Friends remember students’ personalities

University to celebrate memorial Mass for Law School student Timothy Aher, sophomore Connor McGrath

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

Friends on Monday remembered Timothy B. Aher, the second-year Notre Dame Law School student who died Sunday in a London suburb. The University released Aher’s name Monday morning, a day after both Aher and sophomore Connor McGrath died in separate and unrelated incidents.

Aher, who was enrolled in the Law School’s London Law Programme, died at his residence in the town of Ilford. He lived there with another Law School student.

The University did not release information about the circumstances of Aher’s death. Aher, from Brookfield, Conn., had been in London since the beginning of the fall semester.

Second-year law students Artie Merschat and Adam Zayed, both close friends of Aher, said he had spoken about studying in London since the beginning of their first year at the Law School. The program is open to all law students who apply, and it

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Students debate faculty hiring policy

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

Three students debated conflicting opinions on the importance of hiring and retaining Catholic faculty at a town hall meeting convened by the Student Senate Monday.

Senior Brian Boyd and sophomore Artie Merschat contended in favor of increasing Catholic faculty, but senior Amy Meyers cautioned against the negative consequences of preferential hiring.

Student input has been lacking in decision-making on the hiring and retention of faculty, Meyers said, professors should be “models of lived faith” and should present “Catholic faith.”

By ABIGAIL WILKINS/The Observer

Students ask questions at the Student Senate’s town hall meeting examining the hiring of Catholic faculty Monday.

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By KAREN LANGLEY and MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writers

Deaths may have factored in Connor McGrath’s death this weekend, police investigators said Monday.

An autopsy was scheduled for Monday afternoon, but The Observer was unable to contact other officials in the St. Joseph County coroner’s office.

McGrath, a sophomore from Oklahoma City, died Sunday in Dillon Hall. He was 20 years old.

McGrath died in the residence hall, where he spent the night with friends. He was a resident of Siegfried Hall this semester but had lived in Dillon during his freshman year and had attended the University of Central Oklahoma this past fall.

Friends discovered his body at approximately 1:40 p.m., University officials said Monday.

The University was unable to contact the senior emergency ambulance responded at 1:53 p.m., a spokesperson from the fire department said.

Father Peter Corcoran, the rector of Keough Hall and former assistant rector in Dillon, called McGrath a “very personable, very social young man.”

“If you were to say one thing

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Emmy-winner Manheim speaks at College

By LIZ HARTER
Associate News Editor

Emmy-winning actress and best-selling author Camryn Manheim urged an audience at Saint Mary’s to stop living passively Monday night.

Her talk, entitled “Breaking the Rules: Don’t Take ‘No’ for an Answer,” brought together students, faculty and members of the Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee.

Boyd said about two-thirds of the students were able to integrate their academics with their faith.

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CCAC is finally underway

Group will hold its inaugural meeting

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

The Community Campus Advisory Council (CCAC), which was created more than five months ago as a forum for city and college representatives to discuss community relations, will meet for the first time Wednesday.

While there’s not an agenda at this moment, I’m anticipating that it’s going to be more agenda setting for everyone that’s involved so that we can establish our agenda for CCAC as a committee in the sense of what issues it is going to tackle,” student body president Liz Brown said.

The coalition was originally formed in late September after South Bend Common Council members decided not to implement regulations requiring College students to pre-register large gatherings with the city.

The ordinance, which Council members said was in response to raucous student partying off campus, eventually passed with rules to require party permits that could be enacted in the future. The option the Council could pursue if it chooses to implement it.

In the meantime, however, the ordinance also had a plan for the CCAC, designed to increase dialogue about problems between South Bend residents and students off campus.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Of the things I've lost

There is an infamous bumper sticker that reads, "If all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most." Well, in my case, that's not true. I miss my flash drive the most.

Since I first came to Notre Dame this fall, I have lost many things. Some have been valuable, some trivial.

At first, I thought this was God's way of telling me to depend less on material possessions. If that were true, though, why would He allow me to lose my theology course reader? (Which, at $86, set me back a few material possessions by itself — but that's the topic of a different column.)

What sin was I committing that caused me to lose my Downy Wrinkle Release Spray? I know I'm supposed to give to the poor, but an unintentional donation of my Social Security Card?

I soon discovered, via Blogspot query, that being a loser is just my personality. I didn't like how that sounded, though, so I elected not to put the result on MySpace. Instead, I moved on in the Blogspot circuit to discover that — of all the Starbucks drinks — I am a caramel Frappuccino.

My next guess was that losing things was my way of discovering how great other students really are. After losing my ID card (the first time), the girl who found it e-mailed me. When I lost my cell phone (the first time), the girl called my mom and responded in my roommate's text. When I lost my keys (only once, thankfully), I found them safely nestled in the corner of DeBartolo's lost and found shell. I am eternally grateful to every person who has found something of mine and returned it to me.

Since then, I have become increasingly aware of others' possessions. I guess I have made it my personal mission to make sure that no other person has to spend an hour walking around Flanner and Grace Halls with a flashlight at 1 a.m. trying to find his or her cell phone. I hope that every person reading this feels the same way, because we're really all in this together.

So if you find an object that looks like something someone might need, please do what you can to help. If it's a cell phone, you can call and have a nice chat with some random parents. If it has a name on it, you can reach out and make a new Facebook friend. If nothing else, you can at least find the lost and found corner of the building you're in and drop off the object for some lucky loser to find. If you find a U.S. Dollar bill, please consider using it to get a psychiatric evaluation. We do these things, you know, so that we will not make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 574-631-6411 so we can correct ours ever.
Rentals removed from Huddle Mart

By KATE MCCLELLAND

The Huddle Mart returned the DVDs formerly available for rent to the student government over winter break. Huddle general manager Jim LaBella said, a move that has surprised students attempting to rent movies.

"I actually noticed about a week and half ago when my friends and I tried to rent a movie and we were told that they were no longer available," sophomore Matt Heng said.

Sophomore Gail Och had a similar experience.

"I realized that the DVDs were gone a couple of weeks ago when the new stands of Valentine's Day candy were set up in their place," Och said.

Student body president-elect Bob Cech said he thought the move was a part of their platform.

"I saw offering free DVDs as an awesome opportunity to do something great for the student body, as well as providing a way to get students to the second floor of LaFortune by renting them from the student government office," Cech said.

He said he hopes to have the free DVD rental system up and running at the beginning of next school year.

The student government, Cech said, owns the DVDs because 2004-05 student body president Adam Istvan wanted DVD rentals in the Huddle. The DVDs became available in 2004. LaBella said the DVDs were no longer a profitable venture for the Huddle.

"We ended up taking them out because interest has gone down since new cable television options became available in the dorms and students began using Netflix," he said.

The decline in rentals was steep — before other rental options became prevalent among students, the Huddle rented about 200 DVDs a week, but by the end of the fall semester rentals were down to only 10 to 20 per week.

"The DVDs weren't worthwhile compared to the space we were dedicating to them," LaBella said. "Since we have such limited space, every last bit of square footage is important."

Now that the space has been made available, the Huddle plans to institute some big changes.

"We are interested in replacing the DVD section with a selection of healthy foods," LaBella said. "I have been talking to a distributor, and we will begin experimenting with the sale of different products."

"We especially want to include gluten-free products, because the availability of gluten-free items has become a major concern for some students on campus. If the health foods don't work out, we will try something else." Contact Kate McClellan at mmcclell@nd.edu

Profs discuss Baptists, Catholics

Christian 'Exchange' compares Catholicism and Protestantism

By KATIE PERALTA

A Baptist and a Catholic came together Monday night to talk about the differences between their two faiths — and for a dispute, their meeting resulted in an intellectual discussion that helped to encourage further conversations between the denominations.

Lawrence Cunningham, a Catholic in the theology department, argued that the theological gap between Catholics and Evangelical Protestants has narrowed since the Second Vatican Council, from 1962-65.

Cunningham's comments came in a discussion with Mark Cunningham, director of the history department, as part of the Catholic-Protestant Exchange.

Noll agreed that the two faiths are not so different — because believers are similarly called to do the work of God.

"And all who trust in God are praying for salvation," Noll said, reminding the audience of the similar goal both Protestants and Catholics have.

Cunningham began the event by discussing the term "Protestant" and current misunderstandings about the denomination.

"Protestant is a very vague term," he said. "There are 22 different types of Baptists in this country alone."

Cunningham then said one of the main differences he sees between the two faiths is that Protestantism is highly "congregationalized," placing a great deal of importance on the local church community. This stands in contrast, he said, to the highly institutionalized Catholic Church, which places the most authority on the papacy in Rome.

Noll expanded on Cunningham's notion of the Catholic institution.

"In the Roman Catholic Church, the Church makes the Christians. For Protestants, the Christians make the Church," Noll said.

Cunningham described Protestantism as more of "a priesthood of believers," whereas Catholicism is structured in a more hierarchical way.

But ever since the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s which helped to educate non-Catholics about Catholicism, misunderstandings have changed.

"Protestants are able to learn from Catholics about leadership," he said.

Nonetheless, Cunningham and Noll said they didn't think having different Christian denominations is a bad thing.

Cunningham said he doesn't recommend having one big "super-church." Denominationalism, he said, exists because people have individual needs and preferences when it comes to picking out a religion.

"In the Catholic Church, however, expression of faith is in the devotional," Cunningham said.

The event also explored other tensions between the faiths, including over role of Mary.

Brett Perkins, director of student resources at Campus Ministry, described the event as a follow-up to the Protestant-Catholic prayer service that Campus Ministry held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Jan. 23.

Senior Everett Chu, president of Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM), began the event with a prayer.

Timothy Matovina, the theology professor who moderated the discussion, closed the event with a prayer advocating understanding and unity between all faiths.

Campus Ministry and BCM co-sponsored the event.

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

Please contact Maddie Hanna at mhanna1@nd.edu or Kyle West at kwest1@nd.edu if interested.
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about Connor, it would have to be that he loved people," said McGrath, who lived next door to him in his freshman year.

He said most of Dillon's sophomore residents knew McGrath because he was easygoing and willing to chat with anyone.

McGrath said that when he first met McGrath, during the student's freshman year, McGrath was teaching other freshmen going through a coming-of-age period.

"He was in the process of trying to find out what it means to be an adult in this world, amidst successes and failures," McGrath said.

That included learning to deal with his diabetes, McGrath said.

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While Boyd deemed Catholic professors necessary for students' moral formation, Meyers said she feared Catholic professors could "have unintended consequences." Meyers argued that University President Father John Jenkins' "primary goal of maintaining Notre Dame's Catholic identity, and its conflict with other goals of being an "excellent undergraduate university and an "outstanding research institute."

"My fear is that this particular initiative will actually undermine our states both as a research insti­ tute and as a Catholic universi­ ty," she said.

She said that hiring a Catholic major professor could be difficult because of six percent of faculty members who do not have university-wide Catholics are University of Chicago, in today's globalized world, she said, university professors "show up from regions with traditionally low Catholic identity, such as Asia and the Middle East."

"By actively recruiting people who have been labeled as unfriendly or unwel­ come to people from these rich academic circles, I think that bubble would be very un­ Catholic," she said. "I'm concerned about our values of inclusion and respect of diversity at Notre Dame."

Among the students who list themselves as Catholic may not practice their faith, she said.

Donahue, however, said that a Catholic-majority faculty would reduce "not only the minds, but the hearts of students. She asserted that the faculty is most important for the University's identity than the campus's religious symbol.

"Even when the other students do not believe in a God, our students should be there to say McGrath in the five weeks he spent in the hall that all the students in Siedfriid from placing a basket of gift at the door, encouraging residents to write words of encouragement for McGrath's presence.

"As 1 like it the guys at Mass. It's a day you don't mind if it happens in this dorm four days or four weeks or four years. This was his home," Conley said.

University officials said Monday they help a major goal for the students would be to bring students to campus in support of McGrath.

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"People from all walks and cliques in the Law School were there today. He brought the Law School together," Aher said.

"I'm glad to be a part of the important role to help ease the tran­ sition of being a big woman on television. She related a story of her from Chicago, where she was handed a coffee and a donut to introduce her to the University's culture. "So, even if you get a chance to look back at that past of the past, you'll see me stuffing a donut in my mouth," she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

More militant bombings in Afghanistan

ANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A suicide car bomber killed 38 Afghans at a crowded market, judging from the death toll from two days of militant bombings to about 140. The marketplace blast, which targeted a Canadian army convoy, came a day after the country's deadliest insurgent attack since a U.S. service mission defeated the Taliban regime in late 2001. The toll from that bombing in a crowd watching a dog fight rose more than to 100.

The back-to-back blasts in the southern province of Kandahar could be a sign insurgents are now willing to risk high civilian casualties while attacking security forces. Those in the past dozen, insurgents in Afghanistan have generally sought to avoid targeting civilians, unlike insurgents in Iraq's war.

Paris police detain 35 in raids

LIEJS-LE-BEL, France — More than 1,000 police officers in in blood-soaked raids outside of Paris Monday, detaining 35 people in pre-dawn raids meant to flush out those who took part to violent riots last late year. Officials said the raids were denounced by critics as gov­ernmental theater to boost support before next month's municipal elections. President Nicolas Sarkozy recently vowed to better police the neglected neighborhoods, popularly labeled by families of immigrant background, that previously exploded in nationwide riots in 2005.

NATIONAL NEWS

Texas oil refinery explosion injures 4

BIG SPRING, Texas — A hundred-year-old explosion rocked an oil refinery Monday, injuring four workers and shaking buildings miles away. One employee was hospitalized for burns, while the others were treated and released, said Blake Protch, a spokesman for refinery owner Alon USA.

All workers were accounted for about an hour after the explosion, he said. The refinery employs about 170 people.

Fires caused by the blast were under control but still burning in the afternoon, Lewis said. The blast sent black smoke billowing into the sky, and forced the closure of schools and an airport.

Space shuttle Atlantis coming home

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Atlantis and its seven-man crew were homeward bound after leaving the international space station and check­ing out thermal casing of their ship Monday for an independent explosion.

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Illinois gun legislation not yet in effect

CHICAGO — Illinois lawmakers made a last-ditch eff­ort late last week to pass a measure that would allow concealed carrying of guns in public, but the bill never made it past a key legislative committee.

The measure, when it takes effect, will require health professionals to inform state authorities about patients with violent, suicidal or threatening behavior. Right now, such information is reported to state officials only if the patient has been institutionalized, not on those who receive only outpatient treatment.

Illinois adopted the law last June, and the governor signed it in August. Virginia lawmakers, meanwhile, still are considering a package of bills to reform that state's mental health system in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy, including one that would make it easier to have people involuntarily committed.

Belgium

U.S., EU powers recognize Kosovo

Russia, China contest newly declared independence; Serbia rules out military response

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The U.S. and the European Union's biggest powers quickly recognized Kosovo as an inde­pendent country soon after­ward, widening a split with Russia and China who were members strongly opposed to letting the territory break off from Serbia.

The rift was on view for a second day as the Security Council, which was holding an emergency session to discuss the decla­ration of independence issued Sunday by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority.

Ethnic Serbs rallying in northern Kosovo angrily denounced the United States and urged Russia to help Serbia hold on to the troubled territory that Serbs consid­er the birthplace of their own civilization. Protesters also marched in Serbia's capital, and some protesters daubed Kosovo's ambassador to the U.S. to protest American recogni­tion of an independent Kosovo.

Despite clamoring of Serbs to retake Kosovo, Serbia's government has ruled out a military re­sponse.

"But a dispute is likely to worsen already strained relations between the West and Russia, which is a tradi­tionally ally of Serbia and now seeks to use the Kosov­ian crisis in former Soviet bloc states.

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Ban opened Monday's Security Council session by citing the many peaceful celebrations that accompa­nied Kosovo's declaration but also noting scattered violence.

He said the United Nations had achieved "peace consolidation and the establish­ment of func­tional self-government" in Kosovo, including five suc­cessful elections. "Kosovo has made considerable progress through the years," he said.

Serbian President Boris Tadic, who attended the U.N. meeting, urged the council to oppose Kosovo's move. "This act annuls international law, tramps upon justice and enforces injustice," he said.
Recovery starts in 'Bama

Homeowners, crews clear away wreckage after winter tornado

Associated Press

PRATTVILLE, Ala. — Homeowners, utility crews and others worked Monday to clear away wreckage and restore services after the latest of a series of winter tornadoes smashed through the South.

Alabama Gov. Bob Riley toured part of Prattville and said he was impressed by the community's response to the twister that struck the town.

"One of the great things about living in Alabama — and I say this after every major emergency we have — it truly is amazing to see what's happening out there with all the families in this state," Riley said.

At least 11 people were injured, and about 200 homes and 45 businesses were damaged in the Prattville area, according to the National Weather Service. No deaths were reported. Two people who were critically injured were upgraded to serious on Monday, said Todd Stacy, a spokesman for the governor.

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Scattered damage to buildings and trees was reported elsewhere in North Carolina. The tornado that struck Prattville tore up a path about a quarter-mile wide and had winds of 140 to 150 mph, said meteorologist Jim Stefkovich at the National Weather Service's Birmingham office.

"God was watching over our city last night," Mayor Jim Byard said, adding that if the storm had hit in the middle of the night as happened in northern Alabama earlier this month, it could have been fatal.

The death toll from those storms, part of a tornado outbreak that ripped across several Southern states Feb. 5 and 6, rose by one to 57 on Monday after a Tennessee man died of his injuries, emergency management officials said.

Repair crews also were at work Monday in western and central Georgia, where the storms destroyed or damaged more than 50 homes Sunday, according to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Ten people were injured, two of them critically, the agency said.

Dozens of schools in central and eastern Iowa were closed or had delayed openings Monday and travel was not recommended on some highways because Sunday's storm dumped as much as 6 inches of snow, accompanied by wind gusting to 50 mph. According to the weather service, a total of 14.5 inches of snow has fallen so far this season at the Des Moines International Airport, compared with the average 5 inches. So far this season, Iowa has gotten 48 inches compared with the normal 26 inches.

JFK murder articles, documents revealed

Associated Press

DALLAS — Little has been revealed about the documents related to the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy that will be released for the first time Monday, after spending nearly two decades locked inside a courthouse safe.

Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins said on Monday he was releasing the documents after talking to his staff and the Weather Service's National Centers for Environmental Information.

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Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins said on Monday he was releasing the documents after talking to his staff and the Weather Service's National Centers for Environmental Information.

"We're releasing them Monday after a Tennessee storm had hit in 1963 and, although impressed by the community's response to the twister that struck the town," Riley said.

"One of the great things about living in Alabama — and I say this after every major emergency we have — it truly is amazing to see what's happening out there with all the families in this state," Riley said.

At least 11 people were injured, and about 200 homes and 45 businesses were damaged in the Prattville area, according to the National Weather Service. No deaths were reported. Two people who were critically injured were upgraded to serious on Monday, said Todd Stacy, a spokesman for the governor.

At least 11,000 homes and businesses in the Panhandle were without power as the lack of a power source forced residents to use generators to power things like refrigerators, television and computer operations.

The tornado was part of a system that swept across the Southeast on Sunday, damaging homes elsewhere in Alabama and in parts of Georgia and the Florida Panhandle.

"The violent weather continued into early Monday, when a tornado ripped apart a house in Hookerton, N.C., slightly injuring three people. "It sounded like a train came through my window," said Shannon Edwards, 19, who was trapped under debris for about an hour at her family's home. "My whole bed just flipped up. I didn't know where I was going to end up. I didn't know what was going on."

Scattered damage to buildings and trees was reported elsewhere in North Carolina. The tornado that struck Prattville tore up a path about a quarter-mile wide and had winds of 140 to 150 mph, said meteorologist Jim Stefkovich at the National Weather Service's Birmingham office.

"God was watching over our city last night," Mayor Jim Byard said, adding that if the storm had hit in the middle of the night as happened in northern Alabama earlier this month, it could have been fatal.

The death toll from those storms, part of a tornado outbreak that ripped across several Southern states Feb. 5 and 6, rose by one to 57 on Monday after a Tennessee man died of his injuries, emergency management officials said.

Repair crews also were at work Monday in western and central Georgia, where the storms destroyed or damaged more than 50 homes Sunday, according to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Ten people were injured, two of them critically, the agency said.

Dozens of schools in central and eastern Iowa were closed or had delayed openings Monday and travel was not recommended on some highways because Sunday's storm pumped as much as 6 inches of snow, accompanied by wind gusting to 50 mph. According to the weather service, a total of 14.5 inches of snow has fallen so far this season at the Des Moines International Airport, compared with the average 5 inches. So far this season, Iowa has gotten 48 inches compared with the normal 26 inches.
**Mortgage lender goes public**

**Government under scrutiny for mismanagement as company nationalized**

**Associated Press**

LONDON — Prime Minister Gordon Brown's government has named the initial public offering of mortgage lender Northern Rock PLC — the first time in 20 years that a private company has been taken into public ownership.

The government repeatedly insisted a private sale was its preferred option. But after five months of intense speculation about the future of Britain's largest mortgage company, Brown said that nationalization was the best choice until market conditions improved.

"We will, and always have, put the interests of taxpayers first," he said.

The opposition Conservative Party said Britain's reputation as a major financial services center had been dealt a serious blow.

"The nationalization of Northern Rock is a disaster for the British taxpayer, a disaster for this government, and a disaster for our country," said Conservative Party leader David Cameron.

The government's troubles were compounded by a threat of a drawn-out legal battle with unhappy shareholders and the potential for hundreds, or thousands, of workers losing their jobs.

Brown's reputation as a guardian of financial stability in Britain has been eroded by revelations of the scale of the fraud, and also by his handling of the crisis involving sick or crippled cattle, workers shocking, kicking and shoving debilitated cattle with forklifts, and has led to the largest round-up of cattle in the United States.

Bo Reagan, vice president of research for the Cattleman's Agency, a Colorado-based National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said the videotaped incident was not what is meant when the word "cattle" is used, before they can be slaughtered, and that the 1958 Humane Slaughter Act sets strict rules for the humane treatment of animals.

The controversy over the tapes and the fraud has also created uncertainty about the future of the financial services industry, as British banks have come under scrutiny for mismanagement as company nationalized.

Mortgage lender Northern Rock was taken into public ownership by the British government Monday.

"We don't accept it is that London or Britain has been uniquely affected by world events," Brown said, referring to the credit troubles that swept global markets in the late summer and led Northern Rock to seek emergency funding from the Bank of England, triggering Britain's first bank run in 150 years.

London would remain the world's "pre-eminent financial center," Darling added.

The government had rejected two private proposals from Richard Branson's Virgin Group and an in-house bid from the bank's management team because they involved too many risks for taxpayers and a very significant government subsidy.

Brown said Northern Rock would be run "as arm's length from the government under professional management until adverse market conditions change and then the bank can be returned to the private sector."

However, critics said that the government was not being given enough time to consider the implications of nationalization.

The government could last years as Northern Rock's new management seeks to pay back about 55 billion pounds ($107 billion) via loans from the Bank of England and deposit guarantees.

Ron Sandler, who took over Lloyd's of London from the edge of bankruptcy in the late 1990s and has been appointed to run Northern Rock, declined to comment on job losses, amid suggestions from analysts that as many as half the company's 6,250 positions could be cut.

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**IN BRIEF**

Spokesman says cattle treated humanely

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Campbell's Soup to cut sodium levels

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — The Campbell Soup Co.'s kid-oriented soups, which feature characters such as Dora the Explorer and Batman on the cans, are getting their second sodium reduction in showing workers at a Southern California slaughterhouse abusing sick or crippled animals, nearly all cattle bound for American dinner tables are treated humanely, a cattle industry spokesman said Monday.

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**Air Force asks for budget increase**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are warning that unless their budget is increased dramatically, and soon, the military's high-flying branch won't dominate the skies as it has for decades.

After more than seven years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Air Force's aging jet fleet is fast becoming obsolete, and new and faster, more expensive, ultramodern replacements are needed fast.

"If we've done is put the requirement on the table that says, 'If we're going to do the missions you're going to fight, we need to be able to do it with the right kind of investment.'" Maj. Gen. Paul Selva, the Air Force's director of strategic planning, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Failing that, we take what is already a geriatric Air Force," Selva said, "and we drive it for another 20 years into an area of uncertainty."

An extra $20 billion each year over the next five — beginning with an Air Force budget of about $137 billion in 2009 instead of the $171 billion proposed by the Bush administration — would solve that problem, according to Selva and other senior Air Force officers.

Yet the prospects for huge infusions of cash seem dim. Congress is expected to boost the 2009 budget, but not to the level urged by the Air Force. In the years that follow, a possible recession, a rising federal deficit and a disaster for higher taxes all portend a decline in defense spending regardless of which party wins the White House in November.

"The Air Force is going to be confronting a major procurement crisis because it can't buy all the things that it absolutely needs," said Dov Zakheim, a former Pentagon comp­­troller. "It's going to force us to rethink, yet again, what is the strategy we want? What can we give up?"

The Air Force's distress is partly self-inflicted, says Steve Kosiak of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington. The F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning, the new jet fighters that will supplant the F-15 Eagle and F-16 Falcon, have drastically higher price tags than their predecessors and require a bigger chunk of the defense budget.

"One of the reasons their equipment has aged so much is because they continue to move ahead with the development and presumed acquisi­tion of new weapon systems that cost two to three times as much as the sys­­tems they are replacing," Kosiak said. "It's like replacing a Toyota with a Mercedes."
The hiring of Catholic faculty here at Notre Dame has become quite a touchy subject, tied as it is to the largest issue of the University's ongoing self-definition. For years Notre Dame has, and still does, group alumni like "Project Sycamore" have called for hiring standards where self-identified Catholic faculty would comprise at least half of new hires. Some call for higher numbers.

I believe most of these groups do in fact have honest intentions: They want to preserve the unique character of Notre Dame, a place defined by its Catholic ethos. Many students find this an environment where they can freely express their faith freely, and the school should proudly continue its unique tradition. Father Jenkins wants to maintain that heritage but not at the expense of non-Catholics, but to the benefit of all.

The thinking of Sycamore, Jenkins and other concerned individuals has a fail, however, in its approach to what they see as a "problem" — the decline in Catholic faculty members in recent decades. I commend efforts to maintain religious identity, but stressing a 50 percent quota of Catholic professors ensures nothing. We should shy away from judging our progress by artificial and largely meaningless statistics and instead focus on real and yes, less quantifiable measures.

I regulatory quotas send the wrong message to professors and students. An absolute majority limit basically tells potential faculty, "If we drop below this, you (distinguished professor) may not be hired even in favor of somebody who checked a box on his application." Forgive me for making it so glit, but that is the tone many students get from the quota.

Many teachers believe departmen should hire based solely on academic achievement. Supporters of the hiring measures (and advocates for stricter ones) argue in turn that this attitude sacrilifices the potential of student life in pursuit of some kind of granting recognition by peer institutions and society at large.

Both sides make valid points. One of Notre Dame's strengths is its focus on the complete student life, from faith to service to schoolwork, and we should not sacrifice that just to be among the nation's elite institutions. We should avoid the numbers game with regard to academics, yet we besituate to compromise academic quality or standards for the sake of religious affiliation by quota. Go too far in either direction and we run into hard questions about the nature of our mission.

Although the school's mission statement does call for "a predominant number of Catholic intellectuals," it also carefully stipulates that the school "asks of all its scholars and students... not a particular creedal affiliation, but a respect for the objectives of Notre Dame and a willingness to enter into the conversation that gives it life and character." Even the source document for all this concern places a greater emphasis on an open environment for the "argument of inquiry than on artificial percentages.

Advocates of the quota often reach their opinions by over-emphasizing the role faculty play in students' lives, however, we must be cautious. There should be no dualism between faith and voca­ tion. I allow that teachers can have a huge impact outside the classroom, and I gladly acknowledge the significant role faculty can play in students' spiritual inquiries. Nevertheless, such impact should not be a necessary condition of their presence here.

I hate to break it to you, adminis­ tration, but the core of faith at Notre Dame does not come from the faculty, and never has. They play an important role, but the heart of the student body itself, from the dorms, from the rec­ tors and other religious on campus, from the works of faith organizations like Campus Ministry. I reiterate that the classroom ought not turn into a compart­ mentalized and secularized environment, but we need to look elsewhere to find the essence of Notre Dame's Catholic identity.

This clamoring for quotas also reinforces the University's tendency, nurtured by the "over-protective parent" attitude of alumni, to institutionalize the student body. We are not children who need to be constantly monitored and guided every step of the way. Would it not be better for us, as adults, to stumble and question our faith more on campus, where support structures are plentiful, rather than do so for the first time in the "real world," where such support is hard to find? This is not an argument for hiring non-Catholic faculty, just a reminder of the mission statement's spirit and an enjoyment to look beyond the classroom for the totality of faith life.

The administration should not empha­ size artificial percentages, but instead cultivate the school's Catholic spirit by more productive, less rigid means. For example, focus faculty recruiting efforts on graduates from other Catholic institutions, stress the University's religious character in hiring interviews, bolster the already-strong theolopy department, and encourage Catholic thinkers and intellectuals to give lectures here. The University should constantly work on finding the balance of the "real world," where faith is meaningful, and the meaning of caring for its religious identity, while at the same time understanding "things like the "Catholicity" of Notre Dame cannot be measured. We must look more holistically at both the search for our faith life and the means of maintaining it.

Nevertheless, we should applaud recent efforts by student government and the administration to involve students in this discussion. Forums and informal talks are good signs that Father Jenkins and others understand the community, will treat students as mature intellectuals, and are willing to involve them in a very pertinent discussion: the nature of Notre Dame's mission.

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**Quote of the Day**

"In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. But in practice, there is." —Yogi Berra
Dear Editors, regarding the decision of the Catholic bishops to remove their pastoral conference away from the Notre Dame campus to avoid association with "The Vagina Monologues," you recently wrote "Notre Dame can be Catholic and still host 'The Vagina Monologues' (Rebeda a bad idea, Feb. 11)." That begs the question of what it means to be a Catholic university, and leaves aside the question of whether hosting the event is in Notre Dame's best interest. Holding this production on campus is detrimental on at least three levels.

First, your editorial referred to the "complex dynamic" and "creative tension" between the university and the academic freedom. You are correct that there should be give and take between the two. However, they cannot co-exist amorphously. In the real world, decisions have to be made and lines have to be drawn somewhere. University President Father John Jenkins attempted to do so in a way that would accommodate both sides by not banning the "Monologues," but placing it in a classroom setting. Considering that student life is not merely academic, this seems more like a street theater with a social or political agenda that is aimed at the general public. One of its stated goals is to have its messages woven into the fabric of public consciousness, and the acceptance at Notre Dame, it seems, coincides exactly. As the primary symbol of Catholic achievement, culture and academic success in the United States, Notre Dame has a vast moral constituency around the world which it necessarily affects. By hosting "The Vagina Monologues," Notre Dame, perhaps unwittingly, is helping Eva Ensler advance her secularist, materialist, anti-religious agenda globally.

Finally, and most importantly, accommodation without clear standards conflicts with Notre Dame's most fundamental mission: the search for truth. "The Vagina Monologues" alights the truth. An exercise in Orwellian doublespeak, it puts forth reductionism as expansive for women, espousing a singular focus on one's public area and soul. Simplicity reigns throughout.

For example, how is the stated goal of decreasing violence toward women advanced by celebrating the alcohol-fed seduction and rape of a female minor by an older woman? Is that not an unfair use of power to control and dominate a susceptible person for one's own pleasure? Most "Catholic" colleges have followed Jenkins' lead in questioning the value of the play in examining current women's issues, eventually concluding in favor of serious dialogue.

I am sad to say that on this issue, Notre Dame now finds itself increasingly isolated with a small number of mostly Jesuit universities. The Catholic Bishops, often criticized for failing to lead their flock on social moral issues, were correct to distance themselves from this morally deprived event. Jenkins would be wise to do the same.

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Feb. 18
Film and television writer Jeffrey Stepakoff always knew he wanted to write, but he didn’t always know Hollywood was in his future.

On the phone on Monday, Stepakoff says he studied theater in school, but when producer John Wells (“ER,” “The West Wing”) visited his graduate school, Carnegie Mellon University, he told Stepakoff that Hollywood was looking for writers like him.

Although he was offered a job as a staff writer for CBS’s “Charles in Charge,” produced by Universal Television, he turned it down. When the strike ended, he was offered another job by Universal to write for "Simon & Simon.”

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“Whether you’re working on a popular show or a struggling show, you always start at the same place, which is crafting good story,” he says.

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Stepakoff’s appearance is a continuation of the FFT Talks series, which most recently brought NBC development executive Katie O’Connell to campus in November. Stepakoff says his talk will be a history of writers that is writers in Hollywood, specifically during the last 20 to 25 years, told from a personal perspective.

The man who went on to write for shows such as “The Wonder Years” and “Dawson’s Creek” started his career in Hollywood during the last writers’ strike.

“In 1988, I kind of stumbled toward Hollywood and realized there was a way to use my skill set,” he says.

However, the strike prevented Stepakoff from working right away.

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Stepakoff doesn’t have a preference for film or television either. He says he lives "all media that allows writers to be writers," whether that be film or television writing, fiction writing or writing for the Internet.

However, Stepakoff does make a strong case for television.

“Television writing in particular is arguably the most satisfying medium for a writer to work in because he or she ultimately gets total control,” he says.

During this past writers’ strike, Stepakoff says he wrote a novel — a love story in which he drew from his experience working on “Dawson’s Creek.” Other writers he knew created new content for the Internet.

“The legacy of the 1988 strike was that the studios learned how to make entertainment without writers,” he says.

The film and television writer has three pieces of advice for students who aspire to write in film, television or theater.

“Number one,” he says, “master the craft, which really isn’t difficult.” He says to take courses in writing to get to that point. “Number two,” he says, “which is probably more important, number one write constantly.”

His third piece of advice is to “put yourself out there" in order to meet people to help with the job search.

And just because you start in one field doesn’t mean you can’t switch to film and television. Stepakoff worked in advertising after undergrad, but knew that what he really wanted to do was write creatively.

“I just set out to write cool stuff,” he says.

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A succinctly emotive portrait of heartbreak and euphoria, Glen Hansard’s record “Once,” soundtrack to the film of the same title, is at once enthralling and saddening. It falls into the listener’s ear with a pulsing admonition to hold close to those you care for or risk watching them fade into the gray and dreary landscape of the inescapable beyond.

With titles such as “Falling Slowly,” “Lies,” “Leave,” “Fallen From the Sky,” and “When Your Mind’s Made Up,” the album funnels like a long look backwards. It allows the listener to conjure feelings experienced in fractured moments following the rupture of something beautiful.

One of the truly arresting tracks on the record is “Leave,” a glimpse straight into the gut of Hansard’s despair—a woman telling him that he’s no longer the man she loves. Starting off slow, just above a whisper, Hansard sings, “Hope you feel better now that it’s out / What took you so long? / The truth has a habit of falling out of your mouth / Well now that it’s come / You’ve said what you came to / Let go of my hand / If you don’t mind, leave.” He then repeats the lyrics with increasing intensity until his voice hits the point of a tormented holler. It’s an honest and abandoned moment, resonating more truly than most any other music made these days.

Before his starring turn in the film, you might remember Hansard from his gig as front man of the band The Frames. His partner on five tracks is the less famous, but supremely talented Czech pianist and songwriter Markéta Irglová. The soundtrack is a perfect reminder that while the two star in the very well received film, they are musicians first and actors second. Their vocal skills, both delicate and on occasion pounding, communicate an emotion that is intimate and lingering.

The opening track of the record “Falling Slowly” is perhaps the most powerful collaboration between Hansard and Irglová. Featured in the film’s trailer, the song is quite simplistic on first listen. However, upon closer examination it grips the listener with the rare and moving sensation that heartbreak and sadness, and their dreadful ability to control one’s mind, are never more than a whisper of rejection away. Hansard and Irglová sing together, “Words fall through me / And always fool me / And I can’t react / And games that never amount / To more than they’re meant / Will play themselves out.”

In straightforward lyrics delivered in a straightforward manner, Hansard and Irglová have concocted a tune that will likely be played for years to come by those feeling the rush of sadness in the heart, or those who just like listening to really good sad songs.

It’s tough not to compare Hansard and Irglová to the rather iconic artist pair of Damien Rice and Lisa Hannigan. Singing similar songs in a nearly identical genre, Hansard and Irglová differ from the Rice/Hannigan duo in that they seem more weathered and affected by their songs. Indeed, they sing as if only to each other, with the intimate exchanges magically recorded onto CD so that the listening public can glimpse a couple’s most personal moments. If the movie’s anything like the songs that propel it, it’s surely a bell of a flick.

Recommended Tracks: “Falling Slowly,” “Lies,” “Leave,” and “Fallen From the Sky.”

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Syracuse managed to get within one possession, cutting it to 52-50 on a putback by Onuaku with 2:20 remaining. Williams, however, hit a jumper from the corner and Earl Clark swept the ball on Louisville's next possession.

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When the teams played, a 79-71 lead into halftime after being up by as many as 14 at the 3:42 mark.

Rhode Island had a 7-3 lead on three straight points after making 3 of 3 shots from the field in the first half and allowed the Hoyas eight second-chance points as the teams lapsed into the locker room tied at 26.

Xavier 81, Rhode Island 77

Josh Duncan scored 23 points, R.J. Raymond added 14 and No. 10 Xavier overcame a furious second-half run by the Rams to hold on for an 81-77 win over Rhode Island on Monday night.

Louisville forward Derrick Caracter splits Syracuse defenders in the first half of Tuesday's 81-77 win over Rhode Island.

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Syracuse managed to get within one possession, cutting it to 52-50 on a putback by Onuaku with 2:20 remaining. Williams, however, hit a jumper from the corner and Earl Clark swept the ball on Louisville's next possession.

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Pettitte apologizes publicly for HGH use

Associated Press

TAMPA — Andy Pettitte repeated his apologies over and over again, saying he had embarrassed himself and set a terrible example.

"Whether he upset Roger Clemens is anyone's guess. They haven't spoken in more than a month," Pettitte said Monday.

On the day he reported to spring training with the New York Yankees, Pettitte spent nearly an hour explaining why he used human growth hormone and his role in corroborating HGH allegations against Clemens.

"I felt like I need to come out, be forward with this," Pettitte said. "Whatever circumstances or repercussions come with it, I'll take and I'll take like a man and I'll try to do my job.

Other baseball players have ducked tough questions about allegations of drug use, using evasions and nonspecific replies. Pettitte admitted his mistakes and several times patiently asked reporters "did I answer your question?"

Wearing a polo shirt and jeans, and flanked by manager Joe Girardi and general manager Brian Cashman, Pettitte had a hint of the shadow on his face that he's shown on the mound during so many postseason games. He seemed nervous at the start as he read from notes.

"I want to apologize to the New York Yankees' and to the Houston Astros' organizations and to their fans and to all my teammates and to all of baseball fans for the embarrassment I have caused them," he said. "I also want to tell anyone that is an Andy Pettitte fan I am sorry, especially any kids that might look up to me."

He relaxed after a few minutes and went into far greater detail than most accused athletes have about their transgressions.

Off to his right, sitting in a row, were Yankee teammates Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera and Jorge Posada. When it was over, Jeter and Pettitte wrapped their arms around each other in a hug.

"I know that once I have this press conference and talk to everybody about this and share everything with you, I think the trust will set you free," Pettitte said. "I think I'm going to be able to sleep a lot better at night once all this is gone by."

IN BRIEF

Schilling hopes rehab will fix hurt shoulder

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby enjoyed his best and most demanding practice since injuring his right ankle, skating at full speed Monday and spinning off several of the gee-whiz passes that only a few NHL playmakers can manage.

Crosby was without the yellow no-contact jersey he first wore when he resumed practicing with the Pittsburgh Penguins last week. There was no sign that linemate Ryan Malone and Colby Armstrong were slowing down to accommodate their still-healing teammate.

For now, though, it was only tease.

While Crosby looked to be game shape, last season's NHL scoring champion and MVPCandidate that he isn't ready to return from his high ankle sprain — an he isn't certain when he will be.

Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte is met by reporters in Tampa Monday as he reports to the first day of spring training. Pettitte apologized repeatedly for using HGH in 2002 and 2004 to speed up his recovery from an elbow injury.
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NBA

PG Kidd shipped to Mavs

New Jersey acquires two draft picks, five players in blockbuster

Associated Press

DALLAS — Jason Kidd is headed to the Dallas Mavericks after all, although it's a trade that's slightly different than originally arranged.

The new deal — as reported by various media outlets Sunday night, all citing anonymous sources — has Kidd and forward Malik Allen going to Dallas for point guard Devin Harris, center DeSagana Diop and swingman Maurice Ager, plus a few new pieces: retired forward Keith Van Horn and Trenton Hassell.

New Jersey also will get two first-round draft picks and $3 million in cash.

Van Horn and Hassell replace Jerry Stackhouse and Devean George. Stackhouse's presence in the deal was muddled by plans to get him back to Dallas — within the rules, although in a way the league frowned upon — and George used his veto power to block his involvement.

The reconfigured proposal is expected to be offered for league approval Monday. If all goes as planned, Kidd could make his return to the team that drafted him when the Mavericks play in New Orleans on Wednesday night.

"There's a lot of talk that the deal is done," Kidd said after Sunday's All-Star game in New Orleans, where word of the trade broke. "I've heard that before. Until I get a call from Rod (Thorn) or Mark (Cuban), then it will be official."

A spokesman for the New Jersey Nets declined comment at the game.

If all goes as planned, Kidd will be back in the Western Conference by the time the All-Star break ends.

Kidd spent the first 2-plus seas­ons of his career in Dallas. The Mavs drafted him third overall in 1994 and he was the NBA's rookie of the year in '94-95. He was traded to Phoenix in December 1996, then went from the Suns to New Jersey prior to the 2001-02 season. He helped the Nets reach the NBA Finals in his first two seasons, but they haven't made a long playoff run since.

The Mavericks have been among the NBA's top teams the last few years, but have fallen short of a title. They're trading Harris' promising future in hopes that Kidd, who turns 35 next month, has enough toughness and leadership to push them over the top.

Dallas has been eyeing Kidd for a while. Team owner Mark Cuban may have sped up the process after seeing other top Western Conference teams make pivotal additions.

This deal seemed done earlier last week until George whacked it. Stackhouse's talk of being bought out and re-signing with the Mavs also didn't sit well with league officials.

The big winner in this is Van Horn, who has been out of the league the last 1 1/2 seasons.
Equestrian captures crown at Purdue Invite

Skiing finishes second at MCSA Regionals; Bowling struggles at Hoosier Classic; Men's volleyball goes 3-2

Equestrian

Notre Dame/Saint Mary's registered its first IHSA high point finish this weekend at the Purdue Regional with a first-place total of 31 points.

Krista Jones, Heather LaDue and Jennifer Gilardi swept 1-2-3 in the intermediate class as Jones qualified for regionals with her performance.

Kelly Bixler rode to a first-place standing in novice foises, with teammates Sarah Baker (third), Andrea Kochert (fourth), Jones (fifth) and Maryellen Prebylenko (sixth), in the event. Daniels also took second in novice flat, leading teammates Kochert (third), Baker, Courtney Klosterman and Laura Halle tied for fifth, and Maria Cardoso in sixth.

The other Irish rider to garner a first place was Gina Camarata in advanced walk-trot-canter. Laura Divel and Nicole Obersdunied finished fourth in both.

Knoedler led the women to second place in the team competition, with 115 points.

The team qualified for the IHSA Regional meet in March.

Skiing

This was the final event of the season for the club.

Bowling

Notre Dame finished 32nd in the Hoosier Classic this weekend. The closely bunched team was led by captain Nick Manieri with a 148 average, while James Breen and Becky Caseii were just behind at 147. Allie Hensley rolled a 137 average and teammates Gia sensations and Lindley Zimmerman also contributed to the scoring.

Men's volleyball

Notre Dame traveled to Altenbaugh, Mich., this weekend for a tournament that included teams from all over Michigan and Ohio.

After dropping the first game 17-25 to Baldwin Wallace, the Irish stormed back to grab the second and third games, closing out the match 25-22, 16-14.

In the second match of the day, the Irish took on Michigan-A and struggled for most of the game before pulling out a win 29-27, 25-24.

In a non-pool match play with no ramifications on the tournament, the Irish struggled to find their rhythm early against Purdue. Despite an early lead, the Irish couldn't stave off a game point at 24-23, and Purdue took over, winning the match 23-25, 19-25.

As the quarterfinals of the gold bracket began, the Irish had the No. 3 seed owing to their two victories in the morning matches. They took on sixth-seeded Michigan-A, and ran out to a big lead in game one with outstanding play from middle hitter Mike Nejedly and outside Ted Grossenreuter.

The Wolverines would not be denied in the second game, clawing their way back to win 19-25. In the third game, right side Daniel Hinzler stepped up and cracked multiple kills down the line and sophomore setter Bryan Wimber ran the offense to perfection, leading to an Irish victory in the match, 25-19, 19-25, 15-11.

Western Michigan was up next in the semifinals, matching two 3-1 teams. It became obvious quickly the Irish had all of the momentum after their third-game victory over Michigan, and they used that to their advantage in a big 25-19 win in game one on the backs of the two Jasons: junior middle Jason Gott and freshman outside Jason Healy. Both had timely blocks and huge kills in both the first game and the second game, as the Irish again pulled away, winning and moving on to the finals, 25-19, 25-20.

The finals pitted rival and host Grand Valley State against the young Irish squad.
par for the day, tied in 12th overall.

Junior Lisa Maunu birdied her final hole to shoot a team-low 74 in the second round. Along with her first-round 77, shooting a 75 in the second round, she finished at 7-over-par and tied for 16th overall.

Sophomore Annie Brophy cleaned up her game, continuing from page 20. After struggling in the first round, sophomore Annie Brophy cleaned up her game, shooting a 74 in the second round. Brophy finished the day 15-over-par. Brophy finished the day 15-over-par.

Sophomore Kristin Wetzel rounded out the Irish squad, allowing per game. They make up for it with their defense, however — ranking No. 2 in the Big East in scoring defense with 51.1 points allowed per game.

Despite its low scoring totals, Rutgers has offensive firepower at the guard position. Sportswriters recently voted senior Matee Ajavon, who scores 12.5 points per game, a finalist for the Nancy Lieberman Award, given to the nation's top point guard. Sophomore Epiphanny Prince leads the team in scoring with 14.2 points per game.

"I think Matee is just sensational. She's going to be a first-round draft pick," McGraw said. "And Epiphanny Prince is having an incredible year. If she hadn't been in foul trouble that first half of the Tennessee game, that would have been a whole different game."

Rutgers will challenge Notre Dame (20-5, 8-3) in an area the Irish usually dominate — bench performance. In a 71-50 defeat of South Florida Saturday, the Scarlet Knights reserves outscored the Bulls' bench 31-3. No opposing bench has outscored Notre Dame's bench this season, and McGraw said she expects the back-ups to be strong again tonight.

"Our bench has done a great job all year," she said. "And that's been our strength, so we're really counting on our bench to step up in this game."

The reserves proved crucial in Notre Dame's 79-67 win over Syracuse Saturday. Sophomore guard Melissa Lechttner came off the bench and hit two shots in succession in the final three minutes to help the Irish break a 64-64 tie and pull away for the win.

"Those two field goals she had [were] really, really big, and I thought [freshman forward] Becca [Bruszewski] had a couple of big ones too, and [freshman guard] Brittany [Mailloy] in the first half," McGraw said. "I think the bench is really doing their job."

McGraw sounded pleased both with her team's performance during its five-game win streak and with the opportunity to play another top-five team.

"We're playing with a lot of confidence, and we have absolutely nothing to lose," she said. "We're going into this game as an underdog. We can just play hard and see what happens."

Although she didn't discuss the issue at length with her team, McGraw said the players felt the same way.

"I think they're thinking the same thing," she said. "We're the underdog, they're a great team. I think we know how good they are, we certainly respect their talent, but we also feel like we've had a chance to play some other Final Four teams and we're not going to be intimidated."

Note: McGraw said senior guard Tulyah Gaines is probable for tonight's game after injuring her left shoulder against Syracuse.

"We'll have to see how she gets through practice (Monday)," McGraw said.

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Gaston, bring them back. Our work ethic this off-season has been excellent. There's a sense of purpose around here.

With the new season comes a group of fresh faces, and many of the Irish coaches are excited about the incoming freshman class. Several recruiting Web sites labeled the class one of the top-five in the nation.

Freshman influence

"We got a little bit of everything in this group," Schrage said. "We needed to improve our team rather quickly and this class is going to help us do that. We got some power pitching with [Brian] Dupra, some speed with [Golden] Taze, and some power with [Matt] Sciocia."

Schrage said several freshmen could play early in the season. One of the names he mentioned was that of infielder Mick Doyle, who could spell some of the veterans because of his solid defensive technique and his ability to hit for contact.

Freshman catcher Cameron McConnell probably will contribute early because of the need to have a rotation of backstops. He looks to fill in for fifth-year senior Sean Gaston.

But with youth comes a price: The Irish count only seven seniors on the roster.

"We're very inexperienced," Schrage said. "Any time you have to pitch four freshmen, who knows what will happen. This group is very talented though, and has been featured in national showcases in high school. We're just excited to see how they do out there."

The group of seniors has taken it upon themselves to turn this youth and inexperience into something that can be harnessed as a positive on the field, Schrage said. In particular, Schrage credits his three captains — Gaston, outfielder Ross Bresovsky and catcher Chris Sorge — with providing strong leadership for the freshmen.

Pitching

While much of the roster is young, the Irish pitching staff is deep with returning starters. Junior David Phelps returns after a breakout season in which he became only the second Irish hurler to record 100 strikeouts (102) and post an ERA under 2.00 (1.88) in the same season.

Paired with Phelps is senior ace Wade Korpi, who brings a change of pace to the mound as a southpaw. Although Korpi struggled with his consistency last season, his fall workouts showed promise.

"We're a balanced team," Schrage said. "Last year we didn't have a lot of depth, but this year we do. It helps our team get better because there's always someone pushing you to perform your best. Our pitching is pretty deep. I'd say that's definitely our strength."

Notre Dame also returns junior closer Kyle Weiland. The junior made some mechanics adjustments to minimize throwing across his body. He features a fastball that ranges in the low-90s, but fools opposing batters with his biting breaking ball.

Schrage is pleased where Notre Dame stands heading into the season.

"We're a little under the radar now," Schrage said. "All of the coaches in the Big East picked us to finish fifth. I know that we have the determination and pride to bring the trophy back to South Bend where it belongs."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

'Just stingy'

Rutgers another foe poised for deep run in NCAA Tournament

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has already faced three potential Final Four teams this season in No. 4 Maryland, No. 1 Connecticut and No. 3 Tennessee.

Tonight, they face a fourth. The No. 14 Irish, who lost to Princeton, N.J., after practice Monday, will play a No. 5 Rutgers team that beat previously undefeated Connecticut on Feb. 5 and might have knocked off then-No. 1 Tennessee on Feb. 11 if not for a controversial clock malfunction.

Despite the difficult games earlier in the season, coach Muffet McGraw said this will be Notre Dame's toughest yet. "One, it's on the road; and two, they're, I think, a better team than Tennessee," McGraw said.

McGraw said the key to success against the Scarlet Knights is simple. "We have to shoot the ball well," she said. "They're just stingy, earn it, they really don't like to give up a lot of points. We've got to take care of the ball, we've got to get good shots, and we've gotta make them. We have to shoot the ball well because we're not going to get a lot of second-chance opportunities."

Irish senior guard Tulyah Gaines drives past a Pittsburgh defender during Notre Dame's 81-66 victory on Feb. 10. The Irish travel to No. 5 Rutgers tonight.

Irish start slow, enter final round in seventh

Freshman Park is 12th overall, now leads team

By MIKE BLASCO
Sports Writer

Early struggles landed No. 20 Notre Dame in a tie for seventh in a field of 15 at the Central District Invitational in Parrish, Fla.

The Irish stumbled out of the gate, posting a team score of 315 in the first round Saturday. But they responded with a second-round 300 to finish with a record of 13-over-par 645.

Josh Schrage

The field tightens up considerably behind the Spartans, with the second through sixth teams separated by only nine strokes.

No. 14 Kent State is in second, ending the day with a 27-over-par 603. No. 25 Texas A&M and No. 37 Ohio State are tied one stroke behind that. Ohio State's 296 was the lowest score of the day.

First-round shortcomings followed by second-round improvements were the order of the day for Notre Dame, with each golfer either matching or improving her first-round scores.

"I think there's a lot of pride in the clubhouse," Schrage said. "There are some players here who have won Big East championships and they want to improve on 28-28 record remains focus

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

In baseball, each spring represents a chance at redemption. For Notre Dame, the upcoming season will be just that — an opportunity to reclaim its position as one of the Big East's elite squads. Coming off of a middling 28-28 season in his first year with the Irish, coach Dave Schrage said there is an emerging sentiment of renewal and resolve in the locker room.

Irish pitcher Brett Grafty delivers during Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Illinois-Chicago on May 1, 2007.