading and remained volatile even after recovering, with Wall Street clearly concerned by news that American International Group Inc. might have more mortgage debt to write-off.

Yahoo shares lose investors guessing

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo Inc.'s rejection of Microsoft Corp.'s unsolicited takeover bid left investors guessing the next move in a tense mating dance that may be more important to the Internet giant than to Google Inc. or disintegrate into a bruising brawl.

The move, formally announced early Monday, wasn't a surprise because Yahoo had leaked its intention over the weekend. As expected, Yahoo's board unanimously rejected Microsoft after concluding the offer — originally worth $44.6 billion or $31 per share — "substantially undercuts" one of the Internet's prized franchises. The cash-and-stock deal was valued at about $40 billion, or $28.91 per share, because of a drop in Microsoft's market value.

But Yahoo didn't raise antitrust concerns about the proposed deal and included language that sent it to office to offer wireless access to any of AT&T's Internet service in most of the international coffee shops, beginning this spring.
I have applied to write for The Observer every year since I graduated. This year, I was finally fortunate to find a staff with enough pity to accept me. One of the sample pieces I used for that was about the similarities between fascism and the modern Left. As a short essay, it must, stay on the surface in analyzing those similarities, which is about as much as I knew anyhow. Those surface likenesses are pretty impressive, though. In fact, what first lit that particular bulb for me was a speech by Hitler advocating strict gun-control. It was pure liberal hot­plate. It got me thinking, and without much effort, I’d identified plenty more parallels.

But anything I’ve written only on look ridiculous compared to Jonah Goldberg’s new book, “Liberal Fascism.” Jonah writes for the conservative standard-bearer, National Review, and is a syndicated columnist. He’s been known mainly for his sharp put-downs, his heart-wit and profound knowledge of pop-culture trivia. So it comes as some surprise to many that he uncorked a master­piece, and not about “Star Trek” or “The Simpsons,” but about politics and history.

According to Jonah, what motivated him was the enormous effort was just what provoked my little sample tirade: he was sick of hearing “fas­cist” used reflexively by many liber­als for persons or policies that do not actually fit the definition. If you have never come across this slander, you probably haven’t been paying attention. It can be found everywhere, from moron street demonstrators with their “Bush is Hitler” bumper stickers to news professionals like Keith Olbermann and Bill Maher, to college professors, I even remember seeing it in my high school government textbook. There, on an illustration of the political spectrum, was “fascist” — two steps over from “conservative.” Some of you, while praying publicly for the unbom, may have even been taught with “Go home, Christian fascists!” Is a richer irony even possible? But Jonah argues that this is not a case of the pot calling the kettle black. No, it’s more like the pot call­ing the snowflake back.

To dismiss the notion that conserv­ativism is somehow akin to fascism isn’t hard. Fascism, like its cousin communism, is a form of totalitarian­ism. Anyone at all familiar with conserv­ative thought can tell you that two bedrock conservative principles are limited government and decen­tralization. Go far enough to the right, and you will end up with a near-libertarian order in which most of what little power the government has is concentrated at the local level. This is totally the opposite of a cen­tralized, all-powerful state. And there are many other enormous differences which space forbids discussing. Then why the smear? Liberals think that since conservatives are mean, and Nazis were mean, conserv­atives must be Nazis. They do not look in the mirror and see the na­tive­ness and sheer vituperation regularly coming from Howard Dean, Hillary Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, The New York Times, Air America, left-wing blogs, Hollywood, racist, racial demagogues, etc. I could use the rest of my column this year documenting what George W. Bush has labeled the “Terrorism gap” between the Right and Left, and yes, encountered it at Notre Dame, too. Besides, people will think you are a totalitarian if you try to restrict what they most cherish, even if otherwise you’re completely anarchist. When she was little, I was far more indul­gent with my niece than her parents were — except when it came to candy. My niece really loved candy, so much that she’d sometimes sit and meditate about it, and I tried to keep her away from it. Naturally, she considered me much meaner and strictest than her parents, no matter how much I allowed or encouraged her to do things her parents would not.

My niece with liberals and candy with abortion, and me with conservatives, and you understand why liberals see conserv­atives as totalitarianists. I do not wish to imply that liberals actually like abortion the way my niece liked candy; I would have to say, sadly, that based on my observation of American politics over the past decade, abortion on demand is what’s most important to most of the far Left.

We have all seen those funny sur­veys showing how dangerously igno­rant Americans are, even (especially?) college students — you know, 93 percent can’t find Canada on a map, or something like that. But ignorance about facts and figures, like how many branches of government we have, is one thing. You can always just look that stuff up. Gross misunder­standing of important phenomena like totalitarianism is something else. For instance, isn’t it a common idea that the enemy of communism was capitalism? As if the main right would denied those tens of millions of poor souls crushed under the hammer and sickle — whether by Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot, East, Kim, or other monsters — was the right to own a business. Is it my hope that liberal fascism will begin the long process of educat­ing Americans about the true nature of one of history’s most awful move­ments, and the deep connections between it and more modern ideolo­gies. I do not think the “Angry Left” continues invoking their conserva­tive oppressors, and that this shows their own viciousness and their own ignorance. But I do hope conservatives will get better at answering it. Reading Jonah’s book would be a start.

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In the Democratic presidential race, after analyzing voter trends from the Iowa and New Hampshire primaries, Tuesday and last weekend's contests, one thing is perfectly clear: The competition is between the sterling voters to the process. Both draw equally impressive support across the nation as evidenced by the mere difference of only 50,000 votes from among nearly 15 million cast a week ago.

Yet each week brings new uncertainty. The demographics are so unique from state to state that the Clinton and Obama campaigns have learned how to peel off enough voters in select categories to win, but have yet to change their steady state-by-state trends. So long as Latino support Clinton by 65 percent and African-Americans support Obama by 80 percent, both candidates will need to whittle at the edges of other support groups like women, Hispanics, the well-educated or income categories in the various state primaries.

Overall, the campaigns can best be shaded to indicate their pockets of support — Obama has his African-American constituency with younger voters, the wealthy, highly educated liberals (the upscale elite Starbucks or McDonald's customer), and the Catholics who push pro-life and pro-life initiatives. Clinton, on the other hand, draws from a different spectrum with her Hispanic constituency and older, less educated, union members and working class voters. Neither campaign's candidate can define the other of the average of support in any of these constituencies, the prime target of this election. It is also important to note that a primary election and a caucus are completely different creatures. Caucuses are community political theater held within full view of the public during a quite limited time frame. They restrict attendance to those who can vote. Obama ran his campaign in a way that the electorate is significantly comprised with one of his core constituencies, such as African-Americans in Georgia and South Carolina. Possibly, the most telling primary results to study thus far are in those whose ethnic minorities more readily the national average — where one minority group equals the other — such as the Black African American, Northeast primary splits in Massachusetts and Connecticut, or further with the trio of Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.

How did Clinton win by 15 percent points in the open Massachusetts primary where the governor and both U.S. senators opposed her? Obama won his of his core constituencies with only 6 percent of African-Americans in the voter pool. Clinton won the women's vote by more than a two-to-one margin while nearly splitting the men's vote, losing by only one point. She also carried Obama's signature state of Ohio by 40 percent of women by vote by 20 percent and upper-income voters by 10 points.

Not done with the March 26-28 production of "Vagina Monologues" document the significance of this discussion have had the fortune of seeing "The Vagina Monologues" do not condone the perception of women in the presentation of real women's experiences, a facet of sexuality that every woman's experience with every woman's experience with sexual violence, just those who practice Catholicism. I hope all those who participate in this discussion have had the fortune of seeing "The Vagina Monologues," and that those who have not will attend a production on Notre Dame campus, if it is approved to take place, at the end of March.

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POINT: SUPERMAN MORE THAN A MERE MORTAL

Before Rummel and Montgomery, or Lennon and McCartney. Before Tom and Jerry, or Hillary and Obama. Before Britney and Christina. Oh wait, that last one already has a clear lower.

Before any high-profile rivalry that may come to mind, there was Superman and Batman. It's Superman and Batman, not Batman and Superman.

My esteemed colleague Jay Fitzpatrick will have you believe Bruce Wayne's alter ego is better than the one and only Man of Steel. Jay is young and he means well, but his 1-to-10 explosions-and-cool-cars reasoning is exactly what drove the Batman fans at Warner to give us "Batman and Robin" in 1997.

How can one forget those opening lines?

"I want a car. Chicks dig the car," Robin says.

"This is why Superman works alone," Batman replies.

Ba dum chh. Not even George Clooney himself could keep the movie from putting the final nail in the coffin of the entire Batman franchise.

And while "Batman Begins"undeniably returned some much-needed credibility to the so-called Dark Knight, one cannot forget so easily that so many times Batman has proved to be a joke in the past.

"Batman Begins" is a well-made film that features a shirtless Christian Bale in a training montage and very likeable sidekicks in Michael Caine and Morgan Freeman. But the glorious return of Batman didn't come without flaws. The movie also put Katie Holmes in a role as annoyingly self-righteous as only her role in "Dawson's Creek" could have been.

So don't be fooled by "Batman Begins." Batman still works.

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Superman vs. Batman

SUPERMAN

As annoyingly self-righteous as only her role in "Dawson's Creek" could have been.

Let us never forget that he and Robin have got gay men 90 years back on their quest to gain social acceptance and shed the awful stereotype that portrays them as immoral. If the Dynamic Duo just came out already they could help educate the more conservative Americans on the contributions of gay men to society.

But Batman — unlike Ellen — is a chicken so he won't do that. What he will do, though, is use his money to buy expensive cars and gadgets and trick Gotham City into thinking he's a superhero. Anybody with these resources could put up a decent fight too.

And that's exactly when Jay tells me that Bruce's willingness to use his millions to fight crime is what actually makes him a hero. He seems to forget that Superman also has powers and abilities that he altruistically chooses to use to protect Metropolis.

He could easily be an NFL quarterback, or single-handedly bankrupt FedEx by charging customers less and guaranteeing a 30-minute delivery to anywhere in the world.

But he doesn't do that. Instead, he hides behind a pair of glasses and becomes a journalist. A journalist. That my friends, is what awesome people — or in his case, aliens — do. He writes compelling, conscious articles with well-phrased leads and compelling, glassy eyes and whenever possible, puns. I bet that if he had studied at Notre Dame, Clark Kent would've worked at The Observer.

And a man like that is a far better catch than any millionaire playboy.

COUNTERPOINT: BATMAN'S HUMANITY IS KEY

Batman is an everyman. My esteemed colleague Marcela Berrios would have you believe that his immense wealth (estimated at $6.5 billion by Forbes magazine in 2005) would make him above the common man. But Batman uses his wealth only for good.

His business, Wayne Enterprises, fights to improve the lives of even the lowest Gothamites in conjunction with the charitable Wayne Foundation.

Superman's alter ego Clark Kent takes on the role of journalist — a noble profession, to be sure, but one that does not come close to matching the level of humanity and decency that Batman shows both in and out of the mask.

Also, Batman should not be discounted for his use of gadgetry in fighting crime. Because Batman was born with the unfortunate circumstance of being human, Batman needs something to give him an edge against the forces of evil. With his wide array of Bat-rangs, Bat-computers and, of course, the Batmobile, he is able to defeat all his adversaries.

But his humanity is what makes him a hero. Anybody with those super-villains in every movie rendition, Superman's nemeses fall short. In "Superman III," the Man of Steel is confronted with a disgruntled computer programmer played by comedians Richard Pryor. Not the most formidable of foes by any stretch.

And what about the other side?

Batman is flawed. He suffers from the same neuroses that make us all human. Well, all of us except Superman.

These human flaws are what make Batman so great. He fuses them with his ideals of justice to make his city a greater place to live.

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Adams takes advantage of YouTube craze

By JAMES COSTA
Scene Writer

"A Gentleman Caller" is a remarkably multi-layered and beautiful effort at a concept album. Tim Kasher and his band Cardinals construct a powerful look at the clashing influences of consumer artistry. Tim Kasher and his band Cardinals, as prominently prolific Cardinals front man, Ryan Adams.

Adams' account, titled "Horizon74," provides a fascinating insight into just how weirdly talented and excited the guy is. With more than 30 videos available, the Jacksonville, N.C., native offers everything from acoustic songs filmed in his New York City bedroom to tours of the Hollywood Hills with none other than Mandy Moore, who seems adorably confused by Adams' assertion that Los Angeles was originally founded by pirates and spaceships.

One of the most brilliant moments found within the account Horizon74 is Adams' acoustic version of the song "Everybody Knows" off of the Cardinals' most recent record "Easy Tiger." Clearly engaged in a subtle but playful mockery of the thousands of YouTube users who film themselves covering (usually quite badly) famous songs in the privacy of their bedrooms and basements, Adams works through a rather butchered version of the original song as if he were just an average guy with a guitar, a video camera and a YouTube account trying to emulate himself. It's restrained comic brilliance.

A lot of the movies are weird and eccentric, to say the least. Most have a decidedly low-budget feel. It's likely that all were made only with the help of invaluable tools available to Adams on his Apple iBook – Garage Band and iMovie. Yet he uses the tools he's got to achieve a kitschy but endearing effect, showing how his rock star life is filled with the same bizarre and peculiar thoughts and impulses that the everyday artsy weird experience.

Of course, Adams could not avoid the subjects of heartbreak and emotional misery that dominate most of his official CD releases. A number of the videos are focused on his recent breakup with the redheaded Bamana Republic model and writer Jessica Joffe.

Apparantly, the whole breakup didn't go well, and Joffe blocked Adams' cell phone and e-mail. In an effort to show her how sad he was, he started the YouTube account and loaded the video "Sad Days." Mainly just a slideshow of pictures of Jessica backed by sad music, the video was quickly taken down because "it was just too painful," as Adams wrote in the site's artist information area.

However, Adams quickly came up with a few new sad ideas and posted them. These videos, titled "Like Yesterday," "I'm a Sad Person," "Broken Arrow" hit at the same emotional core as did "Sad Days." This is especially true in "Like Yesterday," where he sings, "With a belly full of sleeping pills / with a little less pain / oh it doesn't feel like yesterday." The songs are reminiscent of the darkest moments Adams has shown us before on albums like "Heartbreaker," "Love is Here," and "29." So for those who enjoy getting their heart all ripped up by Ryan's sadness, these songs are for you.

Much of the material is quirky and odd. Yet it's refreshing to get a glimpse into the life of an artist that hasn't been already filtered by record companies and the media. So check it out. It's a great mix of some pretty stark sadness mixed with bizarre home video fun.

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Cursive's latest is anything but ugly

By JAMES COSTA
Scene Writer

"The Ugly Organ" is a remarkably multi-layered and beautiful effort at a concept album. Tim Kasher and his band Cursive construct a powerful look at the clashing influences of consumer culture, lust and art through the experiences and adventures of Kasher. Written and recorded after Kasher divorced his first wife, "The Ugly Organ" is a portrayal of life without the person that was once the center of his world. It's an interesting follow-up to the band's previous album "Domesica."

Also a concept record of sorts, that album dealt with the unfixable entropy of Kasher's failing marriage and the frenzied heartbreak that often accompanies such a painful experience.

"The Ugly Organ" uses two basic premises for the term of the ugly organ. First, it addresses the male difficulty in living without physical gratification and the shame in being controlled by the whims of an organ that symbolizes the power of love and affection, but fevered lust and possible sin.

The second meaning refers to the ugly organ that embodies the music machine. Since Kasher makes music for a living, he must recreate his misery on an album in order to make the money he needs to survive.

In order to tie the presence of the organ into the fabric of the record, recurring organ phrases often erupt mid-song into the arrangement as a means of distracting the singer. To open the album, Kasher offers a copulet, "And now we proudly present / songs perverso and songs of lament." It's a rather brilliant ploy to put the audience into the life of an artist that hasn't been already filtered by putting cello as Kasher sings, "Whatever you need to make you feel / like you've been the one behind the wheel / The sunrise is just over that hill / The worst is over / Whatever I said to make you think / That loves the religion of the weak / This morning we love like weaklings / The worst is over / I'm a little hallucinationist / I whisper, and then picking it back up into a deafening rush of exhausted exhilaration and pain.

One of the few tracks that deviate from this theme is "A Gentleman Caller." The song ends with a soft and classically emo last two minutes of voice over putting cello as Kasher sings, "Whatever you need to make you feel / like you've been the one behind the wheel / The sunrise is just over that hill / The worst is over / Whatever I said to make you think / That loves the religion of the weak / This morning we love like weaklings / The worst is over," it's a rare moment of acceptance of loss and renewal on an album that relies heavily on the disaster and dysfunction of love within life.

The record grows unexpectedly on the listener. It's a lot like reading Kerouac's "The Subterraneans," except that all you have to do is sit back and listen.

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NHL

Teammate's skate nearly severs forward's artery

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Florida Panthers forward Richard Zednik lost five units of blood, but doctors never considered his life in jeopardy after the player had his carotid artery nearly severed by a teammate's skate in a freak and frightening accident.

Zednik underwent an hour of surgery to reconnect the artery Sunday night and was listed in stable condition in the intensive care unit at Buffalo General Hospital on Monday. He was awake and cooperative with the medical staff, doctors said.

Attending surgeon Sonya Noor said there were no initial signs of brain damage, which is a fear whenever the carotid artery is clamped. She said clamps were in place for about 15 to 20 minutes during surgery, which she considers a short time.

"So far, he looks very good. He's awake, oriented," said Noor. "He remembers what happened last night."

Zednik was sliced across the right side of the throat by teammate Oli Johnson's skate midway through the third period of Buffalo's 5-3 victory. Doctors said the blade just missed cutting the jugular vein.

The carotid artery supplies blood to the brain, while the jugular vein takes blood from the brain. Blood pressure is much higher in the carotid artery.

According to Noor, the slashed artery was "hanging by a thread." She stressed if the artery had been completely severed it would have recessed into the neck, requiring even more extensive surgery.

Prior to surgery, doctors noted that Zednik's blood pressure was dropping, and there was also swelling around the cut making it difficult to breathe. Doctors put a tube in his neck to open an airway.

Robert McCormack, the hospital's clinical chief of emergency medicine, said: "We became concerned. He was clearly in shock from blood loss. His heart rate was high his blood pressure was a bit low."

Vascular surgeon Richard Curi, who assisted Noor, said the cut was about an inch-and-a-half deep and also as wide. Doctors were astonished the skate blade did not hit any other arteries or veins or cause any further damage.

"Luck," was a factor, according to Noor.

"He might have some hoarseness and that's about it at this point," said Noor, who said Zednik had a "normal, beautiful artery."

IN BRIEF

Dolphins release Green, Booker in first Parcells purge

MIAMI — Quarterback Trent Green was acquired by the Miami Dolphins last year as part of a plan to turn the franchise fortunes around.

But surprisingly, Bill Parcells' ideas will differ from the previous model.

In the Dolphins' first major player purge since Parcells took charge of Miami's football operations, the team parted ways with Green, wide receiver Marty Booker and seven other players Monday — ushering in the start of what's expected to be a massive defense-oriented shakeup by the rebuilding franchise.

"This is never easy, especially since all of these players worked hard during their tenure here," new Dolphins' general manager Jeff Ireland said.

There is a chance that Green — who was due a $500,000 roster bonus if he wasn't cut and who would have cost the Dolphins more than $5.6 million against their 2008 salary cap — could see his Miami tenure continue.

Simpson's arrival at Las Vegas jail to be televised

LAS VEGAS — O.J. Simpson told jailers he had been planning to host a poker game at his home in Miami before he was brought to Las Vegas to spend several nights behind bars, according to a television program transcript released Monday.

"I didn't expect to be back here so soon," Simpson laughed as he was greeted by a Las Vegas police jail officer, according to the transcript from producers of the MyNetworkTV show " Jail."

A crew was already filming at the Clark County Detention Center when the former football star was brought in by his former bail bondsman on Jan. 11, said Morgan Langley, an executive producer.

"It was not something we were expecting," Langley said of Simpson's appearance, which Langley said drew cheers from other people in an intake waiting room at the jail. "It was a little bit strange."

Association says it won't 'gag' Olympians

LONDON — The British Olympic Association has "no intention of gagging" its athletes at the Beijing Games.

A day after the BOA said it would require its athletes to sign a new clause in their contracts prohibiting them from making politically sensitive remarks or gestures during the Games, the association clarified its stance.

"Clearly the (instructions) had been misinterpreted and we now accept they may have been open to misinterpretation," BOA spokesman Graham Newsom said Monday. "But there is no intention of gagging anyone. We are trying to mirror what it says in the Olympic Charter."

Simon Clegg, the BOA's chief executive, acknowledged that the BOA's Team Members Agreement appeared to go beyond the provision of the Olympic Charter.
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Injured Shaq practices for first time with Suns

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Shaquille O'Neal practiced with the Phoenix Suns for the first time Monday, showing no sign of the hip injury that has sidelined him since Jan. 21.

"It was different. It was very intense," he said after the one-hour workout. "I learned a lot. Now I can see why they can go at the pace they play at. When you just do short bursts like this, then you can save it all for the game."

Just when he will play in a game remained undecided.

"I haven't done anything in a month, but I'm in pretty good shape," O'Neal said. "It will probably take me a few more days to get in tune. The good thing about these guys here is they told me when I'm comfortable, when I'm one-thousand percent, then you can join them."

Phoenix has two games before the All-Star break — at Golden State on Wednesday night and at home against Dallas on Thursday. The first game after the break is at home against Shaq's old team, the Los Angeles Lakers, his former coach Phil Jackson and his old teammate Kobe Bryant.

"I think it's going to take a little bit," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "It's going to be an adjustment for our guys and for him. It's hard to think and play basketball at the same time. Right now, he's got to think where he's going to go and all that. But it's going to be good chemistry and it's going to change things up, hopefully for the better."

D'Antoni said the Suns will "not rush him back for any reason." The coach said he will meet with O'Neal and trainer Aaron Nelson after Tuesday's practice to map out plans.

Phoenix is 2-1 since the trade last week that brought O'Neal from the Miami Heat for Shawn Marion and Marko Jaric. The Suns have the conference's best record at 36-15 but only 27 games separate the top nine teams in the West.

O'Neal injured his hip diving for a loose ball against Utah on Dec. 22. He returned Jan. 16 but was sidelined again five days later. An MRI showed inflammation in the left hip, shutting him down from all basketball activity.

In going ahead with the trade, the Suns were confident their staff would be able to get O'Neal in playing condition.

"The hip's feeling pretty good, better than it's felt in a while," O'Neal said. "I'm used to just getting injections and going back out there. They told me they have their style, and they want me to stick with it."

O'Neal said he needs to get back in basketball shape and has to be comfortable with playmaker Steve Nash in a system far different from the one used by Pat Riley in Miami.

"I'm not going to rush anything because this is already a fine-tuned machine, and any kink could throw it off," O'Neal said. "I don't want to be the negative kink. I want to step in like I've been with this team the last three years. I have to make sure that everything's right."

He's been impressed by much of what he's seen, particularly the ability of Amare Stoudemire, named Western Conference player of the week on Monday.

"I didn't know he was that good," O'Neal said. "I really didn't."

O'Neal's arrival will allow Stoudemire to move to his more natural power forward position.

"I think it makes my job a little easier," Stoudemire said. "If you look at me standing beside him I look more like a point guard than a center."

The entire Phoenix team seemed energized by O'Neal's presence.

"Most practices you don't want to be out there," Grant Hill said, "but today everybody wanted to be out there and look forward to making it work. That's going to be the challenge. That's going to be the fun part." O'Neal does not expect to be the star.

"I'm a historian of the game, so I understand that on this team I'm probably a big role player, and I have no problem with that," O'Neal said. "I did my thing in my prime, and it's Amare's prime right now. I think it's my job to get him to the next level. Toward the end of my career, I have no problem coming here and just fitting in and just helping these guys get to the next level."

He compares his job to the role of an aging Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the "Showtime" Lakers teams of Magic Johnson and James Worthy.

"Kareem was fortunate enough to have those style of players around him toward the end of his career, and I sort of feel like him now," O'Neal said. "I'm no idiot. I'm not going to come in here trying to take over and take 30 shots. I'm going to fit in very nicely — rebound, outlet to Steve, get some easy buckets, play some defense. That's all we need."

Former Heat center Shaquille O'Neal eyes the basket as Bulls forward Luol Deng defends during the 126-96 Bulls win on Jan. 16. O'Neal was traded to the Phoenix Suns on Feb. 6.

NBA ALL-STAR GAME

Wallace chosen to take Garnett's place

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett withdrew from the NBA All-Star Game on Sunday and was replaced on the Eastern Conference roster by Detroit Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace.

The announcement was made by the commissioner's office after Garnett missed his seventh consecutive game with an abdominal strain. Celtics coach Doc Rivers, who will coach the East in the Feb. 17 game in New Orleans, said Garnett will not play until the team returns from the break.

"He's out until after the All-Star break," Rivers said. "It was a tough decision for Garnett. Garnett was averaging 19.2 points and 9.9 rebounds per game before being sidelined two weeks ago after straining a stomach muscle on Jan. 25 against the Timberwolves. He was the leading vote-getter for the All-Star Game, but Rivers said that Garnett would probably not play Tuesday or Wednesday."

"He's just not ready," Rivers said. "I would have been very surprised if it wasn't Ray they use," Rivers said. "It would be nice to have Ray on. I would take Ray."

"We will join teammates Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton for the All-Star Game in New Orleans. It will be my fourth All-Star appearance."

The Pistons forward will have to alter his vacation plans after being selected to replace Garnett in the game.

"This time I'll go for the kids," Wallace said. "I guess once I get older or out of the game, they can look back on it and check it out."

Wallace will team with teammates Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton for the All-Star Game.

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Special to The Observer

Northern Illinois went on the Chicago Snappers out of the water from start to finish this weekend, winning 60-10 in Saturday's regular-season game.

Sophomore Emily Chappell started the weekend off less than a minute into the game from a set play. The Snappers were down 0-2 early and kept the momentum going, scoring its second goal of the game just before time expired. The Irish gained an early lead. The Cyclones found fire and procured to take the lead and close out a first game with their backs against the wall, the Irish found the intensity needed and pushed back against SU. Notre Dame closed out the final games and the match, 20-25, 25-23, 15-12, finishing the day 4-2.

Equestrian

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It's showtime for Clemens

Petitte, too others won't testify in Wednesday's Mitchell Report session

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Roger Clemens and his accuser, Brian McNamee, will be the main witnesses at a House hearing on the Mitchell Report on steroid use in professional baseball.

Clemens and his attorneys have asked that Monday's hearing be held in camera, lest they talk from behind the protection of law. Without a public hearing, Clemens will be unable to testify.

The New York Yankees pitcher and former Boston Red Sox star has denied using steroids, saying during depositions a year ago that Rhonda Radomski, a high-profile Houston prostitution-escort, planted drugs on him.

Petitte was sparred the potentially difficult situation of having to deliver public testimony that could hurt the position of Clemens, a friend, past teammate and former workout partner. Radomski has said he had no direct contact with Clemens, and Knoblauch's knowledge of the matter appeared to be peripheral.

Petitte gave a sworn deposition last month followed the next day by Clemens, and McNamee later in the week. Knoblauch, a former major league who was a Yankee teammate of Clemens and Pettitte, was interviewed by committee staff last month. Radomski had been scheduled for a pre-hearing meeting with the committee Tuesday.

All five originally were invited to testify Wednesday. "Mr. Knoblauch and Mr. Petitte answered all the Committee's questions and their testimony at the hearing is not needed," committee chairman Henry Waxman said in a statement.

Following Pettitte's deposition, his lawyers asked the committee to excuse him from the hearing, a person familiar with the talks said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the information wasn't made public.

Pettitte's request to be excused was first reported by The New York Times on its Web site.

Pettitte's attorney, Jay Reisinger, declined to comment after the announce ment, while a lawyer for Radomski did not immediately return a phone message left at his office Monday night.

"I'm not disappointed," said Knoblauch's attorney, Diana Marshall. "I know Chuck is not disappointed, either."
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season, and we’re looking forward to having her back and ready to go next season,” she said.

“Just a little cramping,” junior guard Lindsay Schrader, who missed all but one game of the season because of ACL surgery, said Sunday of Peters’ injury.

Freshman forward Becca Bruszewski said she thought the play was a freak occurrence, not the result of contact with another player.

“I just kind of looked like she went out to block and just went down,” said Bruszewski, who was standing near Peters when she fell.

McGraw said losing Peters will change the team’s strategy at times.

“It changes a little bit of what we do. I think we’ll probably go smaller at times,” McGraw said Sunday. “And the way Becca’s playing, I’m very confident in her coming in and doing a lot of good things. It changes the press a little bit.”

Peters was the driving force behind Notre Dame’s full-court, man-to-man press, using her height and long arms to disrupt opposing offenses. McGraw said there was almost no incoming offensive line for Notre Dame, however.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Peters out for season

Torn ACL ends year for freshman forward

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Freshman forward Devereaux Peters will miss the remainder of the season after tearing her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her left knee during No. 16 Notre Dame's 81-66 win Sunday over then-No. 15 Pittsburgh, the women's basketball program said in a press release Monday afternoon.

While under her own basket with the ball early in the second half, Peters collapsed, apparently untouched, and grabbed her knee, wincing in pain.

Team officials helped Peters off the floor and into the locker room. She didn't put any weight on her left leg, and later returned with crutches and a full-length leg brace. Peters had an MRI Monday morning and team orthopedist Dr. Fred Ferlic confirmed the injury, the release said.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in the release she is confident that Peters will be healthy enough to play next season.

"We expect she will bounce back from this injury with the same determination and desire that she has already shown this season," McGraw said.

Irish forward Devereaux Peters watches the game during Notre Dame's 81-66 win over Pittsburgh on Sunday, after tearing her ACL during the second half. Peters is out for season.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior recognized by ITA

Coaches give Buck sportsmanship award

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

Though the No. 19 Irish (13-4) dropped two of three matches this weekend at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships, they did not come home empty-handed.

Notre Dame senior Brooke Buck became the third player in school history to win the ITA Sportsmanship Award. The 16 coaches at the tournament voted on the award, which is given to one player who demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship and exemplifies the spirit of collegiate tennis.

Irish head coach Jay Louderback was proud of his team's captain.

"She always plays fair and hard. She's always on an even keel and doesn't lose her temper," Louderback said. "Even having won the national indoors in doubles last year, she's still very humble."

The lone victory on the court came when Irish junior Brooke Buck prepares to return a ball during Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Louisville on Feb. 9, 2007.