Gay and non-gay students to act as resources for homosexual and bisexual students: a network program and an educational initiative.

Gay issues
Poorman noted two programs in the past two years that his office would tackle: gay student life goals reach maturity

Student life goals reach maturity

Web site’s founders also encourage subscribers to vote for ticket

Thieves take $4,000 during O’Neill Mardi Gras party
INSIDE COLUMN

Choosing to have a voice

A recent poll by The Observer found that 43 percent of students “couldn’t care less” about today’s student body presidential election. Yet in the student government, there are students that complain when Student Affairs starts citing 21-year-old tailgaters. These are the same students that complain about parking, gender relations and dining hall meal plans. These are the same students that say student government, student government will remain powerless.

In the grand scheme of things, student government has very little power. It can allot funding to clubs, plan some activities and survey student opinion. Senate can pass resolutions that only get tossed from University committee to University committee before they can even be brought by the Board of Trustees — which will simply ignore and dismiss them. Even when student leaders are given the opportunity to address the people that make the decisions around here, they are casually shrugged off as was the case last fall when students presented a proposal for an off-campus resident hall.

So considering the little official power that student government does have, why should students even care about who wins today? Because, unofficially, student government could be the most powerful group on campus. If student government could use its power to make decisions, they would be effective. Choose to stop sitting in your dorm rooms and complaining. Student government is ineffective and inconsequential.

And, as long as 43 percent of the student body “couldn’t care less” about student government, student government will remain powerless.

Mike Connolly
Editor in Chief

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday
- Election: Student Body President and Vice President Elections, all day. Ballots will be available in every dorm.
- Sophomore Literary Festival: noon, Jean Hollandier book signing.
- Notre Dame Bookstore

Beyond Campus

Georgetown VP expected to reject gay resource center

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Georgetown University Vice President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez is today releasing his written decision on the fate of the proposed gay lesbian bisexual and transgender resource center. The decision, however, will not come as a surprise to supporters of the center.

According to supporters, Gonzalez met with GLBT center proponents Feb. 1 and informed them of his decision to reject the creation of the center. Gonzalez previously had announced he would release his decision the third week of January. GU Pride students credit their recent phone campaign to Gonzalez’s office for his decision now to release a formal decision.

“We know that he’s going to say no, but we don’t know what else he’s going to say,” GU Pride member and GLBT center proponent Rob Anderson said.

Anderson said a meeting he and other members of GU Pride had with Gonzalez, Director of Student Programs Mary Kay Schneider and Associate Roman Catholic Chaplain Barbara Humphrey McCrabb on Wednesday “hammered out the particulars of a (gay rights) working group,” to exist, though not a resource center.

Gonzalez’s Executive Assistant Raymond Acevedo said at this time, Gonzalez has declined comment.

“He will be willing to comment as soon as an official response is made,” Acevedo said.

According to supporters, in the meeting last Friday Gonzalez said while the center would not conflict with Catholic identity because it does not deal with issues of sexual morality, he couldn’t support the center.

According to Anderson, who attended the meeting, “it may be perceived by others as promoting a certain sexual ethic, or in the future it may cause the promotion of a certain sexual ethic.”

The Hoya

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Chief Justice teaches law class

TUSCON, Ariz.
U.S. Chief Justice William Rehnquist finished teaching his annual class at the James E. Rogers College of Law Friday. Kay Kutsun, Associate dean for academic affairs at the College of Law, said Rehnquist is very generous with his time during his visits and participates in a number of professional programs and events — mainly focused on the U.S. judicial system.

Rehnquist first was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court as an associate justice by President Richard Nixon in 1972. After serving 15 years, President Ronald Reagan appointed Rehnquist chief justice of the United States in 1986. Before being appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, Rehnquist was appointed assistant attorney general for the office of legal counsel in the Department of Justice by President Nixon in 1969. His two-week course, titled “Supreme Court in the History of the U.S. Constitution, pass or fail course, is primarily for second- and third-year law students.

Arizona Daily Wildcat

Penn State

Police still look for missing student

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.
One hundred days since the disappearance of Pennsylvania State University student Cindy Song, the Ferguson Township Police Department is employing the help of the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Investigative Assessment Unit to assist in the investigation of the missing 21-year-old. Police plan to perform a complete search of Song’s apartment, where she was last seen in the early morning hours of Nov. 1. They also intend to contact a forensics team to conduct a search of her bedroom. “There were a number of events that took place in her bedroom to disturb evidence,” Ferguson Township Police Chief Edward J. Cooper said. “But investigators of a different discipline think there is still forensic evidence available.” Investigators have been unable to perform the search of Cindy Song’s apartment because it has not been labeled a crime scene. They are going in search of the possibility of new leads.

Daily Collegian

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Monday, Feb. 11.

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Study says appeals likely to reverse death penalty

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

When jurors choose a death sentence in cases that are not among the "worst of the worst," the sentence is more likely to be overturned on appeal, a study spanning 23 years of court records found.

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Former executive will not self-incriminate

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay will assert his right against self-incrimination and refuse to answer questions when he appears before Congress under subpoena this week, his spokeswoman said Sunday night.

"Under the instruction of counsel, Mr. Lay will exercise his Fifth Amendment rights at the Tuesday hearing," Kelly Kimberley said in Houston. She declined further comments.

Two committees snubbed by Lay a week ago have issued subpoenas compelling him to appear. Some lawmakers had said they expected he would assert his constitutional right against self-incrimination, though his attorney had not previously indicated he would do so.

Lay joins four other current and former top Enron executives, including ex-chief financial officer Andrew Fastow -- the mastermind behind the complex web of partnerships that brought the company to ruin -- who last week invoked the privilege and refused to answer questions. David Duncan, the lead Enron auditor fired by his accounting firm Arthur Andersen for destroying Enron-related documents, also has taken the Fifth Amendment before Congress.

"I'm disappointed [Lay is] going to do that," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., chairman of a Senate Commerce panel on consumer affairs. "He has talked for some while about wanting to tell his side of the story to the American people. ... Ultimately, we will get to the bottom of this, with or without his cooperation."

Lay has been subpoenaed to appear Tuesday before the Senate Commerce Committee and on Thursday at a hearing of the House Financial Services subcommittee on capital markets.

Lawmakers say they have not considered granting immunity to Lay or other Enron executives in return for their testimony, because they do not want to interfere with the Justice Department's criminal investigation of Enron. Congress can compel witnesses to show up but cannot force them to answer potentially incriminating questions without granting them immunity from criminal prosecution.

Lay's colleague at Enron, former chief executive officer Jeffrey Skilling, did testify last week.

But a number of leaders of Congress' investigations of the Enron collapse made clear earlier Sunday that they didn't believe the sworn testimony of Skilling. One suggested Skilling could face accusations of perjury as a result of his testimony.

Lay, who was a friend and political backer of President Bush, has not spoken publicly about the Enron disaster since the company entered bankrupt-

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ity in December.

Lay's wife, Linda, said recently there were some things about Enron's finances her husband wasn't told about by other company officials.

After an intense week of hearings, lawmakers say they have strong evidence of illegal activity surrounding the failure of the energy-trading company, which slid into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2.

Study says appeals likely to reverse death penalty

Overall, states and counties where juries or judges impose the death penalty most often also tend to have the highest number of cases overturned because of errors or problems at trial, says the study being released Monday.

All but one of the 10 states with the highest death-sentencing rates had those sentences reversed as often or more often than the average rate national-

lly, said James Liebman, a Columbia University law profes-

sor and the study's lead author.

Death sentences are most often overturned because lawyers performed poorly at trial or judges gave flawed instructions to the jury, Liebman said in his research study.

The report found a state or federal court threw out a conviction or death sentence in 68 percent of the cases, it studied, in which at least one round of appeals had been completed. The study looked at 5,760 cases in the 34 states where the death penalty is actively applied.

Other researchers attacked Liebman's central premise that errors are responsible for overturned sentences. It's not new or surprising that a large percentage of capital convictions are overturned, the foundation said. It said the issue is whether that happens because errors are responsible for over- turned sentences.

"It's not new or surprising that the less likely it is that a death sentence will be overturned, the greater the number of words courts call aggravating factors in a given capital crime, the less likely is it that a death sentence will be overturned, Liebman said. Aggravating fac-

ors can include whether the victim was a police officer, for example, or whether the killing was especially gruesome.

The reverse is also true, Liebman said.

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Catholic faith and includes small-group discussion with rectors, campus ministers, counselors and Student Affairs senior staff as facilitators. It's critically important for our first-year students to do this because they should have an idea about healthy gender relations," Poorman said.

Eating disorders
Poorman identified two improvements to come out of Student Affairs' work in the area of student eating disorders: the hiring of a specialist and the creation of a survivors support group.

Last spring Valerie Staples became the University's first full-time staff counselor who specializes in eating disorders. Also since last spring, Chandra Johnson, an executive assistant to University President Father Edward Malloy and assistant director of Campus Ministry, has offered a Life Uncommon for women who have had eating disorders. The non-clinical support group meets weekly during the academic year.

Alcohol use
"I think alcohol use and abuse on campus deserves serious concern," Poorman said. In academic year 2000-2001, that scrutiny came in the form of Student Affairs-conducted focus groups. The groups polled the opinions and suggestions of wide-ranging constituencies: undergraduate and graduate students, rectors, law enforcement officials, alumni, admissions staff, faculty and parents, among others.
Pooman said his office was still processing the data that came from the groups but that right now he was concerned mainly with law enforcement of University rules governing student alcohol use.

The administrator addressed a issue that touched a nerve with many students last fall — Notre Dame officials' crackdown on student tailgating.

He said officials last summer devised a plan to cut down on underage drinking and alcohol-focused tailgating. The Sept. 11 attacks, he said, disrupted rollout of the plan, as the University found itself devoting more of its personnel to safeguarding the Stadium rather than implementing the tailgating initiative. The result was a hasty effort between administrators and police to enforce tailgating policy.

"Early on, maybe some of the signals got crossed," Poorman said.

He pledged to continue the crackdown in the fall, saying Student Affairs staff will also work with Notre Dame peer institutions Northwestern, Rice, Dartmouth and Duke to benchmark programs at those schools with offerings in place here.

General Board
Any full-time undergraduate or graduate student at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross is encouraged to apply. Please submit a three-page statement of intent with a résumé to Jason McFarley by Friday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m. For questions about the application process or for more information about any position, call The Observer at 631-4542 or 631-5323.

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World News Briefs

Saudi Arabia is considering whether its citizens to return, as the kingdom's top security official said Sunday, indicating some would face prosecution. Interior Minister Prince Nayef said some Saudis now in custody at home had been in Afghanistan in the past two months. More than 30 were detained based on U.S.-provided lists, he said.

Iran closes warlord's office: Iran has closed the office of a former Afghan warlord who served under Iranian government and the strong U.S. role in that country. The closing of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's offices in Tehran and Mashhad appears to be a conciliatory gesture toward the U.S., where officials have accused Iran of trying to destabilize the new Afghan government.

National News Briefs

Calif. fire engulfs 100 acres: A fire propelled by high winds destroyed five homes Sunday and threatened several others north of San Diego. The homes were lost in Fallbrook shortly after the fire was reported. About at about noon, said Audrey Higgins, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry. No one was injured. The fire had consumed 100 acres just an hour after it was reported, Higgins said.

Woman mysteriously dies in N.J.: A mystery illness killed one woman attending a weekend convention and sent seven others to hospitals, but health officials said Sunday they didn't think anyone else who didn't already have symptoms would get sick. The woman had a flu-like illness for about two days before becoming seriously ill Saturday night. Jeanne Hemstreet was attending a convention at the Cherry Hill Hilton with about 50 other employees of Cendant Mortgage.

Indiana News Briefs

Toddler accidentally run over: An 18-month-old girl was killed Saturday when her mother accidentally drove over the toddler in the family's driveway. Julia Willemsen was pronounced dead shortly after she was taken to Community Hospital in Anderson suffering from head injuries, Madison County Deputy Coroner Ned Dunnichay said. Albertdine Willemsen, 29, backed her sport-utility vehicle out of garage and did not see her daughter, who was 18 feet from the utility vehicle out of garage and did not see her daughter, who was 18 feet from the vehicle. The girl had wandered behind the vehicle.

Gaza Strip

Palestinian search the rubble of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Gaza City compound on Sunday following a bombing attack by Israeli F-16 warplanes. There was no immediate word on any potential casualties.

Israel F-16s bomb Gaza complex

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP - Israeli F-16s warplanes bombed a Palestinian security building on Sunday near the headquarters of Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, in apparent retaliation for a previous shooting attack against Israel earlier Sunday.

The warplanes, believed to be F-16s, fired two bombs at the Palestinian security complex on the Mediterranean coast, just a few hundred yards from Arafat's offices. There was no immediate word on casualties. However, the planes circled overhead for several minutes before striking and Palestinian security officials dashed out of the complex before the bombing began.

The security complex had already been badly damaged in previous Israeli air strikes. Israel has confined Arafat to the West Bank city of Ramallah for the past two months, demanding that he arrest Palestinian militants. He has not been in Gaza since November.

The air strikes came hours after two Palestinian gunmen opened fire outside an Israeli military base in the southern city of Beersheba, killing two women soldiers and injuring five people before they were shot dead by the troops.

Cardinal vows to stay on the job

Associated Press

BOSTON - A confident Cardinal Bernard Law was interrupted by applause Sunday when he vowed he would not step down despite increasing pressure over a sexual abuse scandal involving priests who had worked in the archdiocese.

"Archbishop is not a corporate executive. He's not a politician," Law said before his homily during Mass Sunday. "It's a role of a pastor. It's a role of a teacher. It's a role of a leader. It's a role of a father."

"When there are problems in the family, you don't walk away. You work them out together with God's help," he said.

The pressure on Law has been escalating since the Jan. 18 conviction of defrocked priest John Geoghan, who faces 10 years in prison for indecent assault and battery on a 10-year-old boy. Geoghan also faces two more criminal trials and 80 civil lawsuits. Law subsequently apologized to abuse victims and announced a policy of "zero tolerance" for sexual abuse. The change in policy came after documents showed Law knew of the accusations against Geoghan but stayed silent and allowed him to remain a priest.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston gave authorities the names of 40 accused priests and said that none was active, but in the past week, eight active priests were suspended because of allegations of abuse.

More than 80 names now have been given to district attorneys in five counties comprising the Boston archdiocese. Some of whom are growing impatient as they consider filing charges against the priests.

Without names of victims, district attorneys say they can't investigate priests accused of molestation. It's too early to threaten subpoenas to obtain names, they say, but they haven't ruled it out.

Law repeated that, to his knowledge, there are no active priests with any accusations against them. "I am as confident as I can be that all names are out," he told reporters after Mass, although he added that the records review is "ongoing."
Powell: Time for ‘regime change’ in Iraq

Iraqi vice president disputes American comments

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq’s vice president scoffed Sunday at Secretary of State Colin Powell’s comments about bringing about a “regime change” in Iraq as typical of the “American invaders.” Taha Yassin Ramadan also said Powell’s negative response to an Iraqi offer for a dialogue with the United Nations doesn’t concern Iraq.

Powell said Tuesday “it should be a very short discussion,” adding that Iraq must allow weapons inspectors back in “on our terms.” We’ve said we are ready for an unconditional dialogue with Powell the [U.N.] secretary general and the international body,” Ramadan responded. Iraq has been under U.N. sanctions since its invasion of Kuwait in 1990, which led to the Gulf war. The sanctions cannot be lifted unless U.N. inspectors verify Baghdad has dismantled its weapons of mass destruction.

U.N. inspectors left Baghdad in December 1998 ahead of U.S. and British airstrikes. Iraq has barred them from returning and has demanded an end to the sanctions, saying it complied with all U.N. resolutions.

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Also on Sunday, a U.N. official visiting Baghdad said the organization’s humanitarian program in Iraq is bogged down by politics and outdated regulations requiring adjustment.

Benon Sevan, director of the U.N. oil-for-food program, spoke at a news conference at the end of three-week visit to Iraq — his first in nearly 1 1/2 years. Under the program, Iraq is allowed to sell unlimited amounts of oil to buy food, medicine and other humanitarian supplies, and to pay war reparations while sanctions are in place.

Sevan noted the program was designed to be temporary, but has been extended repeatedly and, over the years, has grown in scope while its regulations have remained the same.

Sevan said talk about improving the program shouldn’t be seen as a sign it should remain in place forever. “But as long as sanctions are in place, there is no alternative for this program,” he said.

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Afghanistan

Suffering families uproot to find relief aid

Father of 8 attempts suicide to escape from pain, vows to try again

Associated Press

DASHTEH ARZANA CAMP

Hunger drove him to leave his village. Bad luck led him to a camp mostly bypassed by aid groups.

And his children's cries for the bread he couldn't provide pushed Mohammad Sadeq to douse himself with diesel fuel and strike a match.

Outside a leaky tent — like the thousands of others along a fortiers' ridge outside Mazar-e-Sharif — Sadeq's eight children screamed and tried to put out the flames engulfing their 40-year-old father. They ripped off his burning clothes, pulling away strips of smoking flesh as well, witnesses said.

"I am fed up with life. I cannot even offer food to my crying children. Dying is the only escape from all this."

Maurice Sadeq
father of eight

"It's a difficult balancing act," said Arnault Serra-Horguelin, head of the International Rescue Committee, or IRC, in Mazare-Sharif. "Clearly, there are people who need help, but we don't want to create permanent camps that keep drawing new people."

The IRC, one of the lead agencies dealing with internal migrants, plans to begin dismantling the "spontaneous" camps around Mazar-e-Sharif this week. Relief agencies and aid groups are trying to steal handouts of carrots or onions from the nearby fields.

Sadeq's family — a wife and children ranging in age from seven months to 12 years — live in a 6-by-6-foot hole covered by a tarp of stitched-together sacks. His wife, Jamela, has kept the charred clothes Sadeq wore when all seemed lost.

The children had been pleading for bread, she said. Sadeq spent the entire day looking in the garbage for any scraps and begging for money.

"The children were crying. He couldn't take it anymore. It was his pride," she said.

The limited distribution is part-ly intentional. Relief agencies, conscious of what they call "the pull factor," do not want to encourage a continued exodus from villages.

"We sold everything to come here: our homes, our land, our belongings," said Mohammad Asur, a leader in the Dashteh Arzana camp. "How can we go back?"

"I grabbed his wool blanket, part of one of the aid ships reaching the camp. "We are going to the bazaar to sell these for bread," he said."

Doctors didn't think he would survive. Sadeq had second-degree burns over 60 percent of his body, mostly his arms and legs, said Dr. Jowid, who like many Afghans goes by one name.

"But he has improved. He will recover physically," said Jowid. He wasn't sure about Sadeq's mental state.

Sadeq's family has not come to visit him in the hospital room — packed with about 20 other patients and the contradictory smells of antiseptic and septic.

"I don't want to see my children. I am useless to them," said Sadeq, whose face is mottled with burns.

"There is nothing left. Life is over. I promise I will try to kill myself again."

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Monday, February 11, in 119 O'Shaughnessy, 11:30 a.m.

A light lunch will be served
As President George W. Bush's words of plain-spoken eloquence echoed through the chamber of the U.S. House on Jan. 29, it seemed that even history itself was passing to observe and document the moment. This was the speech of George W. Bush's life. While in terms of sheer numbers, more people watched his address nine days after the devastating attacks on our country, it would be at this point in history where George W. Bush would be judged.

With his Democratic opposition aligning its forces to take back the House, expand their majority in the Senate and even prepare for the 2004 presidential election, Bush brought down the House. Rather than offer a banal "laundry list" of domestic programs, he announced bold, visionary changes for both the immediate and the long-term future of the Union.

First, Bush announced that he would make the war on terrorism the first priority, both fighting it overseas and defending against it state-side. Although fighting the terrorists has been issue One for Bush since Sept. 11, what surprised many was the lack of equal time domestic issues received. All told, they were less than one-fifth of the President's speech, and they were mentioned only in bullet-point style. Improve education. End our dependence on foreign energy sources. Expand trade. Accelerate and finalize tax cuts. Reform welfare, health care and Social Security. And then it was back to how we should fight the terrorists.

For the most part, Bush's domestic proposals didn't need details, because on some things, like trade, energy and taxes, he has plans that have already passed the House, which is in Republican hands, but are languishing at the bottom of the Democrat-controlled Senate's to-do list. But even then, meticulous details are just not the President's style. He's more a rapid-fire Texas gunslinger than a poet, linguistically speaking.

The second and even more intrepid statement Bush made was that he would no longer wait for the next terrorist attack before launching a military offensive. Bush defined Iraq, Iran, North Korea and other nations like them as an "axis of evil," a phrase that harkens back to the enemies of the 20th Century. If he's facetious, then history itself was pausing to observe the moment.

As President of the United States, Bush, like his predecessor, has had to meet the editors and staff of The Observer in person, and he's still a straight talker and contributor to The Politix Group. He's more than willing to go into quadruple-overtime with his Valentine. Eh, George, be careful who you trust. After all, Bush's antiterrorism proposals, 97 percent approved, when last year the story was of an America divided into red states and blue states, the turnaround and the unity behind George W. Bush has been nothing short of extraordinary.

So although Bush went out on a couple of limbs, he appears to have a massive groundswell of public support. This bodes very ill for his Democratic opposition. In order to win, they have to hammer away on the domestic issues. This has the odd effect of making it so that the Democrats have to pretend like Sept. 11 didn't happen, because once that or the war is brought up, voters will rally around the President.

The Democratic National Committee's home page asks volunteers to "Help the Democratic Party put America's priorities first: getting our fiscal house in order in adding a prescription drug benefit for Medicare, enacting a real patients' bill of rights and other initiatives to help America's hardworking families." Sept. 11? Not on this list.

All of the potential domestic problems are being blamed on Bush. The recession: Bush's fault. The budget deficit: Bush's fault. The fact that, oh yeah, the biggest catastrophe in American history happened, and we have to spend billions to clean up, defend another one, and bring the "evildoers" to justice doesn't seem to enter their minds.

Last year, the Conventional Wisdom on George W. Bush was that he was an intellectual lightweight who couldn't even garner a majority vote. But since Sept. 11, he's been riding high. He hasn't changed any: still governs from the center as much as possible, he's still a straight talker and still believes the things he believes passionately. The events of the world have made us change how we view him. He's done what all great leaders do: lead. Talk about "changing the tone." The Conventional Wisdom has proven to be neither conventional nor.error.

For the most part, America is in union with George W. Bush. And the state of that union has never been stronger.

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Mike Marchand
Undistinguished Alumni
Walker should ‘die by the sword’ he chose

There has been much discussion about John Walker Lindh, the infamous “American Taliban,” these last several weeks. But unfortunately, there has been little discussion about one of the most important questions. What in the hell is he doing back in the United States? Why is this man in the custody of the country he holds so much animosity for, instead of the custody of his captors? Many have tried to justify Walker’s actions by labeling it a “quest for truth.” His quest may very well have started out as one for truth, however, as soon as he found joy in the death of 3,000 innocent civilians and picked up arms with al-Qaeda, his quest for truth was transformed into a mission of violence and inhumanity.

Walker’s new mission ended with his capture by the U.S. military, but by the Northern Alliance. Yet after U.S. officials caught wind of his capture they rescued him from what one likely would have been a painful, yet well deserved death, at the hands of his captors.

I say well deserved because Walker knew what he was getting into, knew the consequences of his actions, yet still made the conscious choice to fight with al-Qaeda, thus accepting those consequences. Because of this, the Northern Alliance should have been able to execute him as they did many of his parasitic comrades. But they didn’t.

Even more unfortunate is the fact that none of his charges carry with them the possibility of the death penalty. Thus, taxpayers like you and me will foot the bill for Walker to get three squares a day, clothing, medical attention and shelter for the rest of his natural life.

Why should we have to pay for someone who turned his back on all of us and took up arms with our most heinous enemy? He should not even be considered a citizen of this country anymore, let alone, be supported by U.S. tax dollars. With any luck, once in prison, Walker will have an “incident” that will rid us of this financial and social burden for good.

The situation with John Walker Lindh is not about religious tolerance or compassion or forgiveness. It is about justice and accepting responsibility for one’s actions. Walker chose to live his life by the sword and fight with al-Qaeda and the Taliban, two groups that bastardized Muslim beliefs into inhumane and murderous laws and practices. The old saying rings truer than ever, "Those who live by the sword, die by the sword." And so should John Walker Lindh.

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Feb. 8, 2002

Criticism of French film falls short

In his remarks on “Brotherhood of the Wolf” in the Feb. 7 section, Matt Nania makes two over-reaching statements that point to unfortunate prejudice on his part.

The first of these has to do with French films — in his estimation/expertise, virtually all of them. In his initial rhetorical gambit where he seems to speak for a generalized population — always a dangerous move — Nania proposes that in our collective judgment and memory, French films are characterized by “stuffy characters and unexciting, arty narratives.”

Although I myself would be at a loss to define precisely what an “arty narrative” is, I do understand what he seems to be getting at. Unfortunately, it is, at bottom, in that it seems to be arguing for a simplicity of plot and character, which, strangely, are the very things he goes on to criticize in “Brotherhood.”

Similarly, he takes a swipe at subtitles, an “unfortunate distraction,” to quote him. To this, my own passion for film authorizes the airing of a basic fact: with a modicum of experience and open-mindedness, subtitles become wholly unintrusive. I will, however, admit they are often inadequate in representing what is actually mouthed on the screen. They are, however, entirely less distracting than dubbed dialogue.

Happily there is a solution to both of Mr. Nania’s problems: learn French. Even more happily, one of the means towards that solution is to take on the “artsy” film, “stuffy” but remarkably rich, tradition called “le cinéma français” — that’s “French cinema” if there be need of a subtitle.

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Feb. 7, 2002

Arafat should not be tolerated

Sometimes we want something so badly that we will convince ourselves of anything to get it. Peace in Israel certainly seems to be exactly one of those things. Unfortunately, sometimes our desire for an end to the violence leads to a sort of wishful amnesia about the past. Those who are constantly excoriating Israel for its role in the increased violence as of late suffer from this forgetfulness about the region’s history.

In his Feb. 5 letter, Tony Lusvardi critiques President Bush’s holding of Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority primarily responsible for the on-going violence in the region. He claims that Israel has provoked the violence by assassinating Palestinian “political leaders” and pursuing policies that show that Israel does not truly want to negotiate a peace with Arafat and the Palestinian Authority. This take on the issue, however, is more than a little misleading.

Contrary to what Mr. Lusvardi would have one believe, Israel has been more than patient with the Palestinians over the last 20 or more years, despite the fact that Arafat and his cohorts have done nothing of substance in all that time to further the peace process. Time and again, Israel has made concessions to the Palestinians, agreeing to withdraw troops from heavily-Arab areas under the Hebron Accords and Oslo Accords. This despite the fact that several such areas are of great strategic importance when it comes to defending the majority of Israel’s industrial base, which happens to lie right next to the West Bank, United States.

Barak, Israel had a concrete plan for Palestinian statehood on the table, but it was off-handedly rejected by Arafat without even a little to live up to its promise to reduce the anti-Israel sentiment among its peoples.

To the contrary, as Israeli television, controlled by Arafat, continues to run programs encouraging children to pursue "glorious martyrdom." Arafat’s police forces engage in terrorist acts, in some instances even firing on Israeli security forces. The Palestinian Authority continues to take children as young as 12 from their homes to train them in the arts of bomb-making and the use of weaponry. Arafat himself, in a recent speech, called recent suicide bombers "martyrs," offering stipends and cash rewards to their families.

What has Israel to show for their efforts? Nada. The number of Israelis killed by Arab terrorists in the years since the Oslo Accords has been higher than in the 10 years prior. The Palestinian Authority has not tried even a little to live up to its promise to reduce the anti-Israel sentiment among its peoples. To the contrary, as Israeli television, controlled by Arafat, continues to run programs encouraging children to pursue "glorious martyrdom." Arafat’s police forces engage in terrorist acts, in some instances even firing on Israeli security forces. The Palestinian Authority continues to take children as young as 12 from their homes to train them in the arts of bomb-making and the use of weaponry. Arafat himself, in a recent speech, called recent suicide bombers "martyrs," offering stipends and cash rewards to their families.

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Notre Dame students will vote today to elect officials who will run a Student Union administration about which the student body knows very little. In fact, many students are unaware that the Student Union is the representative body at the University for students.

"You don't know a lot of the members of Student Union, I don't really know exactly what they do," said sophomore Molly Walsh, echoing the sentiments of many University students as they contemplate the elections and the candidates.

Campaign posters elucidate proposed reforms and goals, but many voters are unsure of how these plans relate to the responsibilities and powers of the president and vice president. Candidates greet students and discuss issues, but many voters do not know how these politicians can affect their lives on campus. And the activities of the other branches of student government, which are less widely publicized than the executive council, are even more hazy in the minds of students; a large percentage of the student body is unaware of what these groups do and how they do it.

But even as students go about their lives with very little information about student government, the organization works diligently to improve the Notre Dame campus and institutes changes for which students do not even know they are responsible. The Student Union has a structure headed by the student body president and spanning six major and a number of other minor councils.

Student Body President and Vice President
The office of the student body president and vice president is the facet of the Student Union that acts as a liaison between the students and the administration; the first and foremost responsibility of the student body president is to represent and speak for the students of the University and ensure the efficient operation of all student entities and organizations.

After the president and vice president take office, they choose cabinet members to oversee the different council divisions, which include spiritual, academic, athletic, diversity and gender issues. These cabinet members also serve as advisors to the president and vice president. Run by the chief-of-staff, these advisors and officers comprise the office of the president branch of Student Union. This staff is designed to protect the interests of students in all areas of University life, provide services to the undergraduate student body and advance the policy priorities of the Student Union.

While the cabinet members are working on the various council divisions, the vice president presides over the Student Senate and the president serves as chair of the Executive Cabinet. This group includes the open-campus co-presidents, campus presidents, club coordinator division representatives, Student Union business manager, chief of staff, Hall Presidents Council co-chairs and several dorm senators.

The cabinet meets once a week and works to increase awareness among different clubs and campus businesses through the Student Business Board, which is comprised from sales of The Shirt. Various clubs and organizations can apply to use this money, and the Executive Cabinet controls who receives the money and how much will be allotted.

Student Senate
The Student Senate is composed of one representative from each dorm; the elections for these delegates are held in March. The senate meets weekly and the meetings are open to all members of the Notre Dame student body. In addition, the senate holds open forum nights throughout the year that students can attend and voice their opinions.

This branch of the Student Union researches campus issues and drafts proposals for changing various conditions at the University; the senators each serve on two committees which study different concerns or problems and write resolutions.

The awesome thing about Student Senate is you can set up your own little committee if you want," said Meghan O'Donnell, a sophomore senator from Pasquerilla Hall West. "If you have an issue you can basically experiment with it and make suggestions for policy."

Proposals drafted by the senate which involve altering student life conditions or regulations set forth in the dLac handbook are sent to the Campus Life Council, which enforces between 15 and 20 members including senators, rectors and members of the administration and faculty. If this body approves the proposal, it is passed on to Father Mark Poorman, the vice president of student affairs.

Recent proposals include: improving lighting on campus, determining the status of the missing clock hands on O'Shaughnessy Hall and offering more vegetarian dishes in the dining halls.

Class Councils
Each class council is formed of the respective class' officers (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary) and various committees, such as spiritual, social, service, fundraising and publicity. The Sophomore, Junior and Senior Class Councils are elected annually, but the process through which the Freshman Class Council is created is somewhat different: each dorm selects a representative and this group of delegates votes amongst itself to choose the class officers and committee heads.

The class councils plan and organize events for their respective years, such as class masses, dances, service projects and other social events. The officers are free to create council committees to serve any rising needs of a class in a given year.

"This year we decided we had a need for an abroad committee because there are so many juniors who are attending," said junior class vice president Karen Lysaght. "They've done things such as sending out abroad postcards, which when people from here can send notes to their friends abroad for free. And we're in the works of possibly organizing a class dinner for people in London."

Judicial Council
The Judicial Council monitors all elections to ensure that guidelines set by the senate are followed and it provides student advocates to assist undergraduates accused of violating University regulations. The board is chaired by the Judicial Council President and aided by the Vice Presidents of Elections and Advocacy. The council is made up of the election coordinators of each dorm and the student advocates.

Financial Management Board
This group is chaired by the Student Union treasurer and composed of two assistant treasurers and the controllers or treasurers of the Executive Cabinet. These members prepare an annual budget in accordance with guidelines established by the Student Senate. The Financial Management Board also considers requests for additional funds and is responsible for the production and marketing of The Shirt, and oversees the operations of the student businesses through the Student Business Board.

Hall Presidents' Council
Each of Notre Dame's 27 residence halls sends one to three representatives, depending upon the
the various offices of the Student Union

number of hall residents, to a weekly meeting of the Hall Presidents Council. This group serves as a forum through which residence halls share information about their respective events, programs or goals and receive updates about campus affairs. An athletic department representative, for example, attends the council’s meetings every week to inform hall representatives about games and other athletic events planned for the week. The representatives then bring this information back to their halls and share it with the residents.

Club Coordination Council
The Club Coordination Council, headed by the club coordinator, consists of 15 other Club Council representatives, three from each of the five club divisions. These officers divide the funds allocated by the FMB among the over 200 undergraduate student organizations. The CCC also enforces rules regarding the usage of funds and the sponsoring of events.

Off-campus Council
The Off-campus Council represents the off-campus population of Notre Dame undergraduate students and promotes the well-being of this group by sponsoring events and disseminating information to off-campus residents. The structure and organization of this particular group is left to the discretion of the two elected Off-campus Council presidents.

Student Union Board Programming Body
The Student Union Board Programming Body is perhaps, the branch of the Student Union with which the student body is most familiar. SUB Programming Body works to provide social, intellectual and cultural opportunities that enhance undergraduate student life. The organization coordinates many campus-wide events, such as Antistatic, concerts, comedy performances and weekend movies. Weekly SUB-sponsored events and further SUB information can be viewed by reading the away message of the Instant Messenger screen name ndSUBInfo.

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Bryant hears boos, but wins MVP in West win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Back in his hometown, where the fans show him no love, Kobe Bryant kept making shots and kept hearing boos.

Bryant scored 31 points Sunday — the most in an All-Star game since Michael Jordan had 40 in 1988 — in the arena where he walked off the court last June with his second championship, leading the Western Conference over the East 135-120 Sunday.

Bryant, who grew up in Lower Merion, Pa. and whose father, Joe, played for the 76ers, played with tremendous hustle and flair in helping the West build a big halftime lead that they never surrendered.

But he was booed louder than anyone during player introductions, then heard more of the same every time he touched the ball during the second half.

When the game ended and he was given the MVP trophy, they blew a one-handed dunk, causing his Eastern teammates to rise off the bench laughing in unison. Jordan laughed off the moment, too.

Bryant led all scorers with 12 points as the West led 32-24 after one quarter.

Tracy McGrady had a spectacular dunk early in the second quarter, hanging a pass to himself off the backboard, zipping past three players and slamming the ball through with such authority that the crowd didn’t stop buzzing for a good 30 seconds.

McGrady scored 11 points in the quarter to keep the East in it, but Bryant had a three-point play immediately after checking back in, then made four more baskets over the final 1:47 of the quarter — including a layup just before the halftime buzzer — as the West closed half with a 24-7 run for a 72-55 lead.

The East chipped away at the lead during the third quarter, but Bryant wouldn’t let them get too close. He scored one basket on a putback after the ball bounced over the top of the backboard, then had another bucket off an offensive rebound with 4:20 left to restore a 20-point lead, 88-68.

The boos for Bryant were faintly heard after both of those baskets, but that is nothing new for the Lakers star who received far worse treatment from Philadelphia fans during last year’s NBA Finals.

As the quarter progressed, Bryant was booed every time he touched the ball as it became clear that the West was headed for a lopsided victory.

Bryant surpassed 30 points midway through the fourth quarter, becoming the first player to reach 30 points since Michael Jordan scored 40 in 1988.

The West held a 23-point lead entering the fourth quarter, and the East started to rally after Bryant left for good with 10.45 left. Paul Pierce scored the first four points of the quarter, McGrady also scored four in a row and Ray Allen hit a 3-pointer to complete a 13-0 run and make it 100-90.

The next five baskets were all 3-pointers, including a pair by Payton that helped the West maintain a double-digit lead and a 7-0 run ending with a dunk by Elton Brand all but locked up the victory.

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Friday's game also featured a good defensive struggle. MSU's Miller and Notre Dame's Cey went head to head in goal for the duration of the game. Miller ended up making 39 saves for the shutout, while Cey saved 41 shots, gave up the game-winning goal late in the second.

The first period both goalies saved 16 shots. With less than two minutes to go in the second the Spartans went on the power play. Notre Dame tried to clear the puck, but MSU's Ash Goldie knocked it down, keeping it in the zone. Goldie passed to a wide-open John-Michael Liles, who fired one past Cey. The goal gave the Spartans a 1-0 lead and a lot of momentum going into the third.

The third period proved to be more of the same, as the goalies continued to be tested. With 1:05 left Irish coach Dave Poulin pulled Cey in favor of a sixth attacker. However, instead of Notre Dame coming up with the game-tying goal, Michigan State was able to put in the empty-netter to seal the game.

Despite splitting the weekend, there was a lot of satisfaction for the Irish. For one, they beat the No. 3 team in the country on its home ice. And the Irish defensive unit finally showed up. After giving up 13 goals the previous weekend, the Notre Dame defense only gave up three (the fourth being the empty net goal) in the series.

Next week the Irish have a bye weekend. They won't take the ice again until Feb. 22 and 23 at Lake Superior State. It will be important for them to keep the momentum they gained from this weekend.

"In the next couple of weeks we need to keep a level head," said Cey. "We can't get too high from this win. We need to keep our conditioning up and have a good stretch run."

VOTE TODAY!!!

The 2002 Primary Election is being held TODAY
Monday, February 11

See postings in your dorm for voting times and places

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From 10 am until 1:30 pm
Seniors can vote too!!!

Don't forget to vote!!
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brass. The halfpipe debuted as an Olympic sport at Sapporo Games. After nailing his 323-foot jump, the 5-foot-8, 120-pound Ammann peered anxiously at the giant score­

board — and learned he was the winner.

"He came out of nowhere," said America's Alain Alborn, who had hoped to end a 78-year medal drought for the U.S. team but finished 11th. Favorite Sven Hannawald of Germany took the silver, and Adam Malysz of Poland the bronze.

Men's Downhill

In one of the games' traditionally glamourous events, trad­

tion was served as Austrian Fritz Strobl — long overshad­

owed by more illustrious Austrian teammates — swept to the gold medal.

He became the sixth Austrian in the downhill, second in the 15 races since Alpine skiing debuted in 1948, although the recent victory was his fourth, with five total medals, top­

the medals chart.

"It's hard work to be 23 years old and win an Olympic medal," said Lajunen, who finished ahead of silver medal-winning teammates Jaakko Tallusse. Fells Gottwald of Austria won the bronze.

U.S. medal hopeful Todd Lodwick wound up seventh, the highest finish for an American in the sport's Olympic history. "It's a little bit disappointing because I had expectations of moving up," said Lodwick. Americans Matt Dayton and Bill Demong were 18th and 19th, respectively. Roll Monsen's ninth-place showing in 1932 was the previous best finish for a U.S. athlete.

Nordic Combined

The Nordic combined — a combination of cross-country skiing and ski jumping — was one of the most traditional events at the Winter Olympics.

Austrian and Swiss teams were the dominant forces, with the former winning 15 of the 16 events.

"It was the second record in two days at the track, which is considered the world's fastest ice," Friesinger said. "I wasn't excited to be with her, because we skate different races," Rodriguez said. "But I knew if I wanted a chance at a medal, I had to go out with her." Friesinger pushed herself too hard in the opening laps and faded badly on her final lap to take the bronze.

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Instead, she didn't even win a medal. Friesinger shattered her own world record, crossing the line in 3 minutes, 57.70 seconds — more than 1 1/2 seconds ahead of the old mark of 3:59.26.

"Maybe I had an advantage," said Pechstein, who turns 30 on Feb. 22. "Anni really was the favorite. All the journalists talk to her. It's difficult for Anni being the favorite all the time." Friesinger and Rodriguez raced together in the 13th of 16 pairs. The German blew away the American and was on world-record pace until the final 400 meters.

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Belles outlast Olivet for 65-61 conference victory

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Katie Miller added 16 points to lead the Belles to a 65-61 conference victory against Olivet College Saturday afternoon.

A slow start helped Olivet take an early lead and eventually control the game at halftime, 28-25. "In the beginning we came out kind of slow," said Miller. "They were really to come at us and that made us become more intense and before the end of the half we started to do really well." The Belles outscored Olivet 40-33 in the second half, thanks to the shooting of Creachbaum who connected on 11-15 shots during the game and made 67 percent of her free throws.

"Emily Creachbaum played really well," said Miller. "She really picked up her game."

Miller also hit some big shots, including 3-6 from behind the arc.

"In the second half we attacked them and we never backed down and we kept going," said Miller. "We hit some really big shots, too."

Olivet relied on the shooting of Louisa Grill to keep them in the game during the second half. Grill nailed eight of her nine game during the second half. Miller had fouled out the overtimes as long as we would have gone through six overtimes as long as we would have come out on top. That's all that mattered to us."
Maryland matches best overall start with 92-77 win

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. Maryland wasn't particularly sharp a week before its Atlantic Coast Conference showdown with No. 1 Duke. Then again, the third-ranked Terrapins were playing North Carolina.

Maryland matched its best overall and ACC starts in school history, getting 18 points from Juan Dixon in a 92-77 victory over the struggling Tar Heels on Sunday night.

The Terrapins (19-3, 9-1) registered their 19th win after 22 games for the sixth time. The most recent was in 1999.

The last time Maryland won nine of its first 10 league games was 22 seasons ago.

Lonny Baxter and Byron Mouton each added 16 points for Maryland.

The victory kept Maryland one-half game behind Duke for first place in the ACC race.

The teams, each with one ACC loss, meet next Sunday in College Park, Md.

Meanwhile, the slumping Tar Heels (6-15, 2-9) matched the school record for losses in a season. It happened twice in the early 1950s.

North Carolina also set a record for ACC losses in what has been a disastrous second season for coach Matt Doherty's inexperienced team.

The program's previous worst ACC season was 6-8 in Dean Smith's third season in 1963-64.

Kris Lang led North Carolina with 23 points, while Jawad Williams, a freshman who has shown steady improvement, had 21 points, 11 rebounds and five assists.

North Carolina surrendered a school-record 112 points to Maryland on Jan. 9, en route to a 33-point loss.

At least this time, the Tar Heels showed signs of life in the second half after going down by 17 at the break.

A 3-pointer by Brian Morrison pulled North Carolina to 58-44 with 15:05 left, but Dixon made two shots behind the arc over the next 3 1/2 minutes to push Maryland's lead to 19.

Chris Wilcox then put the margin over 20 a minute later with a slam dunk and two free throws as Jason Capel fouled out with 10:27 left and North Carolina was on its way to its eighth ACC loss by double dig-
Women's Basketball

Veterans lead Irish to sole possession of No. 2 in the Big East

By NOAH AMSTADTER
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When Muffet McGraw sat down on the podium following Notre Dame's win against Boston College Sunday, McGraw had a freshman and sophomore on one side, a junior and senior on the other. While Notre Dame's highly-touted freshman class has carried much of the load for the team all season, Sunday's victory to move into sole possession of second place in the Big East was spearheaded by Notre Dame's veterans.

To McGraw's immediate left was senior Ericka Haney. Haney, the team's lone senior, has seemed lost at times in the Notre Dame offense but has stepped up as a leader in the stretch run. She led the team in assists per game, while leading her teammates to the top 3-point percentage in the nation.

McGraw finished with just four points and two assists while Boston College converted only two of 17 attempts from beyond the arc for a 11.8 percentage.

"I think my role on the team is to go out and be the defensive stopper and get on the boards and things like that," said Haney, who also scored 11 points, one off her season high.

On the far end of the table next to Haney was Junior Amanda Barksdale, who set a Notre Dame record for blocked shots with 11 in 30 minutes. Barksdale was such a presence in the lane, she allowed her team to keep the defensive pressure on without committing costly fouls.

"We fouled a lot less because we had so much faith in Mandy coming up with some big blocks as some critical times," McGraw said.

At the other end of the table was the sophomore, Jeneka Joyce. Joyce, who hadn't played since Jan. 21 due to an Achilles injury, hit two key 3-pointers, one to bring the Irish within three early after Boston College went out on an 8-2 lead and another to give Notre Dame a 44-33 lead midway through the second half.

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Boston College was the best 3-point shooting team in the conference, hitting upwards of 40 percent. The Irish defense shut down the outside attack, holding them to only 11.8 percent from the 3-point line.

"Notre Dame had some great defense and we just couldn't find the bucket," Ingels said.

A main player in that Irish defense was senior Ericka Haney. With the Eagles' solid core of veteran players, the lone senior had to step up in a key area to help defend the younger Irish team.

"I think my role on the team is to go out and be the defensive stopper and get on the boards," said Haney, who grabbed four rebounds and scored 11 points during the game.

Defensively, the Irish were able to shut Boston College, even though they allowed 27 points on turnovers. The Eagles shot just under 24 percent from the floor in the first half. Early in the game, it didn't look like that would be the case. Seven minutes into the first half, Boston College was leading by six points and Notre Dame was shooting approximately 12 percent from the field. But when Jeneka Joyce hit the court, something changed. Joyce, who has not even dressed for the last four games due to an Achilles tendon injury, had not taken a shot and completed the three-point play on the foul shot. She has not even dressed for the last four games due to an Achilles tendon injury, had not taken a shot and completed the three-point play on the foul shot. She has not even dressed for the last four games due to an Achilles tendon injury, had not taken a shot and completed the three-point play on the foul shot. She has not even dressed for the last four games due to an Achilles tendon injury, had not taken a shot and completed the three-point play on the foul shot.

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Notre Dame swimmers qualify for Big East championships

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

When he finished the 200-yard butterfly Saturday, sophomore Brian Coughlan looked up at the scoreboard in disappointment.

The time he saw wasn’t fast enough to qualify for Big East Championships, where most of his team will compete in two weeks.

But that’s because he was looking at the wrong time.

Coughlan misread the scoreboard and accidentally read the lane next to him. In his lane, the scoreboard read 1:55.08 — good enough for a Big East berth.

“I heard my roommate yelling down at me,” Coughlan said. “I was like, ‘Why are you yelling at me? I didn’t make the cut!’”

Coughlan’s finish undercut the qualifying time of 1 minute, 55.09 seconds by one hundredth of a second — a fingernail’s difference in the finish.

The finish was so close to the standard he sent coaches and scorekeepers scurrying to look up the time standard to ensure he had made the cut.

“He really put the work in,” said senior co-captain Mike Koss. “He missed it by a couple of seconds last year, and to make it at the last possible meet is just amazing.”

Coughlan was one of three members of the men’s and women’s teams who qualified for the Big East Championships Saturday in the men’s team victory against Cleveland State University. Members of the women’s team also competed in exhibition races to log qualifying times for the championships.

On the women’s side, junior Katie Cavadin moved most of her team to tears when she qualified for the 1.650 yard freestyle.

Cavadin inspired the women’s team, men’s team and Cleveland State team to cheer throughout the 66-lap race, creating a deafening roar in Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Cavadin swam the race in 17:39.36, just about two seconds under the time standard. Teammate and distance standout Marie Labosky swam next to Cavadin throughout the race to keep her on track for the cut.

“It was nice to have someone right there with me,” Cavadin said. “She and her counter had the pace and signals worked out. I knew I only had about four seconds there with her... I couldn’t have done it without her.”

Sophomore Liane Watkins also earned herself a ticket to New York, qualifying in the 100-yard freestyle. Watkins missed making the cut earlier in the day in the 50-yard freestyle by only 6 one hundredths of a second.

Both teams will compete at the Big East Championships in Uniondale, NY at the Goodwill Games Aquatic Center Feb. 21-23. The women will defend their Big East Title for the sixth consecutive year. The men placed fourth last year.

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Irish defeat Hoyas in quadruple overtime

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During one of the four overtime periods in Saturday's Notre Dame-Georgetown marathon game, Irish coach Mike Brey called his players around him and asked them a question. "I've got nothing to do this afternoon, what about you guys?" he said during a break in action. "Let's just stay 'til we win it."

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Irish come back to top No. 2 Michigan State

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In a season of ups and downs, the Notre Dame hockey team really needed its victory against Michigan State Saturday. After dropping a 2-0 decision to the No. 3 Michigan State Spartans on Friday night, the Irish came back to beat MSU 3-2 on Saturday.

The win ended a couple of streaks. For Notre Dame it was their first win after dropping four straight and seven of its last eight. For Michigan State, it was its first loss on home ice since October 2000.

In the first 16 months the Spartans had amassed a 30-0-4 record in that time before falling to the Irish on Saturday night.

"More importantly for Notre Dame is the confidence gained from defeating a ranked opponent on the road," said senior Conner Dunlop. "We have been struggling as of late, so this will really help our confidence."

"This was a good win for us," said junior Connor Dunlop. "We have been struggling as of late, so this will really help our confidence."

The Irish get out to an early lead on Saturday. At 14:02 into the first period Neil Komadoski put the puck past Michigan State goalie Ryan Miller, and Notre Dame took a 1-0 lead. The Spartans struck back quickly. Just 2:48 after Komadoski's goal Duncan Keith tied the game when he beat Irish goalie Morgan Cey.

The Irish weren't done in the first. David Izura came through with 18 seconds left in the first to put Notre Dame up 2-1.

In the second period Notre Dame picked up where they left off. At 1:43 into the second Brett Lebda increased the Irish lead to 3-1. Bob Glosek had a break away down the right side. Lebda jumped in late and was fed a perfect pass from Glosek that he put away for the score.

The Spartans came back once again. At 6:36 into the second Brad Fast added a goal to cut the Notre Dame lead to 3-2.

After that the defenses took over. Although they were outshot 28-24 in the second period, the Irish hung onto their 3-2 lead through the second. In the third Cey stoned the Spartans, and the Irish walked away with the victory.

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