**Students speak out on Iraq**

By KRISTIN KLEIN and LUKE BUSAM

It was standing room only at the Peace Coalition's discussion Tuesday as over 100 people filled the Reckers Hospitality Room to discuss the idea of the United States going to war against Iraq.

A panel composed of 10 students from various organizations on campus, including College Republicans and Pax Christi, presented multiple viewpoints for those gathered.

Of the ten, one member supported war with Iraq, six were against it and three were undecided.

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**Rough seas ahead for Boat Club**

By JASON McFARLEY

It may be too early to tell whether The Boat Club's ship has sailed, but the police raid that turned up more than 200 minors Friday doesn't bode well for the popular student tavern, say officials who regulate the state's bars and alcohol industry.

"When you've got a situation where it's that many minors in a tavern, it's going to get the attention of the prosecutor," said the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, said Penny Davis, superintendent of the Michiana Alcohol Police.

Early Friday morning, excise police overwrew the raid of Boat Club, 106 N. Hill St., where they ticketed 213 underage patrons, mostly Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. It ranked among the largest raids ever, and underage drinking to ever occur in South Bend, police said.

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**Board elects Soukup as new editor in chief**

The Observer General Board unanimously elected assistant managing editor Andrew Soukup as the 2003-04 editor-in-chief on Monday.

Soukup, a junior political science major from Holland, Mich., joined the Observer as an interhall football reporter during his freshman year and covered football and men's basketball as an associate sports editor in his sophomore year.

His coverage included the widely-publicized search for Notre Dame head football coach for the 2003 season.

"I look forward to the opportunity to see the experience I've gained with the sports department improve the paper as a whole," Soukup said. "It is a tremendous challenge, but one I am willing to accept."

As an assistant managing editor, he oversaw the sports department while working on a variety of special projects and editorial operations.

"It just kind of seemed like a natural progression to me," Soukup said of his promotion.

In addition to his work with The Observer, Soukup gained professional experience last summer as a sports intern with the South Bend Tribune.

Among the projects Soukup hopes to undertake during his tenure include improving the Observer's Web site (observer.nd.edu) and strengthening recruiting, training and reporting methods.

"I was excited to see what I could do to see The Observer improve the next year," Soukup said. "And I'm extremely eager to work with a very talented staff."

A resident of Knott Hall, Soukup has a minor in journalism, ethics and democracy.
The answer to 3/4 = 25% is Tom Haight.

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In Wednesday’s article, “Mugged student files police report,” the Observer erroneously reported, “South Bend police did not even phrase calling com­ment on the investigation.” In reality, the police were unable to provide the requested information at that time.

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Students prepare for annual fair

By NATASHA GRANT
Newes

The annual Winter Career and Internship Fair, sponsored by Notre Dame's Career Center, will be held today in the Joyce Center from 4 to 8 p.m. Notre Dame student, Mary's and Holy Cross students from all majors will have the opportunity to present their resumes for consideration for full-time positions and internships and discuss career options with recruiters from over 130 companies.

Career Center Associate Director Liz Rees said she is impressed at the response from employers given the state of the economy. "The economy is very volatile and these companies will think that it's important to recruit Notre Dame students," she said. "Employers have cut back and the number of schools at which they are recruiting." In anticipation of the career fair, Rees said that the career center has offered multiple job fair preparation sessions where students were welcome to go over their resumes with a counselor and learn helpful interviewing tips. These sessions have helped Rees gauge the interests of students in the preparation.

"I sense excitement in some of them," Rees said. "In other students, I'm a little afraid that they think people aren't hiring. It's not just a display, they truly are hiring." According to Rees, because of the timing of hiring, it is very hard to track exactly how many students are hired through the career fairs.

"We're hoping this year to do a follow-up with employers to get feedback," she said. Rees is very optimistic that students will be well received. "We have fantastic students and I think that these employers are going to be excited to meet them and see their qualifications," she said. Students are also excited to meet employers, some are also nervous as to what to expect from their efforts.

Senior Gail Thompson said she is going over her resume and researching companies in which she is interested in hopes of giving a good impression. "After spending four years at such an accredited University, it's embarrassing to go home without a job," Thompson said. "I know that my family will be there to support me no matter what, but I'd like to stand on my own two feet." Thompson said that the career fair is just one of the many options that she is exploring. Although senior Joseph Lordi already has a job offer, he said he views the career fair as a chance to explore other opportunities.

"We're constantly being told that as Arts and Letters majors we are not the most marketable people, but the career fair gives us a sense of opportunity and we can see if we're interesting in the field," Lordi said.

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Bush adviser speaks on initiatives

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Jim Towey, deputy assistant to President Bush and director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, emphasized the importance of these initiatives while delivering the keynote speech for the Center for the Study of Latino Religion’s symposium “Faith at Work in the Latino Community” in the McKenna Hall Auditorium.

“The problems in our culture are not one law away from being addressed,” he said. “Our problem is that there aren’t enough places where people are welcomed into places for the poor. When you encounter people in their poverty, you discover your own poverty.”

Towey, a self-described “Pro-Life Democrat,” served for 12 years as legal counsel to Mother Teresa and spent time volunteering in her home in Washington D.C. for people with AIDS. He served as legislative director and legal counsel for retired Republican Sen. Mark Hatfield, as well as working in former Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles’ cabinet. Towey said that his experiences working with the poor and the sick taught him much about his own life as a former “disgruntled Catholic.”

“The poor have a gift to give. They are some of the most powerful people on earth — they have the power to change your life,” he said.

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Towey’s keynote address, “The Role of Faith in the Public Square: Stories of Mother Teresa and President Bush,” centered around his experiences working with Mother Teresa and Bush, his volunteering at organizations aimed at assisting the poor, and his comments on the Bush administration’s view of the role of faith-based initiatives.

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Towey’s address was sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Institute for Latino Studies and the Center for the Study of Latino Religion. The larger symposium celebrated the inauguration of the Center for the Study of Latino Religion at the Institute for Latino Studies and featured lectures and panel discussions on the importance of religion to Latino youth and on recent research findings with respect to Latino religious life.

Towey was the inaugural speaker in an ongoing lecture series that the Center for the Study of Latino Religion plans to sponsor.

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U.N. inspections bolster chances for war in Iraq

Associated Press

The United Nations' weapons inspectors bolstered chances for war in Iraq through inspections of 106 sites that turned up no evidence so far that Iraq has nuclear weapons or long-range missiles, a U.N. spokesman said Monday. The spokesman said that Blix has mapped out a program of future inspections, which he referred to in the report.

A new report, delivered at an open council meeting, is expected Wednesday, and official results will be announced Feb. 8. Iraq has no nuclear weapons or long-range missiles, a statement which he referred to in the report.

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Internet worm still affecting banks:

Possible death penalty spy case opens:

The first spy trial in 50 years that could result in the death penalty opened Monday with prosecutors portraying a retired Air Force master sergeant as willing to sell out his country for a price and his lawyers saying he had nothing of value to offer. Brian Patrick Regan is charged with offering classified information to Iraq, Libya and China. If convicted, Regan could become the first American executed for spying since Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in 1953. After 12 jurors and four alternates were seated, prosecution opening statements before U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee "Brian Regan took an oath of loyalty to the United States, it is an oath he did not keep," Assistant U.S. Attorney Patricia Haynes told the jurors. She read a letter that Regan allegedly wrote to Saddam Hussein offering the Iraqi president information to help the Iraqis hide anti-aircraft missiles in exchange for $13 million in Swiss francs.

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Korea talks to reduce nuclear tension:

North Korea ordered the U.N. nuclear agency to destroy their weapons, such as the deadly nerve agent VX, anthrax and Sad-dam-type mustard gas, with a range of more than 90 miles.

About 4.7 million of Israel’s 6.6 million citizens are eligible to vote, with 27 parties competing for 120 seats in parliament. The nearly 8,000 polling stations are to open at 7 a.m. local time Tuesday and close at 9 p.m. At that time, three Israeli TV stations plan to broadcast exit polls or telephone surveys. Complete returns are expected Wednesday, and official results will be announced Feb. 8.

JERUSALEM

Confident of victory in Tuesday’s election, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon withdraw to his office on the last day of the campaign. Opposition leader Amram Mitnitz declared he was “not expecting a genuine acceptance, not even today, of the disarmament that was demanded of it,” Blix said.

He said Iraq failed to provide inspectors evidence supporting claims that they indeed had destroyed their weapons, such as the deadly nerve agent VX, anthrax and Sad-dam-type mustard gas, with a range of more than 90 miles.

No one really expects the dawn of a new era, even in the evening,” commentator Hemi Shalev wrote in the Maariv daily. “It is the old evening, even in the evening,” commentator Hemi Shalev wrote in the Maariv daily. “It is the old evening, even in the evening,” commentator Hemi Shalev wrote in the Maariv daily. “It is the old evening, even in the evening,” commentator Hemi Shalev wrote in the Maariv daily. “It is the old evening, even in the evening,” commentator Hemi Shalev wrote in the Maariv daily.


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not to take action against him?" questioned Creed.

Numerous other panel members asked similar questions, though no one seemed to have an answer.

"According to the U.N. Atomic Energy Report, if there were no inspectors in Iraq, the earliest Iraq could build a weapon to pose a threat to the United States is eight years," said panelist Yakob Bangash as a reason not to go to war with Iraq.

Two panelists, Mohammad Hamad, a member of the University Muslim Association, and Peter Quaranto, Pax Christi, gave a humanitarian view of the war.

Hamad cited many statistics about the Iraqi children who do not have enough food, good health care or education, and he cautioned that a war in Iraq would only make it worse.

"We forget the people of Iraq. If they die, it is no different than us dying," said Quaranto.

North Korea's nuclear weapons was another common thread throughout the discussion.

Casey Wong, Peace Coalition believes that other countries pose a more immediate threat and that the United States should be going after them.

"I don't believe Iraq poses an immediate threat, but Pakistan and North Korea both have nuclear weapons," said Wong.

After the panel presented their views, questions were taken from the audience.

"What is the viable alternative to the war?" asked sophomore Greg Cannon, a common question from members of the audience.

Cannon also said that the war is the only way he sees to right the immorality occurring in Iraq.

"Using immorality to fix immorality, in my opinion, just doesn't work," said Quaranto.
In Brief

Government must return licenses
The Supreme Court ordered the government Monday to give back billions of dollars worth of unused wireless licenses to NextWave Telecom Inc., a decision that could lead to better service and more options for cellular customers in many major American cities. The wireless slices have been in limbo during a protracted fight between NextWave and an agency that confiscated the licenses and resold them at a huge profit after NextWave filed for bankruptcy protection. The high court ruled that the Federal Communications Commission did not have the authority to take away licenses from the company while it was reorganizing its finances. Now NextWave can finish building a network or sell the licenses to other companies. It will free up wireless spectrum in dozens of crowded markets, including Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington. "Now the spectrum that's been tied up in litigation all these years can be put to use to serve the public, as NextWave always intended," said NextWave lawyer Donald B. Verrill Jr. "You'll probably see market-wide effects." Companies like AT&T Wireless, Cingular Wireless and Verizon Wireless may vie for the airwaves, analysts said.

SEC investigates credit agencies
Wall Street credit-rating agencies, partly blamed by lawmakers for the massive accounting failure at Enron Corp., are being scrutinized by federal regulators for possibly stifling competition in their field. The Securities and Exchange Commission has been investigating since last year the role of the credit raters and considering whether they should be more tightly regulated. Their gradings of companies' creditworthiness are watched closely by the markets and can determine where banks and other financial institutions invest. Despite their power, the SEC allows them largely to police themselves.

Housing market still thriving

WASHINGTON

Home buyers took advantage of some of the lowest mortgage rates in decades and cashed in on sales of previously owned homes in 2002 to the highest level in four years.

The housing market thrived even as the American economy, knocked back by the 2001 recession, struggled into 2002 to regain a solid footing and suffering through uneven growth. The lure of low mortgage rates proved irresistible to many people who opted to make big-ticket financial commitments despite the muted economic environment.

Previously owned homes sold at an annual rate of 5.56 million in 2002, shutting the record of 5.3 million reached in 2001, the National Association of Realtors reported Monday.

"Housing remains one of the sole pillars of strength for the U.S. economy," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America Capital Management.

"Consumers remain willing to undertake longer-term commitments in terms of purchases of both autos and homes," she said. While low mortgage rates have stoked home sales, "free-financing and other incentives have buoyed car sales."

But on Wall Street, fears about war with Iraq pushed up the price of oil and stoked selling across financial markets. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 1,414.45 points to close at 9,789.56, the first time in three months that the index closed below 10,000.

Sales of previously owned homes rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.86 million last month, marking the largest monthly increase since December 1995. The annualized rate reflects how many homes would sell if the same number of sales in a month continued for all 12 months.

"Exceptionally low mortgage rates are the primary factor in record levels of home sales," said David Lereah, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors.

The average interest rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 6.05 percent in December, a record monthly low, the association said. For 2002, the average rate on a 30-year mortgage was 6.95 percent, the lowest annual average since Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, began tracking them in 1971.

Low mortgage rates encouraged many people to buy homes last year or refinance those they already owned. The extra monthly cash that home-owners save by refinancing mortgages at lower rates has helped consumer spending remain the primary force keeping the economy going.

Another factor motivating home buyers is solid appreciation of housing values. That offers people the attractive investment, especially given the turbulent stock market, economists said.

The national median home price last year was $158,300, up 7 percent from 2001. The median price is where half sell for more and half sell for less. The 7.1 percent increase was the largest annual increase since 1980, when the median sales price shot up by 11.7 percent.

By region, existing-home sales in the West rose by 7.5 percent in 2002 from the previous year to 1.49 million. In the Midwest, sales rose by 4.9 percent to 1.22 million, and in the South sales went up 4.1 percent to 2.2 million. In the Northeast, sales increased to 653,000, a 2.4 percent rise from 2001.

Economists believe the Federal Reserve will hold short-term interest rates at a 41-year low of 1.25 percent at the close of a two-day meeting Wednesday. By keeping rates low, policy-makers hope the Fed will entice consumers to continue to spend and motivate businesses to step up investment, forces that would help the sputtering recovery.

Euro hits new high against dollar

The euro rose to $1.0852, up from $1.0844 late Friday. The euro's recent rise is viewed by economists less as a spike in the currency itself than a decline in the dollar, which slumped also against the British pound as rising fears of military action in the Persian Gulf prompted selling across financial markets.

If you compare this to what happened during the Gulf War a decade ago it's exactly the same," said Michael Schubert, an economist at Commerzbank in Frankfurt. "If military action takes place, it goes in the other direction, but so long as there is uncertainty there will be a tendency for the dollar to depreciate."

Schubert said he could foresee the euro rising as high as $1.12 if the uncertainty continues through February. Europe's common currency has gained more than 20 percent against the dollar in the past year, as worries about the U.S. economy and stock markets turned to alarm that an Iraq conflict could drive up oil prices and dry up investment.

The spike makes life more expensive for Americans living or traveling in Europe, but helps U.S. manufacturers by making their goods cheaper in comparison with those of their European competitors, while raising possible concerns over the outlook for European exporters.
Visit to Baghdad inspires concern for Iraqi people, opposition to war

The attacks of September 11 illustrated vividly that it does not take weapons of mass destruction to cause havoc; relatively low-tech and low-cost tactics and determined individuals with modest resources can have a devastating impact. Moreover, a preemptive strike on Iraq would set a dangerous precedent encouraging other countries to take preemptive actions against those they perceive as a threat, leading to greater conflict and instability worldwide.

I agree with the Oct. 2, 2002 statement of CIA Director George Tenet that the likelihood of Saddam Hussein launching an unprovoked attack on the United States that we “will have become much more dangerous. A firm and consistent policy of containment and deterrence is an option that can enhance global security without destabilizing the region or creating even more implacable enemies. It is not a viable or sustainable foreign policy to invade every country that has oppressive leadership and dangerous weapons. It is clear that Saddam Hussein’s regime is a brutal one, and Iraqis deserve a better future. However, to be legitimate and to endure, change must come from within our country.”

We can support internal change through engagement with Iraq in which great international pressure can be brought to bear. We must ease the sanctions and repressive laws that have been in place for more than 12 years to end the unintended effect of strengthening Saddam Hussein’s regime and undermining the welfare of the Iraqi people. At the same time, we must pursue an arms control policy that reflects the needs and interests of all countries in the Middle East.

At the conclusion of our trip, our group prepared a joint statement outlining our position and recommendations on Iraq as informed by our trip and previous knowledge of the region. Despite a great diversity within our delegation, we found unity in our desire to prevent another attack on Iraq and support for the easing of sanctions. Our joint statement requested that the Iraqi and American politicians and people to reduce our mutual sense of threat.

A full text of the statement as well as photographs from our trip are available at: http://home.earthlink.net/~ryan-silva.

There is still time to act to prevent a war. Let us not lose this opportunity to protect our nation’s values, international reputation and national security.

Julie Ryan-Silva is a 1994 graduate of Notre Dame and a current graduate student at George Mason University’s Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. Her column is the first in the series “Viewpoint: Iraq.” which will explore the issues surrounding the U.S. conflict with Iraq from a variety of perspectives.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
As a first-year student at Saint Mary’s, I found The Observer’s endorsement of an astute campaign in Saint Mary’s upcoming election to be both disappointing and disturbing. Not only are Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown willing to run, but they are truly the best candidates for the position. The women in our student body who are standing quietly aside are doing so not out of fear or intimidation, but in order to support those who continue to sacrifice their personal time and effort for us; let’s elect Jablonski-Diehl and Brown.

Anna Bauer<br>First-Year Class President<br>Saint Mary’s College<br>Jan. 27

As a first-year student at Saint Mary’s College, representing the Saint Mary’s College students in an effort to clarify the election process, feel the need to issue this statement.

According to the Saint Mary’s College Student Government Association Constitution, voting procedures are as follows: if one ticket emerges, a vote of “yes” signifies support of the candidates, a vote of “no” indicates a vote of no confidence in the candidates and a vote of “abstain” indicates a vote of no opinion on the candidates in the election. The election process will begin again only if the ticket receives 50 percent plus one vote in the “no” category. Abstention votes count as in the overall percentage.

Students are reminded they have until 11:59 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, Jan. 28, to attend and participate in the student body elections. We would like to state that all current Saint Mary’s students have the right to vote in this election.

As the student’s voice, we would like to clarify that all current sophomores and juniors were invited to attend election information meetings and to form tickets. Many students attended those meetings with one ticket emerging. Our election process is open and inclusive.

We encourage all students to vote and to consult www.saint-marys.edu/~sga with further questions in regards to voting procedures for election day. You are always welcome to call the Student Government Office at 284-5373 with any comments, questions, or concerns.

Damian Zurro<br>senior<br>off-campus<br>Jan. 27

Peace movement ignores need for removal of Saddam

As a result of the peace protests last weekend and the calls for no war in Iraq that have surfaced on this campus, I feel compelled to respond. I know many of the students personally who are opposed to war and believe Saddam is very sincere people who have a world-view worthy of respect. I even had the privilege of attending the delightful Sheila Provencher’s talk on what she witnessed on a recent peace coalition trip to Iraq. She is a true person of non-violence and very brave to do what she did. Yet, a nagging fact remains that if the counsels of the peace movement are followed, at the end of the day Saddam Hussein will remain in power. This is an injustice that cannot be simply overlooked.

Now I realize that no one in the peace movement cares for Saddam Hussein, and they are certainly not among his apologists. But the fact remains that by opposing any military action to remove him, they are indirectly supporting the status quo and the continued oppression of the Iraqi people.

There are many reasons to support regime change in Iraq, and all of these have been espoused by people better than myself. The first is the fact that Saddam Hussein has broken every law on genocide and human rights. As a result, Congress under President Clinton passed the Iraq Freedom and Accountability Act calling for Saddam’s removal many years before this current debate. Second is Saddam’s continual efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction in violation of several U.N. resolutions over the past decade. A third is that the Iraqi secret police are known actors in the international underworld of terrorism.

In fact, regime change has already happened in Iraqi Kurdistan. Due to American and British enforced “no-fly” zones the Kurds have successfully constructed a flourishing civil society complete with newspapers in several languages, TV stations, Internet cafes and satellite dishes. At the University of Sulaimaniya, a significant number of the students are home.

If the peace movement wishes to remain consistent, they should protest that these no-fly zones be lifted since they are ongoing measures from the last Gulf War. Then we would see how quickly Saddam’s death squads would move in and attempt to annihilate the Kurds once again as they did in 1988 and at the end of the last war. Surely a principled peace movement would not ignore these self-determined peoples.

There remain objections that have been raised and that merit serious consideration. One of the most ubiquitous is that this is a war for oil. On one side, we should say that if it were simply about oil, would it not be easier for President Bush to call for the lifting of the sanctions and give Saddam a green light to do as he pleased, only asking in return that he not proceed to use its oil at a little cheaper? I find it hard to believe that Saddam would not jump if given that chance. On the other hand, I guess one can say it is about oil.

A consensual government in Iraq would ideally raise the oil production to over three million barrels and allow the world price of oil to decline or stabilize. This would benefit millions of people outside the United States, and it would allow the Iraqi people to benefit from oil profits to rebuild their country instead of the money going toward Hussein’s anthrax labs or palaces while the people starve. If there is anyone who does not want the current oil situation to change, it is the large oil companies who rely on the large profits that come from the status quo of a tight world oil supply. Those who accuse the United States of being economically imperialistic need only reflect that there was no oil to be found in Grenada, Panama, Somalia or Kosovo, all places where the United States has carried out military operations in the past twenty years.

What is in place now in Iraq are crippling economic sanctions that I would agree are immoral. They punish the Iraqi people while letting Saddam keep a grip on power. Yet, they cannot be lifted while he is still there since this would allow his regime to regroup and pursue weapons of mass destruction.

What the peace movement should be advocating is a coherent policy for a post-Saddam Iraq. This is an area where we can reasonably question the current administration’s commitment to staying the course after the war. Iraq will be very fragile once Saddam is gone and could “Balkanize” with all the different ethnic factions fighting among themselves. Jeffersonian democracy will not catch overnight and will require many years of multi-lateral presence in order to keep the peace and help the Iraqis construct a democracy. We would owe the Iraqi people no less.

A new government in Iraq could serve as beaconhead from which waves of democratic reform could emanate to the failed regimes that surround it. In the end, if the views of the peace movement had been followed over the past decade, Kuwait would no longer exist as a country, having long ago been gobbled up by Iraq and Saddam Hussein would have nuclear weapons. This would risk a much bloodier more destabilizing conflict than we can now imagine if we were ever to use them.

Continuing with this thought, if the peace movement had prevailed in 1999, Kosovo would currently be ethnically cleansed. An interesting note is that Saddam Hussein came out against the removal of Slobodan Milosevic, a man who was killing Sunni Muslims, members of Saddam’s own sect. These reactionary dictators tend to stick together. Where faced with all odds he really must make a hands-off approach to Saddam more problematic. This leads me to ask my friends in the peace movement if it really is about peace.

Anna Bauer<br>freshman<br>First-Year Class President<br>Saint Mary’s College<br>Jan. 27

Elect Jablonski-Diehl and Brown

As a first-year student at Saint Mary’s College, representing the Saint Mary’s College students in an effort to clarify the election process, feel the need to issue this statement. I agree that student government should be about adequate representation and that we should elect the ticket who will do the best job on behalf of our students. That is why I stand behind Jablonski-Diehl and Brown and offer them my complete support. They have already shown us their amazing capabilities as young leaders in the Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame communities, and I believe that their efforts will only improve and students will be satisfied as they accept the new positions that they seek.

Their efforts to provide a better academic, social and spiritual environment for Saint Mary’s College students must not be met with hostility by they seek our support in this election. Instead, those of us who truly know these candidates and their abilities should take stand in their support and cast our vote in their favor this Tuesday.

We are currently represented, and represented well, in Saint Mary’s student government. I would like to use this off-campus election to support those who continue to care for Saddam Hussein.

We as the Saint Mary’s College Board of Governance, representing the Saint Mary’s College students in an effort to clarify the election process, feel the need to issue this statement.

As a result of the peace protests last weekend and the calls for no war in Iraq that have surfaced on this campus, I feel compelled to respond. I know many of the students personally who are opposed to war and believe Saddam is very sincere people who have a world-view worthy of respect. I even had the privilege of attending the delightful Sheila Provencher’s talk on what she witnessed on a recent peace coalition trip to Iraq. She is a true person of non-violence and very brave to do what she did. Yet, a nagging fact remains that if the counsels of the peace movement are followed, at the end of the day Saddam Hussein will remain in power. This is an injustice that cannot be simply overlooked.

Now I realize that no one in the peace movement cares for Saddam Hussein, and they are certainly not among his apologists. But the fact remains that by opposing any military action to remove him, they are indirectly supporting the status quo and the continued oppression of the Iraqi people.

There are many reasons to support regime change in Iraq, and all of these have been espoused by people better than myself. The first is the fact that Saddam Hussein has broken every law on genocide and human rights. As a result, Congress under President Clinton passed the Iraq Freedom and Accountability Act calling for Saddam’s removal many years before this current debate. Second is Saddam’s continual efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction.
Matchbox 20 show they're more

By JON GARGANO
Some Music Critics

More Than You Think You Are, Matchbox 20's third album, is easily their most versatile to date. Possessing intense lyrics, swirling guitar riffs and prophetic choruses, this album further expands and diversifies the band's image as the face of radio pop-rock. In this album, the quintet experiments with different styles and sounds incorporating gospel, country-twang and hard-rock into their emotive ballads.

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Traveling with Dylan on this tour were a caravan of musicians, friends, poets, and anyone else he collected on the way. Most notably present on this album are folk-singer Joan Baez, the Byrd's Roger McGuinn, and Scarlet Rivera, a long-haired gypsy violinist whom Dylan randomly asked to join the show after seeing her on the street with a violin case.

Although the songs are all taken from different shows along the tour, they progress smoothly and are delivered as though they were all in one set. Disc one plunges into the opener, "Tonight I'll Be Staying Here With You," a song from his country-flavored album, Nashville Skyline. The song, originally recorded as a gentle, meandering number, takes on a vigorous persona, with a powerful backing band and Dylan's aggressive vocals.

Next, comes "It Ain't Me, Babe," one of his most well-known acoustic ballads. Dylan electrically transforms this song into a galloping row, culminating in one of his expert harmonica solos.

Another shocking song adaptation is the protest song "The Lonesome Death of Hattie Carroll." The song depicts the injustice of the court system in the trial of William Zanzinger who killed Hattie Carroll, a black mother of 10 children. It seems that every time he performs, Bob Dylan gives a unique live performance at every concert and the latest in the Bootleg Series showcases his consistent ability to reinterpret his songs. The song, originally recorded as a gentle, meandering number, takes on a vigorous persona, with a powerful backing band and Dylan's aggressive vocals.

The highlight of disc one comes in the middle, "Mr. Tambourine Man." Dylan's vocals show maturation with a deep, rich sound, far different from the nasal wails of his youth. This song stays true to its original version from the Bringing It All Back Home album, but there is a certain intimacy in this live recording that the original song lacks. The gentle strum of his acoustic and his timid vocal give this song a vulnerable, endearing charm.

Disc two opens with the gorgeous "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue." As with "Mr. Tambourine Man," Dylan sticks to the album version of this song with soft acoustic strumming complementing his harmonica solos and the gentle puzzle of his lyrics. "The highway is for gamblers, better use your sense / Take what you have gathered from coincidence ... This sky, too, is folding under you / And, it's all over now, Baby Blue."

Disc two also includes the epic song "Hurricane," the song Dylan wrote in defense of the wrongfully imprisoned boxer, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. In fact, the impetus for the Rolling Thunder tour was Dylan's desire to draw attention to the plight of the boxer. Dylan performs the song with a plug for Carter, asking the audience, "If you've got any political pull and all, maybe you can help us get this man out of jail and back on to the streets."

Bob Dylan Live 1975

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Raiding the aftermath

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

The short-term plan failed and the long-term troubles are just beginning for the Oakland Raiders.

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James cleared after SUV investigation

Associated Press

CLEVELAND LeBron James dunks like an NBA player, and drives like one, too.

But he's still not a professional.

The nation's top high school basketball player was cleared Monday after a two-week investigation determined he did not violate state amateur bylaws by accepting a sports utility vehicle as a gift.

Ohio High School Athletic Association commissioner Clair Muscaro decided James did not compromise his amateur status and that his mother, Gloria, had provided proof she bought him the Hummer H2 vehicle.

"I was satisfied with the documentation that we were given," Muscaro said.

Muscaro had been gathering information and financial proof to determine how James, a senior at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, had obtained the automobile, which has a base retail price of $50,000.

Gloria James said she took out a bank loan in Columbus to buy the SUV — shipped from California and outfitted with three TVs and computer game hookups — for her son's 18th birthday and provided evidence to the OHSAA.

Muscaro's concern was that James had accepted the SUV from an agent or outside source and had violated an OHSAA bylaw that states amateur status is forfeited if an athlete capitalizes on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value.

Muscaro was shown the business records from the bank and dealership and was satisfied that the financing and acquisition of the vehicle were acquired by James' mother alone.

"I'm not in position to question bank officials," Muscaro said.

"That infringes on confidentiality with a client. I am satisfied that the loan that was granted did not violate our guidelines and was acquired only by his mother.

Muscaro said no violations of the OHSAA amateur bylaws "as currently written" were found and that James, expected to be the No. 1 pick in this year's NBA draft, is still eligible to play.

However, Muscaro thinks the OHSAA should re-examine some of its amateur bylaws.

"It's something that needs to be looked at," he said, "to make sure they are in step with current times."

If the OHSAA had ruled James ineligible, St. Vincent-St. Mary, ranked No. 1 by USA Today, would have had to forfeit its games from the time he accepted the SUV.

With the investigation over, James can now concentrate on the remainder of his final season with the Fighting Irish (14-0).

Muscaro said he has received negative e-mails and letters criticizing the decision on the 18-year-old James, arguing it was financially based. Critics say the OHSAA was afraid to rule financially based. Critics say the OHSAA was afraid to rule financially based.

Jamaica motorcycle accident

Associated Press

DALLAS Dallas Cowboys reserve defensive back Dwayne Goodrich was arrested Monday on three new charges in a hit-and-run crash that killed two people earlier this month.

Goodrich, who had been free on $50,000 bond on two manslaughter charges, was taken into custody at his suburban Coppell home about 9 a.m. and transported to jail in Dallas.

County Magistrate Alfred Campos Jr. initially set Goodrich's bail at $6,000 — $2,000 for each new count of failure to stop and render aid. Another judge later raised it to $15,000 — $5,000 for each count.

Goodrich posted bond and was released.

Police said the Jan. 14 accident happened just after 2 a.m., while Goodrich was on his way home from a topless nightclub.

Authorities say the football player drove his BMW at speeds of more than 100 mph between a concrete barrier and a burning car involved in an earlier highway accident.

A passenger in the burning car was trying to free the driver when Demont Matthews, 23, and Joseph Wood, 21, pulled to the side of the road and ran to help.

The BMW ran into all three rescuers, killing Matthews and Wood. The third man suffered a broken leg.

Court records show that investigators collected hair and blood from a point of impact in the center of the windshield of the backup corner's 2002 BMW 745i.

Tissue and hair also were found underneath weather-stripping near the windshield, and fiber and hair were found near the right headlight, the records show.

They stated that fragments of glass with blood were collected from the right dashboard, and hair samples were taken from the right front seat.

Through his attorney, Goodrich has said he initially thought he'd struck only debris from an accident on Interstate 35E in northwest Dallas. Goodrich told investigators he was the driver and sole occupant of the car.

Failure to stop and render aid is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Manslaughter is a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison.

Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill has said a grand jury could begin hearing evidence in the case next month.
The scene is set. It'll be No. 1 against No. 2 when Duke and Connecticut meet this weekend.

The Blue Devils and Huskies remained the top two teams in the AP women's basketball poll Monday — five days before they square off at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium in one of the most anticipated games of the season.

Duke (19-0), which has been No. 1 all season, received 41 of 43 first-place votes from a national media panel and had 1,073 points. Connecticut (18-0), its record winning streak now at 57, received the two other first-place votes and had 1,033 points.

With Kansas State third and Tennessee fourth, the top four stayed the same. But there were many changes after that and only one other team, No. 20 Villanova, held the same spot it did last week.

Top 25 teams lost a total of 10 games to unranked opponents during the past week. Minnesota and DePaul both lost twice to unranked foes.

Big Ten co-leader Ohio State returned to the poll at No. 23 after a two-week absence. Washington entered at No. 25 for the first time since early last season.

"We're having a good season," said Washington coach June Daugherty, whose team trails first-place Stanford by a half-game in the Pac-10. "We're glad the polls are recognizing that."

DePaul and Rutgers dropped out.

Duke completed a 3-0 week by beating Florida State 81-63 Sunday despite a season-low seven points from Alana Beard.

The Blue Devils already have been involved in a 1-2 matchup this season, beating then-No. 2 Tennessee 76-55 on Nov. 23.

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- Forms are available at the CSC reception office or can be printed from the CSC web page.
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ENCUENTRO CHICAGO applications available at the Center for Social Concerns and Campus Ministry. Join us for a weekend immersion into the Mexican immigrant community of Pilsen in Chicago. February 15th-16th. Applications due Tuesday, February 4th.

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  - Student teachers must be available on Mon and Wed afternoons and able to provide own transportation. Contact: Call 276-3152 or email GoodShepherdMS@aol.com

- **Elders**
  - Hospice of St. Joseph County is dedicated to providing support and comfort for persons and families facing the end of life. Volunteers are trained to serve as caregivers in patient homes, assisting patients in nursing homes and working in our Hospice House (inpatient setting). Four-hour patient matches may be made 7 days a week in the mornings, afternoons and evenings for volunteers. Next semi-annual training is going to be offered from 9-noon on the following days (the training session is 21 hours; all days are required to be trained): Feb 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 and 25th. For more info, contact Jackie Boynton at 243-3127. **Pre-registration is required by Feb 1st.**

- **Tutoring**
  - A tutor is needed for a 12-year-old boy who has special needs. He can be tutored any day after 4:30 at Hesburgh Library. Contact Thanh Le at 631-8018.

**Post-grad Service Opportunities**

- ***Mercy Works - Chicago***
  - Info Session TODAY, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the CSC

- ***Peace Corps***
  - Info Session TOMORROW, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. at the CSC

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Fiji native sings victory in Phoenix

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Vijay Singh thought a good final round would win the Phoenix Open. As it turned out, it took a great one.

Singh birdied five of the first six holes and shot an 8-under-par 63 Sunday to win the event for the second time.

He finished at 21-under 261, three strokes ahead of John Huston.

Singh won $720,000, boosting his career earnings to $27,559,415. He moved to No. 3.

Huston bogeyed 17 and closed with a 67. Third-round leader Harrison Frazar struggled to a 69 and tied for third at 20-under 264.

Alex Cejka and Joe Durant carded 64s, but were one or two back to start, and you're definitely going to have to make a charge.

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This was the 12th tour victory for Singh, the 2000 Masters champion. He also has 21 international wins.

It also was the tour's fifth straight win by an international player. Luke Donald and Singh started the string on the same weekend last season at the Southern Farm Bureau Classic and the Tour Championship. Ernie Els had two wins in Hawaii this year.

Singh's 63 Sunday to win the event by a PGA Tour winner since Ernie Els at the 2002 Buick Challenge and strolled up to the 18th green knowing he had won.

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AROUND THE NATION

Amanda Green watches from the sidelines during Detroit's 3-23 loss to Arizona on Dec. 8. The Lions fired Mornhinweg after two dismal seasons with the Lions.

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The past two years, the Lions have gotten rid of five one-time first-round picks — Herman Moore, Johnnie Morton, Bryant Westbrook, Terry Fair and Aaron Gibson. The Lions also lost Jon Kitna, Kurt Schultz and Stephen Boyd to career-ending injuries.

In Brief

Edwards join Pro Bowl team

San Diego Chargers middle linebacker Donnie Edwards was added to the AFC Pro Bowl team Monday after Denver's Al Wilson and Pittsburgh's Kendrell Bell pulled out. It will be Edwards' first Pro Bowl appearance. The game is Sunday in Honolulu.

Edwards led the Chargers with 129 tackles and five interceptions. He was named a second alternate to the Pro Bowl last month.

Last week, Chargers linebacker Junior Seau said he'll miss the Pro Bowl to have surgery to fix an ankle injury that hampered him for most of the 2002 season. Seau was selected for his 12th straight Pro Bowl.

Associated Press

Lions fire Mornhinweg after 2 seasons

Marty Mornhinweg watches from the sidelines during Detroit's 28-20 loss to Arizona on Dec. 8. The Lions fired Mornhinweg after two dismal seasons with the Lions.

Associated Press

Redskins benefit from Senate rejection

Washington Redskins players got a break Monday when a state Senate committee rejected legislation aimed at reducing the team's workers' compensation costs.

The Commerce and Labor Committee voted 9-4 to kill a proposal to allow the Redskins to reduce workers' compensation by the amount of salary paid to the player after injury.

In late December, the Redskins front office decided to withdraw an identical bill in the House of Delegates so the two sides could seek a compromise outside the legislative arena, said Julie Rasio, a freelance publicist assisting Redskins management on the issue.

Norman D. Chirita, the Redskins' general counsel, said players who are injured continue to collect their salaries for at least a year and can receive up to $235,000 a year in disability pay for life. At the end of their careers, players who were injured also can seek workers' compensation, he said.

Such "double-dipping" by highly paid athletes is an abuse of a state law that was intended to protect working-class Virginians, Chirita told the committee.

"Virginia law permits the kind of abuse we seek to rectify here," Chirita said.

He said the law puts the Redskins at a disadvantage to teams in 12 states that already have enacted legislation similar to that sought in Virginia. The Redskins have faced 745 workers' compensation claims since 1997, he said.

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Irish bowlers strike out

Special to The Observer

Beacon Bowl was again the venue for the sixth Blue and Gold Classic this weekend. 58 teams competed in mens A and B and womens divisions, including 10 of the top 20 national mens programs and seven of the top twenty womens programs. The Classic was rated one of the five elite tournaments in the country.

Morehead State captured the mens title, while Central Missouri State defended their womens championship of a year ago, beating Nebraska by only six pins. Top individual mens honors went to Anthony Corrao of Florida State, with a 220 average for nine games. Jason Pawlak averaged 193 for the weekend to lead the Irish as they dropped the second game 25-21. However, passing problems again cost the Irish as they dropped the decisive third game 15-13 to bring the tournament to a close. The Irish will now take a month break from competition to fine tune their game for a run deep into the national tournament.

Mens Volleyball

The Notre Dame mens volleyball team posted its best finish in several years at a regional tournament this weekend, finishing fifth among 18 strong teams in the Michigan Classic. The Irish dropped their opening round match to Ohio State, 25-15, 25-20. However, the Irish rebounded quickly, following the lead of all tournament player Tom Bradbeer as they swept Virginia Tech, 25-22, 25-20, 15-7. Bowling Green, 30-28, 25-21; host Michigan, 25-23, 25-20; and Michigan State, 25-14, 25-21 to place second in its pool at the end of the first day.

On Sunday, the Irish opened with Duke and captured the first game 25-21 before being victimized by poor passing and dropping the second game 25-17. In the deciding game, a strong defense led by Nick Abrams and Brian Michele coupled with the clutch from row blocking of captain Drew Mascarenhas and the offense of outsidesitter Jim Lowder helped the Irish to their fifth consecutive victory. In the quarterfinals, the Irish struggled against Cincinnati, dropping the first game 25-20, before defensive specialist Brad Weldon and opposite hitter Dan Zemek gave the Irish a much needed boost to take the second game, 25-21. However, passing problems again cost the Irish as they dropped the decisive third game 15-13 to bring the tournament to a close. The Irish will now take a month break from competition to fine tune their game for a run deep into the national tournament.

Womens Ice Hockey

The womens ice hockey club continued to experience growing pains in its first year as a member of the powerful WCHA. The Irish dropped two games to Michigan State at East Lansing, by the scores of 10-0 and 12-2. In the opener, the Spartans scored first at 14:43 of the first period, and scored once more late in the period for a 2-0 lead. However, a second period onslaught resulted in five goals and the outcome was determined.

In the second game, the Irish again fell behind quickly, 4-0, before Tori Blaney scored a second period goal on a slap shot from the point. Down 6-1 entering the third period, Lizzy Coghill stole the puck from a defender on the opening face off and skated in on goal for the Irish second goal. However, a series of Irish penalties resulted in six more Spartan goals, including a penalty shot. Highlighting Irish play was the line of Jonny Stahl, Heather Beatty, and Allison Ricci, which in six more Spartan goals, including a penalty shot. Highlighting Irish play was the line of Jonny Stahl, Heather Beatty and Allison Ricci, which only allowed two goals in two games.

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line. "We have a lot of good shooters on this team," Carroll said. "Guys are confident, and they know if they want points, they can get some free ones from the line."

Part of Notre Dame's success comes from a drill the Irish run to end every practice. Every member of the team steps to the line to shoot one free throw. The ratio varies, but on average, only two players are allowed to miss their free throw. If more than two miss, the whole team takes off running, only to return to the line to repeat the process until enough players make their free throw. "It's a pressure shot," Carroll said. "You've got everyone watching you, and everyone wants you to make it."

Notre Dame's foul shooting, however, has bailed them out of many a tight game. Against Boston College Saturday, for example, the Irish made 31-of-42 attempts — including 12-of-17 in overtime — while the Eagles made 13-of-19. The most impressive foul shooting performance to date by the Irish this season came against Rutgers. The Irish made 22-of-23 shots from the line, with the lone miss coming in garbage time by the team's best free-throw shooter, Thomas. It's also no coincidence that two of Notre Dame's losses have come when the Irish shot their worst from the line. Against Creighton, Notre Dame made 55 percent of their shots, and against Pittsburgh, the Irish hit just 53.3 percent.

Notes:
• The Irish returned from Boston Sunday without incident — which is more than they can say for the last time they took a road trip.
• When the team was flying back from Providence after a 71-65 win Tuesday, the chartered plane touched down safely in Indiana. Only when the Irish looked out the window, the plane wasn't at South Bend Regional Airport.
• Due to a mix-up, the Notre Dame charter plane landed in Elkhart Municipal Airport, some 15 miles short of their destination.
• After a short delay, the plane took off again, cruised for five minutes and landed in South Bend around 2 p.m.
• "That was crazy," Carroll said. "I don't know what happened, but it was crazy."
• Irish sophomore Chris Thomas was named co-Big East Player of the Week, sharing honors with Miami's Darius Rice.

Thomas averaged 25.5 points, 6.5 assists and 6.5 boards in his second career week, sharing honors with Miami's Darius Rice.

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**MENS BASKETBALL**

Straight shooters

- Notre Dame’s excellent free throw shooting has been key to its 16-3 record this season

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Sports Writer

The total is now up to three.  
Three coaches, that is, who complained about officiating following a game with Notre Dame.  

First Seton Hall coach Louis Orr blasted the officials for whistling his team with too few fouls, citing a 29-9 disparity in free throws attempted. Then Rutgers coach Gary Waters made a thinly-veiled comment about the quality of Big East officiating after his team watched Notre Dame take 23 foul shots to the Knights’ nine.  

The latest member of the club? Boston College coach Al Skinner, who, after his team lost to the Irish 101-96 Saturday pointed out that the Irish made more free throws (31) than the Eagles shot (19).  

But there’s a good chance coaches wouldn’t be complaining a lot if the Irish weren’t deadly from the free throw line.  

So far this season, the Irish have shot 75.7 percent from the charity stripe, a percentage that jumped to 77.6 in Big East play alone. That places the Irish second behind Providence in free throw shooting.  

“We have a good free throw shooting team,” said senior Matt Carroll, who is second on the team with an 82.6 percent free throw shooting average. “It’s a big weapon we use to score. The more we drive, the more we get to the line.”  

Chris Thomas and Carroll lead the team in both free-throw attempts and percentage — Thomas has connected on a team-high 86.4 percent of his shots — a statistic that shows a newfound aggressiveness on the part of the Irish guards.  

But the team’s free throw shooting success has come as a result of solid foul shooting from Notre Dame’s big men. In fact, in conference play, only Jordan Cornette — who has made five of his nine attempts — is shooting under 70 percent from the free throw line.

Home-opening wins propel track teams into season

By ANDY TROEGER  
Sports Writer

The Irish track season got off to a resounding start Friday as both the men and women teams won their home openers in the first scored match of the season.  

With 131 points, the Irish women outdistanced Ball State at 92 and Western Michigan at 93. The men defeated Ball State 91.5-65.5.  

The Irish women were led by Kymia Love in the 200 meter-dash and Molly Huddle in the 3,000. Both of their efforts were sufficient to qualify them for the NCAA Indoor Championships in March. “We had some outstanding performances,” Irish coach Joe Plane said. “Qualifying for the NCAA’s is awfully good.”  

Also posting victories for the women were Julie Volkmann, who won the triple jump and tied with teammates Jill VanWeelden and Laura Huarte in the pole vault. Emily Loomis won the high jump, while Megan Howe won the shot put.  

Love also won in the 60-meter dash. Jennifer Handley took the mile, Kristen Dodd won the 400, and Tamelsia King won the 60-meter hurdles.  

On the men’s side, Selim Nurudeen continued to impress, winning the 60-meter dash and the 600-meter hurdles. Other event winners for the runners included Luke Watson in the mile, Eric King won the 60-meter hurdles.  

“We really had a lot of very good performances,” Plane said. “Ryan Postel, Luke Watson, Selim Nurudeen, Megan Howe were all very good. Chip Roberts threw the 35 lb weight very well too. But I’m not surprised at any of them; they’re all capable of doing those things.”  

Looking forward to next week’s match against Michigan State, Plane will be looking for continued success and improvement. “For our first meet we competed really well,” said Plane. “Both teams won so we’re really pleased.”

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**TRACK AND FIELD**

**Home-opening wins propel track teams into season**

The Irish bowling team finished 30th in the Blue and Gold Classic held this weekend. Mens volleyball finished fifth posting its best finish in several years this weekend, also.