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How the south was lost

How fitting for Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue to announce his referendum to reinstate the Confederate flag Wednesday — on Lincoln's birthday. I also recall Bush unfurling his administration's plan to begin the process of tearing down affirmative action policies on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

How apropos for them both. Politicians definitely have a way of literally driving the nail into the coffin. Despite the historical significance that may or may not have influenced the moment he chose to announce his plans, it is troubling to hear that Perdue wants to revisit the old glory of the Stars and Bars two years after the new flag was unfurled atop the state capitol. This issue is arguably one of the main reasons Perdue was voted into office after Democratic incumbent, Gov. Roy Barnes signed a bill to replace the Battle Flag of the Confederacy with a new design that hoped to neutralize the tensions between staunch advocates of the old version, and those in support of a change.

The new flag design is a sort of compromise, featuring a prominent Georgia seal with the history of Georgia's past flags located beneath, including a much smaller image of the old Confederate version. Inexplicably, all those who want to honor the history of the state as well as those who want to continue with the Confederate emblem, the new flag attempted to arrive at a middle ground. Interestingly, Georgia adopted the confederate emblem during the civil rights movement in the 1950s that most definitely attempted to deliver a message to those who pushed for change. It was certainly a call to remember the past — one that included a reminiscent Old South proud of its role in subjugating an entire race.

And now, when the long-time controversial issue seemed at rest, Perdue wants to rile everyone up — the majority, rural constituency of course. Perdue plans to ask voters if they would like to return to the old version or keep the new one as a vote up or down question to an issue that has crossed many deadlines.

Amid talks of dissolving affirmative action, Trent Lotz, and Illinois rộng the only state to declare a moratorium on the death penalty, it seems as though our country is undergoing a regressive trend regarding race relations. But it's a downward turn that began perhaps long before the current Bush administration and one that may continue for some time to come.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kiffin Turner at turnerk@nd.edu.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

♦ Lecture with Mike Dersch, University of Kentucky
"Democracy and Victory: Why Regime Type Hardly Matters"
12:30 p.m. at Hesburgh Center, Room C-102

♦ Lecture with Fransiscus Woffort, Kellogg visiting fellow
"Brazilian Culture an Politics: an exercise on the history of ideas"
4:15 p.m. at Hesburgh Center, Room C-103

♦ SUB Movies
"The Ring" and "Animal House"
10 p.m. at DeBartolo, Rooms 101 and 155

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

♦ Residence Hall Association meeting
Contact Jillian Kaminski
6:30 p.m. Haggar College Center, Room 304

♦ Kaplan Test Preparation
Contact Chris Karnilowicz
6 p.m. at Madeleva, Room 315

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Boiled mostaccioli, boiled shells, spinach fetuccini, spaghetti sauce, pesto sauce, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, sausage pizza, breadsticks, texas chili, tomato soup, swiss steak, brown sauce, whipped potatoes, minted peas and carrots, curried rice pilaf, baked potatoes, sugar snap peas, hamburgers, onion rings

Today's Dinner: Sherry chicken thighs, long grain and wild rice, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli spears, grilled redfish, corn, sliced carrots, baked sweet potatoes, baked potatoes, cauliflower, hamburgers, chicken patty, knirkle cut fries

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Tortellini with basil, cheese sauce, fettuccine, bianco pizza, greek pork loin, white beans with ham, cornbread, vegetable rice pilaf, sauteed julienne vegetables, turkey pot pie, long grain and wild rice, hot chunky applesauce, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, onion rings, soft pretzel, chicken macadamia

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Saint Mary's Dining Hall
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Correction

In an article Wednesday about a letter writer's opinion of Always Foods employees, the Observer quoted an audience member saying Reckers began perhaps long before the current um on the death penalty, it seems as if the Observer regrets the discrepancy.
Remaining 2 tickets square off in debate

By HELENA PAYNE
New Writer

In the less than half-full Hesburgh Library Auditorium, the two leftover tickets from Monday's student body presidential election defended their platform and interrogated their opponents before a student audience in Wednesday's debate.

Student body presidential candidates sophomore Charlie Ebersol and junior Pat Hallahan, along with their respective vice presidential candidates, junior Lauren Meagher and sophomore Jeremy Lao, posed four questions to each other, focusing largely on dorm dances, student life and platform feasibility.

Vice president of elections for the judicial council Matt Corgan set a new tone for the debate after opening it with a moment of silence for the formerly missing freshman Chad Sharan whose body was found Wednesday in the St. Joseph River of South Bend.

Corgan also announced that Wednesday would be different from last week's debate with the seven original tickets, which showcased many anti-student government tickets and resulted in one candidate's withdrawal after an opponent verbally attacked him.

"We'll have more of a debate, hopefully, and less of a mockery like last time," he said.

Dorm dances became a contentious topic when Hallahan and Lao questioned Ebersol and Meagher's Total Dance Resource (TDR) plan. TDR would pump an additional $2,000 into dorm funds to revamp the residence hall dance until they are moved back into the dorms.

"We don't want to turn student government into a programming body," Lao said, referring to Ebersol and Meagher's platform.

Though the platform covers various areas of student life, Ebersol primarily focused on the TDR plan and bringing popular entertainment, such as two top-40 concerts and Saturday Night Live comedians to campus. Ebersol referred to his and Meagher's plan to improve student advising and accused Hallahan and Lao of replicating their ideas.

"It does appear in our media guide," Ebersol said.

Ebersol and Meagher said their plans to change the student government structure to work more with the Student Union Board in planning events, as well as the five-year plan for Student Senate, will make student government a body that makes campus life fun and keeps Notre Dame in contact with outside entertainers.

"You can open the door for five years or 10 years," Ebersol said.

"It is not about stiff-arming the administration," Ebersol said. "Our platform is not reinventing the wheel."

At the close of the debate, Martha Patzer, a sophomore in the audience, asked judicial council president Danielle Ledesma why audience members were not allowed to ask questions.

"I think that's really undemocratic," Patzer said, adding that it seemed unfair that students could not question the candidates who promised to "put students first."

Ledesma responded that the format of the debate had already been established.

"At the last debate, there was an opportunity," she said, adding that many of the audience members were on the tickets' campaign staffs and would ask "loaded questions."

The final election for the 2003-04 student body president and vice president is online today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at https://apps.nd.edu/elections. Students will receive an e-mail from the judicial council with the link.

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Father Mark Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs, with Father Edward Malloy, University
president, behind, speaks at Wednesday’s press conference where officials announced that
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U.S. disarms calls for additional inspections

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Senior Bush administration officials spoke dismissively Wednesday about the threat of more for better weapons inspections to disarm Iraq at the same time the Pentagon took new steps toward war.

"More inspectors aren't the issue. The issue is lack of Iraqi compliance," Secretary of State Colin Powell told Congress. He said he intends to press French and German diplomats on whether their proposals amounted to "delaying for the sake of delaying in order to get Saddam Hussein off the hook and no disarmament."

President Bush consulted with Spanish Prime Minister and close ally Jose Maria Aznar on the looming showdown with Saddam and provided a personal briefing for senior lawmakers. Later he declared, "Because of the resolve of the United States, the world will be more peaceful and the world will be more free."

Bush's spokesman, Ari Fleischer, confirmed that discussions had begun with the United Nations over the wording of a Security Council resolution that could be the one approved last fall ordering Saddam's disarmament.

"I don't think it's going to be a complicated matter," Fleischer said. "It still remains somewhat early in U.N. time, but it won't be early in U.N. time for very long."

At the Pentagon, officials said the military dumped another half million leaflets over southern Iraq on the 15th day as part of a psychological warfare campaign. One leaflet showed allied troops standing in military tanks outside a mosque, warning civilians to "avoid areas occupied by enemy personnel."

Additionally, officials said the Pentagon had activated 38,600 National Guardsmen and reservists in the past week, by far the largest such call-up since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

There were fresh signs of diplomatic stress as the United States sought to prod other governments to swing behind military action.

France, Germany and Belgium rejected a scaled-down U.S. proposal for NATO preparations in case of war in Iraq, prolonging the alliance's worst internal crisis since the end of the Cold War. Officials for the three countries say they don't want to approve any actions that could undercut efforts to settle the dispute peacefully.

A key portion of the dispute centers on a request from Turkey for assistance in the event of war against Iraq - protection that the United States has said Turkey will receive whether or not the alliance approves.

Engineer warned of 'catastrophic' risk to Columbia

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY - A federal investigator confirmed Wednesday that the Columbia space shuttle was damaged aboard Columbia or when it struck the ground.

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Separately, searches near Hemphill, Texas, about 140 miles northeast of Houston, recovered what they believed to be one of Columbia's tires. It sustained a massive split across its tread, but it was impossible from photographs to know whether the tire was damaged aboard Columba or when it struck the ground.

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Iran cracks down on Valentine's Day:

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World News Briefs

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A bloody prison riot Wednesday near Guatemala City left at least six inmates dead, and a lawyer said a man convicted in the high-profile murder case of Roman Catholic Bishop Juan Gerardi was among the dead. Four of the victims were decapitated, police spokesman Faustino Sanchez said. Police struggled before firing tear gas into the prison yard to retake the facility after four hours of rioting. Sanchez said the riot left at least six inmates dead and 15 injured.

FBI links McVeigh to supremacists:

FBI agents in the Oklahoma City bombing gathered evidence linking Timothy McVeigh to white supremacist groups who the government had been told before the bombing were threatening to attack government buildings, investigative memos show. Several of the documents were not provided to the bomber's defense before he was convicted.

And the FBI agent in charge of the investigation says he never received one teletype from his own headquarters. The possibility McVeigh was aided by other accomplices.

Storm drenches Southern California:

Rain pounded Southern California, unleashing mudslides and starting traffic as streets flooded under an onslaught that put a violent end to weeks of drought-like conditions. All four southbound lanes of the Interstate 5 in Tejon Pass north of Los Angeles were covered by a mile-long mudslide up to 4 feet deep.

Agency: N. Korea missile can reach U.S.: North Korea has an tested ballistic missile capable of reaching the western United States, top U.S. intelligence officials told Congress Wednesday. In Vienna, the U.N. nuclear agency declared North Korea in violation for its nuclear program and reported the country to the Security Council. The U.S. move could lead to sanctions, which North Korea has said it would consider an act of war.

Nation braces for potential attack:

Anti-aircraft missiles guarded Washington's skies and Capitol police carried gas masks Wednesday as the nation mobilized to confront a potential terrorist attack. Federal, state and local governments tightened security, anxious Americans stockpiled food and police responded to scores of false alarms, including reports of suspicious vehicles that shut down commuter bridges in Washington and New York.
Middle East, Islam experts question preemptive strike

By CHRISTINA CEPERO

Four panelists evaluated the consequences of an Iraq war in the Wednesday forum, "A Strike Against Iraq: Impact on Islam and the Middle East."

Panelist Vincent Cornell of the University of Arkansas, said a war couldn't yet be justified because the United States lacks proof of an immediate threat.

"We must first of all consider the moral dilemma of a possible U.S. invasion of Iraq, and second, the possible reaction to such an invasion by the Muslim world," he said.

According to Cornell it is important that we do not whitewash the issue and that we see Saddam Hussein for who he is, an evil person who invaded Iran in the 1980s and Kuwait in 1990 and has massacred hundreds of thousands of civilians.

"As a significant risk of real tragedy should in fact weapons of mass destruction be used is that the Arab-Israeli conflict will still be with us in more or less the same form," Doisy said, referring to the Palestine-Israel conflict.

Rashed Omar of the Kroc Institute, said the Muslim world is characterized by the conflict between the partially religious and partially secular states of Saudi Arabia and the Islamist states intended in found a theocracy based on the Islamic state.

James Sterba, philosophy professor at Notre Dame, said that both President Bush and extreme Islam as represented by Al Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden have expressed support for the war against Iraq.

The panel was the fourth in the series "Peace and War in 2003: Debating the Issues" sponsored by the Kroc Institute.

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Democrats praise Fed Chief

Greenspan criticizes Bush's tax cuts

WASHINGTON

Democrats Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan Wednesday for criticizing President Bush's new round of $1.3 trillion in tax cuts as too expensive in light of soaring budget deficits. The White House, meanwhile, was pushing ahead with efforts to build support in Congress.

"If the economy needs a little umph... why wait?" Bush said, touting his plan with a group of small investors in Alexandria, Va.

Greenspan, delivering the Fed's twice-a-year economic outlook to the House Finance Committee, was acclaimed by Democrats on the committee for his tough arguments before a Senate panel on Tuesday. He told committee members that any future tax cuts should be paid for either by raising other taxes or trimming spending so that the nation's deficit situation would not be made worse.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass, praised Greenspan, a Republican, for staying consistent in his opposition to budget deficits in the face of strong pressure from members of his own party to support Bush's plan.

"The chairman has long believed, as have most economists, that while deficits are not instant death, they are over the long term a negative for the economy," Frank said. "I very much appreciate the chairman's consistency in realizing that in the face of very strong political pressure that he would go the other way."

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan gives his semi-annual report to the Senate Banking Committee.

He said allowing those budget rules to expire would be a "very bad mistake. Before any actions are being taken with respect to appropriations for next year, I certainly trust that these rules will be re-established."

Greenspan said all the demands for tax relief and new government programs were "very clearly shrinking the capacity of the system" just when the government needed to be preparing for the cost of the baby boom generation's retirement.

Bush met late Tuesday with a group of 10 Republican senators in an effort to build support for his tax cut package in the Senate, where the plan is expected to face the heaviest opposition.

As part of the sales effort, the administration released a letter signed by 100 economists who support the Bush plan, seeking to counter opponents who on Monday touted their own letter from economists including 10 Nobel prize winners — opposed to the proposal.

The Fed chairman two years ago gave critical support to Bush's first round of $1.35 trillion in tax cuts. But in an appearance Tuesday before the Senate Banking Committee, he said another round of tax cuts to stimulate the economy was unnecessary, predicting that the economy would rebound with stronger growth once the uncertainties of a war with Iraq were resolved.

While saying he has long favored the centerpiece of the plan — eliminating taxes on stock dividend payments to investors — Greenspan said the government could not afford the $1.3 trillion price tag for all the tax cuts given the projections for large budget deficits during the same period.

"I don't think the Bush plan is dead," Sohn said. "But with the blessing of Chairman Greenspan and lingering doubts among some Republicans, the program will have to go through substantial modification in Congress before it becomes law."

Unions push for corporate reforms

WASHINGTON

Unions are seeking support on several proposals, including reincorporating in the United States, separation of the positions of president and chief executive officer, shareholder approval of severance packages for departing executives, and performance-based stock options. The AFL-CIO has asked Tyco to move the annual meeting to Bermuda.

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SMC elects RHA, SDB officials

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's elected the 2003-04 Residence Hall Association (RHA) and Student Diversity Board (SDB) president and vice president. The candidates for RHA president and vice president were sophomore Shay Jolly and running mate junior Jackie Zins.

Two hundred sixty-two students participated in the RHA online election Tuesday. The Jolly/Zins ticket received 86 percent of the vote, with 7 percent abstaining and 7 percent voting no.

Jolly and Zins’ platform “Learn where you live, play where you live and love where you live” focused on increasing relationships with Notre Dame residence halls, strengthening relationships among Saint Mary’s residence halls and improving Little Sibs Weekend. Jolly and Zins first priority is to build a strong association of committed commissioners from the hall councils to make it a “more cohesive group,” Zins said.

“Call council is the main portion of RHA,” Jolly said. “The best way to recruit people is to get people involved, so that they enjoy being a part of the call council.”

Jolly and Zins also plan to build on traditional events, such as the all school formal and Little Sibs Weekend. They plan to improve upon Little Sibs weekend by handing out a survey to students to see where improvements need to be made, especially in regards to older siblings that visit during the weekend.

“I wish the older kids would have as much fun as the younger kids,” Shay said. Jolly is the current Little Sibs Weekend chair on RHA and Zins is the publicity effik-fikha on RHA.

The sale ticket seeking the position of SDB president and vice president were junior Annmarie Marquez and sophomore Veronica Saavedra.

Two-hundred-twenty-nine students participated in the SDB online election. Marquez/Saavedra received 83 percent of the vote; 10 percent abstained and 7 percent no. Running on the platform theme “We are all unique. See the difference” Marquez and Saavedra want to occasionally hold open SDB meetings where all students will be invited to participate in discussions, implement monthly educational forums and want to work with admissions on increasing minority student enrollment at Saint Mary’s.

“There are a lot of topics that we have come across this year (last SDB) that we haven’t been able to address,” Marquez said.

Saavedra echoed this sentiment by saying that the monthly educational forums will deal with issues not generally spoken about, such as racism and prejudice.

Although Marquez and Saavedra’s first priority is to work with admission counselors and Volunteers in Support of Admission (VISA) to reach out to high schools, that admission counselors normally do not visit, and encourage minority students to attend Saint Mary’s.

“We want to increase admissions for minority students,” Marquez said. “My idea for the (SDB) admissions commissioner is because it is very hard for a minority to come to a prominently Anglo-American community and we need to show them that it is a supportive environment.”

Marquez and Saavedra also plan to continue the work of this past year’s SDB by working on the harassment clause and disabilities awareness.

“The harassment clause is a big thing now we do not want to drop the ball,” Marquez said.

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Ashcroft discusses war on terrorism

Associated Press

Seven terrorist suspects have been caught through new border security measures and 104 people have been convicted of terrorist-related charges, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Wednesday in an interview with The Associated Press. Successful prosecutions have led to cooperation from defendants, providing information that has “disrupted groups of individuals who were working together to assist in terrorism or perhaps commit acts of terrorism,” Ashcroft said.

“Prevention is our number one priority. It is more important than prosecution,” he said. “But very frequently those priorities do not compete, they complement. In many instances prosecution has been a real aid to our prevention effort by helping generate valuable intelligence.”

As Ashcroft spoke in his offices at Justice Department headquarters, the United States remained on high alert for potential terrorism amid dire warnings from FBI Director Robert Mueller and CIA Director George J. Tenet about a possibly imminent large-scale attack.

Ashcroft did not say what information prompted the alert status to be increased last week, seeking instead to provide assurances that law enforcement is better prepared to head off an attack than it was before the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Vastly improved border security, better legal options and an FBI committed to preventing further attacks “should be a source of comfort to Americans.”

“We have made monumental progress,” he said.

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Seniors least likely to vote

Observer Staff Report

The older the Notre Dame under­graduate, the less likely he is to vote in a student body election. And if he does, the more likely he is to cast an abstention ballot.

That's according to results from Monday's general election that set up a runoff today between the tick­ets of Pat Hallahan-Jeremy Lao and Charlie Ebersol-Lauran Meagher.

About half the undergraduate student population - 4,055 - voted in the school's first election con­ducted entirely online. Hallahan's ticket received about 28 percent of the vote, while Ebersol's captured some 21 percent.

The freshman class turned out most, with 1,310 first-year students - 32 percent of the voters Monday - participating.

From there, turnout decreased as class year increased. Election organizers counted 1,211 votes from sophomores, 950 from juniors and 279 from seniors. Only five fifth-year students voted.

Upperclassmen, though, were more prone to vote as than their younger counterparts. Twenty percent of fifth-year students - one vote - abstained, but with only five voters for the entire class, four of the seven tickets for office also received one vote each.

The trend is more evident, per­centage-wise, in the four other classes. For seniors, 5.4 percent, or 31, voted to abstain. Thirty-nine

just five voted for Ebersol and Meagher. Likewise, in Stanford, Hallahan-Lao took 93 votes to Ebersol-Meagher's 15.

It's unclear how the match up between the last tickets standing will play out in today's runoff.

Ebersol has said he would work to gain the support of Misto-Matkowski and Mike Bott-Mike Kirsh, who polled fourth in Monday's election, because their platforms are similar to his and Meagher's.

Matkowski, though, has publicly endorsed Hallahan-Lao. And Bott and Kirsh have said they won't send their voters the way of either remaining campaign.

The other former hopefuls - Ryan Gagnet-John McCarthy, Drew Ujdokie-Pete Tarnowski and David Hall-Matt Padberg - who polled behind the rest of their opponents Monday, aren't likely to make entourments.

Keeping with their souring cam­paign that poked fun at student government, Gagnet-McCarthy said they would endorse themselves for office next year. In perhaps the most blatant sign that voters, too, are jaded with student leaders and their campaign promises, nearly 10 percent of those who voted for Gagnet and McCarthy.

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If Donnelly had read my article a bit more carefully, she would have understood that the bouncer asking for my passport to verify my ID was never an issue. I clearly stated at the end of my letter, "I accepted the fact that they had to be more stringent on admittance." What I wanted to point out in my letter were the ignored remarks made by the bouncer when he learned that I did not carry my passport.

I have read your memory, he said, "Well don't you need your passport to get into this country." These remarks were completely ignored given my explanation of the common knowledge that Puerto Rico is a territory of the United States, in which we do not need any passport to enter the country.

This exchange of information happened between the 35 to 45 seconds after my opening statement. Donnelly allegedly saw on the tape. My regret is that the tape could not record his comment as well. 

"We don't want Puerto Ricans here anyway."

Donnelly also stated that most of my friends could not have heard the comment, as I turned away from the bouncer. However, I would like to invite her to ask my friends personally, who were present during my discussion with the bouncer and who clearly witnessed the situation. Several of them, including Yolanda Fonseca, who heard the comments, and Crystal Martinez, who was right beside me, acknowledged that I had told the bouncer saying, "We don't want Puerto Ricans here anyway."

"Yes, some of the people in my party were already inside, but all of them indulged around me to see why I wasn't being let in. My friends witnessed what happened and, as you can probably see in the surveillance tape, they left me with after the incident. Furthermore, I think it's obvious that no Heartland employee would admit hearing those comments, since he had no reason to recall the bouncer saying, "We don't want Puerto Ricans here anyway."

If someone else could not adequately identify the bouncer, it does not mean my claim were spoken to. As I turned away from the bouncer, I couldn't help my friends to see the conversation or subsequent events. Only those that were in earshot of the camera can show us who was in the position at that moment.

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When I called management to complain about the incident that occurred that night, I despaired the bouncer to his ability. The model I spoke to knew that I was going to Heartland, that I was talking about, that complaints had preceded mine. That bouncer apparently was already confronted about the situation, given that he told the manager that I was apparently being rude to him, which is false. So the manager knew exactly what I was talking about.

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Quote of the Day
"A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies."
— Oscar Wilde, writer

February 13, 2003
Drinking time

Peter Wicks
Englishman Abroad

I should start with a correction. In my last column I carelessly referred to South Bend as "the Athens of Indiana." An aside — although somewhat liberal-minded — correspondent has drawn my attention to the fact that the city of Athens, Greece, has a stronger claim to that title. It would be hard to disagree.

Today's cross-cultural sermon is on the subject of alcohol, a topic which an Englishman I feel well-qualified to comment upon, bearing in mind the number of heavy drinkers surrounded by other inhabitants of heavy drinkers.

To the West, the Welsh drink beer in truly colossal quantities, and indeed any attempt to give you a lifetime supply of letters here or inaccurately identifying my time: the offering of selling the cabbages which is, I think, the record. Having lived with a Welshman in my undergraduate days, I'm still trying to get over my hangovers.

The Scots are expert in both the production and consumption of whisky. Garlic singers in Scotland actually have a word for the thry feeling one gets on the upper lip immediately before drinking whisky which they call laudanum. Furthermore, it seems to me that the traditional Scottish spirit of self-sacrifice (which is like the shot put but with a tree trunk instead of the shot) could only have its origins in drinking whisky.

It is not true that the Irish government has attempted to legislate for all tourists to the Emerald Isle are required upon returning to their homeland to spend the rest of their lives complaining about the inferior quality of the Guiness on sale in the rest of the world. It is not true, but it might as well be.

I'm not even going to talk about the French. Despite this stiff competition, English drinking culture has an immortality that was never rescinded. It's a sobering thought that more than eighty years after the Treaty of Versailles, we can't get a drink after 11 p.m. in England so that I can make bullets that television workers did not have hangovers when they arrived at their factories in the morning.

Although it did not escape the government's notice when the First World War ended in 1918, such is the English reverence for tradition that the law was never rescinded. It's a sobering thought that more than eighty years after the Treaty of Versailles we can't get a drink after 11 p.m. in England so that I can make bullets that television workers did not have hangovers when they arrived at their factories in the morning.

But there is hope in sight. The current government is at last proposing to abolish all restrictions on the time of drinking in order to overcome their innate shyness in social settings. But since it has never been possible to locate enough sober Englishmen to constitute a control group the theory remains speculative.

England has a culture of binge drinking. It has been observed that Englishmen are inclined to drink for the sake of it. There is a perfectly straightforward explanation for this. It is because the English are about to take their beer away from them. Almost every country outside England has a legal drinking age. In France, and the Republic of Korea, 21 years. In Italy, it is 18.

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"Real Women, real issues"

By C. SPENCER BEGGGS
Scene Movie Critic

"Real Women Have Curves" is a story about significantly overweight Hispanic girl named Ana (America Ferrera). On the last day of senior year, as her classmates discuss their plans for their future education, Ana gets ready to join her mother (Lupe Ontiveros) and sister (Ingrid Oliu) in a sewing factory, or sweatshop as it seems to be. Ana sees herself as ugly and with no real future; she resigns herself to working alongside her family, despite her deep seeded discontent that drives her to lash out at her family. But as Ana sinks into the grind of the sewing factory among the bitchy and gossip work-ers, she is able to confront her self-image problems. With a little help from her high school English teacher (George Lopez), Ana secretly applies to college even though her family wants her to stay and work at home.

The women in the film are extremely well cast. Ontiveros plays the overly dramatic and critical, yet loving mother, Carmen, with a stylish flair. Oliu and Ferrera are able to play their characters as reactions against their domineering mother, but they are careful to retain Carmen’s ultimate stubborn nature. In a scene, the three women are all cut from the same cloth — pun very much intended. Ferrera, who makes her debut in this film, is especially charismatic and engaging.

What really makes "Real Women Have Curves" stand out against other movies that deal with the topic of physical imperfection is that director Patricia Cardoso doesn’t trivialize or ignore the subject of Ana’s weight. Rather than glossing over the subject like "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" or trying to convince the audience that Ana’s really Gwyneth Paltrow underneath her cellulite like "Shallow Hal," "Real Women Have Curves" treats her like what she is: an overweight woman. It’s much easier to reconcile the idea of intellectual beauty when you go to meet yourself as Gwyneth Paltrow or have Michael Constantine desperately in love with you no matter what shamans you put him through. The fact of the matter is that it is not easy being overweight, especially an overweight woman, in American society. It is not considered beautiful. Period. Cardoso demonstrates a lot of heart by having her characters work for self-acceptance rather than strive to overcome their limitations.

Furthermore, "Real Women Have Curves" doesn’t seek to criticize popular aesthetics. It would have been easy to point a scolding finger at pop culture in this film, but that is really avoiding the issue of how to be positive about oneself. This film offers more than just an analysis of why Americans view overweight women as unattractive, it tells an encouraging story of self-acceptance in the face of it.

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Worse things than windmills for Gilliam

By BJ STREW
Scene Movie Critic

Anyone who has seen either "Brazil" or any Monty Python knows full well that Terry Gilliam is a brilliant icon of frivolity. His latest film has churned out an array of fanciful, grand films with box-office success running a pret-ty parley gamut between zilch and midding — and that’s being charitable. The few tanks that come to mind are "13 Monkeys," "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen," and "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas." Gilliam’s last project before this tumultuous three-ring fiasco, a long-planned attempt to commit the Don Quixote tale to celluloid. In "Lost In La Mancha," directors Keith Fulton and Louis Pepe have managed to carve an appealing documentary out of the nonstop catastrophe that Gilliam endured in the process. The scale of this calamity, as it steadily and almost farcically gains momentum, swells to madcap proportions as Gilliam confronts increasingly daunting obstacles with thundering NATO jets disrupting shoots, his main actor’s herniated discs and a deluge from the outset, the production seemed doomed to fail, sharing the fate of Orson Welles’ own "The Man Who Killed Don Quixote" project. Gilliam himself carries about this so-called jinx, edging painfully close to pretension along the way. The parable of Philoctetes applies here, though instead of a wound and a bow, Gilliam has creative genius and daring — stigmata to studios fixated on bottom lines whose Troy is the box office.

Little of the movie in production is shown to us — studio brass pulled the plug less than a week into shooting. T reating the viewer to a host of produc-tion meetings, "Lost in La Mancha" waxes pedestrian at times. Interviews on the set and after the fact are fairly illuminating, if tedious at times. Gilliam bobs the viewer a few gems with ironic smiles hiding his acute frustration and chortles of incredibility.

Many will find that Fulton and Pepe force the issue in areas, overemphasizing parallels between Quixote and Gilliam until they invite the audience’s dismissal for seeming either too con-trived or too insulting to their intelligence. Nevertheless, the quirky director exudes the air of the scatterbrained, visionary genius, neither grant-ing nor severe. The swan song for Gilliam’s project arrives, unbelievably, in the form of a flash flood in rural Spain, amid a roaring tempest.

While often engaging, the documentary fails to elicit much sympathy for Gilliam and the project. After all, a slew of Quixote adaptations already exist and there was little indication Gilliam’s stab at it would surpass them. Despite its downsides, "Lost in La Mancha" is a frank and often uprai-sing film about the nightmare from which directors and studio execs wake in a cold sweat wondering how, in the name of all that is good and sacred, things could get ever that bad.

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This one's for old Mr. Wang

By MARIA SMITH and KATE WILLIAMS
Scene Editor and Scene Movie Critic

Kate: Well, personally I think that movie had everything: soul searching, international history, and even a bit of child development.

Maria: Sure, if you don’t mind lessons of dubious historical accuracy. The movie clearly places the invention of the machine gun, the adolescence of Charlie Chaplin, the knighting of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the Boxer Rebellion in 1887, which is blatantly untrue. Also Chon Lin wouldn’t have been able to do much karate with her feet bound.

Kate: Alright, the history is dubious, I’ll give you that. I’ll even grant that the movie was a big joke. However, it was way more entertaining than “8 Mile.” At least you can see Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson sporting mullets.

Maria: I still would have been able to do much karate with my feet bound.

Kate: You do have to admit that it topped “Shanghai Noon.” Unlike its predecessor, “Shanghai Knights” abandoned any semblance of seriousness for pure slapstick. You’ve got to respect any movie where Wilson refers to himself as a “30-year-old water-gigolo.”

K: You’re right that “Shanghai Knights” is more entertaining than “Shanghai Noon.” In the first movie the attempts at plot and morals interfere with Chan and Wilson’s rapport more than propelling any substance. Wilson’s greatest strength in “Shanghai Knights” is something the guys of Keanu’s Hall have sought after for years— he makes offensive things sound so ridiculous that he actually becomes more lovable and charming for saying them.

M: The effect is totally lost when “Shanghai Noon” tries to make him serious. “Shanghai Knights” also does a better job of showcasing the talents of the man who, since his debut as leading actor in “New Fist of Fury” in 1976, has become the most recognizable name in martial arts movies. The action sequences in “Shanghai Knights” are openly acknowledged as fight scenes, leaving the audience free to marvel at Chan’s skill.

K: “Shanghai Knights” also has the advantage of a better plot. In “Shanghai Noon” they spend the entire movie trying to retrieve a kidnapped princess, but in the end somehow become sheriffs instead. The high point of the film is when Wilson casually inherits Chan’s wife. The plot feels disjointed. “Shanghai Knights” follows them as they attempt to reclaim the Imperial Seal of China and avenge the death of Chon Wang’s father. The boys clearly travel to England to prevent a recapitulation from using the seal to illicitly assume the throne. The plot isn’t excellent, but it isn’t horrible—sort of like South Dining Hall food. Fann Wang also makes a much better heroine as Chan’s sister Lin Wang than Lucy Liu in did as Princess Pei Pei in "Shanghai Noon." She manages to kick butt even more than her big brother while simultaneously stealing Wilson’s heart.

M: The movie is not totally critically acclaimed, but a lot of the criticisms are exactly what you might expect for a movie built on the prospect of cultural misunderstanding between a former Imperial Guard and an old west cowboy. It relies on the charm of its actors to pull it through, and luckily for the audience the actors are well-suited to the job. As long as you know what you’re in for and don’t expect a work of art, “Shanghai Knights” will deliver enough great action shots and one-liners to satisfy your tastes.

As for saying them.

K: This movie doesn’t claim to be a work of art, it isn’t a waste of $5.50 either. It’s the grande monfat decaf vanilla cappuccino of film—essentially useless, but enjoyable nonetheless.

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Garnett’s 26 points, 15 boards garner win for Timberwolves

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Just imagine what a well-rested Kevin Garnett could do today.

Garnett, the road-weary All-Star MVP, had 26 points and 15 rebounds for his 10th double-double this season to lead the surging Minnesota Timberwolves past the struggling Cleveland Cavaliers 102-91 Wednesday night.

“We were working off an hour and 30 minutes worth of sleep today,” Garnett said in explaining the Timberwolves’ slow start. “You can’t give excuses, you’ve got to come out and play.”

Garnett did exactly that after a sluggish first quarter. He battled the Cavaliers with a series of spin moves, mixed in a few mid-range jumpers and finished 8-for-17 from the field.

“We couldn’t find anybody to match up with him,” said Ricky Davis, who led Cleveland with 26 points.

After scoring 37 points in the All-Star Game Sunday in Atlanta, Garnett had 26 points in a home win Tuesday night. The team stayed in Minnesota because of a storm in Cleveland, then got up early Wednesday and arrived a few hours before the game.

“We needed a lot of character in playing without 100 percent energy,” Garnett said.

Wally Szczerbiak scored 18 points for the Timberwolves, who won their fourth straight and 16th in 12 games.

Jumaine Jones added 18 points for Cleveland, which looked like the 12th time in 14 games and fell to 2-8 under interim coach Keith Smart.

It was Davis’ first game against his former team since the Cavs matched a $34 million, six-year offer sheet he received from the Minnesota Timberwolves in August. At the time, Davis’ agent, Dan Fegan, said his client would rather play with the Timberwolves and that the Cavs would be making a mistake if they took by locking Davis into a long-term contract.

Davis has since maintained that he likes Cleveland and wants to help the Cavs, who have the league’s worst record, rebuild.

“I think about it a lot,” Davis said of not joining Garnett. “I just have to let it go. It is hard to think about.

“He’s a great, great player.”

Garnett passed on similar regards.

“I always thought Rick was one of the up-and-coming dominant players,” he said. “He jibber-jabbers a bit, so we hit him with ‘what could have been’ and wished him luck.”

Garnett scored 13 of his 21 points in the final five minutes as the Raptors beat the Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night for their season-high eighth straight win.

Antonio Davis added 22 points and nine rebounds for the Raptors, who have won five of six since Carter returned to the lineup after missing 23 straight games with a strained right knee. Carter has missed 33 games with injuries to both knees.

“Vince in the fourth quarter is what obviously we needed,” said Davis, whose team went 6-27 without Carter. “I think before we would play great quarters, but then we could never finish up games.”

Carter went 4-for-5 from the field before scoring 13 points in the final 4:50. He finished 8-for-20 from the field.

“I had to take the initiative to step up and make something happen,” Carter said. “I couldn’t take a shot to save my life earlier so I had to keep going.”

Carter denied early struggles had anything to do with his injured knee.

“I was just missing,” Carter said. “Everything is fine. It just wasn’t going in.”

Glenn Robinson had 26 points for the Hawks, who have lost three straight.

“Toronto’s playing well and having Vince back has obviously helped them,” Atlanta coach Terry Stotts said.

Shaquille Abdul-Rahim scored 24 of his 34 points in the third quarter to help Atlanta enter the fourth quarter with a six-point lead.

Carter’s fadeaway jumper cut Atlanta’s lead to one with 4:50 left. Davis’ three-point play tied it at 82 with 3:35 left, and Carter’s free throw and 3-pointer gave Toronto a four-point lead with 2:40 to go.

After Robinson committed Atlanta’s 16th turnover, Davis made one of two free throws.

Atlanta’s Theo Ratliff hit a jumper, but Carter followed with one of his own to make it 89-84 with 1:24 remaining.

Philadelphia 219, Chicago 111

The Philadelphia 76ers expect to blow many teams out of the way these days — even the lowly Chicago Bulls.

The Sixers, playing without several key frontcourt players, were unable to stop the NBA’s worst road team down the stretch and allow almost cost them a win Wednesday night.

Philadelphia blew an 11-point lead with 3:45 left in the fourth quarter, but Allen Iverson scored four of his 36 points in overtime to lift the 76ers to the victory.

Jalen Rose’s sealing 18-footer with 7.6 seconds left in regulation tied it at 109 to cap Chicago’s comeback.

Rose finished with season highs of 35 points and 13 assists.

Tyson Chandler had 21 points, 17 rebounds and a career-high seven blocks for the Bulls, who lost their seventh straight game and fell to 2-26 away from home.

“Chicago is two-and-something on the road and we’re in a dogfight,” Iverson said. “We got the win, that’s the positive thing. The negative thing is the end of the game. I guess our execution was not there as far as defense.”

The 76ers were without Todd MacCulloch (foot) and Monty Williams (knee), along with Samuel Dalembert and Sam Clancy, both of whom are on the injured list with knee injuries. Their absence is felt most on the defensive end.

“We have no shot-blocker.”

Sixers coach Larry Brown said. “We have a forward playing center and a small backcourt. That’s just the hand we’re dealt and we just have to get by.

Philadelphia forward Keith Van Horn steals the ball from the Chicago forward Donnyell Marshall during overtime of the 76ers’ win in Philadelphia Wednesday.
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San Diego

Less than an hour after Phil Mickelson acknowledged he was wrong to criticize Tiger Woods’ equipment, his cell phone rang.

― just like that, golf’s latest feud appeared to be over.

“I did call him back,” Woods said Wednesday. “We talked and cleared the air. Everything is fine. No worries. As we all know, Phil can try to be a smart aleck at times. I think that was one of those instances where it just backfired on him.”

The only worry Woods has now is the condition of his left knee — and his game.

“Hopefully, it’s much better than it was last week,” he said. “I did not mean anything malicious by it, or I wasn’t trying to make a derogatory statement toward anybody. I still should not have gone in that area.”

Mickelson said he apologized to Nike, and left Woods a few messages on his cell phone. Within an hour, Woods finally called him back.

“He apologized. He was sorry for what he had done,” Woods said. “It wasn’t a personal shot at me. I thought it was Phil trying to be funny, and it didn’t come off right at all.”

Woods might not forget the comments that easily. During his practice round Tuesday, he ripped one drive down the middle and said with a smile, “Not bad for inferior equipment.”

But now, on to more important things. “We’re here to compete and not worry about things like that,” Woods said.

Woods hasn’t competed against anybody, but his father since he finished second in the Target World Challenge on Dec. 6. Tired of being in pain for the better part of two years, he had arthroscopic surgery four days later.

Woods played twice in Florida last week, but Tuesday was the first time he’d played 18 holes while walking. He expects no trouble when the tournament begins.

The same could be said of his relationship with Mickelson — probably not 100 percent but better than it was last week, and good enough for them to hash it out. Mickelson caused a stir last week when he said in an interview with Golf Magazine that Woods has “inferior” clubs. He then tried to pay Woods a compliment by saying he was the only player good enough to “overcome the equipment he’s stuck with.”

Woods had been using Titleist equipment until changing to the Nike Golf ball in 2000, the driver last year at Pebble Beach and the irons in September. He had great success at that,” Woods said.

“Over the last six years, Mickelson made no excuses Wednesday, nor did he dodge any criticism.

“It was an area that I just never should have gone,” he said. “I did not mean anything malicious by it, or I wasn’t trying to make a derogatory statement toward anybody. I still should not have gone in that area.”

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NHL

Jagr, Capitals explode for 5 first period goals

Thrashers lose second straight decision

Associated Press

Led by Jaromir Jagr, the Washington Capitals scored five goals in the first period and cruised to a victory over the Atlanta Thrashers.

The Capitals had five goals on their first eight shots against goalie Byron Dafoe, who was booted lustily by the Philips Arena crowd and wound up being replaced by Pasi Nurminen at the start of the second period.

Washington extended its domination of the Southeast Division, improving to 11-2-1 against rival Atlanta, Carolina, Florida and Tampa Bay.

Dafoe, who won at New Jersey in his last start, didn’t come up with any big saves against the Capitals. Of course, he didn’t get much help from his teammates, either.

Washington scored its first goal off a 3-on-1 break. Before the opening period was done, the Capitals also had converted a 2-on-1 rush, a breakaway and a deflection.

The Thrashers lost their second in a row, once again missing a chance to surpass their win total of all last season.

Jagr set the tone right away, scoring his 31st goal just 1:58 into the game. He broke down right wing with two teammates, played give-and-go with Kip Miller and fired a shot past the helpless Dafoe.

Just 2:02 later, the Capitals pushed the lead to 2-0. This time, Jagr passed off to Robert Lang, who put a shot through the legs of Frantisek Kaberle — the only defender back — and past Dafoe.

Blue Jackets 1, Sharks 0

Marc Denis stopped 38 shots and Rick Nash provided the only goal as the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the San Jose Sharks.

It was the first time the Blue Jackets had ever won a 1-0 game.

The shutout was Denis’ third of the year and seventh of his career. He faced 19 shots in the first two periods and 19 in the third as the Sharks turned up the pressure.

Denis came into the game 0-4-0 against the Sharks with a 5.11 goals-against average.

San Jose, which lost its fourth in a row, had beaten the Blue Jackets in their last four meetings. Columbus tied a franchise record as it stretched its home streak to six (4-0-2).

Nash, a top contender for rookie of the year, picked up his 12th goal — and first game-winner — at 7:13 of the first period.

Nash ended up with the puck near the blue line at the right boards and skated in on San Jose goaltender Mikka Kiprusoff. Nash fired a shot from the right circle that appeared to handcuff Kiprusoff, skipping off the goalie and bouncing badly behind him into the net.

Nash was playing his first game on the Blue Jackets’ No. 1 line. He was moved up from the third line and replaced Geoff Sanderson, who was dropped to the third unit.

David Vyborny and Scott Lachance picked up assists. Lachance collecting his first point of the season in 41 games and his first in a Columbus uniform.

Senators 3, Penguins 0

Tom Dahlman scored his first NHL goal and Patrick Lalime stopped 20 shots for his sixth shutout of the season.

The Ottawa Senators beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-0.

Marian Hossa, the NHL’s second-leading goal scorer, and Chris Neil also scored for the Senators, who moved within one point of Dallas for the league’s overall points lead.

The game was the Penguins’ first since the eight-player trade sending Alexei Kovalev to the New York Rangers on Monday.

Three players acquired in that trade, forwards Rico Fata and Mikael Samuelsson and defenseman Joel Bouchard, were in the Pittsburgh lineup, along with defensemen Michael Heisley, acquired from San Jose one day earlier.

Rangers 3, Panthers 1

Sandy McCarthy scored his second goal of the season late in the second period and Mike Dunham made 27 saves as the New York Rangers snatched a seven-game winning streak against the Panthers with a victory at Florida.

Alexei Kovalev, acquired from Pittsburgh in an eight-player trade Monday, scored an empty-net goal with 10.8 seconds left. He also had a couple of good scoring chances in the first period.

Defenseman Tom Poti also scored for the Rangers, who gave Glen Sather his first victory since he took over as coach Jan. 10, when he fired Bryan Trottier. The Rangers had been 0-2-1-1 under Sather.

Olli Jokinen had the lone Florida goal.

Robert Luongo made 23 saves for Florida.

Capitals Dainius Zubrus skates on a break away to score against the Thrashers in the first period. Washington defeated Atlanta 5-1 Wednesday night.

Florida missed a great chance to tie it in the third period when Valeri Bure picked up a loose puck to the right of Dunham and had the top of the net open. But Bure couldn’t lift the puck over a sprawling Dunham, who made the pad save.

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Struggling Billikens edge No. 2 Cardinals, ending win streak

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ST. LOUIS

Downsized Saint Louis came up with a victory to hang its season on.

Marque Perry scored five of his 25 points in the final 13 seconds and maneuvered inside for the game-winning layup with 3.2 seconds to go as Saint Louis upset second-ranked Louisville 59-58 on Wednesday night.

"It's no big I can't explain it," Perry said. "Coach told us if we're real close at the end, you never know what can happen."

The Billikens (9-12, 3-7) were coming off a pair of road losses to middle-of-the-road Conference USA teams, making them an unlikely team to put an end to the nation's longest winning streak.

Saint Louis had lost 16 in a row since a two-point loss to Purdue on Nov. 30 in the second game of the season, and coach Rick Pitino said the Cardinals' 14-for-20 showing at the free-throw line was the difference.

"They played a terrific game and stopped us right there for the first 39 minutes," Pitino said. "Now it's time to start a new streak."

Reece Gaines had a season-high 28 points, five rebounds and three assists for the Cardinals, who had been beating their opponents by an average of 19 points. That also was the margin of victory in the first meeting between the teams at Louisville on Jan. 11, a 73-54 victory.

This was by far the lowest scoring total for Louisville, which is averaging 84 points, and had no other players in double figures. Center Marvin Stone, averaging 13 points, was scoreless in 30 minutes.

Chris Sloan and Josh Fisher added 11 points apiece for Saint Louis, which despite its problems has won five of six in the series. Sloan had one of the big plays in the waning minutes with a steal and dunk that cut the gap to 57-54 with 50.8 seconds left, and also hit a 3-pointer at the end of the half.

"Top to bottom, they're a lot more talented team than we are," Sloan said. "Hustling was going to be the difference to pull out a win."

Perry scored on a drive and converted a three-point play with 13.2 seconds left to cut the gap to 57-54 with 1:58 to go. But he struggled down the stretch, missing one of two free throws with 24.4 seconds to go and also being called for traveling and missing the front end of a bonus attempt in the final six minutes.

Perry said the Cardinals had taken three points away from him, leaving one to cut the gap to 57-50 with 5.0 seconds left, and also hit a 3-pointer at the end of the half.

Gaines was hard off the backcourt as he started the buzzer on a shot a few steps beyond the midcourt stripe.

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Law School Chapel
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Faculty Lounge

Cluttered Mind?
Just Take a Nap

by Jemar Tisby
Campus Ministry Intern

Last Sunday I attempted to clean my bedroom. I stood at the doorway to my room for a moment and surveyed the situation. My sheets needed washing, the carpet needed vacuuming, my desktop needed tidying, and three weeks worth of laundry needed cleaning. I took all this in for a moment and then I turned on my heel and walked away to take a nap and process. It’s not that I didn’t want to clean my room, I just didn’t know where to start.

At Notre Dame our lives tend to get so cluttered that we don’t even know how to begin cleaning them. We’ve all got so many demands on our time from classes, to meetings, to friends, to family; you name it and it’s got a time slot in our planner. Time is at a premium at Notre Dame and all of our busyness has a drastically detrimental effect on our mental state. We cram an absurd amount of activity into 24 short hours and never stop for more than a couple of minutes and then we wonder why we can’t seem to figure out anything in our lives. This amount of action is a major drain on us emotionally and spiritually. We don’t take the time to sit down and think about life and about God and to process all the things that are happening in and around us. Soon our minds become littered with unresolved issues and we end up feeling overcome with confusion because we don’t know which issue to untangle first.

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After I opted to sleep rather than clean my room that Sunday, I lay on the couch in that euphoric post-nap haze for a while and processed. My thoughts meandered their way around some particularly perplexing situations in my life—including cleaning my room—and after a while, I was able to come in knowing that God always has a way of working out the most troubling dilemmas. I got up and went back to my room. It was still a mess. Everything was just as I had left it, but I felt more clear-minded and less overwhelmed. I was clean.

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Miller wins third medal at world championships

**Miller is first American to win giant slalom world title in 21 years**

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ST. MORITZ, Switzerland

Bode Miller became the first American man to win three medals in a world championship. He is the first to capture two golds. He's also the first American to win the giant slalom world title in 21 years.

Yet Miller was happiest for teammate Erik Schlopy.

The two friends realized a lifelong ambition Wednesday, climbing the podium together for the first time.

Miller rallied in typical thrilling style to win his second title of the championship, while Schlopy delivered the day's most dazzling run to take the bronze behind Austria's Hans Knauss.

"It's the most important medal of my life, sharing it with Erik," said Miller, who also won the combined and shared the silver in the super giant slalom. "But I'm happiest for him. Today was really tough and really special, to see Erik ski the way he can."

"We've been waiting for this a long time and for it to happen at the world championship is amazing. It's great for our country, but it's even better for Erik and me, and the team.

Miller, a 25-year-old skier from Frascati, N.J., became the first American to win the giant slalom world title since Steve Mahre in 1982. Last season in Val d'Isere, France, Miller became of the first U.S. skier to win a World Cup giant slalom since Phil Mahre in 1983. The next day, in Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, he won a slalom, the first to do so since Steve Mahre that same season.

At the Olympics last winter, Miller gave the United States its first Olympic medal in the giant slalom as well as another silver in the combined, ending an eight-year medal drought for the U.S. men's Alpine skiers.

He'll have another chance to break records in Sunday's slalom.

Schlopy has had decidedly less success. The 38-year-old skier from Park City, Utah, has never won a World Cup race and his best results are a pair of second places in 2001. He is just 15th in the World Cup giant slalom standings. In the slalom, he's 24th.

Something Miller fails to comprehend.

"He's got the kind of speed that when he skis at his best, like today, no one can touch him," Miller said. "If he breaks through after this, no one on the World Cup will be able to touch him, myself included.

With six medals and three races left in the championships the Americans have surpassed their previous best of five, set in 1982 in Schladming, Austria. They are currently one behind Austria.

Miller can't wait for more medals to pile up.

"They are going to sit there and wait for friends to join them," he said. "I am starting quite a collection in my room right now."

Christin Cooper, an NBC commentator at this event, earned two silvers and a bronze at the 1982 championship in Schladming.

This marked the first time American men had two skiers among the top three at a world championship, though Americans Billy Kidd and James Huga finished second and third in the slalom at the 1964 Innsbruck Olympics, which also counted as the world championship.

With Miller fourth and Schlopy third after the opening leg, both needed to make up ground. In his final run down the sun-scorched Engiadina course, Schlopy delivered a blistering run to build a massive lead.

His time withstood 21 assaults from other racers until Miller sped down for a time of 2 minutes, 45.93 seconds, a mere 0.04 seconds ahead of Schlopy.

The two watched nervously in the finish area as Knauss, the fastest in the opening leg, charged the course, leading most of the way. But the Austrian failed to extend his hands fully as he crossed the finish line, and squeezed in between the two Americans. He ended up a 0.02 seconds behind Miller and 0.01 head of Schlopy.

"I'll leave this mountain with the memory of my second run," Schlopy said. "My gold medal is to be on the podium with Bode."

For Knauss, the silver was bittersweet.

"There was a lot of tension at the start," he said. "I'd seen on the TV screen that Erik had done tremendously well. I knew I couldn't play it safe."

Michael von Gontingen of Switzerland, defending champion and World Cup leader in the event, was third after the first run. He raced after Miller and dropped behind. So did Benjamin Raich of Austria, second after the first heat.
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**PGA TOUR**

**Annicka Sorenstam will play PGA Tour event**

Associated Press

**FORT WORTH**

Annicka Sorenstam won't have to worry about being overshadowed on the LPGA Tour anymore. She won't have to deal with the attention that comes with being the world's best female golfer on the Women's Professional Golf Association Tour. She won't have to deal with the pressures that come with being the world's best female golfer on the Women's Professional Golf Association Tour.

She won 13 times around the world last year, shattering the tour's scoring record and finishing out of the top 10 only three times. The year before, she became the first woman to shoot 19,010 and earn more than $1 million in one season.

"I just think she wants to find out how good she really is, and if the gap between women's golf and men's golf is that great — or not great at all," Tiger Woods said.

Other players are equally interested in how she will fare against the best in golf at an event steeped in tradition and made famous by Ben Hogan.

"Annika's accomplishments show that she is certainly deserving," Tournament chairman Dee Flippus said.

He said no Colonial members voiced objections to Sorenstam's participation in the event.

Sorenstam picked the perfect course — one that doesn't require as much power off the tee. Colonial is 7,080 yards (par 70) and puts a premium on accuracy, Sorenstam's forte.

History is hardly on her side.

The last woman to play on the PGA Tour was Babe Zaharias, one of the greatest all-around female athletes ever. She qualified for the 1945 Los Angeles Open and made the 36-hole cut before she was eliminated in the third round with a 79.

"I'm as curious as anybody to see how the best PGA player of today, and possibly all time, will play against the men," Phil Mickelson said.

Mickelson, a past champi

on at Colonial, predicted Sorenstam would "define" the cut and probably finish 20th.

Still, it gives the issue of women in golf even more attention.

Martha Burk and the National Council of Women's Organizations have made headlines for urging Augusta National to allow a female member before the Masters in April.

**IN BRIEF**

Garcia wins arbitration case against Mariners

Seattle pitcher Freddy Garcia was awarded the third-highest salary ever in arbitration when he won his case against the Mariners on Wednesday.

The 26-year-old right-hander was awarded $6,875,000 by arbitrators Richard Bloch, Jack Clarke and William Holley, who heard the case a day earlier at St. Petersburg. The Mariners wanted to pay $5.9 million.

Garcia went 16-10 with a 4.39 ERA last year, when he earned $3.8 million.

Since arbitration began in 1974, the only players awarded more were Andruw Jones of Atlanta ($8.2 million in 2001) and Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees ($7.25 million) in 2000. Rivera lost his case.

Players and owners have split the four cases decided thus far, with Florida left-hander Mark Redman also winning. Martins right-hander Vladimir Nunez and Cincinnati left-hander Bruce Chen lost their cases.

Nine players remain scheduled for hearings through Feb. 20.

Houston shortstop Julio Lugo and Baltimore second baseman Jerry Hairston settled on one-year contracts just before their hearings were scheduled to start Wednesday.

Lugo gets $1,575,000 and Hairston gets $1.15 million, with both having the chances to earn $75,000 more in performance bonuses.

The 26-year-old Lugo had asked for $1.8 million, $300,000 more than the Astros' offer. He hit .261 last season with eight homers and 35 RBIs in 88 games, and made $335,000. His season ended when he was hit by a pitch while playing the Chicago Cubs on Aug. 12 and broke his left arm.

Hairston, 26, hit .268 with five homers, 32 RBIs and 22 steals last year, and made $200,000. He had asked for $1.8 million and had been offered $1.15 million.

Governor wants Nebraska football players paid

Gov. Mike Johanns is backing a legislative proposal to pay Nebraska football players.

"Paying the players would be above board and straightforward," Johanns said Wednesday. "College football has become a multimillion-dollar industry that should do much better for its athletes."

A bill introduced by state Sen. Ernie Chambers would require football players to be paid a stipend. It would take effect only if three other states that have teams in the Big 12 Conference pass similar laws.

Chambers contends football players are exploited, unable to capitalize on work that generates millions of dollars. He said NCAA rules governing money players can earn are too complex and easy to violate for small infractions.
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the paint as Notre Dame outscored St. John's 40-8 inside.

"Our game plan was try to stop them inside and obviously we didn't do too good of a job of that," Red Storm coach Kim Barnes Arico said. "They have a powerful team inside. ... That's the strength of their team and we tried to take it away and we couldn't." Notre Dame's defense didn't have a bad showing either. For the fourth time in their last six games, the Irish have held their opponent to less than 60 points. As a team, Notre Dame recorded 14 steals against the Red Storm. Four were Flocky's — another career-high for the sophomore post player. McGraw credits her team's new 1-3-1 zone defense for some of Notre Dame's recent defensive success. Until recently, the Irish had been playing a 2-3 zone that their opponents prepared for. But opponents aren't quite sure what they'll see now.

"We have a new zone that's pretty good," McGraw said. "I think that it's a little bit different and I think it's sort of surprising the other team a little bit."

But McGraw also admitted that the 34.7 percent St. John's shot from the floor could not be attributed wholly to Notre Dame's defense. It was also a result of bad shooting for the Red Storm. Aside from guard Shemika Stevens, who tallied 20 points in Wednesday night's contest, only one member of the St. John's team scored more than five points.

"I didn't think [our defense] was quite as good tonight, I think [St. John's] missed some shots," McGraw said.

And without any defense inside the paint, St. John's was doomed for defeat.

"We're not a very potent offensive team," Barnes Arico said. "So if we can't stop these teams and hold them to 50s, low 60s, we're in trouble. They did a good job tonight, found the open person, moved the ball around."

The Irish took the lead just 15 seconds into the game when Borton scored on an assist from Batteast. A lay-up by Le'Tania Severe gave them a 10-point lead they never relinquished, leaving them with a 35-20 lead at half.

Note:
- St. John's senior Danielle Rainey was declared ineligible and did not play on Wednesday night. The University realized through an administrative error that Rainey's eligibility had expired at the end of first semester. The team is currently awaiting a decision from the NCAA as to whether it will extend Rainey's eligibility.

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Palentologist Paul Sereno has encountered some of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scariest things he's discovered aren't likely to become extinct anytime soon. Sad to say, mutual fund management fees will probably outlast us all. That's why Dr. Sereno was afraid of getting eaten alive, so he turned to a company famous for keeping the costs down. That meant more money for him and less for the monsters.

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only a year apart in age.
However, their relationship
extended beyond their close-
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An unforgettable experience
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Boyces were
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Kyle Braid
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Grove, Colo.
Both sisters
attended the
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lowing their
senior-year
high school.
"It was a great experience,
and it became yet another thing
that Bridget and I shared, and
brought us even closer togeth-
er," said Katie.
However, the two were soon
apart, as Katie was the first to
decide on Saint Mary's. They
come from a family that loves
both Saint Mary's and Notre
Dame, and grew up going to
football games in the fall.
"I really felt at home here [at
Saint Mary's and Notre Dame],
and I wanted to be at a small
school where I could play bas-
tball," said Katie.
However, she was surprised
when Bridget chose to follow
her footsteps.
"I really thought that she was
going to go to a big school," Katie
said. "I never imagined
her here."
Now that both Boyces have
arrived at Saint Mary's, they
look to leave their marks, both
on and off the basketball court,
as they have become a key part
of the Belles squad.
"They are two players who try
their hardest all the time and
push themselves to be better," Co-
ach Suzanne
Bellina said.
Bridget, a 5-
foot-7 shooting
guard, has
stepped up as
a freshman
this year,
starting 13
games and
averaging 7.4
points per game. She
also leads the
Belles in
steals per game.
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Katie Boyce
Belles point guard
"Bridget has had to
come in a step into a
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right away," said Bellina.
"She's had to con-
tribute early, just as the other
cyoung players."
Katie, on the other hand, is
naturally a point guard. The 5-
foot-2 sophomore averages 4.4
points and a team high 1.9
steals per game. She also shoots
37 percent from the arc and
has started 12 games for the Belles.
However, Katie's contribu-
tions have not been limited to
her play on the court. She has
been instrumental in helping
Bridget adjust to the college
life.
"Their family is extremely
close," said Bellina. "Katie had
a tough time adjusting last year,
and this year having Katie here
has helped Bridget so much."
Although Katie has helped
Bridget adjust, both girls have
benefitted from attending the
same college.
"It has been so nice for both of
us," Katie said. "To have some-
one in your family here is
great because it makes it feel
more like home."
It is because of their family
ties that the Boyce sisters have
been able to handle this sea-
son's disappointing record for
the Belles who
are (5-16, 1-
9).
"It has been disappointing
so far, but the season is not
over," said Katie. "We just
have to learn to have a winning
attitude, and take it one step at
a time."

Now that they're on the same
team again, the Boyce sisters
can take that step toward win-
ning together.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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HAPPY TOWN

Hhhm... do I want some frozen yogurt?... No no no, I know I don't need any. 

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Happy Birthday: Your desire to get things done properly will cause you to try to do everything yourself. Romance can set the pace for a highly energetic and engaging year. This is your year to think and then take action — in that order. Your numbers are 4, 19, 20, 27, 36, 41.

ABRAMS (March 21-April 19): Don't let your worries stand in the way of getting things done. Once you get started you will find it easy to follow through. Focus on the positive, not the negative. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may be a little stubborn and pushy today. Problems with a friend or relative will stir up from circumstances concerning beliefs. Avoid getting personal. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Money and emotional matters may be intertwined today. Learn to say no to those who have no care to spend your hard-earned cash. Control your finances. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Voice your concerns rather than letting your healthy growth go today. Once you lay all your cards on the table you will be able to get to the bottom of your problems and ease your stress. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Use your keen eyes to give your surroundings a bit of a face-lift, with the OK from your housemates. This is a good day to look around for a special item for your home. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep your eyes open for a good project that could lead to financial gains. Each project that you plan to become negative in your responses toward others. Being positive will always bring better results. ★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't expect anything for nothing today. Do your own thing and refrain from styling on anyone. Reserve judgment on those who are uncertain. You don't have all the facts. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's time to try new things. The experiences you have today will lead to all sorts of interesting possibilities. Take action now. ★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): New projects will lead nowhere today, so rest and enjoy yourself! Lots can be learned if you take a break and sharing ideas with people. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This may not be the most enjoyable day for you, but it will be one that brings resolve. You may have to face your own demons and be honest and open with yourself as well as others. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider the changes that you can make to your living quarters. Real estate opportunities are present. Check out joining an organization that serves those in need. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The more time you spend dealing with other people and what they are experiencing, the less time you will have to deal with your own mishaps. Physical activity will relieve stress. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You will have a likeable person who always has something to say and lots of ideas to share. You will be interested in everything and willing to do whatever is necessary in order to enjoy what life has to offer.

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Irish breeze through Red Storm

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The most exciting part of Wednesday's game between Notre Dame and St. John's may have been in the stands. A F
cutout of a Lipscomb fan screamed "Cheer!" at the Notre Dame players as they entered the field.

The Irish have been on a roll recently, and that didn't change Wednesday night.

"I thought that everybody who came in did a good job contributing," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "It was nice to see that number. That was a really great thing." 

Jacqueline Batteast and Alicia Ratay led the potent Irish offense that finished with four players in double figures and a total of 16 assists, including a career-high five for Katy Flecky. Despite Ratay's nine points off 3-pointers and another trey from Courtney LaVere, it was in the paint that the Irish really found success.

Batteast paired up with teammate Terese Burton to work the ball inside against a slightly smaller St. John's team. All three of Batteast's assists went to Burton for easy layups in the lane.

"It has been kind of funny," said Katie. "It was always a joke in our family, because we always played the same sports, but were never on the same team."

The two finally managed to play together two years ago when Katie was a senior and Bridget was a junior at Mother McAuley High School in Chicago.

"It really made my senior year to finally play with her, because in volleyball we weren't on the same team either."

Both sisters were two-sport standouts in high school, playing volleyball in addition to basketball, at Mother McAuley, a private, all-girls high school. The fact that they participated in the same sports brought the two together growing up in Oak Lawn, a Chicago suburb.

"We were the closest in age of all our siblings, and we just have so much in common," Katie said.

In a family that includes an older brother and four younger sisters, Katie and Bridget were

Belles get rung again

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Despite the frosty conditions in South Bend, the heat was on in the Irish Athletic Center as St. Mary's basketball battled toe-to-toe with Albion College Wednesday night.

The game hit a critical turning point only a few minutes into the second half as Britons went into the game with a 9-point lead, 18-17, with six minutes remaining in the game.

"This three-game series is something we've been waiting for," said coach Suzanne Bellina. "Our ladies came ready to play today and it showed in their intensity."

The Belles' lost a small spurt by the Britons to keep the lead, 18-17, with six minutes remaining in the half. Both teams flexed their muscle statistically in the first half with Albion shooting 37 percent from the field, while Saint Mary's connected on 43 percent of their shots.

The game hit a critical turning point only a few minutes into the second half as Britons took over on a 3-pointer by guard Joceyl Zappala, giving them a 9-point lead which they would never relinquish. A glimmer of hope shown through for the Belles in only the last minute of the game as one of center Maureen Bush's five assists was answered by a 3-pointer from point guard Katie Miller with only 42.6 seconds left on the clock. 

The pressure intensified as Katie Miller sank a jumper to the echoes of silence that fell upon the nervous Belle audience, bringing Saint Mary's within three at 48-45 with only 1.4 seconds left on the clock. The Belles took a timeout but were unable to engineer any workable play.

"(The end of the game situations) were the kind of moments we practice for," said Bellina. "The girls were ready for the pressure and they handled it just as they should have." 

The Belles look forward to their next games as a chance for redemption and a chance to salvage what's left of their season when they face Calvin College at home this Saturday.

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Notre Dame 76
Saint John's 48

Jacqueline Batteast and Alicia Ratay lead Irish to an easy win over the Red Storm. In their past three games, the Irish have held their opponents to less than 60 points.

SMC BASKETBALL

Albion 48
Saint Mary's 45

After leading halftime, the Belles fail to begin a three-game homestand with a win.

SMC BASKETBALL

The Boyce sisters, playing on the same team for only the second time in their athletic careers, work together during the Belles' struggling season. 

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