Schmidt, Weber elected Pres., V.P.

With 51.9 percent of vote, ticket narrowly defeats Burdick-Sanchez in run-off election

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Junior Grant Schmidt and sophomore Virginia Weber won the election for student body president and vice president with 51.9 percent of the vote in one of the closest elections in recent years, according to Anthony Travel's Leisure Manager Kayleen Carr. "Prices are cheaper," Carr said. "Similar packages are cheaper this year than last year," said. Schmidt and Weber defeated seniors Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez, who received 48.1 percent of the vote. Slightly less than half the undergraduate student body, or 5,942 students, voted Thursday, Chamberlain said. The Schmidt-Weber ticket received 1,886 votes while the Burdick-Sanchez ticket grabbed 1,746 votes. Chamberlain said the 310 votes to abstain were excluded from the denominator used to derive the percentages, but if the abstaining votes had been included, neither candidate would have received the necessary 50 percent to win the election. "This is the closest run-off election I have seen in my time here," Chamberlain said. Schmidt said he is happy with the high voter turnout.

Veterans honored at halftime

By FRAN TOLAN
News Writer

At halftime of the Notre Dame men's basketball game against Louisville Thursday, the team honored four United States soldiers that were injured in combat in Afghanistan. The four "Wounded Warriors" - Lance Corporal Anthony Villarreal, Staff Sergeant Leroy Petry, Staff Sergeant Dillon Behr and Staff Sergeant Freddie De Los Santos - were greeted at midcourt by a standing ovation.

Irish Gardens peddling flowers

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

With Valentine's Day on Saturday, student-run business Irish Gardens is using the occasion to advertise its name on campus as well as accommodate the hundreds of students who have placed orders for bouquets. "We are hoping to promote our name around campus," student manager Mary Kathleen Julien said. "We want the campus community to be aware that we are around campus." Irish Gardens is a student-run business on campus. Julian and three other student managers, Mary McLaughlin, Sara Snyder and Michelle Maloney, oversee the business. They are currently in the middle of their Valentine's Day campaign, which Maloney said is one of their busiest times of the year. "It is definitely busy around Valentine's Day every year, it is absolutely packed," she said. "This is our first themed campaign, and we are hoping to promote the store as much as possible." To promote the event, see FLOWERS/page 6
**On a decorative box. Boys don’t store their belongings in decorative boxes. Unless the box is decorated with beef jerky or pictures of attractive school children. I once jokingly said I wanted a “Barbie: Fairytopia” DVD during the best time to remind her of it. Unfortunately, this is yet another reason why anyone would buy this for someone they love. Why don’t you just wallpaper your girlfriend’s room with giant pictures of Valentine’s Day?**

For her:

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Sophomores to host parents over weekend

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Sophomore Parents’ Weekend, a time for parents to participate in activities with their daughters, kicks off at Saint Mary’s College today.

Sophomore Rachel Flaherty said she is looking forward to spending time with her family. “I am very excited for Sophomore Parent’s Weekend because it allows my parents to come to Saint Mary’s College and see the places that I spend my time away from home,” Flaherty said.

For Katie Brown, the weekend will be an opportunity for her to see her parents outside of breaks. “My mom hasn’t been on campus since move in at the beginning of the year, so I am excited for her to see everything again,” Brown said.

The weekend contains many different events planned to help students bond with their parents while at school. On Friday, there will be a silent auction.

Flaherty said, “The purpose of this weekend is to create a bonding experience with parents and daughters and celebrate their daughter’s education.”

“I wanted my parents to come to this weekend so that they could spend time with me at my home away from home, and also so we could have fun doing things we wouldn’t normally get to do,” Flaherty said.

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**Campus celebrates Darwin**

Scientist’s 200th birthday observed with party, poetry slam event

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Charles Darwin has been dead for 127 years, but over 80 Notre Dame students and faculty members celebrated his 200th birthday with a party and poetry slam event Thursday night.

Professor Hope Hollocher of the biology department organized the event, which was sponsored by both the biology department and Notre Dame’s Environmental Research Center.

“The biology department hadn’t organized anything fun for the Darwin at Notre Dame series, and his birthday was still open, so we planned this,“ Hollocher said.

The audience drank tea and munches on pecans while 23 students and Hollocher’s seven-year-old daughter performed the poems they had written.

Hollocher helped judge the poetry competition, along with English professor John Wilkinson, biology graduate student Matthew Barnes and Gigi Holley, a senior biology student.

The event brought students and faculty from different disciplines together.

“This event is a confluence of science and the arts, a chance to see how these two things meshed,” Hollocher said. “There is this idea of different departments getting together. It’s really cross-disciplinary.”

The judges graded the poems on form, performance, content and humor. Audience cheers determined the winner of an audience appreciation category.

The overall winners were Kyle Iroca and Angela Salvo, whose poem honored all the scientists before Darwin whose efforts helped his discoveries. Mentioning Mendel’s Leuwenhoek’s microscope, and many others, their poem concluded, “The past we must remember, but the future lies with you.”

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Edith Stein Project to discuss love, relationships, dignity

Fourth annual conference aims to empower men, women to ‘evaluate honestly their own lives and relationships’

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Writer

The fourth annual Edith Stein Project will focus on issues relating to love through a variety of events, including 25 speakers and two panel discussions.

“Our purpose is to engage men and women in discussion on their inherent worth and dignity in a manner that is relevant to everyday life, with an emphasis on the dignity of women,” said senior Caitlin Poddulski, the chair of the conference.

Poddulski said she hopes that everyone who attends the conference will attend the conference on Friday and Saturday.

The conference presents views of human dignity based on optimism and the teachings of the Catholic Church, she said.

“We hope that this conference will empower men and women to evaluate honestly their own lives and relationships,” she said.

Poddulski has attended each of the four Edith Stein Projects, which is hosted by the Identity Project of Notre Dame (iND). iND became official club after the Edith Stein Project in 2006, she said.

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Although online registration closed Wednesday, Poddulski said people could still attend as many of the events as they like. Most events will be held in McKenna Hall.

Two of the 25 speakers are Film, Television and Theatre professors Susan Currier and Don Brockett, who will give a presentation on “Love in Film and Television” Friday evening.

The project’s Web site lists the schedule of events, including speakers on issues such as homosexuality, contraception, family life and healthy relationships.

The two panels during the conference will feature submission spokesmen, who Poddulski said offer unique perspectives on the issues.

According to the conference Web site, Friday afternoon’s panel will examine the book-up culture and how it is related to the difference between internal and external beauty.

Poddulski said Saturday afternoon’s panel concerns violence against women.

“We have several students on the panel and some of them share very personal stories,” she said. “It is eye-opening and yet also very inspiring.”

The conference concludes Saturday evening with a formal banquet.

Poddulski hopes that students will experience new points of view by attending the conference.

“People may or may not agree with all of the positions presented, but this is an academic conference,” she said. “Therefore, the opinions are not only encouraged but absolutely necessary for fruitful dialogue and for the conference to fulfill its mission.”

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It was a lot to take in, emotionally. I held it in but it is a weird experience," Lance Corporal Anthony Villarreal said immediately after the tribute. "You just think about everything over there and did your job and you have all these people appreciate you in that way. It kind of makes you grateful for what you've done.

The halftime presentation was part of "Came Night" at the Joyce Center, an event Notre Dame coach Mike Brey began last year. Every fan in attendance received a camouflage T-shirt upon entering the arena.

In May 2007, Brey traveled to San Antonio as part of "Operation Hardwood," a four-day basketball tournament in which he coached a team of service members. After returning to the United States, Brey said the trip was one of the top five experiences of his life.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Islamic group agrees to truce
CAIRO — The deputy leader of Hamas said Thursday night that the Islamic militant group agreed to a 13-hour truce with Israel for the Gaza Strip, the official Egyptian news agency reported.

Moreover, Marzouk told MENA that Egypt's government, which has been mediating between Hamas and Israel, would announce the truce in two days after consulting with other Palestinian factions.

In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's office said the Israeli government had no comment.

Earlier in the day, Egyptian and Hamas officials reported progress in truce talks, which included Hamas's strongest flank from Gaza.

Pakistan admits to link with attacks
ISLAMABAD — Pakistani Interior Ministry officials said Thursday that the Mumbai attacks were partly plotted on its soil and announced criminal proceedings against eight suspects, including three alleged ring leaders, in a sign it is heeding findings that were later handed over to India.

Washington, which had feared tensions could flare with other Palestinian factions.

It also echoed a warning that we mean business," Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik said at a news conference, while holding up a copy of the report prepared after an April outbreak.

NATIONAL NEWS

Inspection costs five their lives
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Five officers failed to Brandy serious safety concerns, including a lack of smoke detectors and proper exits, when they inspected an east Texas homeless shelter that was lacking basic safety requirements.

None of the five inspections conducted in the 10 years before the Jan. 5 fire was by a state inspector, and there is no evidence that the facility lacked the basic safety requirement.

The Associated Press

Lessons learned at the facility (a nonprofit) are still using the facility as a temporary shelter and will continue to live amid containers of used clothing and other highly flammable material.

Peanut plant orders recall
Allergen notified of products down

The Associated Press

MISSISSIPPI — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is recalling nearly 30,000 pounds of peanut butter and creamed peanut butter, the largest recall in the agency's history, after four cases of salmonella were reported.

The order came Thursday evening from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has been cooperating in the investigation.

A peanut butter inspection was made in the city of Paris in response to the AP's request for more information.

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Tom Reedy, a spokesman for the Mississippi Agriculture Department, said there were no reports of any injuries in the fire.

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Jackson, Miss. — A judge known for successfully prosecuting a white supremacist decades after a civil rights-era killing pleaded not guilty Thursday to five federal charges in an unrelated judicial bribery scheme that has snared some of the state's wealthiest attorneys.

Mississippi Circuit Judge Bobby DeLaughter was influenced with a promise to former U.S. Sen. Trent Lott would help him get appointed to the federal bench, according to an eight-page indictment unsealed Thursday. Lott has not been accused of wrongdoing.

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The women came armed with kitchen knives and log-sized wooden poodles used to pound yams into flour.

Since then, the residents of Bangadi have successfully driven off two attacks by the Ugandan rebels, who have killed at least 900 people in this remote northeastern corner of Congo over the past seven weeks.

News of Bangadi's success — and the lack of military protection — have spurred hundreds of villages to form self-defense groups, according to Avril Benoit, a spokeswoman for Medecins Sans Frontieres.

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The managers have put posters up around campus and have placed paper tents on the tables in both dining halls on campus. They also used the electronic signs in LaFortune. Irish Gardens has set up a table on the main floor of LaFortune where students can place orders. If the students have specific questions, they are redirected downstairs to the actual store.

"The surge in business that we are seeing during Valentine's Day is a great opportunity for us to let everyone on campus know that we are around throughout the school year, not just for the holidays," Julian said.

There is a variety of options offered by the store, including special bouquets that were created by the student managers. Julian's bouquet is called the "MK Bouquet." It contains stock, stargazer lilies, which are different types of wildflowers, snapdragons, roses, alstroemeria and gerberas.

"I wanted to create a bouquet that was both beautiful and reasonable," Julian said.

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"preferred charity" for most donors.

But he was cautious about predicting whether the situation will improve or not. "We're fairly early in this downturn," he said. "No one knows how much worse it will get and how much longer will it last."

A new survey by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education forecast a 1.7 percent decrease in fundraising this year, making it the second worst in the past 21 years. Nanni said it's too early to make comparisons to downturns like those experienced in the 1990s or after Sept. 11, but "all indications" lead him to believe that the current recession will be far worse than either of those.

Nanni said he sees a "compounding of a decline in donor and amounts of individual donations.

Some donors have lost any-where between 30 to 50 percent of their net worth," Nanni said.

And what is perhaps most difficult ... is the uncertainty as to when this economy is going to come back," he said, which has affected giving.

The University is currently in the middle of the fourth year of its largest capital campaign in its history, the Spirit of Notre Dame campaign. The campaign began in July of 2004 with the goal of raising $1.5 billion.

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"There's a lot of ways to give to Notre Dame where at the same time people can feel they're impacting greater society and it's needed," he said.

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Kareem elected to Nat'l Academy of Engineering

Election to society signifies high honor for Kareem, director of ND NatHaz Modeling Lab

Kareem is the lead U.S. collaborator for a project titled "New Frontiers of Education and Research in Wind Engineering" at Tokyo Institute of Technology's Global Center for Excellence. The center, founded by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, is established to build a sustainable urban environment that is resilient to extreme wind events and to develop expertise in regional and local environmental engineering. A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1990, Kareem has also been involved in the administration, management and organization of numerous professional societies including the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), as well as committees of the National Research Council, NAE and the American Association for Wind Engineering. He also has served on numerous major oil, insurance and consulting engineering companies and the United Nations.

The research findings of Kareem and his students and postdoctoral fellows are having a major influence in the area of structural engineering, including monitoring of hurricane winds and their lead effects; development of innovative structural systems for offshore drilling and monitoring; monitoring of the dynamic causes of structural failures; offshore structures; new types of innovative structures; risk modeling; and development of cyber-based collaborations for research and education in wind effects.

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Congress works overtime on stimulus
Controversy over school-modernization money forces delay in final votes

WASHINGTON — Reluctant to call it quits, key lawmakers bargained into overtime Thursday on the $790 billion economic stimulus legislation before reaching a final agreement more than 24 hours after first announcing a deal.

Lingering controversy over school-modernization money and a scaled-back tax break for businesses forced a delay in votes on the legislation.

But by nightfall, with Democratic leaders eager for final passage by the weekend, issues were reported settled. House leaders announced a vote for Friday, with the Senate to follow later in the day or over the weekend.

Republicans, lined up to vote against the bill, piled on the criticism: "This is the smart approach," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader. "The taxpayers of today and tomorrow will be left to clean up the mess."

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The $790 billion stimulus plan is nearing votes in the House and Senate. If all stays on the course, the package of spending programs and tax cuts will become law and come to good fortune as the United States' signature policy package.

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Studies examine ADHD, memory

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It happens to us all — you walk to the refrigerator, open the door, then walk back there, unable to remember why you went to the kitchen in the first place.

You may call it a brain cramp, but in psychological terms, it’s a "failure of active maintenance," a term that could be a key to decoding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or ADHD, according to Brad Gibson, a Notre Dame associate professor of psychology whose research looks at the link between memory and the disorder in adolescents.

In recent years Gibson and colleagues have focused their studies on what’s called "working memory," the kind that allows us to maintain the information that we’re processing in our minds. The study of ADHD and a weakness in working memory.

"The internalization behavior, the distraction, was thought to have been relatively ignored in psychological terms," Gibson says. "It’s only recently that it’s becoming clear that this is something that’s not included actually when working memory capacity measure that we talk about." Working with middle school students from a nearby Penn-Harris-Madison school district, the researchers have been able to demonstrably strengthen working memory. As a result, participants by administering an intervention that consists of a series of memory games played on a computer.

"We have this working memory intervention that is doing something," Gibson explains. "They have better scores after it than before it, but we haven’t really understood why it was working and we thought it was improving active maintenance." With a new focus on the retrieval component, Gibson and his colleagues are starting to consider some new theories.

What they’re finding is that kids with ADHD tend to retrieve more irrelevant information, so they’re coming up with things, but they’re not really relevant; they’re not the items from the list," he says. "Right now the challenge is to come up with measures that can accurately assess their weaknesses." A new study is starting this fall, but Gibson hopes that this fresh approach will open some promising doors.

"This is an advance in the way that we’re thinking and it has implications for treatment because it still could be that the intervention that we’re using actually improves the retrieval component, which would be directly addressing the weakness," he says. "It allows us to potentially fine-tune the intervention by having a better idea of what the problem is in the first place."

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Obama pays tribute to Lincoln

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Summoning the pride of a nation, President Barack Obama paid fond tribute Thursday to Abraham Lincoln by challenging people to embrace his vision of a collective union and reject a "knee-jerk disdain for government."

"He recognized that while each of us must do our part, work as hard as we can and be as responsible as we can — in the end, there are certain things we cannot do on our own," Obama said of Lincoln at a celebration of the revered president’s 200th birthday.

"There are certain things we can only do together," Obama said. "There are certain things only a union can do."

Here in the place that Lincoln called home, and from where Obama launched his presidential bid, the new president’s speech capped his third event honoring Lincoln’s bicentennial.

It was a whirlwind day for Obama. He squeezed in a visit to Peoria, Ill., and coped with the abrupt withdrawal of another commerce secretary nominee.

The stories of Obama and Lincoln have become intertwined by history, geography and symbolism. Their paths are viewed as not just parallel, but the country as well — a lineage from the man who freed the slaves to the first black president in U.S. history.

"I think that President Lincoln understood that self-reliance was at the core of American life. But Obama said individual liberty is "served, not negated, by a recognition of the common good."

The pendulum, Obama said, has swung too far toward a philosophy that says government is the problem — a notion that it should be dismantled, with tax breaks for the wealthy that might eventually help produce the opposite." "Such knee-jerk disdain for government — this constant rejection of any common endeavor — cannot rebuild our lives or our bridges," Obama said. His list of col- lective examples went on: better schools, modern health care, an economy built on clean energy.

"Only a nation can do these things," Obama said. "Only by coming together, all of us, that we can have that sense of shared sacrifice and responsibility ... that we can have that dignity that must be done in this country. That is the very definition of being American."

Earlier Thursday, back in Washington, Obama celebrated Lincoln’s resolve in a ceremony in the state’s Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. And he spent Wednesday evening at a performance at the newly renovated Ford’s Theatre, where Lincoln was assassinated in 1865.

Like Lincoln, Obama is a skinny lawyer who rose from obscurity and served in the state’s legislature before leaping to national office at a time of burgeoning crisis.

Prof looks at global trade of species

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David Lodge, professor of biological sciences and director of the Center for Aquatic Conservation at Notre Dame, is the lead organizer for a symposium on global trade and aquatic invasive species that will take place today during the 2009 American Association for Advancement of Science (AAAS) annual meeting in Chicago.

Titled "Global Trade and the Homogeneous: Lessons from the Great Lakes," the session will present recent advances in research on ship-borne aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes and globally.

"Biological invasions are obliterating the very geographic patterns of organisms that fueled Darwin’s and Wallace’s discovery of the ‘homogeneous,’ increased trade is bringing distant ecosystems into contact in new ways. Organisms are transported to unfamiliar settings that are conducive to invasion. These invasions cause biotic homogenization and economic damages that are costly and often impossible to reverse," Lodge said.

Lodge and his colleagues at the symposium will reveal major new results from biology, ecology, and economics and policy. They will discuss novel network analysis, invasion management strategies, the first estimate of aggregate financial costs caused by ship-borne invasions in the Great Lakes, and an analysis of alternative policies to better balance competing uses of the Great Lakes.

Symposium sessions include "Linking Degrees of Separation Among World’s Ports," by John Drake, Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia (and a graduate of Notre Dame’s biological sciences doctoral program); "Invasion and Losses of Ecosystem Goods and Services in the Great Lakes," by Lodge; and "Impact of Ship-borne Aquatic Invasive Species to the Great Lakes Regional Economy," by David Finnoff, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Wyoming.

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Base not shut down despite gov't threat

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Most of the aircraft at Manas air base in Kyrgyzstan, which refuel around the clock for missions there, have taken off throughout the day despite Kyrgyzstan’s plans to shut down the facility seen as crucial to the war in Afghanistan. The Manas air base works around the clock as the main air transportation hub for conducting and supporting operations in Afghanistan, acting as a transit point for military cargo and personnel, and for more than 500 tons of cargo moving in and out of the region each month. It is also a key link for medical evacuations from Afghanistan, which has seen rising violence and casualty rates.

Within a few minutes Thursday morning, a KC-135 Stratotanker departed for Afghanistan from the nearby Groom Lake air cargo handling facility. 

Kyrgyz President Kurmanbek Bakiyev shocked Washington last week by announcing the closure of the Manas air base. Losing access to the facility would put a strain on U.S. and NATO forces fighting in Afghanistan. 

President Barack Obama’s plan to send up to 30,000 more U.S. forces to fight surging Taliban and al-Qaida violence in Afghanistan, while a huge chunk of the U.S. military is fighting in Iraq, could still negotiate a deal to keep some forces at Manas, a spokesman said. 

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Saint Mary's student body president and vice president elections are taking place at the College on Monday. For the second year in a row, the race is uncontented as one of the two announced tickets, juniors Mallory Price and Kaile Lewis, dropped out of the race early Thursday morning. Barring a majority of Saint Mary's students voting for the abstain ticket, junior Jenny Iloffson and sophomore Meg Griffin will become the next president and vice president, respectively. We hope and are confident that the women will not allow their uncontested ticket to result in complacency, but will instead continue working hard to address the following important issues in their upcoming term:

- Transparency — One of the biggest problems Saint Mary's students have had with student government in the past few years is that the students don't know what is going on. This became an issue when eight students took a large stipend from student funds two years ago. The stipend, essentially, is payment for serving in student government. This year's Board of Governance (BOG) Executive Board tried to do the same. This can be an uproar when students heard what BOG was trying to do. One of the reasons the stipend issue received such a passionate response from the students is that they felt BOG was underhanded and deceptive in trying to pass the stipend. With a bit of prodding, this year's BOG has done a better job letting students know what they are doing, especially with funds, a practice which next year's leaders should continue. But they could take it one step further by keeping lines of communication open between students and BOG.

- Resolution of conflict in a timely fashion — It took BOG four weeks to approve the Student Government Association budget this school year because of opposition to the Executive Board stipend. Students felt strongly about the issue, which stalled the budget as the Executive Board balked at removing the stipend and those opposed to the stipend refused to approve the budget. Without an approved budget, funds were frozen and clubs and organizations received their allotments late, forcing them to find outside funding if any of their activities occurred before they received it. Student government needs to find a way to shorten the time it takes to resolve issues such as this, so as not to punish students by withholding or forcing groups to cancel activities.

- Representing the students — While student body president and vice president are lofty titles, the key words of both of them is "student body." The students fulfilling these jobs are voted into office by the students and should be serving these students. Opening lines of communication between what women at the College want to see and what Student Government does will help BOG better serve the student body.

They should pay attention to what students are saying to them and they should speak for the student body. When students on campus were concerned about slow campus security response involving a trespasser near one of the residence halls, BOG missed a perfect opportunity to act on behalf of the students. When something happens on campus that people are concerned about, BOG should be the first to step up and offer ways to resolve the issue by facilitating discussions between administrators and students.

- Respect — Respect is crucial to accomplishing anything as a student government, whether it be on the part of the students or those serving the students. Many members of this year's BOG have side conversations or roll their eyes while other commissioners or students raise concerns. The level of respect at the meetings, and in any interactions with students, needs to be increased.

Although these suggestions may seem simple, their implementation by Hoffmann and Griffin will be critical in improving relationships between the Saint Mary's student body, and the representatives they elect.
Five dollar footlongs

Acknowledging the gifts of women is not the same as respecting women. You can call us "God's masterpiece," graciously allow us to be ideological and wax poetic about our ability to conceive and give birth, yet still work. We can be allowed to stand on altars as priests; it will remain doubtful as to whether the Church really respects women.

Additionally, if we're going to remain truly committed to the gender roles indicated in the Bible, then some adjustments will need to be made in the celebration of Easter. All four Gospels state that women were the first to encounter the risen Jesus, and were then instructed to tell the men of the Resurrection. Women were then the first Christian preachers of the Resurrection. In keeping with this tradition, we should lead Easter services while men hide behind locked doors.

Sarah Testa
Senior Ops Hall Feb. 11

Women in the priesthood

In response to Steve DeLaurentis' Letter to the Editor regarding the unfortunate mud problem on campus ("Please save me from the mud," Feb. 11), I wish to voice my complete agreement. Steve proposed one solution: "Archivists in the past (smarter than those employed by Notre Dame) have built buildings with no pre-planned walkways connecting them — then after a year of observing the pattern worn into the grass, they subsequently paved those slowly-trodden pathways."

Fortunately, this method creates an entire year of muddy walks about campus. With the alternative option of clean concrete pathways. Instead. I have some more suggestions to how Notre Dame could fully fulfill its responsibilities to keep students' shoes clean when they voluntarily walk through mud.

1. Students should have the option to send their class schedules to Ziidowski Construction in order to have those entries laminate the sidewalks on campus to better accommodate every student's walkways.

2. Students should be provided a personal assistant that will physically assist them to all their classes, and if need be, lay down face first in the mud so we can wear clean shoes.

3. Complementary shoe shines should be available at 2,500 locations around South Bend thinking about my lack of a Notre Dame relationship? It can't be because I am looking in the wrong places or basing everything I know about relationships on episodes of "The O.C." Is it because I really look young? No, that didn't hurt William Miller in "Almost Famous." I think the reason I can't find true love at Club Fever has to be because of single-sex dorms and the gender relations at Notre Dame. I mean, every problem at Notre Dame can be blamed on one of five things: 1) Football Loses, 2) Sweatpants, 3) Weather, 4) Bill Kirk, and 5) Single-Sex Dorms. I can't exactly blame Mr. Kirk on my lack of a girlfriend now.

On the bright side, I have some awesome bromances that would make Brody Jenner envious, a support group of girls with similar sounding names, and a bunch of cupcakes I can look to for inspiration. I just hope that one day I can have a great bromance. "Sorry, guys, I gotta see about a girl."

Until then, I'll just dance — and start apologizing to all the couples I poked fun at above.

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Sidewalks not enough

In response to Steve DeLaurentis' Letter to the Editor regarding the unfortunate mud problem on campus ("Please save me from the mud," Feb. 11), I wish to voice my complete agreement. Steve proposed one solution: "Archivists in the past (smarter than those employed by Notre Dame) have built buildings with no pre-planned walkways connecting them — then after a year of observing the pattern worn into the grass, they subsequently paved those slowly-trodden pathways."

Fortunately, this method creates an entire year of muddy walks about campus. With the alternative option of clean concrete pathways. Instead. I have some more suggestions to how Notre Dame could fully fulfill its responsibilities to keep students' shoes clean when they voluntarily walk through mud.

1. Students should have the option to send their class schedules to Ziidowski Construction in order to have those entries laminate the sidewalks on campus to better accommodate every student's walkways.

2. Students should be provided a personal assistant that will physically assist them to all their classes, and if need be, lay down face first in the mud so we can wear clean shoes.

3. Complementary shoe shines should be available at 2,500 locations around South Bend thinking about my lack of a Notre Dame relationship? It can't be because I am looking in the wrong places or basing everything I know about relationships on episodes of "The O.C." Is it because I really look young? No, that didn't hurt William Miller in "Almost Famous." I think the reason I can't find true love at Club Fever has to be because of single-sex dorms and the gender relations at Notre Dame. I mean, every problem at Notre Dame can be blamed on one of five things: 1) Football Loses, 2) Sweatpants, 3) Weather, 4) Bill Kirk, and 5) Single-Sex Dorms. I can't exactly blame Mr. Kirk on my lack of a girlfriend now.

On the bright side, I have some awesome bromances that would make Brody Jenner envious, a support group of girls with similar sounding names, and a bunch of cupcakes I can look to for inspiration. I just hope that one day I can have a great bromance. "Sorry, guys, I gotta see about a girl."

Until then, I'll just dance — and start apologizing to all the couples I poked fun at above.

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Where are the gyros?

Dear Food Services:

As a quick question — what happened to all the gyros? They were my favorite item served in the dining hall and I'm sure they're favorites of many other students. I ask because last semester, they were listed one day on the menu, but did not actually show up in the lines. Ever since, they have not appeared in the catelers to delight many hungry students. Is the situation something like the alpaca's? Is there a shortage? Have they been taken hostage by the flying spaghetti monster who is envying their juicy texture and cold tzatziki sauce taste? Please, Food Services, let my gyro go!

Daniel Quinn
St. Edward's Hall Feb. 10
Valentine’s Day in all its pink and red glory is supposed to embody romance. But cheesy love ballads can be tiresome (even for your love boat). So this Valentine’s Day, opt for something a little more chic, cultured and unique. This playlist takes a little bit of old and a little bit of new, taking romance to a new level of sophistication.

Someone To Watch Over Me- Amy Winehouse

Despite her questionable style choices, Winehouse has an undeniable talent for music. Her songwriting is undeniably romantic, drawing attention to the vulnerable heart that you will melt the hearts of every girl who doesn’t have the good fortune of being blessed with her music talent, with a modern edge and jazzy, evocative style. Her cover of this classic longing-for-love song is sensitive and moving.

I Fell in Love With You- Evan Rachel Wood

For some lovers, this song should summon images of Ducky dancing his heart out for Molly Ringwald. For those less Brat-Pack informed, this Otis Redding’s instructional manual, which could be also called “Love For Dummies.” Good for pre-date guidance and for reminding your significant other that you know how to treat them right.

With a voice like velvet, this melody is sweetly seductive, without being as explicit as other Gaye hits (i.e. “Love Her with Passion”). With perceptive simplicity. Though many will remember it from the movie “The Breakfast Club,” this song expresses passionate emotion without being overtly sexual.

Your Song- Elton John

Teaching without being overtly sexy, this song expresses passionate emotion with perceptive simplicity. Though many will remember it from the hit ‘80s movie “Can’t Buy Me Love,” this song is in its original form, still one of the biggest hits of its efforts.

How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You)- Marvin Gaye

With a voice like velvet, this melody is sweetly seductive, without being as explicit as other Gaye hits (i.e. “Let’s Get It On”).

Fai Deux Amours- Madeleine Peyroux

This Canadian artist will make you feel like you’re in the city of love. You don’t have to understand French to appreciate the sheer romance of this tune. And who doesn’t love Canada? This love song proves that it is a small world after all, giving Valentine’s Day an international flair.

As Time Goes By- Rosemary Clooney

Her music is just as attractive as her son, George. Enough said.

Great Heights- Iron & Wine

This cover of the Postal Service’s indie-pop serenade slows things down with an acoustic instrumental. Lyrically like “I’m thinking it’s a sign that the freckles in our eyes are mirror images and when we kiss they’re perfectly aligned” could make the saddest single drop his/her seventh chocolate bar with a breathless sigh.

If I Fell In Love With You- Evan Rachel Wood

Some readers might be aghast that Wood’s version simply has deliberate, slow paced vocals more than anything else. But it could take a lot of running around, plus they would have to sit alone for awhile. But you can pull off dessert pretty quickly and they’ll feel a bit more pampered.

Brownie Sundaes

This is nothing more than a twist on the above. A warm brownie melting your cold ice cream? What could be better?

1.Fill a bowl with your favorite ice cream. Use chocolate, vanilla or even M&M’s! (Or if you’re feeling a little fancy, try matching your ice cream to your or her favorite color)

2.Select a favorite mix-in. Some good combinations include (but are not limited to): cookie crumbs, nuts, chocolate chips, and a dash of cinnamon. The possibilities are endless.

3.Put the mixture on one side, and then make your brownie. The best way to do this is to use a brownie mix, as it makes dessert prep much faster. If you prefer to bake your own brownies, be sure to grease your baking dish.

4.Heat up the brownie in the microwave. It’s better to make sure your brownie is completely melted, otherwise you’ll end up with unmelted bits of chocolate.

5.Heat up some whipped cream. If your date prefers something sweeter, try some flavored whipped cream or creme anglaise.

6.Select a choice of mix-ins. Some good combinations include: chocolate chips, nuts, and a touch of cinnamon. The possibilities are endless.

7.Pour the mixture on top of the brownie.

8.Place the sundae in the refrigerator for about 10 minutes, until the ice cream is firm. You can also serve the brownie right away, but the flavors will meld better if you let it chill in the fridge for a bit.

9.Slice the brownie into squares and serve with whipped cream and a garnish of your choice. A sprig of mint or a cherry would be a great addition. Serve with a cherry on top for an extra special touch.

10.Enjoy your dessert and make sure to clean up the dish when you’re done! Your date will be impressed by your creative culinary skills.

Chocolate Covered Strawberry

This is a simple yet romantic dessert to make for your special someone.

1.Chop up some dark chocolate and place it in the microwave. Heat on medium for 20-30 seconds, stirring after each 10 seconds until the chocolate is melted.

2.Hold each strawberry by the stem and dip it into the melted chocolate. Place on a parchment-lined baking sheet and let cool.

3.Serve chilled and enjoy!

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SYMON RZYNER
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Romantic comedies, the prime genre of Valentine’s Day. Some will be forced to watch them, trapped in their cuteness, their witty banter and picturesque love stories. The rest will be sitting alone, eating ice cream, huddled in Snuggies, crying themselves to sleep. Instead why not watch films that are relatively unwatchable in cuteness, their witty banter and picturesque love stories? It could do wonders for helping to avoid thinking about the crippled self-worth that goes hand in hand with this holiday.

Passion of the Christ
With Lent quickly approaching, what better film to enjoy on Valentine’s Day than Mel Gibson’s vision of Jesus’ last hours? With the dialogue solely in subtitles and numerous scenes filled with brutal beatings, it will be impossible to think of romantic abandonment while relating Good Friday, one of the more incorrect names given to religious holidays.

Terminator 2: Judgment Day
One of the more memorable action films from the 80’s, Terminator 2 tells the touching love story of a boy and his robot. Fantastic action sequences, Arnold at his prime, and an evil, shape shifting, liquid metal adversary sent from the future to destroy John Connor. A John Connor who will be played by the recently criticized Christian Bale in the upcoming Terminator film. Also very important to note, no girlfriend would ever appear to watch this film.

Silence of the Lambs
There is a subtle tension between Clarice and the insane Hannibal “The Cannibal” Lecter, but nothing to emulate. The sexy dance of Ted Levine’s serial killer Buffalo Bill may spark a pang of longing, a real treat for the ladies.

An Inconvenient Truth
What better thing to enjoy during the day of St. Valentine, the patron of love and relationships, than a filmed lecture on the topic of climate change. Al Gore’s strong baritone warns of the impending doom that will be caused by humanities lack of respect for mother earth. It’s an educational experience that helped to solidify the “green” movement’s place in the mainstream and won Gore a Nobel prize due to his super-serious approach.

Pan’s Labyrinth
Perhaps the worst of possible date movies, based on the experiences of a certain Scene writer, should be watched, but not around anyone in whom there lies romantic interest. A visually stunning story of post-Spanish Civil War Spain, shows the experiences of a young girl and her family. Strange mythological creatures, and unnecessarily graphic torture and beatings will allow the viewer to realize there’s worse things than loneliness.

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STEFANIE DEPREZ
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Valentine’s Day is upon us, and with it dutifully comes Singles Awareness Day, a day dedicated to the broken-up, lonely or decidedly single. But this is no day for bemoaning singularity, because beneath the façade of solitude comes a never-ending stream of music to perfect the mood. For every love song there are about 15 anti-love songs. And on Valentine’s Day, we singles celebrate them all.

Here are a few songs to make you get up and sing, celebrating the freedom of being out of a relationship. Whether you instigated the break up or were left speechless when it happened, there are millions of tunes ready to pick up where your significant other left off. At the top of this list is, of course, “Since U Been Gone” by Kelly Clarkson. Nothing really beats opening your windows and blasting it, singing along at the top of your lungs. Male or female, this song is the ultimate catharsis. “Thanks to you, now I get what I want!” In the vein of post-break up pop-stars, who can resist Pink’s hit “So What?” “So what? I’m still a rock star! I got my rock moves and I don’t need you!”

Three Days Grace really captured the feeling of a failing relationship with “I Hate Everything About You.” Linkin Park has the market cornered on angry anti-relationship riffs with songs like “In the End” and “Numb.” The queen-bee of angry chick rock, Alanis Morrissette, established the biting break up song with “You Oughta Know.” “I’m here to remind you of the mess you left when you went away.” Rounding this section out is the staple from Destiny’s Child, “Survivor.” “Now I got you out of my life, I’m so much better. You thought that I’d be weaker without you, but I’m stronger.”

Then of course come the songs about thriving in the single light. The most recent hit here would have to be “Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)” by Beyonce. Good Charlotte provides an anti-love song at the ready with “I Don’t Wanna Be In Love.” Another rock-out song is “It’s My Life” by the Charlie-approved Bon Jovi. You can kick it old style with Fleetwood Mac’s “Go Your Own Way.”

The true oldies-but-goodies include “I Will Survive” by Gloria Gaynor and “Respect” by Aretha Franklin. Honorable mention must also go to Cher’s “Strong Enough” and “Song For The Lonely.” Nothing quite beats jumping around and singing along to “Owner of a Lonely Heart” by Yes, “Owner of a lonely heart, much better than an owner of a broken heart.” No matter who you are or where you are, these songs contain the essence of what it means to be single and proud of it.

Valentine’s Day doesn’t have to be a day for looking around at all the love in the world you don’t have, but a day to remember the inner strength that comes from forging your own path, and looking at the world fearlessly. Being single is as old as humanity, and as long as we’ve been around people have been singing about it.

But there’s really only one song that captures the true meaning of Valentine’s Day: “Song for the Dumpy” by Ben Folds.

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Heatley leads Senators to third straight win

Red Wings defeat Wild despite depleted lineup; Lighting hold on to early lead for win over Maple Leafs at home

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Suddenly the Ottawa Senators are starting to feel good about themselves.

Dany Heatley scored two unusual goals, Jason Spezza had a goal and an assist, and Brian Elliott made 34 saves to help the Senators win their season-high third straight game, 5-2 over the Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday night.

"We've beaten two pretty good teams in the last couple of days," Heatley said. "We're feeling good about ourselves."

Nick Foligno and Antoine Vermette also scored for the Senators, who still trail Florida by 14 points for the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot. Ottawa has 29 games remaining, one more than the Panthers.

Are the Senators daring to think about the playoffs? "It's definitely not out of the question," said captain Daniel Alfredsson, who had an assist and leads the Senators with 49 points. "It's possible. We won the first two games of this road trip. Who knows? We just can't look too far ahead."

Darrell Powe and Mike Richards scored for Philadelphia, which had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Elliott made 13 saves in the second period, stopping Mike Knuble's deflection and Claude Giroux's breakaway and making a brilliant glove save on Jeff Lyudor.

"Our goaltender was the best player on the ice tonight," said Ottawa's Marc Crawford.

"We've played very well on defense the last three or four games. The offense has struggled but tonight the goals came naturally," said Heatley, Ottawa's third straight impressive performance. He beat Buffalo 3-2 and 3-1 in his previous two games, stopping the Sabres on 11 of 12 power plays Wednesday night in Buffalo. The Flyers failed on three power plays.

"Their goalie was great and I didn't have my best night," Foligno said. "Antire Nichitynni said I thought that was the difference." Heatley was credited with Ottawa's first goal after his shot hit the right post, then bounced off Niittymaki and Flyers goalie Scott Hartnell into the net with 1:38 left in the first period. It was Heatley's team-leading 23rd goal.

Spezza made it 2-0 with his 21st goal on a power play at 8:40 of the second. He deflect- ed Brendan Bell's shot with his skate while standing to the left of net.

Foligno scored with 14 seconds left in the second when his shot hit the crossbar and bounced straight down into the goal. "I heard it but I didn't see it," said Richards, who made it 4-2 with a wrist shot 39 seconds later, and Vermette scored unassisted at 15:20 after stealing the puck from Jeff Carter.

It was the first time since November 8 that the Flyers dropped a game to back-to-back home teams in regulation. Philadelphia lost to Boston, 3-2. Philadelphia beat Ottawa 5-1.

Red Wings 4, Wild 2

The Detroit Red Wings were without two of their top six forwards and a top-four defense- man, and Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg were score- less.

No problem.

Jiri Hudler and Kris Draper scored in a 50-second span in the second period, and Chris Osgood made 21 saves in Stanley Cup champion Detroit's victory over the Minnesota Wild on Thursday night.

Mikael Samuelsson and Ville Leino also scored, and Marian Hossa had two assists to help the Red Wings win their sixth straight. The team was without Tomas Holmstrom (thoracic surgery), Devin Setoguchi (hand) and Brad Stuart (back). "We've got guys who are pretty good too," Samuelsson said.

Osgood shut out the Lightning during this season despite his 18-4-6 record. But he made big saves when he needed to.

"It's more mental than anything else and also sandbagging," said Osgood, who is giving the Red Wings the benefit of the doubt. "I'm going out there now without the weight of the world on my shoulders. As an athlete you have high expectations for yourself."

Brendt Burns and Mikko Koivu scored for Minnesota, and

remaining in the first period. He scored on a one-time shot from the right circle for his eighth goal. The Wild had a two-man advantage and the goal came 114 after Hossa and Datsyuk were both called for hooking with the Red Wings on the short-handed penalty.

Lightning 6, Maple Leafs 4

Steven Stamkos and Vincent Lecavalier scored third-period goals, and the Tampa Bay Lightning held off the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

Ryan Malone scored twice in the first 54 seconds of the first period, and Mark Recchi and Martin St. Louis also scored in the period to help Tampa Bay take a 4-1 lead.

Lee Stempniak scored twice for Toronto, and Niklas Hagman and Nikolai Kulemin added goals.

Stamkos, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2008 draft, returned last spring and scored on a power-play goal to give Tampa Bay a 5-3 lead at 6:01 of the third. He has seven goals.

Lecavalier added his team- high 10th goal.

The Lightning scored four times in a 4:13 span of the first. After Malone got things start- ed with his 17th and 18th goals, Recchi and St. Louis added power-play goals. St. Louis scored his 269th goal and had three assists.


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Selig: A-Rod 'Shamed the game'

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Unable to punish Alex Rodriguez for flunking a drug test that was supposedly anonymous, Bud Selig could only chastise him.

"What Alex did was wrong and he will have to live with the damage he has done to his name and reputation," the commissioner said Thursday, three days after the Yankees star admitted using banned substances from 2001-2003 while playing for the Texas Rangers.

"While Alex deserves public criticism for clearing the drug policy, this is, there is no valid excuse for using such substances, and those who use them have shamed the game," Selig said.

Rodriguez's admission followed a Sports Illustrated report that he was on a list of 104 players who tested positive for steroids in 2003, when testing was intended only to determine the extent of steroid use in baseball.

The results were seized by the government in 2004 and remain under seal.

Because it was an anonymous test and because Rodriguez's confession involved years before the drug agreement took effect, there is little Selig can do in terms of punishment.

Players and owners didn't agree to a joint drug program until August 2002, and testing with punishment didn't start until 2004.

"It is important to remember that these recent revelations relate to pre-program activity," Selig said.

Under our current drug program, if you are caught using steroids and/or amphetamines, you will be punished. Since 2005, every player who has tested positive for steroids has been suspended for as much as 50 games.

"Yankees manager Joe Girardi, speaking after his first staff meeting of spring training, said he wasn't sure whether he wanted Rodriguez to address the team. Position players are due to report Tuesday and start workouts the following day.

"If it's in his heart, yes, I would, but if it's not, that's OK, too," he said.

Girardi said Rodriguez, baseball's highest-paid player, "has a chance to have a major platform" in speaking out against drugs. Rep. Elijah Cummings, a Maryland Democrat, wrote a letter to Rodriguez inviting him to discuss steroids at an anti-drug event.

Cummings said Baltimore's Brian Roberts said to the group last year.

Rodriguez's admission has overshadowed all the other big events of the offseason, the signings of CC Sabathia, A.J. Burnett and Mark Teixeira at a cost of $423.5 million, and former manager Joe Torre's new book.

In Brief

Agent Rosenhaus shopping WR Burress to NFL teams

NEWARK, N.J. — Plaxico Burress seemingly wants to leave the New York Giants.

Drew Rosenhaus, the agent for the troubled receiver, sent an e-mail to the NFL's teams earlier this week letting them know that Burress was one of his three clients who wants to be traded, an NFL executive told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The person requested anonymity because the e-mail was supposed to remain private.

The Star-Ledger of Newark was the first to have the story, reporting in its Wednesday editions that Burress' initial e-mail to the teams said that Burress could be acquired through a trade.

However, the NFL executive who asked not to be identified because he had to deal with Rosenhaus, said the initial e-mail said that the agent had three "players desiring a trade."

League slaps Brown with $25k fine for outburst

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Mike Brown went to the All-Star game with less spending money.

Cleveland's coach was fined $25,000 by the NBA on Thursday for publicly criticizing referee Joey Crawford following the Cavaliers' last-second loss to Indiana earlier this week.

Brown claimed Crawford made a pre-determined call — or makeup — call against James, who had been involved in a similar play moments earlier when Granger was whistled for a foul while trying to defend an alley-oop pass intended for James.

Titans' Haynesworth given probation for speeding

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Titans All-Pro defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth is being blamed for causing an accident that left a Tennessee man needing lap replacement and has a district attorney reviewing the Dec. 13 incident for a possible probation violation.

Haynesworth is due to become a free agent Feb. 27 and is seeking to be the NFL's highest-paid defensive player.

In December, he agreed to 30 days' probation to divert a ticket for driving 103 mph in a 70-mph zone in March only four days before being cited for careless driving on Interstate 65 south of Nashville. He allegedly was speeding in his 2008 black Ferrari and trying to pass Corey Edmonson of Nashville, who lost control and crashed into the concrete median.

Haynesworth was cited for careless driving and having an expired registration in the incident, charges dismissed in Brentwood City Court on Thursday.

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Four drivers earn spots at Daytona qualifier

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jeff Gordon and Kyle Busch both celebrated in Victory Lane, far away from the real winners of the Daytona 500 qualifying races.

Jeremy Mayfield choked back emotion. AJ Allmendinger hid his tears behind sunglasses. Scott Riggs felt as if he'd just won NASCAR's biggest race.

None of them are a threat to the winners of the Daytona 500, at least they'll be in the show. Allmendinger, Mayfield, Riggs and Regan Smith earned spots in the season-opening race in Thursday's Gatorade Duels.

"It feels absolutely awe-some. It's like we just won the race," said Riggs, who finished eighth in the first qualifier.

None of the four drivers had rides a month ago, piecing together any opportunity they could to get them to Daytona International Speedway. Allmendinger was let go from Red Bull Racing late last year, and is clinging to an eight-race deal with Richard Petty Motorsports. Riggs became unemployed when Tony Stewart fired him midway through the 2006 season. Allmendinger, who failed to make the 500 in his first two NASCAR seasons with Red Bull, will finally be able to rest after a stressful buildup to the qualifying races.

"I've been so nervous over the last couple days 'cause I've been in this position the last two years," Allmendinger said. "But I really felt like this year I deserved to be in the race, that this team deserved to be in the race.

Mayfield has felt the same way, recently out of jobs as NASCAR roared on with no ride lined up. Mayfield at the last minute threw his team together for one last try. He's got a mismatched group of volunteers, and after loaned-out jackman Kyle Roland was injured while pitting Kirk Shelmerdine's car during the qualifying races, Mayfield borrowed an emergency replacement from Michael Waltrip's crew.

"Man, 23 days ago we didn't even have a race team," Mayfield said after finishing ninth in the second qualifier. "It's a very unbelievable feeling. To know where we were at then, how much hard work has been done in such a short amount of time is just unbelievable. To come here and do this, it's like winning 10 races.

The 39-year-old journeyman is throwing everything into this effort. After racing just 23 times over the past two years, and failing to draw much interest when rides became available, starting his own team became the last option in continuing his career.

"I've never really made the decision to retire as a driver. I want to retire on my own, not pushed to the wayside," Mayfield said. "That's what kept me motivated to do this.

Riggs could relate after a fruitless offseason job search had him still scouring for work last month.

He was finally swayed by Tommy Baldwin, who was crew chief and competition director for Ganassi Racing before the sponsor-strapped team folded in late December. Baldwin was putting together a startup race team, and lured Riggs to the driver seat.

"It came down to a point that I had to make a decision — am I going to go down to Daytona and start the season off with somebody like Tommy?" Riggs said. "Or am I going to go down to Daytona and start the season off with somebody like Tommy?"

"What really made the decision for me was when I talked to Tommy and just heard the passion in his voice. Man, I am just elated."

So was Gordon, who ended the longest winless drought of his career by winning the first duel. The four-time Cup champion, coming off his first winless season since his 1993 rookie year, climbed from his car in Victory Lane and immediately reached for his young daughter, Ella, who was just an infant during his last victory celebration, in October 2007.

"I've been fortunate enough to visit Victory Lane quite a few times, but not many times as a father," Gordon said. "There's nothing more special than that.

The non-points Gatorade Duels don't officially count for anything in Gordon's victory total, but gave him a second-row starting spot in Sunday's race.
Irish look to win golden racket

Women will compete in ITA Championship

By DOUG FARMER  Sporst Writer

This weekend Notre Dame will join 15 other teams in Madison at the ITA Indoor National Championships, all with hopes of winning the golden racket. The No. 14 Irish encounter the No. 5 Stanford Cardinal to start things off today.

The Irish have been in Madison since Wednesday so they could practice on the championship courts before the matches begin. While admittedly anxious upon arrival to the team hotel, a chance to hit around on the courts should calm the team's nerves greatly, and with no time to spare.

Stanford and a bit of tennis history await the Irish on Friday. Stanford has won 15 national championships since 1982, including three straight from 2004 to 2006.

"Stanford has been down a little bit for the last few years," senior Kelcy Tefft said. "But they are always really, really good."

Stanford will be the first top-10 team that Notre Dame faces this season, and thus, the team knows the match will be quite a challenge. Stanford are so far — a season marked by dominance and rising in the rankings.

"It's going to be a really long match, really draining, but hopefully, we will take two or three of those first three doubles matches," Tefft said. "I think that would really help us out."

Worry not, this Irish team will not serve softly just because they are facing a formidable foe.

"I think we are a lot better than our No. 14 ranking," Tefft said. "So coming into this weekend I think our whole team wants to prove that."

And if the Irish do prove it on Friday, they will face the winner of the No. 11 North Carolina, No. 4 Baylor match. But this is the type of read every one of the 16 teams in Madison must take to play on Monday, the fourth and final day of the tournament. A good chunk of the Notre Dame team already knows this.

"Our sophomore year we got to the finals, so all of the juniors and seniors know what it is like to be there," Tefft pointed out. "That experience will help us a lot."

This experience, along with the No. 1 doubles pairing of Tefft and freshman Kristy Frilling, lead the Irish to Madison with high expectations and hopes.

"While younger, I think this is the most talented team I have played on so far," Tefft said. "We are very hopeful and optimistic. We just have to go out there and prove it."

On Friday, Notre Dame begins what could be a four-day trek to a national championship. "We could definitely do it," Tefft said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Improved Belles face young Britons

By ALEX WEST  Sports Writer

On Friday, the No. 14 Saint Mary's (14-8) lost its first conference game of the year to Albion (11-10) 77-72. On Saturday, the Belles will look for revenge.

"They did a great job of getting to the free throw line and last time," Redmond coach Jennifer Henley said. "We just didn't play well defensively for 40 minutes."

The Belles are riding the momentum of a three-game winning streak, and have won six of their last seven games since playing Albion.

Senior Erin Newsom and freshmen Patsy Mahoney lead the Belles, with 22 points each in a 77-71 win over Adrian. Newsom also pulled down 11 rebounds to have her sixth double-double of the season.

"Patsy and Erin both did a good job for us on the offensive end," Henley said. "(Newsom and Mahoney) both attacked the basket and hit the open shots."

Allison on the other hand is trying to bounce back after a tough, two-week stretch. The Britons lost four in a row before a victory over winless Kalamazoo Wednesday night. Since their last meeting with the Belles, the Britons are just 3-4.

Regardless of Albion's recent play, Henley is sure her team won't be overlooking the Britons.

"Albion is a good young team that has a lot of options on offense," she said. "We need to focus more on transition defense and contest our outside game."

The Belles have already clinched the No. 2 seed in the MIAA tournament as well as achieving other school milestones. With three games left in the season, the Belles have already set the school record for conference victories with 12 and have tied the school record for total wins in a season (114).

Saint Mary's will try to continue to add to these totals Saturday. The tip-off is slated for 3:00 in Kresge Gymnasium at Albion College.

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NFL

Colts offseason plans affected by economy

IndianaPолis — Colts president Bill Polian is working on his usual offseason-to-do list.

He's negotiating with agents to restructure and re-sign players, preparing for the draft and dealing with NFL salary cap rules. But things are much tougher this year.

Polian said Thursday the economy and the NFL's revised salary cap rules have put the Colts in a financial pinch that is forcing the team to look at options, including a possible change of site for training camp.

"Like everyone else in the country, expenses are an issue for us," Polian said. "So we're looking at everything we do. It, travel costs or training camp or the like."

One glaring area is training camp, so we have to make a decision about where to go, and we have not made it."

The Colts have held camp in Terre Haute since 1999, but their contract with host Rose-Hulman has expired and they're now considering a return to Anderson, which was their pre-season home from 1984-98 and is closer to Indianapolis.

Former coach Tony Dungy often said he enjoyed the time in Terre Haute, but new coach Jim Caldwell has not stated a preference. Polian said no decision has been made.

Trading camp isn't the only money issue for Indianapolis.

The Colts recently announced they were cutting 25 jobs in the front office, and now they're trying to re-sign three promising free agents — Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday, cornerback Kelvin Hayden and running back Dominic Rhodes.

Polian would like to re-sign all three, but he considers Hayden, who won the starting job two years ago, the top priority.

Polian would not say how much Hayden wants, but he said negotiations with agent Fletcher Smith are not going well. That could force Polian to use the franchise tag, something he will consider.

Smith did not answer his cell phone and it was not accepting messages on Thursday.

To clear some room under the cap, Polian has already agreed to convert Dallas Clark's roster bonus into a signing bonus, spreading the money out over more years. And he may do the same with Bob Sanders. Still, Hayden's deal may determine how much money is left to keep other players and could force the team to cut other veterans.

The cuts come with a hefty price, too.

Because this is the last year of the salary cap, there are new rules. If players with expensive bonus clauses are cut this year, teams will have to take the full value of the remaining bonus money. In the past, that money has been prorated over the life of a contract. So if a player received a $10 million bonus on a five-year deal, teams were charged $2 million per year. Now, if that player is cut with two years left on the contract, that team would take a $4 million cap hit in 2009.
**FENCING**

Four underclassmen go to Junior Olympics

*By MICHAEL BLASCO  
Sports Writer*

Four fencers from Notre Dame will compete individually at the Junior Olympic Championships this weekend in Albuquerque, N.M. The event marks the second chance for fencers to pick up a US Fencing qualification in 2009, after January's North American Cup.

Irish fencers chalked up five top-5 finishes at the NAC in January, including three first place finishes. A win in the NAC gave those fencers an "A" ranking from the US Fencing Association. Fencers are ranked nationally anywhere from A through D and a solid ranking from the American Center.

Irish senior Karol Kosta competes in the epee at the Notre Dame duals on Feb. 8, 2008.

**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

Irish open with Duquesne

*By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
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Notre Dame looks to start its season off with a win Saturday as the team travels to Pittsburgh to take on the Duquesne Dukes. The Irish had no problem with The Dukes in the past, winning both of their previous meetings 16-4.

Notre Dame starts the year ranked No. 11 in both the IWLCA coaches' preseason poll and the Inside Lacrosse poll. They finished last season at 12-7 (4-11 Big East, falling in the first round of the NCAA tournament to four-time defending champions Northwestern. Notre Dame has had a four-game NCAA tournament four times in the last five years.

Leading the Irish this season are Irish coach Tracy Coyne, entering her 13th season with the Irish, and the team's new captains, seniors Shannon Burke and Jillian Byers.

"They have the respect of their peers and the full confidence of the coaching staff to lead the team this season," Coyne said in a press release earlier this week.

Burke has started at midfield/defense her last two seasons, contributing both offensively and defensively for the Irish in her third season. She had career highs in goals (9), assists (3), and points (11). On defense she led the team in turnovers (32) and was second on the team for ground balls (33) and draw controls (52).

Burke was also chosen as a selection on the second team IWLCA all-West/Midwest regional team, and a Big East defensive player of the week, finishing fourth in the conference with 1.56 caused turnovers per game last season. Burke was also recently chosen as the selection on the preseason all-Big East team.

Byers has been a key force in the Notre Dame attack in each of her first three seasons. She wrapped up her junior season with a team-high 67 goals and 81 points.

and a school-record-setting 52 draw controls.

"All and Shannon possess many of the attributes that good leaders must have — a positive attitude, a great work ethic and outstanding communication skills," Coyne said.

Byers is first all-time in goals (179), third in points (225) and seventh in assists (46) at Notre Dame, as well as the only Notre Dame player to score more than 50 goals in three seasons and to score points in three consecutive seasons. She has been a selection on the all-IWLCA second team and a unanimous selection on the first team all-Big East each of her past three seasons. Along with Burke and fellow teammate Shaylyn Blaney, Byers was selected to the all-Big East championship team.

The team has its first chance to live up to the preseason hype on Saturday in Pittsburgh.

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**NHL**

Vokoun, Panthers rout Hurricanes

*Associated Press*

RALEIGH, N.C. — Tomas Vokoun didn't really need his quick-strike Florida teammates to score so many goals. As impressive as he was in net, on Sunday, he was even more impressive.

Vokoun made 42 saves for his fourth shutout of the season, and Fighting Hawks Nick Kube, Gregory Campbell scored 12 seconds apart in fifth period and the Panthers routed the Carolina Hurricanes 5-0 on Thursday night.

Nathan Horton had a goal and an assist, and Michael Frolik and Richard Zednik each scored. The Panthers scored all five goals in the first five minutes of the first 33 1/2 minutes and never eased up while claiming a rare win in Raleigh.

"I much prefer these than the dramatic ones," Florida coach Peter DeBoer said. "I thought our goaltender was our best player tonight."

Vokoun finished with the 29th shutout of his decade-long career and the first since Dec. 23 against Nashville. He became the first goalie in NHL history to shut out Carolina this season.

The Panthers improved to 6-2 since the All-Star break while picking up critical two points in the Eastern Conference standings. They lead Carolina by three points in the race for the eighth playoff spot in the East.

The Panthers routed the Hurricanes last season.

"I think we have a different feeling in the dressing room. But that's all 36," Vokoun said.

That quick-strike offense helped the Panthers put this one away with a second-period flurry led by role players Stewart and Campbell.

Stewart had a step on a defender Niclas Wallin as he chased down a loose puck along the boards, and as Vokoun tried to poke it away from him, he slipped a backhand past the goalie to make it 3-0 with 10:42 left.

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**GREATING THE MOST OUT OF SEX**

- **Men's Tennis**
  - **Irish take on tough Spartan team**
    - By KATE GRABAREK
    - Sport Writer

  Notre Dame will try to bounce back from its first loss of the dual match season Nov. 30 against Virginia last Sunday. The Irish play host to the Spartans of Michigan State on Saturday.

  The Spartans are led by senior No. 1 singles player Nick Rinks. In the fall season, Rinks led Penn State to a 5-1 win over No. 11 Alex Forger to defeat Stephen Havens and Tyler Davis at the Columbus Regional. "Rinks is able to beat just about anybody in the country," Bayliss said. "We normally rely very heavily on our top two singles spots, but we can't count on those tomorrow. Rinks splits sets with Stephen Havens two years ago, but Rinks won 10-8 in the third set."

  Much like the Spartans lineup by a senior, the Irish's own Sheeva Parikh put his name in an elite group, easily handling freshman Inglott of Virginia on Sunday. "Sheeva (Parikh) was a lot quicker than Inglott," assistant coach Ryan Sacchire cited to The Observer. "He doesn't overpower you, he's out of his game plan."

  Parikh played relentless tennis, and stayed tough through every point. He played quality points, and made Inglott really grind the points out according to Bayliss.

  Another bright spot for the Irish over the weekend has been the play of freshman Stephen Havens. Havens took another point for the Irish on Sunday winning his match in three sets.

  "Havens made a lot of extra balls," Sacchire said. "Both players were fairly close in ability level, and that was apparent in the last two sets."

  Sacchire also commented that Havens was conservative when he was on defense, but dictated and finished points well.

  The Spartans and Irish know each other well. Coach Matt Painter of the Spartans coaching staff, has been coaching at Michigan State for 17 years, and Bayliss played Notre Dame for 19. Havens and the Irish have won 18 in a row over the Spartans. The head-to-head meetings between the two programs date back to 1976.

  After the Irish face the Spartans Saturday, the Irish will travel to Evanston, Ill., face Northwestern on Feb. 19, and then face Chicago on Feb. 26 for 4 p.m. matches.

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could seemingly do no right. The smiling Irish lingered for a while longer, and the fans fed their appreciation by cheering them back the produc
gible feeling of winning.

"This is what we play bas-
kettles for," said Notre Dame's Kyle McAlarney. "This feeling right here, you can't explain how much it right now. I think we found our rhythm a little bit. What a way to finish it, to finally get one, this is what we were looking for." 

Irish coach Mike Brey added: "To say we needed that I think we would have more than likely lost on everybody. No let up," said Irish senior forward Kyle Jackson.

The win was the fewest
time in a 2-3 zone tonight," Brey said. "You're locking up the guys, putting your pressure on people, battling in the paint like we do. You're not sitting in a zone." 

Notre Dame held Louisville to just 19 first-half points and didn't let up in the second half. Offensively, Notre Dame clicked inside and out.

"The last couple of practices, for us, was lack of experience... That was what we had," said Brey.

What was the sharp-shooting
of Ayers and sen-
or guard Kyle McAlarney.

Ayers scored 21, while Jackson had 19.

"To way we needed that I think would be the understatement of the year." Mike Brey

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"I thought our defense was the best it was all year," Mike Brey

Irish coach

"It's time for the -
training to pay off." Adam Zaabel

freshman fighter

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release said.

The new arena will be built south
of the Joyce Center, just north of Edison Road and will house both the new track and field facilities are being
constructed, the release said.

The facility will include two
ices sheets, one of which will be
Olympic-sized. Plans also call for official
room and training facilities for the hockey team. Additional additional space will also be available for stu-
dents and members of the con-
ference to use.

The new arena will not be ready in time for most current mem-
bers of the Irish squad, but the up-
coming class is one that isn't being overlooked.

"That was quite a terrific
ital in creating an identity for hockey on this campus," Jackson

Jordan Pearce

Irish senior

"To be able to maybe look back 15 years down the road and know that it was my class, my team that helped bring this arena here will be a great source of pride."
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on Sunday.

Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said she hopes to come away with some wins in order to build momentum for the rest of the season.

"We want to become a better team each game we play," she said.

Senior pitcher Britney Bargar will lead the Irish rotation at the Bash. In 2008, Bargar won 10 games and earned all-conference and all-region honors.

Bargar is one of 14 monogram winners returning for Notre Dame, who lost only two seniors from last year's squad.

"The approach of our veterans is solid," Gumpf said. "They are businesslike and understand what they need to do to win."

Gumpf said that although there are many returning players, the lineup will not look the same.

"We look much different," she said. "There are major changes if you look at our line-up at the end of the year last year."

These changes include the additions of junior infielder Heather Johnson and sophomore utility player Sadie Pitzenberger, both of whom were injured last season, as well as junior catcher Alexa Clay, who transferred from Tennessee and was forced to sit out last season.

The Irish have also added four freshmen to the mix.

They will get a trial by fire this weekend. After Alabama things don't slow down. East Carolina hosted an invitation- al last weekend, winning three of four games. Sophomore pitcher Toni Paisley had two wins and a save for the Pirates, earning the honor of Conference USA Pitcher of the week.

The Badgers have not been as successful so far. They fell in all four of their contests at the Cathedral City Kickoff in Palm Springs, Calif., last weekend.

Loyola
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season, is led by the all-conference senior McDermott. He started all 17 games last season and helped Notre Dame hold opponents to 7.04 goals per game.

On offense, the Irish will look to another all-conference selection, senior attack Ryan Hoff. The captain will be looking for his third straight 40- goal season after leading Notre Dame with 41 last year.

"I think our team's strength is that we don't have a huge weakness," Hoff said.

Ryan Hoff
Irish senior

"I think our team's strength is that we don't have a huge weakness," Hoff said. "We are pretty solid throughout the ranks. Our offense brings a whole lot back from last year, and our midfield is very talented and hard-working."

The Irish offense returns three of the top four scorers from last year's team, which was also ranked No. 5 nationally with 12.09 goals per game.

Junior Grant Krebs netted 26 goals, second on the team, and senior Duncan Sweeney tallied 22.

Joining McDermott as captains for 2009 are seniors Peter Christman, Scott Rodgers and Davey Malera.

Rodgers will be looking to fill the shoes of graduated All-American goalkeeper Joey Kemp. The native has played in seven career games and carries a 5.73 goals-against average.

"I feel like this is going to be a great opponent for our first game," Rodgers said. "Loyola is a disciplined, fundamentally sound squad, but then again so are we. It's going to be a battle but we are prepared."

The Irish will face off against the Greyhounds Saturday at 1 p.m. The home opener for Notre Dame is Feb. 28 against Dartmouth.

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Irish senior Linda Kohan will need to have her bat ready to go against No. 1 Alabama this afternoon in the season opener.

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HOCKEY

Program takes major step with new free-standing rink

Team excited as they prepare for No. Mich.

By MATT GAMBER
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Notre Dame will begin construction on a new, free-standing, on-campus ice arena that could likely be ready for the start of the 2011 to 2012 season, athletic director Jack Swarbrick announced Thursday in an official release.

"We're thrilled about the plans for a new ice arena on our campus, particularly based on the superb job Jeff Jackson and our hockey team have done to position our program as one of the best in the nation," Swarbrick said in the release.

Plans for the new arena have yet to be finalized, but the rink is expected to seat 5,000 — nearly double the current Joyce Center rink's capacity of 2,713.

"I give Jack Swarbrick a lot of credit for having the vision to see that it was something that was probably necessary," Jackson said. "I wish he would've been here three years ago to push this idea because we might be so much further ahead. His vision is realistic — I think we can draw 5,000 fans a game."

Though a facility upgrade had long been discussed, it appeared the most likely scenario would be renovations to the hockey team's current home in the Joyce Center. Instead, Jackson, Swarbrick and the University's Board of Trustees, among others, decided to start with a completely new building. Removing the Joyce Center ice sheet will free up training space for other athletic and University events, the — see RINK/page 20

ND SOFTBALL

Top teams await ND in opener

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish certainly aren't easing in to the 2009 season.

Notre Dame (13-10, 3-7 Big East) will travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala., today to take part in the Bama Bash. In their first game, the Irish will face No. 1 Alabama.

The Tide (4-0) participated in the South Alabama Invitational Feb. 6-8. They swept their opponents on the bat of freshman Cassandra Reilly-Boccia, who hit .667 with six RBIs in her first four games in a college uniform.

The Irish will play Alabama again on Saturday, as well as East Carolina (3-1). They finish up against Wisconsin (4-4) on April 13.

MAN'S LACROSSE

Irish and Greyhounds open season in Atlanta

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The No. 7 Irish will travel to Atlanta to open their season against No. 17 Loyola (Md.).

The Irish return five starters from a strong 14-3 campaign in 2008. The 14 wins tied a program record, and Notre Dame advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament.

Senior captain Regis McDermott said the Irish have very high expectations for the season.

"Part of the culture and tradition we have been building is to expect a lot of ourselves every year, and this year is no different," McDermott said. "Our goal is to be playing Memorial Day weekend in Foxboro (in the NCAA Final Four)."

The Irish ended the regular season tied for first in the Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) with Denver and Ohio State, with each team sharing an identical 5-1 record. Notre Dame then defeated Quinipiac and Ohio State in the inaugural GWLL tournament to win the conference championship.

The Irish will face a strong test at a neutral site against the Greyhounds, who have made the NCAA Tournament the past two seasons. Loyola finished 2008 with a 7-7 record after losing in the first round to top-seeded Duke.

The Greyhounds will be without top attack Shane Koppens, who was granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA but must sit out the first two games as a result of the decision.

Koppens led Loyola last season with 44 goals, tallying 19 goals and 25 assists.

The Irish defense, which ranked No. 5 nationally last season, and finally Irish coach Jeff Jackson will receive his reward.

"It's something I've been searching for since the time I got here," Jackson said. "Hockey has arrived at Notre Dame, and this is kind of like the final piece of the puzzle for us.

"Notre Dame is to be playing Memorial Day weekend in Foxboro (in the NCAA Final Four)."

JUNIOR CAPTAIN

Chris Cugliano lands a punch during last year's semi-final match-up against Robert Powers in the Joyce Center.