Hallahan resigns over Bishop’s dance view

♦ Chief of staff wanted stronger stance on student interests

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
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Chief of staff Pat Hallahan said he will resign when student body president Libby Bishop returns this weekend from the Board of Trustees meeting in Naples, Fla., because the two differ on policy issues, specifically hall dances.

"I am resigning as chief of staff because of differences with Libby particularly on the dance issue and that came to a head when she said she would not have one on Monday," said Hallahan, who is running for student body president with sophomore class president Jeremy Lao.

Hallahan said he has not yet recommended candidates for the dance to Bishop because of the time gap between the decision and the last minute decision to hold the dance. He said he did not feel it was productive for student government to pro-

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since the bust two weeks ago, but regular patrons say attendance has dwindled and that bumpers ask for two or three forms of identification at the entrance.

The sweep this week on campus suggested that the bar would permanently close after the Bust. Boat Club owner Mike McNeill has not returned repeated phone calls requesting comment.

In a handwritten statement to The Observer last week, however, McNeill thanked students for their loyal patronage of the bar.

"I want to thank everyone who has come out and supported the Boat," he said. "A special thank you to the girls who made the 'Long Live the Boat' shirts and all the dedications that won't abandon ship at the first site of an ice-cream truck.

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Until the late 1960s, male students and women in this country would sit in the women's seating in the arena.

"It's surprising, said Bishop, the current student body president. "I was surprised. I expected to see more female candidates," Bishop said. "It does not necessarily hurt the election, but I had hoped to see more women run."

Bishop herself was moved to run for office following Notre Dame's election two years ago as the first female president.

"Brockie as herself inspired me to run," Bishop said. "I am not sure that was her being a female."

In 2001, Norton defeated a female ticket. Last year, Bishop and male running mate Trip Foley competed against three tickets, including another female-headed one.

This year, Mimi Matkowski and Lauren Meagher are the presidential candidates on male-led tickets. Matkowski is running with John Matoz and Meagher is teaming with Charlie Eberhol.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Who do you represent?

Two weeks ago, 20 Saint Mary’s stu- dents traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual March for Life — they each paid a small fee to ride a plane, the cost of which was paid for by the College in addition to the students’ meals.

Saint Mary’s Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership, which provided a grant for the conference travel costs, is a separate entity within the College with separate funding approval procedures. But the overall picture still does not add up. Students who wished to attend a pro-life activity did not receive any financial support — although they never asked for it — while those who desired to attend a pro-choice event were funded in full.

I certainly don’t mean to imply that stu- dents at Catholic schools should not be allowed to express their beliefs and dis- agree with what the Church teaches on a given issue. On the contrary, Catholic col- leges must encourage open debate and free discussion on all sides of controver- sial issues. Yes, academic freedom is absolutely vital to the life of a college. But when Saint Mary’s chooses to fund a pro-choice event, it crosses a line. It no longer promotes academic discourse. It takes a position, and it stops the discus- sion. Some will be satisfied, others will be hurt.

Paying for students to attend a pro- choice conference while choosing not to offer the same level of support for a pro- life event sets a terrible precedent for Saint Mary’s as a Catholic academic institu- tion. Saint Mary’s must foster open debate and encourage its students and faculty to openly express a wide variety of opinions. But the College is a Catholic institution and that should mean some- thing.

Saint Mary’s is both a Catholic and an academic organization — it should not prefer one identity over the other. The Catholic tradition is one of tolerance and love and it must be considered in a part- nership with Saint Mary’s academic mis- sion.

Has Saint Mary’s set itself down the slippery path of Boston College and Georgetown, where students joke that BC stands for “Barely Catholic” and crosses are prohibited in the classrooms? Will Saint Mary’s financially support the posi- tion of other students who may hold pro- capital punishment, anti-gay, anti-Semitic or racist beliefs? The answer remains to be seen.

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Committee to discuss SMC meals

By AMY GREENE
News Writer

Students at Saint Mary's are implementing a new dining hall committee this semester. Formed by Student Activities Board President Adrienne Durbish and Sophomore Class President Sarah Brown, the committee will serve as a touchstone between the student body and the Noble Family Dining Hall staff. Durbish and Brown hope to effectively voice student concerns about the current meal plan options and the quality of food in the dining hall.

"There are numerous students that intern or student teach and are forced to be off campus all day," said Durbish. "These students do not eat 14 meals a week, but are forced to pay for the Option 14 plan," she said.

The dining hall, operated under Sodexho Campus Food Services, currently offers two meal plans to students. Durbish and Brown are alternatives for students. "We want to allow students to purchase fewer meals and have more munch money on their student account. We are also hoping to have some breakfast food served earlier in the morning so students who are up very early in the morning can eat something more than cold cereal or fruit," Durbish said.

Durbish also said she believes the majority of the student body is unsatisfied with the quality of food in the dining hall this year.

"The dining hall staff works very hard to please the variety of students on campus," she said, "but I still feel many of the students are displeased with the food at times."

Durbish hopes to conduct a student survey as one of the committee's first projects that will ask students their opinions on the quality and variety of food in the dining hall, as well as their views on the current meal plan options.

"I think a committee like this could help alleviate a lot of the problems in the dining hall," said senior Lauren Dano. "Efficiency is a huge issue. A lot of students don't have time to wait in the long lines and set an hour for lunch aside everyday.

Durbish, Brown, and other members of the Board of Governance will meet with Kevin Kirwan, district manager of Sodexho Campus Services, next week to discuss concerns about the dining hall's current operations.

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Hallahan said Durbish was justified in his decision. "I don’t think it is a good working relationship when you can’t voice an opinion without causing problems," said LaRuffa.

Bishop, Foley, Hallahan and LaRuffa met when they returned from winter break to discuss the Board of Trustees report and decided a proposal would be made to bring back hall dances, said Hallahan. Hallahan said Bishop did not ask him to help draft the report and it was frustrating to read the "watered down" report at Wednesday's Senate meeting.

"Hallahan said he disagreed with Bishop's decision to take out the proposal and this was the opportunity to take a stronger stance with the Board of Trustees.

"We have a different leadership style," Hallahan said. I am much more aggressive, whereas Libby is more com-

promising.

"Overall it was a weak report and its unfortunate because we were in a good position to put dances back in the hall," LaRuffa said.

LaRuffa said Bishop's fall report on residentially impressed the Board of Trustees and now was the opportunity to make a propos-

ing hall's current operations.

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By CATLIN EARLY
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The 17th Annual Late Night Olympic kicks off today at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Tonight's wide array of activities will include 10 team sport competitions, along with two and women's events, an exhibition basketball game between the rectors and the Special Olympian, a Basketball 9 p.m. and an Open Skate from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The donation for the night will be $1 at the door of the Joyce Center. Aside from the scheduled events, there will also be a deejay, concessions and prizes, such as University sports apparel and gift certificates. All proceeds will go to the Special Olympic, which will benefit the St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

Based on higher entrance fees dorm teams, raffle tickets, sales, a $10$20 drawing and the Penny Wars, Bill Reagan, RecSports director of special events at RecSports, is hopeful that this year's donation to the Special Olympics will exceed $10,000 that resulted from last year's Late Night Olympics.

We would encourage all stu-

dents, even if they have not
first signed up for a dorm team to stop by Friday night to sup-
port the Special Olympics," said Reagan. "Friday's Late Night Olympics will be a fun night for sport, camaraderie, and service."

Reagan, along with Gale Bowman, interhall sports supervisor, began planning the Late Night Olympics in October. After working in coop-
 ear with the hall presidents and a special student planning committee to organize the

night's events. Reagan and his staff are expecting more than 1,200 members of the Notre Dame community to come out for Late Night Olympics.

"As this is my first year as Director of Late Night Olympic, I wanted the thrust to be on the Special Olympics," said Reagan. "Through the advertisements and poster campaign, I wanted to show an ND student lending a helping hand to the Special Olympian to emphasize that Late Night Olympics is a noble cause to raise money for the Special Olympics."

The idea for Late Night Olympics originally came to Notre Dame by way of Sally Derengowski, current director of RecSports and RecServices, who had previously been involved with a similar project during her time at Indiana University.

Since its inception in 1986, Late Night Olympics raised a total of $60,000 for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics. The St. Joseph County Special Olympics sponsors 258 athletes in a variety of different sports throughout the year. A portion of the money raised by year's Late Night Olympics will be directed towards supporting the basketball team, which has its sectional event on March 15. If the team is successful in sections, it will advance to the State tournament on March 22.

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Former United Way executive admits theft

Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — A former United Way executive pleaded guilty Thursday to stealing nearly $1.9 million to buy expensive show horses in what is believed to be the biggest embezzlement case in the agency's history.

Jacquelyn Allen-MacGregor worked in the Capital Area United Way in East Lansing for 20 years before resigning as vice president for finance in November. Prosecutors said she stole the money over seven years, beginning in 1996, and used it to fund her quarter horse business.

In pleading guilty to federal counts of check forging and engaging in an illegal financial transaction, Allen-MacGregor said she once paid $45,000 for a horse.

Allen-MacGregor, 46, faces up to 10 years in prison on each count at sentencing in May. She agreed to let the United Way seize and sell her assets in an effort to recoup the money.

The plea comes eight years after William Aramony, a former chief of the national charity, was convicted of defrauding United Way of $600,000 to support a lavish lifestyle for himself and his girlfriends.

Following public scrutiny of charitable organizations following the Sept. 11 attacks, United Way of America last month instituted some additional checks and balances in its accounting procedures, said Brian A. Gallagher, president and chief executive officer of the Alexandria, Va.-based organization.

Allen-MacGregor said she stole the money by writing checks to herself on the Capital Area United Way account and forging the names of required co-signers. When the bank returned the canceled checks to the agency, she destroyed them.

The chapter now uses an accounting firm to reconcile bank statements.

Allen-MacGregor also said she deposited the money into two accounts she shared with her husband, one personal and one for the horse business, Celebration Quarter Horses. She said her husband knew nothing about the transactions because she handled the family's finances.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Meikaru said more than 300 forged checks have turned up dating to 1996; 45 turned up from last year alone.

Allen-MacGregor pleaded guilty to help make amends, defense lawyer Brian Morely said. She declined comment as she left the courtroom.

"Her mood is as you'd expect — troubled, devastated," Morely said.

Besides the possibility of prison time, she faces a maximum fine of $250,000 and three years of supervised release on each count.

The theft hurt the reputation of the East Lansing chapter, and its president, Bob Berning, resigned Feb. 3. Gallagher said the chapter must be open about its problems and work hard to correct them to win back public trust.

"I'm not concerned if there's not another female president now or a few years from now. We've been broken.

Students can vote in Monday's general election for one of seven tickets: Mike Bott and Mike Kirsh, Ebersol and Meagher, Ryan Gagnon and John McCarthy, Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Lau, Muto and Maiskowski, Matt Fathberg and David Rail or Drew-Updike and Eric Tarzowski.

Voting is conducted online from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Priest gets 10 years for abuse

Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Md. — A Georgia priest convicted of sexually abusing two brothers while a student at a Washington seminary in the 1970s was sentenced to 10 years in prison Thursday.

The Rev. Wayland Brown was sentenced in Montgomery Circuit Court, three months after his guilty plea to battery and abuse. The boys were 12 and 13 years old when the abuse began in 1974 at their Gaithersburg home.

One of the brothers told Judge Ann S. Harrington on Thursday of the shame and bitter memories he has lived with since the abuse, which he said kept him from forming close relationships and drove him to consider suicide.

"Father Brown robbed me of my future and shackled me with chains of guilt," the man, now 42, said in a wavering voice. "Father Brown made me hate being me."

A pre-sentencing memorandum by prosecutors painted Brown as a serial molester who abused several boys throughout the 1970s and 1980s. One, who grew up in Georgia and now lives in Oklahoma, testified that Brown abused him on a trip to Disney World in 1978.

Brown was removed from a post at a Savannah, Ga., parish in 1988 and has lived in Savannah since, running a bookkeeping business. He apologized Thursday to the brothers and the Oklahoma man, all of whom were in court.

"There is no excuse for what I did, there cannot be," he said. "I hated myself for what I did."

Elsewhere Thursday, five men who say they were sexually abused by priests years ago, including one man who said he was fondled in a confessional, sued a Roman Catholic diocese in Pennsylvania.

In two lawsuits, the men said they were abused by two priests in the Altoona-}

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ationally all-male squad that protects the marching band and cheers on the sidelines during football games.

Meagher believes it's important to recognize the leadership roles, both political and non, that women hold across campus.

"Women all over the Notre Dame campus have leadership positions, and I applaud those inside and outside student government," she said. "In terms of bringing something special to student government in particular, the success of this candidate depends on her leadership ability and personality."

While surprising, the lack of female candidates this year isn't necessarily troubling to Bishop. She said she hopes to see more women run in the future and eventually hold her office again.

The current president isn't worried if that doesn't happen next year — or even the year after.

"We've had two years with women in office," Bishop said.

Johnstown diocese Monsignor Francis McCaa and the Rev. Francis Luddy — while they were priests or teenagers in the 1970s and 1980s. One man said he was abused for six years.

The lawsuits claim the church was negligent and failed to provide a safe envi-

roment for children, said a lawyer for the men, Richard Serbin. He said McCaa and Luddy were not named as defendants because the statute of limitations has expired.

In a statement, diocesan spokeswoman Sister Mary Parks said the diocese was "deeply sorry for the pain of any victims of sexual abuse" but declined to comment on the lawsuits.

McCaa resigned in 1985 and has since been barred from public ministry. Parks said Luddy was formally dismissed from the priesthood in 1988 after a previous lawsuit alleg-

ing sexual abuse. Neither man's whereabouts could immediately be determined.

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**IRAQ**

U.N. inspectors talk to Iraqi scientist in private

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

An Iraqi arms expert submitted to a private interview with U.N. weapons inspectors Thursday, a top Iraqi official said hours after the top U.N. nuclear inspector demanded a "drastic change" in Baghdad's level of cooperation.

If confirmed, it would be the first time a scientist linked to Iraq's weapons programs has spoken to inspectors without Iraqi officials present. Such interviews have been a top demand of U.N. inspectors, hoping the scientists will reveal clandestine weapons programs.

"One of our scientists is being interviewed alone, as we speak," Iraqi presidential adviser Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi told a Baghdad press conference. He did not give any details or identify the scientist.

Earlier Thursday, top U.N. nuclear inspector Mohamed ElBaradei demanded Baghdad show greater cooperation, as he and fellow chief inspector Hans Blix briefed British Prime Minister Tony Blair on their way to Baghdad for talks this weekend.

"They need to show drastic change in terms of cooperation," ElBaradei said. "Our mission in Baghdad this weekend is crucial. We hope we will secure full, 100 percent cooperation on the part of Iraq."

Blix and ElBaradei are to present their latest report to the U.N. Security Council on Feb. 14, and Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday that their visit to Baghdad would be key to seeing if Iraq intends to cooperate.

In Washington, Powell told senators Thursday that "within weeks" the Iraqi situation will be brought to a conclusion "one way or another."

A day earlier, Powell laid down the U.S. case against Iraq in a speech to the Security Council, presenting tape recordings, satellite photos and testimony he said constituted "irrefutable" proof that Iraq was hiding weapons of mass destruction.

Blix and ElBaradei will challenge Iraqi officials to respond to issues raised by Powell at the Security Council Wednesday, said Hiro Ueki, their spokesman. Al-Saadi and other Iraqi officials dismissed Powell's testimony as full of fabrications.

Preparations for a possible U.S.-led war on Iraq moved forward as Turkey's parliament voted to allow the United States to begin renovating military bases and ports, a first step toward opening the way for the deployment of U.S. troops.

NATO gave tentative approval to a U.S. plan to prepare to protect Turkey if it comes under counterattack from Iraq. France, Germany and Belgium had opposed the plan for weeks, but the preparations will begin Monday unless they raise new objections.

Of the 15 Council members, only the United States and Britain have offered unwavering support for forcibly disarming Saddam.

**RUSSIA**

Russia halts tourist space flights despite fiscal problems

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Russia's decision to suspend tourist flights into space after the Columbia disaster is a case of money crunch and the country needs other sources of foreign cash to fulfill its role as the sole partner capable of supplying the International Space Station, Russia's space chief said Thursday.

Russian Aerospace Agency Director Yuri Koptev said the country's $130 million space station budget this year is "barely enough" to pay for the two Soyuz and three Progress ships it has already pledged to send to the station.

Earlier this week, Russia decided to suspend flights for paying tourists and crews on short-term visits into space — a move that will cut another $45 million from the budget, Koptev said.

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**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Cheney remembers fallen astronauts:

Official Washington mourned the seven Columbia astronauts Thursday as ambassadors to the universe who met their deaths while trying to improve life on Earth. Leading the tributes under the soaring arches of Washington National Cathedral, Vice President Dick Cheney said the disaster would not ground the nation's manned space program.

Sex criminals slip through govt. cracks:

In a startling new survey, a child advocacy group found that states across the country have lost track of tens of thousands of rapists, child molesters and other sex offenders who are supposed to be registered in Megan's Law databases. An Associated Press investigation revealed California had lost track of at least 33,000 sex offenders. Parents for Megan's Law contacted all 50 states by telephone to ask about the accuracy of their registries.

Bush calls on God during 'testing time':

President Bush and members of his war council prayed Thursday for God's guidance through "a testing time for our country," citing the showdown with Iraq, the constant threat of terrorism and the space shuttle's demise. "One thing is for certain, we didn't ask for these challenges, but we will meet them," Bush said at the National Prayer Breakfast.

Reagan marks 92nd birthday at home:

Ronald Reagan, who has been in seclusion since disclosing in 1994 that he had Alzheimer's disease, celebrated his 92nd birthday Thursday at his Bel-Air home with wife Nancy. Joanne Drake, the former president's chief of staff, said a low-key affair was planned. She said chocolates — Reagan's favorite — would play a part in his day.

"He's comfortable and doing as well as anyone could expect for a man of 92," Drake said. "He's going to be around a long, long time."
States losing track of sex offenders

Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO

In a startling new survey, a child advocacy group found that states across the country have lost track of tens of thousands of rapists, child molesters and other sex offenders who are supposed to be registered in Megan's Law databases.

Prompted by an Associated Press investigation that showed California had lost track of at least 32,000 sex offenders, Parents for Megan's Law contacted all 50 states by telephone to ask about the accuracy of their registries.

It found that states on average were unable to account for 24 percent of sex offenders supposed to be in the databases. And 19 states, including Texas and New York, said they were unable to track how many sex offenders were failing to register.

Federal law requires the addresses of convicted sex offenders to be verified at least once a year.

But the survey found that up-to-date addresses for more than 77,000 sex offenders are missing in 32 states. And in the other 18 states and the District of Columbia, which are responsible for 133,705 offenders, thousands of the ex-convicts may be in the databases.

Parents for Megan's Law, then turning their group's survey, but only 32 percent of sex offenders supplied the staff to track down their sex offenders in Florida, where state officials said they were missing. She couldn't work the rest of the responsibility.

"They're implementing Megan's Law, then turning their backs on it," said Laura Ahearn, executive director of the non-profit agency in New York. "They need the technology and the staff to track down their sex offenders.".

All states responded to the group's survey, but only 32 were able to provide failure rates. Many of these said they have never audited their sex offender registries and provided only estimated rates of their accuracy.

The survey, which the group plans to release Friday, relied on the word of officials in each state, which are the AP's analysis in California, which was based on a CD-ROM of data taken directly from state officials.

The survey showed Oklahoma and Tennessee had the highest rates of noncompliance, both at 50 percent. A Tennessee official disputed this, and Oklahoma's department spokesman, Brian Johnson, said the figure was just his guess.

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Polls: UN okay still key issue

Polls say that most Americans still want U.N. OK before war on Iraq

Associated Press

Secretary of State Colin Powell built public support for a possible war with Iraq with his address to the United Nations laying out the case against Saddam Hussein, according to several polls taken after his comments earlier this week.

The number who say Powell has made a very strong case against Iraq was about six in 10 or more, according to polls by NBC News, ABC-The Washington Post and CNN-USA Today-Gallup. But that support is strongest if this country has the support of the United Nations.

About half, 51 percent, said the United States should take military action against Iraq only if the United Nations supports it. Almost four in 10, 37 percent, said the United States should take military action even if the United Nations does not support that approach, according to the NBC poll.

Almost two-thirds in the CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll said Powell made a very strong case that Iraq is hiding evidence from weapons inspectors. About half that many felt he has made a very strong case that Iraq has links to Osama bin Laden and his terrorist group al-Qaida.

The ABC-Post poll said six in 10 believe the Bush administration has presented enough evidence supporting its position on Iraq — an increase from 48 percent who felt that way three weeks ago. The number in that poll who said this country should give U.N. inspectors a few more weeks or less before acting was 59 percent, up from 51 percent before Powell's speech.

The ABC-Post poll of 504 adults and the NBC News poll of 514 adults had error margins of 4.5 percentage points. The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll of 601 adults had an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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Productivity news hurts Dow

**War fears contribute to overall market decline**

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A tepid productivity report gave investors more reasons to sell Thursday, sending stocks moderately lower and carrying the Dow Jones industrials and Standard & Poor's index to levels not seen in nearly four months.

Analysts said trading was uneven as investors made short-term bets on whether or when the United States would wage war on Iraq. Tensions with North Korea also pressured the market.

"It's been sloppy and choppy in the last few sessions as speculative trading entered the fray," said Bryan Piskorowski, market commentator at Prudential Securities. "The lackluster productivity figures are definitely not a step in the right direction."

"There's a massive wait-and-see mentality here, not only on Wall Street but Main Street as well," he added. "With that being the case, speculative action is making the most of it."

The Dow fell 55.88, or 0.7 percent, to close at 7,929.30. The Dow chips a three-day loss of 180 points. It was the lowest level for the Dow since Oct. 14, when it closed at 7,877.44.

The broader market was mixed. The S&P 500 index dropped 5.44, or 0.6 percent, to 838.15, its lowest level since Oct. 11, when it closed at 838.32. The Nasdaq composite index declined 5.13, or 0.32 percent, to 1,301.73.

A pair of mixed economic reports, showing sluggish productivity, despite the market's foul mood as investors also kept watch over the situation with Iraq.

The Labor Department reported that U.S. companies' productivity fell at an annual rate of 0.2 percent in the final quarter of 2002, the worst showing in more than a year. Economists predicted a 0.7 percent rise.

Separately, the department said new claims for unemployment benefits fell last week by a seasonally adjusted 11,000 to 391,000. That was a turn-around from the previous week when claims rose by 19,000, suggesting the pace of layoffs may be stabilizing though employment remained sluggish.

Analysts say investors remain hesitant to commit stocks due to concerns about a war with Iraq; that reluctance has fed steep declines in the past three weeks. But they add the market could see some short-term rallies based mostly on bargain-hunting and generally positive earnings news.

On Thursday, Secretary of State Colin Powell told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee the Iraq situation will be brought to a conclusion "within weeks."

Meanwhile, the White House said it had laid "blueprints for any contingencies" involving North Korea, a day after the country said pre-emptive attacks on its nuclear facilities would trigger "total war."

"It's only the uncertainly of the Iraq confrontation that are currently bedeviling the markets," said A.C. Moore, chief investment strategist for Dunvegan Associates, citing recent data showing improvements in profits, as well as the manufacturing and service sectors.

"Should that be a short-term affair and successful business, there could be a very strong lift to stocks from current levels," he said.

Agilent Technologies slid 5.06, or 4.2 percent, to $112.26 after warning that its latest fiscal quarter sales would be greater than its previous forecast and Wall Street's estimates.

PepCo fell 86 cents to $40.52 after the soft drink maker reported fourth-quarter income that met analysts' expectations. Allstate dropped $2.37 to $23.02 despite reporting fourth-quarter operating income that beat expectations by 10 cents a share.

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**Market Recap**

**Market Watch February 6**

Dow Jones

7,929.30 ↓ -55.88

NASDAQ

1,301.73 +0.23

S&P 500

838.15 ↓ -5.44

AMEX

816.69 ↓ -4.16

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4,757.30 ↓ -50.56

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NASDAQ-100 Index (QQQ) | +0.54 | +0.04 | 24.21
SPDR Trust SER (SPY) | -0.47 | -0.40 | 84.45
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**In Brief**

Discrimination cases at 7-year high:

Federal job discrimination complaints filed by workers against private employers jumped more than 4 percent in 2002 to the highest level in seven years. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said Thursday that complaints increased to 84,442 during the 2002 budget year, up from 80,840 the previous year.

Complaints in 2002 reached the highest level since 1995, when 87,929 were filed. The poor economy, an aging and multiracial work force and backlash from the 2001 terrorist attacks likely contributed to the increase, said EEOC Chairman C. Michael J. Howard.

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Venezuelans slam money controls:

Venezuela's business leaders warned Thursday that foreign currency controls imposed by President Hugo Chavez will breed corruption, fuel inflation and push the nation's fragile economy to the brink of collapse. They also suspect Chavez will use the controls to repress opponents and punish those who staged an unsuccessful two-month strike seeking to unseat him.

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SEC: analysts to certify opinions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Stock analysts will have to certify that their reports and public comments reflect their true personal views and aren't paid by the companies they assessed, under a rule proposed by federal regulators on Thursday.

The Securities and Exchange Commission was working to approve the rule, which it proposed last year in response to the collapse of Enron and other companies whose stock analysts had publicly promoted questionable investments despite doubts about the companies' finances.

Wall Street analysts have been sharply criticized by regulators and lawmakers for touting stocks of companies for whom their firms do lucrative investment banking business.

Several prominent analysts, especially in the high-tech area, are under investigation for possible violations of federal law.

Some SEC commissioners said the agency needs to take more aggressive action to curb analysts' conflicts of interest, going beyond a recent $1.4 billion settlement agreement by all the big Wall Street investment firms that resulted from an investigation led by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

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two days later, Dittemore all but discounted the theory that it was the main cause, saying NASA computer simulations had shown the debris hit wasn’t severe and couldn’t have been the sole cause of the disaster.

Dittemore said the camera views of the flyaway foam **during lift-off** could have been better. "It’s a disappointment that the camera with the very best view turned out to be out of focus," he said. Engineers also have not yet written off the possibility that other debris during the Jan. 16 lift-off might have damaged Columbia. Nothing else unusual was photographed, however.

Engineers taking part in NASA’s so-called reverse analysis struggled Thursday to make sense of the eight minutes recorded between the time the first sign of trouble appeared aboard Columbia over California - a surge in temperature in the left landing gear compartment - and the shuttle’s final, dying moment over Texas. Most of the debris field has been in East Texas and Louisiana, but Dittemore said none of the shuttle parts considered crucial to the investigation had yet been found. He said reports of debris west of Texas, including in California, had not been confirmed as shuttle parts. 

NASA has been swamped with reports of sightings, some of them caught on camera, of pieces coming off Columbia as it streaked across California. Dittemore said the reports have yet to be verified, and he stressed that all indications in Mission Control suggested no such breakup so far west.

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Eighty-one seconds into launch, a 2 1/2-pound, 20-inch chunk of foam from Columbia’s external fuel tank broke off and slammed into the shuttle’s left wing.

The accident investigation board, led by retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., arrived at Johnson Space Center on Thursday and met with Dittemore and other shuttle officials. NASA Administrator Sean O’Keefe pledged from Washington that "every single piece of evidence, every fact, every issue" would be checked, and the board’s conclusions will be final and absolute.

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President Bush tells Hussein 'the game is over'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Edging closer to war, President Bush declared Thursday "the game is over" for Saddam Hussein and urged skeptical allies to join in disarming Iraq. Bush said he would welcome a new U.N. resolution on Iraq if it made clear the world body was ready to use force if Saddam will not reveal and give up any weapons of mass destruction as demanded by an earlier resolution.

Britain is likely to introduce such a resolution authorizing force after top weapons inspectors return from Baghdad and report to the Security Council on Feb. 14. British and U.S. diplomats said Thursday "the time has not come" for a second resolution.

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The same terrorist network working operating out of Iraq is responsible for the murder - of an American diplomat, Laurence Foley," Bush said. Foley, a U.S. Agency for International Development official, was killed last November outside his home in Amman, Jordan.
Educational goals justify pro-choice trip funding

A Catholic college is not an oxymoron — but it is a study in duality. The Catholic Church is an institution of strict doctrine and devout followers. Institutions of higher education promote novel, diverse ideas and questioning minds.

But what happens when students at a Catholic college raise questions about Church dogma? When the Saint Mary’s students received funding from the College’s Center for Women’s Interdisciplinary Leadership to attend a pro-choice leadership conference in Washington, D.C. they raised questions.

Why did students from a Catholic college want to attend a leadership conference that promotes ideas that conflict with Catholic teachings? Why did they receive funding from a department in the College? Does CVIL, founded on a $12 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, have an obligation to uphold the College’s Catholic traditions? Is there anything wrong with exploring ideas that differ from the views held by the Catholic Church?

We don’t know. But we do know that there is a difference between exposure and espousal.

There is not inherently wrong with Catholic attending a conference to learn more about a highly controversial issue. After all, no one would oppose a Catholic college that funded a pro-life conference. Education should be open-minded and unbiased.

Even a religiously affiliated college has a responsibility to honor its commitment to education before its vow to religious stewardship.

CVIL was not wrong to fund the students’ exploration. In fact, any scholarly environment should demand inquiry. College students, Catholic or otherwise, are charged with a duty to educate themselves and make informed decisions — even when the Catholic Church already has a stance on the issue.

According to its executive summary, CVIL was established to help Saint Mary’s “build on its position as the nation’s premier Catholic women’s college and its tradition of pioneering change in women’s education to create a new and unique locus for innovative thinking, reflection and action.”

The students who attended the conference were immersed in a pro-choice, feminist environment that would be impossible to replicate at Saint Mary’s or Notre Dame. That doesn’t mean that the women embraced this new rhetoric — they may be pro-choice, they may be pro-life, they may be undecided on the issue.

Upon returning from the conference, all the College should ask them to be more thoughtful, more reflective and more active.

Their trip has already fostered discussion on an important issue. Now these women have a duty to share their experiences with the students who share their faith — students who probably have questions of their own.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Department split harms students

The recent suggestion that the Economics Department be split in two tears at the heart of the University. To do so would be an injustice to students at a school that sells itself as emphasizing justice, compassion and selflessness. Further, this suggestion is only the latest exhibit of the University’s move from a commitment to its own Catholic values towards a desire for acceptance in a sinful world of corporate greed.

As an Economics major, I took a course called Economics of Poverty with Professor Jennifer Warlick. My classmates and I went out and filled a shopping cart with the government’s suggested menu for those on a fixed income and ate a fat-filled meal that shed more light on America’s domestic policies than any mathematical equation. Warlick, by the way, was presented the Frank O’Malley Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching at last year’s commencement. So a few students apparently appreciated this type of public service.

I was given the rare opportunity to work hand-in-hand with the South Bend Heritage Foundation on a revitalization project for South Bend’s Northeast Neighborhood. We compiled crime statistics for the different zones of the neighborhood. We interviewed residents and sat in on town hall meetings. Again, putting a face on policies and numbers that strikes a much different chord than a zero next to an equal sign.

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Are there any candidates for the students?!

Will anything ever be accomplished?!!

The candidates are irrelevant!!!

Student politics create student apathy

As I stare down the barrel of impending graduation and look to the future with much trepidation (thanks to the Jumble for improving my vocabulary), I find myself wanting to share thoughts about the Golden Dome, particularly student politics.

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Frankly Obnoxious

Another year, another disappointing election

I always got the urge to write about the campaign for student body president when I'm rushing to the bathroom. It's strange. Last year at this time, I wrote an article criticizing all the candidates for their vacuous, useless campaign promises and claimed that such promises would never come to light. Unfortunately for us, I'm always right. I'm back to regurgitating the same campaign promises and hoping for something new. As I write this, the Libby Bishop presidency has been a failure. Worse than simply not passing her flex-options program, Bishop will now travel to Florida to explain to the Board of Trustees that she is "recognizing a division in this report over opinion on in-hall dances."

Bishop knows what the result of expressing this "division" will be—the Trustees will do nothing to bring back the SYR. Guess that must be what she wants. Perhaps as a student government official you just become too buddy-buddy with administrators to be able to stand the ground you promised in campaign season, perhaps the administration has sweetened the pot.

Oddly, in a comment about Bishop's being elected last year, Gary Caruso reminded us that some 30 years ago, the student body president traded fighting for students for a recommendation to Yale. Am I saying that this happened with Bishop? No. She could have turned for less, or for nothing. She could just be naive or weak. But when Bishop didn't include the Senate's proposal for a prohibitory return of the SYR next year in her meeting with the Board of Trustees, she sold out every student on this campus. In the end, it is always we students who lose while these candidates are in office—students first for a recommendation to Yale. Am I saying that this happened with Bishop? No. She could have turned for less, or for nothing. She could just be naive or weak. But when Bishop didn't include the Senate's proposal for a prohibitory return of the SYR next year in her meeting with the Board of Trustees, she sold out every student on this campus. In the end, it is always we students who lose while these candidates are in office—students first for a recommendation to Yale. Am I saying that this happened with Bishop? No. She could have turned for less, or for nothing. She could just be naive or weak. But when Bishop didn't include the Senate's proposal for a prohibitory return of the SYR next year in her meeting with the Board of Trustees, she sold out every student on this campus. In the end, it is always we students who lose while these candidates are in office—students first for a recommendation to Yale. Am I saying that this happened with Bishop? No. She could have turned for less, or for nothing. She could just be naive or weak. But when Bishop didn't include the Senate's proposal for a prohibitory return of the SYR next year in her meeting with the Board of Trustees, she sold out every student on this campus. In the end, it is always we students who lose while these candidates are in office—students first for a recommendation to Yale. Am I saying that this happened with Bishop? No. She could have turned for less, or for nothing. She could just be naive or weak. But when Bishop didn't include the Senate's proposal for a prohibitory return of the SYR next year in her meeting with the Board of Trustees, she sold out every student on this campus. In the end, it is always we students who lose while these candidates are in office—students first for a recommendation to Yale. Am I saying that this happened with Bishop? No. She could have turned for less, or for nothing. She could just be naive or weak. But when Bishop didn't include the Senate's proposal for a prohibitory return of the SYR next year in her meeting with the Board of Trustees, she sold out every student on this campus. In the end, it is always we students who lose while these candidates are in office—students first for a recommendation to Yale. Am I saying that this happened with Bishop? No. She could have turned for less, or for nothing. She could just be na
Giants and witches

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company changes this to bring to life princes, witches and beautiful maidens all drawn from a vast collection of classic fairy tales.

The plot of "Into the Woods" mingles characters from an assortment of fairy tales, all ginterconnecting in a fun-filled, action-packed ride. Act I opens by introducing three different storylines onstage at once, with the focus bouncing between them.

Cinderella (Devon Candura) wishes to go to the King's festival; absentminded Jack (Matt Patricoski) is told by his mother (Erin Porvaznik) that he must sell his beloved cow Milky-White; the Baker (Ryan McLaughlin) and his wife (Patricia Gilbert) long for a child; and the famished Little Red Riding Hood (Molly McShane) bursts into the house of the Baker and his wife to gather sweets and breads for her granny.

The Baker and his wife soon learn from their ugly witch neighbor (Lindsey Horvath) that the Baker's father stole from her garden years ago. In order to undo the witch's curse and have a child, and songwriting allow for standout performances by the many talented singers in the cast. Candura shines in gorgeous solos, like "No One is Alone," and plays Cinderella as a character who changes a great deal during the course of events.

"Cinderella mat ures from the first act to the second act. As you can see in the first act, she is young and naive when making decisions about the prince because she doesn't really know what she wants out of life. In the second act she's able to understand herself better and make her own decisions," Candura said.

The orchestra is magnificent with Stephen Sondheim's difficult music, and provides an emotional musical background as well as sound effects. The wonderful lyrics and songwriting allow for standout performances by the many talented singers in the cast. Candura shines in gorgeous solos, like "No One is Alone," and plays Cinderella as a character who changes a great deal during the course of events.

"Into the Woods" is playing at the Saturday nights at 7:30 PM. Ticket for adults.

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a new beginning
The Observer
Pittsburgh game much more important after loss

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

They had the inside track to the Big East East Division title and now they have to work and get some help.

After knocking off Georgetown in double overtime last Saturday and after Big East leader and then second-ranked Pittsburgh lost to Syracuse later that night, Notre Dame stood in the driver’s seat to take its second divisional title in three years.

With a one-game cushion over mighty No. 4 Pittsburgh, virtually all that could stand in the way would be a home matchup against the Pirates Wednesday night, assuming the Irish could handle the rest of their Big East opponents in the second half of the season.

But that was before No. 10 Notre Dame was upset Wednesday night at Seton Hall 78-72.

And now the Irish have their work cut out for them.

Currently, Notre Dame stands tied for second place in the West at 6-2 with Syracuse. After the Irish loss to the Pirates Wednesday night, the Panthers reclaimed their spot atop the standings.

Now if the Irish are to win the division, they will need to defeat Pittsburgh in the Joyce Sunday and take care of business for the rest of their Big East schedule by winning out.

Then the Irish need some help from teams under them in the West Division standings.

If Notre Dame and Pittsburgh were to finish with the same conference record, the tie-breaking procedure would add a head-to-head matchup, then record in the division, followed by record against the third place team in the division and continuing down through the standings until a distinction can be made.

Got that?

Well, let’s boil it down to this: if the Irish defeat the Panthers Sunday and then both teams win the rest of their conference games, Notre Dame would need Syracuse to finish ahead of Seton Hall in the Big East standings, because Pittsburgh’s conference loss came to the Orangejemen and the Irish lost to the Pirates.

But now the Irish have to focus on a very formidable opponent in the Panthers, a team that manhandled Notre Dame earlier this season in a 72-55 victory at Pittsburgh’s Petersen Center.

“The last time we played them, I think we went in there with the mindset that they were going to lay down for us based on the things we had done and the teams we had beaten at that point in the season,” said Irish guard Torrian Jones, who played an instrumental role in Notre Dame’s 93-92 victory last Saturday at Georgetown by sinking the game-winning free throw.

“Obviously, that didn’t happen, and it was really just the opposite.”

Indeed, the Panthers had little difficulty disposing of the Irish in their first matchup as fourth Pittsburgh players scored in double digits.

Pittsburgh center Ontario Lett scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds as his was little opposition from the UNDERSTATED Irish post players.

In addition, the hyped-up matchup between two of the conference’s top guards in Notre Dame’s Chris Thomas and Pittsburgh’s Big East Preseason Player of the Year Brandin Knight wasn’t much of a contest. Thomas was just 2-for-15 shooting for five points in one of his worst performances of the season.

Knight appeared to be much more at ease in leading the potent Pittsburgh offense, sinking an efficient 60 percent of his shots for 12 points.

As a team, the usually accurate Irish shooters only made 32 percent of their shots, while Pittsburgh shot 53 percent during the game.

“We just need to play better as a team this time around,” Jones said.

“They have talent on the outside with Knight, but they can also take you inside like they did the last game against us. We just have to try to play better defense as a team to shut them down.”

Tipoff Sunday is 3:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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Chris Thomas and the Irish look to bounce back from Wednesday’s loss to Seton Hall against No. 4 Pittsburg Saturday.
Transferring his happiness

Two years after he left Maryland for Notre Dame, Dan Miller couldn't be happier

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

His old Maryland clothes are stuck in his closet back in New Jersey, one of a handful of reminders of a past Notre Dame forward Dan Miller is eager to leave behind.

There are the questions, too, about the national championship Maryland won while Miller sat out an NCAA-mandated one year for transferring to Notre Dame.

There's the rut he makes to his Terrapins friends, many of whom he is still close to. Yet Maryland is unquestionably a part of Miller's past. Notre Dame is his present.

"I'm happy," he said. "I'm happy with how I'm playing right now. Things are just a lot happier for me..."

The Maryland years

When Terrapins coach Gary Williams first came calling at the Maryland household, he enticed the McDonald's All-American to come to College Park to play basketball. And Miller's Maryland career started strong.

During his freshman year, Miller averaged a little more than 14 minutes a game, and he was one of two freshmen to play all 34 games. His sophomore season was much better, as Miller moved into a starting position and averaged 30 minutes a game. His teammates awarded the gristy 6-foot forward the "Unsung Hero" award.

Then something happened.

Miller's minutes his junior year vanished almost instantly. He unhappily moved back into a reserve role, and although the Terrapins made it to the Final Four, the season wasn't much fun for Miller. How could it be for a player who started one year and then averaged fewer than 20 minutes a game the next?

"He didn't get along with his coach real well. He didn't like his style of basketball he played, and he wasn't real happy," Irish tri-captain Matt Carroll said.

So Miller decided to leave. Why exactly he left, he won't discuss. It's a subject he'd rather leave in his past, no matter how many times people bring it up.

But when Notre Dame played Maryland in December, Williams agreed to interview Miller on the condition that Miller's name never came up.

"I didn't like my situation, and I didn't like where things were going," Miller said simply, "I wanted a change of scenery."

A year without basketball

When Miller made his decision to transfer, he went to a coach he knew well.

Mike Brey had coached Miller's brother Greg during his tenure at Maryland, and Miller respected Brey's hands-off approach that gives players freedom when they're on the court.

For Miller, the coach was more important than the location.

"When I had one year left, I don't think I had much time to work with a coach," he said. "I wanted to come here and build a good relationship with [Brey] because I knew him."

NCAA rules stipulated that Miller had to sit out an entire year after his transfer, meaning Miller would put in all the work in practice without seeing the results in a game.

Every game, he walked out of the tunnel with the rest of the Irish squad. The only difference was that they were wearing uniforms, and he had on khakis.

"It was difficult at times because you're not playing basketball in the winter," he said. "My teammates and everybody did a great job of keeping me motivated, and I did a lot of work with the strength coach."

One of Miller's greatest assets came in the form of ex-teammate Ryan Humphrey, who intrinsically understood how difficult sitting out a year could be.

"He loves the minutes he's playing," Miller said. "He loves playing in games. He loves the points he's scoring — 14.2 a game — but loves Notre Dame's 15 wins much more. And his leadership in the locker room — leadership springing from a Final Four run — is invaluable."

Miller tries to avoid looking back on his three years at Maryland. He doesn't glance down at his hand where a national championship ring could have been had he stayed with the Terrapins.

But he doesn't mind saying that the change was worth it.

"When I first met him, I knew he just wanted to play bad and last year was real tough for him," Carroll said. "He had to practice, he couldn't play at all. But now, he loves playing in games. "He's a lot happier now."

A year left

Miller entered the off-season with a renewed vigor, eager to again begin working with the prospect of playing in games again.

Yet Brey cautioned his fifth-year senior to avoid playing out of control.

"Something Miller was able to hold in check," Carroll said. "After all, Miller had exactly one year to make his mark on Notre Dame, and Brey didn't want his player burning himself out."

"He told me I didn't need to think about that stuff, because it would come naturally if I played my game," Miller said. "I tried to do that and play my game and let things happen by myself."

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"I'm interested in winning, I'm not interested in stats and stuff," Miller said.

At Notre Dame, Miller fit into a niche he never found at Maryland. He's a type of coach that gives players quite a bit of freedom on the floor. He loves running up and down the floor, launching 3-pointers and playing solid defense. He loves the minutes he's playing — 34.3 a game — and the points he's scoring — 14.2 a game — but loves Notre Dame's 15 wins much more.

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Jones provides the spark as Irish 6th man

Seeking a role off the bench, Jones has embraced the position and thrived this season.

"He's a guy that's going to go out and make a difference," Irish coach Mike Brey said.

Jones is a winner, man," Irish captain Matt Carroll told und.com. "Whether things are going good or bad and he is coming in, we know he is going to bring a lot of energy into the game."

Even though Jones has yet to start a game this season for the Irish, much of the team's success has been due to Jones play off the bench.

And that role has been one Jones has embraced and thrived in throughout Notre Dame's first 22 games.

"Jones is a winner, man," irish coach Mike Brey said. "He's a guy that's going to go out there and do whatever he has to get the win. He understands his role coming off the bench, and he's willing to do whatever you ask. He's a beautiful guy to coach."

Last Saturday, Jones showed just how important that role could be in Notre Dame's 93-92 double-overtime win over Georgetown. With starting point guard Chris Thomas fouled out of the game, Jones made his presence felt in the extra periods, flying all over the court on defense, grabbing rebounds and eventually sinking the game-winning free throw with just 5.5 seconds remaining.

But even with the clutch free throw and Jones' sporadic high-flying dunks — like the one he slammed home in the first overtime against the Hoyas — being a Georgetown defender from the 3-point line — Jones has been known mostly throughout his career at Notre Dame for his intangibles defensive skills.

"I like to be that spark off the bench, which has been my role, since I arrived here," Jones told und.com. "Also I like to come into the game and just change the pace of it. Defensively, I like to bring a presence on the floor, which has been my specialty since I was a freshman in high school.

"Whether it be taking the defensive burden off of Thomas' shoulders for a bit or getting in the face of the opponents' top shooters, Jones has shown a lot of attention as one of the fiercest defenders in the Big East."

"I take it as a compliment in this stage in my career," Jones said. "I'm not sure I'd like to be known as strictly a defensive player for the rest of my career, but right now I'm happy people see that part of my game."

But anyone who watches Notre Dame in the dwindling minutes of a close game and sees Brey attempt to send Jones to the court for each defensive possession knows that is where the junior guard excels.

Sunday, those defensive skills will be tested once again as No. 4 Pittsburgh and Preseason Big East Player of the Year Brandin Knight travel to the Joyce Center.

"Knight is one of the best players in the game, and it's always a challenge to guard someone of his skill level," Jones said. "Obviously he wouldn't be where he is today if he couldn't handle the pressure. If it falls on me to guard him, hopefully I'll be able to slow him down."

If the Irish are to upset Knight and the Panthers Sunday, Jones will be a big part of the action coming off the bench and giving that something extra to the Irish effort as he has for most of the season.

"I like coming off the bench a lot," Jones said. "I know I'm just as influential as any other guy, and sometimes you need to have a guy who can spark you again."

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Torrian Jones screams seconds after slamming home a dunk during Saturday's double-overtime win against Georgetown. Jones has played an integral role coming off the bench.
and wolves, oh my!

Company presents “Into the Woods”

Pasquerilla East company

Kelly McShane
Candura, Matt Patricoski, Erin Nice Cicire, Molly McShane,

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Above, Cinderella weds her Prince after the classic fairytale takes place.

To the right, the Step-sisters, Shauna Monson and Cheryl Turski brood following Cinderella’s marriage to the Prince. Bottom, Jack sings to Little Red Riding Hood.

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becomes a mother figure at the end, and all this time she had been praying to her own mother who passed away. She finally steps out on her own,” Candura said.

Changes are evident in many of the characters; James Lapine, who wrote the book, incorporated numerous morals among the humor and drama.

Another outstanding performance among many is Patricoski as the sensitive and youthful Jack. Waivering between bravery and weakness, obedience and defiance, he sings a soaring rendition of “Giants in the Sky.” McLaughlin and Gilbert also have excellent interaction as the quarreling husband and wife who realize the extent of their love during turmoil.

Both use their powerful voices during climactic moments as two of the main characters.

McShane is delightful as the independent, sensible and fearless Little Red Riding Hood, while Anthony is wonderfully malicious, sneaky and smooth-talking as the sinister Wolf. His “Hello, Little Girl” is as well-sung as it is disturbing. One of the most complex portrayals, however, is Horvath’s Witch. At once frightening and cruel, she harbors morbidly evil instincts and hurt feelings when betrayed by Rapunzel (April Trimble).

Two of the best moments in the play occur during duets between Linnert and Grundy’s arrogant and competitive princes. Hysterically comical and cleverly self-indulgent, the two “Agony” performances are among the most hilarious parts of the play.

The dance sequences, both those with only two characters and those with the entire cast, are lively and add to the action without taking away from it.

Kat Walsh, who choreographed the production, feels that the audience can learn from the characters.

“I think the message is important at any time in your life, in any era. It’s something you can relate to ... for kids it’s a fairy tale, for young adults it’s cool to watch, for people who are in college you’re at a turning point in your life and for older people it’s something to look back on,” Walsh said.

Director Lizzie Bracken agrees that the play will appeal to a variety of people. “It’s a lovely production, it’s meant to be beautiful and we’ve all struggled to keep that consistency with every aspect of it, to make it enchanting,” Bracken said.

The cast and crew have worked since October, and the result includes touching, lyrical melodies as well as light, bubbly tunes. The play is lengthy with one intermission, but the plot moves so quickly that it is hard to notice. With impressive mood changes, from ominous to cheerful to hopeful to dismal, in everything from the acting, singing, dancing and lighting, this fantastic production should lure many people “Into the Woods.”
Mario Lemieux was ejected for fighting late in Pittsburgh's 6-0 loss to Florida.

Lemieux, who had eight penalty minutes heading into the game, dropped gloves against the fourth-year defenseman. Lemieux, who was upset with Ference for a second-period cross-check to his back, was assessed minor penalties for slashing and instigating, a major penalty for fighting, a 10-minute misconduct and game misconduct.

Kristian Huselius and Matt Cullen had a goal and two assists each and Roberto Luongo made 28 saves for his fifth shutout.

NHL

Pittsburgh's Alexei Kovalev crushes Florida's Andreas Lilja with a hard check Thursday night.

Despite Kovalev's hit, the Penguins lost 6-0.

Alfredson had two assists, setting up first-period goals by Zdeno Chara and Todd White. Ottawa beat the New York Rangers 5-3 at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday to end a three-game losing streak.

Bob Probert of the Detroit Red Wings for the first time. His game-winning goal came with 1:42 left in the game and is unbeaten in a season-best seven games.

Detroit is winless in its past five games, has won only once since beating the Avalanche, and is 5-8-1-1 in 2003.

Early in the third period, Hull had a great chance to become the sixth NHL player to score 700 regular-season goals. But Roy stopped Hull's first shot from just under the right circle, and a second attempt off Hull's rebound.

Hull, whose Hall of Fame father Bobby Hull was in attendance, has not scored in six games.

The Red Wings pulled goalie Curtis Joseph for the final minute, and they had two chances to score, including one off Hull's stick with about 35 seconds left, but couldn't beat Roy.

Joseph made 20 saves. He is 0-4-1 in his past five games since stopping 36 shots at Colorado.

Late in the first period, Pittsburgh's Shane癌 got past a diving Joseph. Bob Blake's shot from the left circle went off the boards behind Joseph and toward Tanguay, who had a wide-open net to shoot at from the right circle.

It was Tanguay's 11th goal, and fifth in five games.

The Avalanche played in Joe Louis Arena for the first time since losing 7-0 to the Game 7 of the Western Conference finals.

Brums 6, Canadians 3

Martin Czerkawski scored his first goal since the second game of the season and Jeff Hackett stopped 28 shots for his third win this season as the Boston Bruins beat Montreal.

Glen Murray, P.J. Axelsson, Nick Boynton, Kris Vernarsky and Joe Thornton scored Boston's other goals. Brian Rolston had three assists for the Bruins, 4-1-0-1 in their last six games.

Former Bruins Mariusz Czerkawski and Joe Juneau had Montreal's goals, with the latter getting an empty-net goal with 1:35 left in the game.

The Bruins grabbed the lead with just over two minutes left when浪popo Lapanes scored off the rebound of Boston's shot with 1:40 left in the opening period, making it 2-1.

Hackett, acquired via San Jose on Jan. 23 after being dealt by Montreal earlier that day, still was wearing his Canadiens' pads and mask. He was tested early as Murray was whistled for a double-minor for hitting-stickling 10 seconds into the game. But Hackett stopped the few chances the Canadiens got. Even though his new equipment arrived in the first week after the trade, Hackett has still worn the red, white and blue pads and mask he had with Montreal — an odd sight with the Bruins playing their long-time rivals.

Murray scored his team-leading 28th goal to make it 3-1 in the second period with Boston on a two-man advantage. Czerkawski scored on a back-hander from in close, cutting it to 3-2 midway into the second period.

Boynton beat goalie Jose Theodore with a shot from the point, making it 4-2 early in the final period. But Juneau slipped a wrist shot past Hackett.

Flyers 2, Senators 2

Eric Chouinard scored in the first period and assisted on Jeremy Roenick's goal in the second, lifting the Philadelphia Flyers to a tie with the Ottawa Senators.

Chouinard, acquired from Montreal on Jan. 29, scored his second goal in three games with Philadelphia before setting up Roenick's 18th goal of the season.

Flyers goalie Roman Cechmanek made 43 saves as Ottawa outshot Philadelphia 45-30 overall, including a 19-11 margin in the opening period.

Senators captain Daniel Alfredson had two assists, setting up first-period goals by Zdeno Chara and Todd White. Ottawa beat the New York Rangers 5-3 at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday to end a three-game losing streak.

Rookie Martin Prusseksubbed for Senators All-Star goalie Patrick Lalime, who missed the game because of the flu. Prussek is 9-1-1 for Ottawa.

Philadelphia learned earlier in the day that left wing Simon Gagne will miss at least three weeks after suffering a partially torn right groin in the Flyers' 2-1 win over the Islanders on Tuesday.

Chana opened the scoring with his fifth goal on a power play, scoring just two seconds after Philadelphia killed off the first of two minor penalties.

Chouinard drew the Flyers even just 14 later with a power-play goal.

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Bryant's 46 pushes Los Angeles above .500

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal have the Los Angeles Lakers playing like champions again.

Bryant dazzled New York with an array of drives, jumpers and dunks, and O'Neal overpowered the Knicks inside as the Lakers won 114-109 to enter the All-Star break with a winning record for the first time this season.

"Kobe and Shaq have shown they're the top two dogs in the league," teammate Hubert Horry said. "They're carrying us. You have to give the credit to these two guys.

Bryant matched his season high with 46 points and O'Neal added 33 as the Knicks had no answer for Los Angeles' dynamic duo. Bryant (40) and O'Neal (28) combined to outscore the Knicks in the first three quarters as the Lakers took a 97-67 lead.

The Lakers (24-23) then survived a spirited fourth-quarter rally by the Knicks to end the first half of the season with their fifth straight win, including four on the road.

"That was quite a show the first three quarters," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "Shaq and Kobe put on a show tonight. After a sluggish start left the Lakers 11-19 following a loss to Sacramento, the three-time defending champions have won 13 of 17 to close within 11/2 games of Houston for the final playoff spot in the West.

"We just have to keep doing it," Jackson said. "The championship rings don't mean anything unless we do it on the court. We found out the hard way that no one is really impressed by the championship banners.

Bryant and O'Neal are a different story.

Bryant has scored at least 35 points in five straight games, scoring 201 points in that stretch. This scoring spree coincides with Jackson telling Bryant to take over more of the scoring load.

"He's opened the offense up and allowed me to penetrate more," Bryant said. "I'm getting the ball in position where I can score quickly. I'm being more assertive.

The Knicks, who had won seven of 10, played the second half without leading scorer Allan Houston, who left the game with a bruised right wrist and is day-to-day.

LaSell Sprewell led New York with 24 points, Howard Eisley added 16 and Charlie Ward had 15 points and 11 assists.

Bryant had 16 of his 22 third-quarter points during a 25-9 run that put the Lakers up 95-61 with 1:41 to go.

Bryant started the run with a driving layup, knifing through the center of the Knicks' defense for the easy basket. He added three 3-pointers, a runner and a turnaround jumper from deep on the baseline. He fed after his final 3 gave the Lakers a 34-point lead.

The Knicks didn't go away, scoring the first 16 points of the fourth quarter to get within 14.

Sprewell, who made all nine of his 3-pointers Tuesday against the Clippers, hit a 3 to make it 103-91 with 5:34 to go.

A jumper by Michael Olowokandi made it 107-100 with 2:45 to go.

After a turnover by Bryant, Lee Nailon scored underneath to make it a five-point game with 1:52 to go.

After another Lakers' turnover, O'Neal blocked Sprewell's layup attempt and made one free throw to make it 108-102.

Sprewell shot an airball when Bryant appeared to hit his arm on the way up. Bryant then hit two free throws to make it 110-102 with 30.3 seconds to play.

"Absolutely I was fouled on the play," Sprewell said. "To me it was an easy call.

Bucks 97, SuperSonics 91
Ray Allen scored 14 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter as the Milwaukee Bucks beat Seattle, sending the SuperSonics into the All-Star break with a three-game losing streak.

Milwaukee goes into the break having won 11 of 14 games.

Allen and Michael Redd, who had 19 points, scored the first 22 points of the final quarter for the Bucks.

Kevin Ollie hit two free throws with 20 seconds left to give Seattle within 94-91.

The Sonics kept it tight most of the game, one night after losing 114-74 at Boston. Gary Payton scored on a breakaway layup to tie it at 77 with 6:45 left.

Payton had 27 and Lewis 18 to lead Seattle.

Ansu Sesay hit a baseline jumper with a second left in the third quarter to give Seattle a 68-67 lead going into the final quarter.
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Contreras arrives in New York to sign contract

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Jose Contreras has a nickname as sharp as his pitches: "El Titan de Bronze."
And, he says, it was given to him by Fidel Castro.

Contreras finally made it to Yankee Stadium to finalize his four-year contract, $32 million.

At his introductory news conference, Contreras said the Cuban president called him "The Titan of Bronze" because the right-hander was the Cuban ace.
The nickname originally belonged to Antonio Macero, the general who led the Cuban liberation army against Spain in the 19th century.

Contreras, however, wouldn't say what he thinks about Castro, whose communist regime has caused many Cuban baseball stars to defect, leaving their families behind.

"I can talk about Cuba. I can talk about Cuban baseball," Contreras said through a translator. "But I'm not here as a politician to talk about politics."

His model is Roger Clemens, whose communist regime has caused many Cuban baseball stars to defect, leaving their families behind.

"I'm curious. I really am," Clemens said. "They're both going to need interpreters. But I bet they understand each other."

But he did not get quite the welcome Matsui, a three-time MVP in Japan. When Matsui was introduced Jan. 14, the Yankees held a news conference at a Times Square hotel, and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg was the official greeter.

Thursday's fiesta was held in the Stadium Club of Yankee Stadium, and Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr. welcomed him "on behalf of all New Yorkers and 1.4 million residents of the Bronx, many of Latino descent."

California native Kevin Sutherland shot a 6-under 66 for a one-stroke lead over Mike Weir and Robert Gamez.

Golfers expect weather trouble at Pebble Beach, which made the surprisingly calm conditions nearly as difficult to battle. Sutherland and a few others managed the fast fairways and hard greens — and the tournament's usual six-hour rounds — resulting from the absence of recent rain at the tournament's three gorgeous courses.

"I've never seen the course as hard as and fast as this," said Sutherland, who had five birdies on the front nine at Pebble Beach Golf Links. "The fairways are really hard. The balls are going a tremendous distance. I'm in places I've never been before."

Sutherland was born, raised and trained a short drive away in California's central valley, from his childhood in Sacramento to his college days at Fresno State.

Since he first tried Pebble Beach in the high school state championship, he estimates he has played here 70 times.

"This is going to throw a lot of people for a loop, but these courses are challenging enough," Sutherland said.
Bankrupt Sabres seek additional credit line

Associated Press
BUFFALO, N.Y.

Along with asking for an additional $15 million line of credit to cover operating expenses, the bankrupt Buffalo Sabres are seeking court approval to pay four players their deferred signing bonuses.

Sabres' attorney William Thomas is scheduled to make both requests in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Buffalo.

The request for an additional line of credit was not unexpected, Judge Michael J. Kaplan granted the Sabres up to $25 million in debtors-in-possession financing when he approved an initial $10 million line of credit after the team filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The Sabres, in jeopardy of folding or moving after the end of this season, owe their 40 largest creditors more than $206 million.

The list of creditors includes four current players — forward Curtis Brown, goaltender Ryan Miller, center Paul Gaustad and right wing Craig CARPENTER ($250,000) could receive a commission for their efforts.

Also owed $250,000, is forward Scott Fitzpatrick. Doors have been closed at the team's training facility at the HSBC Arena for about two weeks.

A federal appeals court ordered renewed litigation on the Raiders' income tax challenge stemming from a failed proposal to build luxury boxes at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

In a separate action, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also sided with the Raiders over a tax dispute stemming from a scuttled agreement to build luxury boxes at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

On that issue, the dispute was whether the team should pay taxes on a $4 million loan it received from the Coliseum Commission. Under IRS rules, loans generally are not taxable income.

The $4 million was given in 1984 to help the then-Los Angeles Raiders pay for 150 luxury boxes. That construction project, the subject of other litigation, was never finished.

The IRS and the federal tax court said the $4 million should have been included in the team's 1984 taxable income. They concluded it was not a loan. The court said the money was taxable because the agreement to build the luxury boxes never bore fruit and the Raiders kept the payoff.

The 9th Circuit, however, concluded Thursday that it was a non-taxable loan as part of a failed agreement and therefore should not have been included in the team's income.

In the other tax case, the appeals court ordered more litigation on whether the Raiders should have been taxed for $10 million advanced to the team in 1987 as part of a $115 million proposed loan from the city of Irwindale.

The money was supposed to be used to build a stadium in that suburb just east of Los Angeles.

The $115 million would have come from Irwindale's sale of bonds. But in 1988, the California Legislature said the city could not follow through with the bond sale. The proposal collapsed and the Raiders did not repay the $10 million.

The tax court concluded that, since the deal terminated upon the demise of the bond sales in 1988, the Raiders should have included that $10 million as income in their taxes that year because the loan had converted into income.

But the appeals court ordered the tax court to consider whether the $10 million loan ever became taxable because it was tied to a project that unraveled. And if the $10 million did become taxable, the appeals court said, the tax court should consider whether 1988 was the applicable year.
around the dial

FRIDAY

College Basketball Skills Competition
College Basketball, 7 p.m., ESPN

SATURDAY

College Basketball
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Tiger Woods will make it official Thursday that he will enter the Buick Invitational after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery on Dec. 12.

Tiger to return at Buick Invitational

Associated Press

NEW YORK

It's time for Tiger Woods to get back to work.

Wood, who spent the last two months recovering from knee surgery, will end the longest layoff of his career next week when he returns to the PGA Tour in San Diego.

"Things are progressing nicely, and I will officially enter the Buick Invitational on Thursday," Woods said on his website.

In a conference call last week, Woods reported no pain in his left knee. He played 18 holes for the first time Tuesday with his father and shot 66.

"The real test comes next week at Torrey Pines," he said. "That's when I will find out how the knee holds up in competition and what, if any, effect walking the course has on it."

The Buick Invitational is a good spot for him to return.

Along with having an endorsement deal with Buick, Woods won the tournament in 1999 and has never finished worse than fifth.

Plus, it will give him a chance to visit with Phil Mickelson, one of his chief rivals who caused a buzz this week by saying Woods has "inferior" clubs and is the only player "good enough to overcome the equipment he's stuck with."

Mickelson later said his comments to GOLF Magazine were taken out of context and that he meant to explain Woods' talent. "I heard it was said in fun and jest, but until I talk to him, I really don't know," Woods said. "Quite frankly, questioning my equipment is foolish. I'm not going to play with anything that is going to hold me back. My career will be judged on how much I've won."

No one has won more than Woods among active players. He has 34 victories on the PGA Tour, and has an 8-0 margin on Mickelson in the majors.

"I really don't worry about other players or what they think," Woods said. "The real measuring stick on the PGA Tour is how much you win, and that is what drives me to compete at such a high level."

Woods has never missed more than five weeks since turning pro, but recurring pain in his left knee forced him to have arthroscopic surgery Dec. 12.

IN BRIEF

Justice confirms retirement after 14 seasons in baseball

David Justice is going through with his decision to retire.

The outfielder said after Oakland's playoff loss to Minnesota that he intended to quit baseball. On Tuesday, he reiterated his playing days are over.

"Fourteen seasons is long enough," he told ESPN radio. "I have a diminished desire to play."


A three-time All-Star, he also played for Cleveland and Oakland, hitting .266 with 11 homers and 49 RBIs in 118 games last season.

He had a .279 career average with 345 homers and 1,017 RBIs. He became a free agent following the World Series and made no effort to sign.

A's general manager Billy Beane said he plans to discuss with Justice staying with the organization in some capacity, possibly in a special assignment role. Beane said he was playing phone tag with Justice.

Calhoun cleared to coach in three-to-four weeks

Connecticut basketball coach Jim Calhoun had his cancerous prostate removed Thursday, and a full recovery is expected.

The 60-year-old coach will be released from the hospital this weekend and will be able to resume coaching in three-to-four weeks, Dr. Peter Albertson said.

Albertson, Calhoun's urologist, said there were no problems during surgery at John Dempsey Hospital.

"Coach Calhoun's cancer appears to be confined to his prostate," Albertson said.

The coach was diagnosed with cancer Friday, and doctors said they caught the disease early.

Calhoun is in his 17th season at Connecticut, and assistant George Blaney is coaching the team in his absence.

Reds win Chen arbitration

The Cincinnati Reds beat Bruce Chen in the first salary arbitration case this year, and the pitcher will make $700,000 this season instead of the $830,000 he asked for.

Arbitrators Richard Bloch, Kenneth Perea and J.B. Helburn issued their decision Thursday, a day after hearing the case in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The 25-year-old left-hander went 2-5 with a 5.56 ERA in six starts and 49 relief appearances last season, when he made $300,000.

Reds general manager Jim Bowden and outside lawyer Mei Southard improved to 8-2 in arbitration cases.

Just 17 players remain in arbitration among the 72 who filed last month. Hearings are scheduled through Feb. 20.
MEN'S TENNIS

After slow start, Irish look to keep winning

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

It took five matches — and the worst start in program history — for the Irish finally to earn their first win of the season.

Saturday, in West Lafayette, Ind., they hope to make Tuesday's win over Wisconsin the beginning of a win streak.

After suffering four defeats, the Irish began to miss the thrill of winning matches. They hope the taste of Tuesday's triumph will increase their appetite for victory.

The Boilermakers, ranked 46th nationally, may prove to be a more formidable foe than the Badgers. Notre Dame dominated Wisconsin, 7-0.

"Purdue is a good team," junior Matt Scott said. "They're probably a better team than Wisconsin.

Both the Irish and the Boilermakers face tough schedules this weekend. No. 10 Duke will visit Notre Dame on Sunday. Purdue begins a three-match homestand with a Friday match against Toledo. After Saturday's bout with the Irish, Purdue will contend with No. 57 Western Michigan Sunday.

Under coach Bobby Bayliss, Notre Dame has never lost to Purdue. Last season, the Irish posted two shutouts against the Boilermakers, including a 4-0 victory in the second round of the NCAA tournament. And it was two current Irish players, sophomore Brent D'Amico and junior Luis Haddock, who clinched the doubles point that turned the tide in that match.

Because of those stats, chances are high Purdue will be looking to make a killing against a 1-4 Notre Dame squad that has struggled this season.

"We're going to expect a battle," Scott said. "It's not an easy place to play. We're up for the challenge, and I like our chances with (Tuesday's) win. We can use it to boost our confidence and take it hard to Purdue."

A Purdue injury could potentially wipe out the Irish. The Boilermakers' number one player, Sophomore Scott Mayer, ranked 120th in the nation, was seen limping on Tuesday. If Mayer is out, Purdue has a tough decision to make.

When Notre Dame welcomes the Blue Devils on Sunday, the Blue Devils will either be rejoicing or recovering from their first win of the season.

"We know it's a process," D'Amico said. "If you do the right things every day, good things will come out of it."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hope to avoid sting

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

To say that Saint Mary's has had a rough 2003 would be an understatement. After winning four games in 2002, the Belles have only won one game since the New Year began, as they have lost eight in a row, with four matches remaining.

"However, Saturday presents the Belles with yet another opportunity to turn things around, as they travel to Kalamazoo to face the Hornets, who are tied for second place in the MIAA.

Kalamazoo (12-7, 6-3 in the MIAA), comes off a 56-52 win over Alma, while the Belles (5-15, 1-9) look to rebound from a 77-47 loss to Hope. The last time these two teams met, it was a tough match, as the Hornets pulled away with a 60-33 victory.

These two teams are evenly matched, despite their different records. Kalamazoo is seventh in the MIAA in scoring, while Saint Mary's is eighth, averaging 59.2, and 57.1 points per game, respectively. Another plus for the Belles is that the Hornets are last in the MIAA in team rebounding, averaging only 31.5 rebounds per game. Saint Mary's, on the other hand, is second in the MIAA, averaging 37.5 rebounds per game.

Both teams are coming off losses. Saint Mary's had a rough game on Tuesday, losing to Concordia, while Kalamazoo played well of late, was nominated for the MIAA Player of the Week, as they look to strengthen their distance group and take it hard to the Belles in that event.

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Be the depth of the Irish sprinters, including Big East qualifiers Kymia Love and Kristen Dodd, Lauren King and Molly Huddle will be looking to improve on their already strong times in the distance events.

The field this weekend will also include many talented athletes, making the Meyo one of the most important indoor meets in the Midwest.

The mens and womens teams for Michigan feature NCAA qualifiers, as the mens distance medal relay team also qualified for the NCAA's at the adidas Boston Games. Darnell Talbert will challenge Nurenede in the 60-meter hurdles.

Arkansas' women team features NCAA mile qualifier Christin Wurth, while Angel Heath, the NCAA runner-up in the long jump last year, will challenge King in that event.

Clemson's Joanna Costa is also expected to challenge Volker in the pole vault. Costa has previously qualified for the 2002 NCAA Championships and is a former ACC Champion in the event.

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MENS SWIMMING

Oakland provides last chance to break even

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s mens swimming and diving team will have one last chance to get back to .500 this weekend. The Irish will travel to Rochester, Mich., for a dual meet against Oakland University Saturday.

Last weekend the Irish beat Cleveland State before losing by the slimmest of margins to St. Bonaventure on the last relay. Notre Dame currently has a dual meet record of 6-7.

“We want to finish out the season strong,” Patrick Bednarski said. “We need to get some races in and we’d like to get a win.”

Notre Dame showed its fighting side against the talented Romnies. Down for the majority of the meet, the Irish rallied to gain a slight lead before the heartbreaking finish.

Oakland and Notre Dame have faced several of the same opponents over the course of the season. Both teams fell to tough Pittsburg teams and both also beat Michigan State. However, the Grizzlies defeated St. Bonaventure on the road in January.

A standout for Oakland this season has been freshman Scott Dickens. Dickens set new Mid-Continent Conference records in both the 100 and 200-meter breaststrokes this year.

Named the conference’s Newcomer of the Year and Co-Swimmer of the Year, Dickens is also a member of the Canadian National Junior Team. Dickens earned four medals for Canada at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival and is aiming for the 2004 Olympic Games. He will be a formidable opponent for the Irish on Saturday.

“It should be an exciting meet for us,” Heffernan said. “There will be a lot of good races and I think we’re up for it.”

The Irish will compete in the biggest meet of the season in two weeks, when the Mid-American Championships are held in Uniondale, N.Y. The conference championships have been the long-term goal and focus of the team all year.

“We’re going to rest and get geared up for the big show that’s coming up,” said Heffernan of the team’s plans. “The meet is scheduled to start Saturday at 2 p.m.”

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FENCING

Different goals this weekend at Duke Duals

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

After two weekends of facing top competition, the mens and womens squads have two different goals at this weekend’s Duke Duals.

The mens team (12-2) looks to rebound from the past two weekends to No. 4 Ohio State and No. 1 Penn State. With no top 10 teams on the schedule this weekend, the Irish shouldn’t have to address their areas of concern.

“We are doing not bad. I am pleased with the team,” Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. “We have a lot of work to do. We need to improve the best fencers and get them to win the bouts that they can.”

We also need to improve the weak part of our team which is sabre, and we are working hard to get that taken care of.

“The mens sabre team has been the weakness in Notre Dame’s two losses this year. In those losses we lost a team combined 3-15. Junior captain Destanie Milo missed the Ohio State Duals due to an illness and is still getting back into form. Milo’s illness forced Bednarski to use his not-so-deep bench, but they have responded well with an overall record of 97-29, including a 57-15 mark last weekend. Even with Bednarski trying to build the high team cohesion necessary to win the national championships, current improvements need to be made in a one-on-one situation.

“Each fencer is an individual and we have individual workouts,” Bednarski said. “We talk in training and are preparing them for bouts in high tension situations.”

While the women are attempting to get their confidence back, the mens team (14-0) is trying to avoid a letdown after defeating No. 4 Ohio State and No. 1 Penn State during the past two weeks.

“It is another problem, but we can’t celebrate too long,” Bednarski said. “We started training right after the competition which was related with talks about the situation that we can’t celebrate too long.”

[Penn State] is a better team than us, but it is good news for us that we beat them. The toughest competition for the mens team this weekend will come from No. 6 Stanford. Earlier this season at Penn State, the Cardinal lost 16-11 to the defending national champion Nittany Lions. Despite his team having defeated the top-ranked squad, Bednarski knows this match is dangerous.

“They are a top team which always is in the top six in the country. We will check them out because we hear they are pretty strong but not super strong like Penn State,” he said. “They are a dangerous team and have big individuals who can take others to victory. We have to be very focused this weekend.”

The Irish will be tested by the Cardinal mens foil squad. Junior Mark Mulolland and sophomore Steve Gerbermann each earned All-American honors at last year’s NCAA Championships. Gerbermann defeated mens foil captain Orsen Debick for third place 15-9.

Coming into the Duke Duals, the mens team looks to extend its 73-match winning streak, which is currently third longest in school history.

Other schools scheduled to compete in Durham, N.C., this weekend include Air Force, the host Blue Devils, Johns Hopkins and North Carolina.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish know Hokies present tough challenge

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame won their second consecutive game Wednesday night against Georgetown and played their best half of basketball this season in the second half. But more importantly for the Irish, they did it in the process.

"They have a tremendous home court record over the last three or four years. It's a really tough place to play."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

McGraw said. "Kubilna is very difficult to guard. She can shoot threes and score inside; she can do a lot of good things.

However, this may be a different Notre Dame team from last week ago. They've got a lot more confidence and it's showed against the Hoyas. Notre Dame had four players score in double figures and used a 23-0 run to cruise to a conference win.

McGraw said she knows that the Irish are facing another formidable foe on the road, but she thinks her team will be ready for the challenge. "They have a very talented team and they're on a roll," McGraw said. "Every game is important now for us. We really need to go down there and play well."

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Watson chasing a record

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Having already qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the 3,000 meters, Irish senior Luke Watson will be looking to add another great performance to the Irish record books Saturday as Notre Dame hosts the annual Meyo Invitational.

The Meyo Invitational, held tonight and Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center, will highlight many of the top teams in the nation. Michigan, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Windsor and Michigan State will be sending both their men and women's teams, while Georgetown is sending only their men's team. Also competing on the women's side are Arkansas, Maryland, Clemson and Tulane.

In what could become the signature event of this year's invitational, Watson will be looking to become the second Notre Dame runner ever to break the sub-four minute mile barrier against an elite field.

"There are five guys in the

McGraw plays role on committee

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

When a representative of the White House called Muffet McGraw early last summer, the Irish coach thought her husband was playing a joke on her. But it turned out to be no joke when President George W. Bush appointed McGraw to an 11-member committee called the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics in late June 2002. The group was to consider two-dozen recommendations concerning the opportunities for male and female student-athletes at college and evaluate the Title IX law.

Title IX has been a controversial issue since it was implemented in 1972. It states that colleges and universities must have an equal percentage of men and women playing sports as the percentage of men and women enrolled in the school. This law has been criticized for hurting male sports while praised for improving female participation in athletics.

The commission started with 24 recommendations at the end of the four town hall meetings, and passed 22. McGraw said about half of the recommendations were general, while the other 11 were specific to changing the

McGraw Irish coach

"We were supposed to listen, gather information and from that information make recommendations."

One proposal said that schools should have 50 percent male athletes and 50 percent female athletes, no matter what percentage of men and women attended the institution. That proposal tied at seven votes apiece.

McGraw said she voted against that issue because she didn't want to lose opportunities. The committee also voted on whether to keep and clarify the law. "This will be a great test for us, not just man-to-man, but also to see how we play as a team," Corrigan said.

The Irish will need to start strong this season, as their first game is a road matchup against No. 15 Penn State. Starting was no problem for Corrigan said the Irish

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish host talented pro squad

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will take on a team composed of current professional players, including several former Irish players, in a scrimmage tonight at 7 p.m. in Loftus.

The Irish, who are ranked 17th in this year's Inside Lacrosse Magazine preseason poll, will face 11 teams ranked in the preseason top 25 this year.

This weekend's scrimmage will be a good benchmark for the Irish, who are coming off a somewhat disappointing 5-8 record from last year.

"This is a great way to prepare ourselves for the season," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We won't play a more talented team all year. We may play teams with better chemistry, but no one with better talent."

Carrigan said the Irish opponent this weekend is "a bunch of guys" who make up some of the finest lacrosse talent in the world.

Included on that team are Todd Rassas, a three-time All-American while at Notre Dame; two-time Irish American Jimmy Keenan and the first All-American in Notre Dame history, Tom Glater

Corrigan said the team might have the two best offensive players in the world today, as well as a defense that includes three members of the U.S. National Team.

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Pittsburgh at Notre Dame
Sunday, 3:30 p.m.
A pair of top 10 teams battle when the Irish host the Panthers Sunday