Students leaders from the Council of Representatives met Monday evening to discuss issues related to the proposed student union constitution and student body president Jeremy Lao's upcoming report to the University's Board of Trustees. Leaders continued to debate the creation of a programming body to coordinate events on the campus and dorm levels.

Under the proposal discussed Monday, a Campus Programming Council would have representatives from each dorm, and would create campus-wide events, fulfilling a role similar to that of the current Student Union Board. In addition, a Residential Programming Council would coordinate in-dorm events, assuming the Hall Presidents Council's responsibilities in that area. An executive cabinet would oversee the work of both bodies.

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

SMC students experience teaching

By TERESA NOWAKOWSKI
News Writer

For Saint Mary's students looking toward a future in teaching, the teacher education program at the College provides a rigorous training program designed to heighten experience in the field before graduation.

Student teachers are encouraged to develop overarching "big ideas" in which an important lesson is taught and the technical and normal curriculum requirements are taught within that idea. Students are required to observe and gain experience in the classroom beginning their sophomore year, which leads to greater confidence in student teaching as well as going into the field as a licensed teacher.

This year's teacher education program includes 52 elementary, three elementary-middle school, six middle school-secondary and 23 secondary education student teachers.

Kathy Green, an assistant professor of education and the program director, said that each of the students "have the right motivation and disposition to be great teachers."

Senior Anne Courtney began teaching kindergarten at Darden Primary Center this semester.

"A student teacher must have the right temperament," she said. "Not just anybody can be a teacher; you have to be open to so much." A different disposition is required when observing and teaching in middle school versus high school. Junior Lindsay Downs has been observing in the classroom and finds that with "older kids, you're allowed to be more yourself," which leads to an increase in security and trust. Lindsay Evans, a senior student teacher placed with 9th and 12th graders at Clay High School, said that younger students typically exert higher immaturity levels, thus leading to...
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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Lamenting half-time**

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Dillon Hall sprouts moustaches for charity

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Grunku Mux would be proud of the ones of Dillon Hall, whose 2004 "Stache Bash" encourages each resident to grow facial hair for charitable donations.

The fundraiser, which started Jan. 21, will continue until Feb. 13. Residents will accept pledges for each day of moustache growth, which will be donated to a testicular cancer awareness group.

Assistant Rector Alex Pagani, however, who is the brains behind the 'Stache Bash, said there are other motives for the fundraiser.

"We're really trying to change public opinion about the moustache," he said. "Since Tom Selluck went away, the moustache was going out of style."

Pagani came up with the idea of the bash two years ago, when he was an RA at Dillon discussing possible dance ideas.

"It took two years to get this all done," he said.

"This year, I got hired to come back as an RA, so we finally managed to convince the hall government to do it. The guys who are the presidents of the hall now were freshmen when we started to throw this idea around. They heard about it back then, but now they can finally grow moustaches."

"It's a good cause — good reason to do it," Pagani said of the fundraiser. "It's one thing to grow a moustache to look like an idiot, but it's another thing to do it for a good reason... (Dillon rector) Father [Paul] Doyle wanted it to be men's cancer to connect to growing moustaches."

According to the Sexual Health Peer Resource Center at Stanford University, men between the ages of 15 and 24 have the highest risk of developing testicular cancer. Although the disease has a 97 percent cure rate if caught in the early stages, many men ignore symptoms until they have progressed.

"The 'Stache Bash not only helps us raise money for charity," said Tom Draths, who says his moustache is coming along nicely, "but also gets us all looking as manly as Burt Reynolds."

Dillon strongly encourages each of its residents to support this endeavor. As members of the largest residence hall on campus, they have the chance to make a difference. As an added incentive, prizes will be awarded for the best and worst moustache growth.

Additionally, the hall-maintained Web site recognizes two residents each week for their outstanding efforts to date.

"I got into the event initially because it sounded fun — you always wonder what you look like with different facial hair going on, but you never want to do it because of that awkward growing stage," sophomore Peter Schroeder said. "Now with 300 guys doing it, we all look goofy, and when I found out it was for cancer, it made it that much better."

"Right now, I'd say the majority of the guys are [participating]," Pagani said, adding that, "most of the moustaches are going awful — in a fantastic sort of way."

"We're doing it for charity," freshman Tom Bradley said. "I just don't shave my moustache, but I can't grow much of one, so I just look dirty." He added that his efforts were "for our dance — it's the theme."

Pagani said he has seen a change for the better already on the campus of Notre Dame.

"A couple of nights ago, I actually had a girl tell me that because of Dillon Hall, she's starting to like guys with facial hair," Pagani said. "I'm proud that we're converting the women of Notre Dame, one by one."

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Jablonski-Diehl, Brown attend leadership conference

By LAUREN O'BRIEN
News Writer

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown attended the Indiana Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values in Indianapolis this past weekend.

As Saint Mary's student body president and vice president, they were nominated to represent Saint Mary's at the Forum by Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of student activities. In contrast to regular conferences around the country for residence hall and student activity boards, a conference for executive leadership is difficult to come across, Rosenbush said.

"We've been looking at different leadership conferences for awhile," Rosenbush said. "We thought this one might provide them with the opportunity to network with peers across the state."

Hosted by Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN), the forum centered on incorporating faith and values into event coordination as student government leaders, as well as transferring that to a more personal level before and after graduation.

"At Saint Mary's, we're lucky because we can count on faith and values being pretty consistent across the campus," Jablonski-Diehl said.

The conference opened Friday with a tour of the State House, followed by dinner in the House of Representatives Chamber. Several state representatives and senators spoke about their experiences of incorporating faith and values into their careers.

On Saturday, the focus was serving leadership through three service projects at a food bank, Good Shepherd Community Center and Wheeler Mission Ministries, a homeless shelter for men.

All colleges and universities in Indiana were invited to nominate student participants. A mix of private and public and large and small schools in Indiana attended.

The diverse attendance allowed Jablonski-Diehl and Brown the chance to compare the integration of faith and values into student government at the College.

"Saint Mary's is definitely right on track," Brown said. "We serve as an example to other schools," Brown said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Britain to probe Iraq intelligence scandal** LONDON — The British government said Monday it planned to follow the U.S. lead and investigate the intelligence on which Prime Minister Tony Blair based his decision to send the United States in going to war with Iraq.

Blair was expected to announce on Tuesday an official inquiry in an appearance before a parliamentary committee, just days after a senior judge cleared all 24 defendants of all allegations it distorted what it knew about Iraq's weapons programs to build a case for war.

"Mr. Blair will announce on Tuesday morning some sort of inquiry about the intelligence of Iraq's weapons before the war," a Blair spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

**Pakistani nuke boss sold secrets ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The admission by Pakistan's nuclear founder that he spread weapons technology to Iran, Libya and North Korea raised questions Monday about whether military figures knew of the transfers.

Officials said for the first time that two former army chiefs have been questioned in the scandal but weren't implicated.

The revelations Monday came as Pakistan combined its investigation that began in late November after Iran provided relevant information to the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the officials said.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf was expected to testify later this week about the nuclear probe in an address to the nation after a period of national holidays ends Thursday.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Feds accuse man of al-Qaida link MINNEAPOLIS — A man who authorities say helped train terrorists at a training camp in Afghanistan at the same time Osama bin Laden was there appeared in court Monday to hear charges that he conspired with the terror network al-Qaida.**

Mohammed Warsame answered "Yes" when the judge asked if he understood the charges against him.

A federal grand jury last month indicted the 26-year-old Somali as part of a conspiracy to provide material support to al-Qaida. FBI agents arrested Warsame on conspiracy to provide material witness warrant issued in New York.

**Man indicted in kidnapping MILWAUKEE — A man accused of abducting his ex-wife and beating his ex-wife with a base­ball bat was charged Monday with kidnapping and attempted homicide.**

A federal complaint said David Larsen, 39, of Menomonee Falls, Wis., threatened his ex-wife, Teri Jendusa-Nicolai, in the head with the bat after she threatened him with a hammer.

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**State News**

ABA says defenders overworked INDIANAPOLIS — Hundreds of Marion County Public Defenders were complaining Monday of overwork and low pay, a situation they said was getting worse because they are forced to handle too many cases, the American Bar Association said.

With caseloads numbering as high as 800, public defenders have no time to prepare for their trials, the director of the group's Juvenile Justice Center wrote in a preliminary report obtained by The Indianapolis Star.

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**THAILAND**

**Bird flu claims two more victims BANGKOK — Asia's bird flu death toll rose to 12 with the announce­ment Monday of two additional deaths, while China said it suspect­ed the virus has reached poultry in one of its most remote corners.**

U.N. officials warned the out­break was far from over.

The latest victims were an 18-year-old man in Vietnam who died Monday and a 58-year-old woman in Thailand whose death was con­firmed Monday to be from bird flu.

"Bird flu remains a serious public health threat and con­tinues to spread," said Dr. Changhui of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

The eruption of new infection cases in Thailand was a "windfall," Chinese media report.

Bird flu shows up in poultry in one of its most remote corners.

"It shows the disease is far from being under control," Changhui said.

The Indias believe the disease is spreading in Thailand and Vietnam, but the situation is less clear for China, where investi­gators may only now be picking up previously undetected cases.

The U.N. agency announced it was hosting an urgent three-day meeting in Rome beginning Tuesday on the bird flu crisis.

"Bird flu has struck poultry in at least 10 Asian countries, but infec­tions in people have been reported only in Thailand and Vietnam.

"Doctors in Germany were awaits­ting test results on a woman who recently returned from Thailand complaining of nausea, dizziness and fever. However, Herbert Schmitz, a virus expert at the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine in Hamburg, played down chances the woman has bird flu.

"The World Health Organization continued investigating the possi­bility two Vietnamese women caught the virus from a relative in what would be the first human-to-human transmission in this year's outbreak. But the WHO said there was no evidence of a new strain that can easily be passed among people.

"Witness accounts were not con­sistent, but WHO investigators say the most likely centers on a family wedding.

On the day of the wedding, Jan. 3, the groom and one of his sisters prepared a duck. The groom fell ill Jan. 6 and was hospitalized the next day. On Jan. 10, both the sis­ters who helped prepare the duck, as well as the bride — who did not fall ill. The next day, a second sister got sick.

"The groom died Jan. 12 and the bride and two sisters were hospi­talized a day later. The two sisters died, but the bride survived.

"Investigators could not trace the infections of the second sister or the bride to exposure to birds. Neither human-to-human transmis­sion nor direct contact with sick poultry can be ruled out, WHO said.

"Health officials may never be able to confirm what happened, in part because the brother's remains were cremated and because family accounts were conflicting.

"No other cases of people catching the virus from other people have been suspected anywhere else.
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difficulty when attempting to manage a classroom. Managing the classroom is one of the bigger fears that student teachers have. Upon entering the field professionally, Lizzie Siebert worries most about developing interesting curriculums while maintaining classroom control.
Like Siebert, many seniors worry about finding a job in the school in which they want to teach following graduation.
"The schools that are more attractive are more attractive to teachers," Courtney said.
Often, teachers have to take jobs in schools that they did not necessarily want. Some teachers also worry that the "big idea" curriculum taught at Saint Mary's is so new and different from that taught in other states, it will not be well received.
However, student teachers' excitement and drive shines through worries they may have.
Senior Mary Kartheiser admitted she had no desire to accompany friends at Heartland on Thursday's nights while she taught at Saint Anthony de Padua Elementary School. Instead, she was "excited to be planning the next day's lesson."
Some advice these students would give to other aspiring teachers?
"Appreciate every moment you have in the classroom with the students," said Siebert. Most agree with Evans that, "If you can get one student to change themselves somehow, you've done something."
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of CLC.
"It's clear that a lot of these comments are coming out of a lack of education," McGee said.
To combat this, McGee said that she and others are working on a proposal to bring before tonight's Student Senate meeting that would form a task force to investigate the feasibility of mandating a semester-long required course for all Notre Dame undergraduates that would focus on diversity.
Members used the remainder of Monday's meeting to view a video recounting a trip taken by Emily Chin, student body vice president, and other Notre Dame students to Nigeria for a conference on increasing dialogue with Africa and to receive updates from the committees.
The RA training and gender relations committees did not meet last week and had no news to report. The CLC purpose committee continued to explore ways in which the organization could be used more effectively, Lao said.
"Senior night" was well received," he said. "[Legends] ran out of Corona and were two handles away from running out of margaritas."
Chin briefed the CLC on progress being made toward providing transportation services to students with temporary disabilities.
"We're continuing to look into increasing services for temporarily disabled students," she said.
Chin cited free scooters available to students with temporary disabilities as proof of the committee's work on the issue but then retracted it after learning students purchased the scooters by students using their insurance and not through the University.
"I must have been misinformed," Chin said. "We were under the impression that the Office would now take care of it."
Charlie Ebersol, a member of CLC, blamed poorly cleared sidewalks on campus for some of the injuries and for making it more difficult for students with disabilities to travel.
"It seems like there isn't a real effort being made in the safety of South Quad," he said.
Other members appeared frustrated that the process was not moving quickly enough.

Mass to honor Stritch
"Special to The Observer" A memorial Mass for Thomas Stritch, professor emeritus of American studies at Notre Dame, will be celebrated today at 3:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.
Stritch, who died Jan. 22 in Nashville, Tenn., was graduated from Notre Dame in 1934, joined the faculty the following year and remained at Notre Dame for the rest of the century.
A Nashville native, Stritch came to Notre Dame as a student in the fall of 1930, received a master's degree and joined the faculty in 1935. Interrupted by service during World War II, he made the University his home for the rest of the century.
He taught journalism, English and American studies at Notre Dame, chaired the Journalism Department from 1946 to 1957 and the Department of Communication Arts from 1957 to 1970.
He retired in 1978 and continued to live and work at Notre Dame, publishing a popular memoir, "My Notre Dame: Memories and Reflections of 60 Years," in 1991.

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Sister Pat Dearbaugh, rector of Halaqa: A Qur'an Discussion and Conversation Circle

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Bowl boosts local businesses

NFL's big game brings increased fan business to area restaurants, retail stores

**In Brief**

Bush seeks rise in SEC funding

WASHINGTON — President Bush is seeking a 13 percent increase in the budget for the Security and Exchange Commission, including $18.7 million for new staff to work on its huge caseload of corporate and mutual fund misdeeds.

The $913 million request to Congress on Monday for the budget year starting Oct. 1 includes $20 million that the SEC was unable to spend last year because it couldn’t hire new access and attorneys fast enough.

Under landmark anti-fraud legislation enacted in 2002 amid the corporate scandals, Congress gave the SEC expanded powers and almost doubled the budget of the traditionally low-profile agency with 3,300 employees.

ImClone employee testifies in trial

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart called ImClone Systems headquarters and demanded "what was going on" with Imclone’s falling share price on the day she dumped her stock in the company, a former ImClone secretary testified Monday.

Emily Perret, a former secretary to the now-imprisoned Stewart, said customer traffic was up significantly on Saturday. "I’d say about 30 percent higher than normal," she said.

Corbett said the increase was mainly due to customers buying snack foods and beverages for the game.

He also said the store’s electronics department got a boost from customers hoping to see the game on a larger screen.

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Local retailers weren’t the only ones celebrating the big win.

On Jan. 27, 2001 "we had some giveaways," Larry Briggs, manager of BevMax, said.

"I’d say about 30 percent increased over a typical Sunday," Briggs said.

He also said the store’s low-profile agency with 3,300 employees.

Treasury to borrow $177B

WASHINGTON — The government expects to borrow $177 billion from the credit markets this quarter, which would mark the largest amount ever borrowed in any quarter, the Treasury Department said Monday.

The new borrowing estimate for the January-to-March quarter is higher than the previous projection of $160 billion made in November.

"The increase in borrowing is due to lower receipts, primarily from an increase in tax refunds, and higher outlays," the department said. Officials would not provide more detailed information.

U.S. Economy

Plants, consumers drive recovery

Manufacturing index shows broad improvement; new homes reach record highs

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — The economic recovery is showing new signs of staying power, a trio of surveys said Monday, with a pickup at the nation’s factories complemented by robust consumer spending and construction activity.

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The government also reported Monday that construction spending in December rose to its highest level ever.

The total value of building projects under way rose 0.3 percent from November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $933.2 billion. Residential projects continue to drive a pickup at the nation’s factories.

Associated Press

The New England Patriots weren’t the only big winners in Sunday’s Super Bowl. Local businesses — both on campus and in the surrounding area — experienced higher-than-usual customer volume during the biggest television event of the year.

CBS said about 66.4 million people watched at least part of the game held in Houston’s Reliant Stadium, with an average of 89.6 million tuned in at any given moment.

If local businesses are any indication, those people ate and drank — a lot.

"The Subway store in LaFortune Student Center delivered eight 6-foot subs for Super Bowl parties on campus, said manager Jim Labelle. He said volume rose significantly in the afternoon, but dropped off once the game was well under way.

"Before the game and during the first half, it was really busy," Labelle said.

Larry Briggs, manager of Legends, said Sunday is generally a slow day at the restaurant near the football pub, the game brought fans in.

"We had some giveaways, and a fair amount of business," Briggs said. "It was up from most Sundays,\" he said.

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Local retailers weren’t the only ones celebrating the big win. Domino’s Pizza sold more than 1.2 million pies during the game, a 42 percent increase over a typical Sunday, said Holly Ryan, a spokeswoman for the 7,300-store pizza titan.

Internet gambling sites also reaped windfalls from the Super Bowl, which came down to a last-minute New England field goal.

Christiansen Capital Advisors, a market research firm specializing in the gaming industry, estimated that more than $375 million was wagered on the Super Bowl through online sports books.

The Patriots won 32-29, but did not beat the seven-point spread.

**Legends manager Larry Briggs said the establishment benefited from hungry fans watching Sunday’s Super Bowl. The game also brought higher customer volume to other businesses on campus and across Michiana.**

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Where Have All the True Patriots Gone?

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A call to Action

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world, such as world hunger and poverty. The "culture of fear" is perhaps the most alarming of all these trends. In his 1933 Inaugural Address, Franklin Delano Roosevelt said the following, which is often overemphasized in the senior quotes of high school yearbooks, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." A society driven by fear is not one that can adequately address the many problems that we face.

More and more American citizens are beginning to realize these problems, especially with the recent news of faulty intelligence about Iraq, but many citizens often have to face claims that they are anti-patriotic and anti—American. This then brings this discussion back to where it began: questions of patriotism.

In the words "you're either with us or against us," the perceptions of patriotism reflect a divided society. For some, patriotism means a faith in and devotion to the goodness of America as the "city on a hill" that produces justice when citizens have called our country back to its ideals. For many others, patriotism means a commitment to actively call our country to higher ideals, particularly our country to higher ideals, particularly America as the "city upon a hill" to the larger world.

Columbus finding America, is a history of mistakes and people rising to the challenges of such mistakes to move our country back to its ideals.
REAL MEN OF GENIUS AT Notre Dame

Today we salute Notre Dame’s Real Men of Genius, without whom college would simply not be the same. They are one of a kind. They make us smile, they freak us out, they push the limits of acceptable behavior, and we love them for it. Here is to you:

Mr. Freshman Who Uses An A Pizza Guy. You carry a pizza box. Somehow you come attired in full Papa John issued apparel. You guarantee it hot, and you have the pizza warmer to prove it. Are you really a pizza delivery guy, or did you make a few free throws and win that snazzy number as part of a promotional give-away? We wait until we are really hungry to knock on our door. You come to our party and say, “Hey it’s me, the pizza man!” You make us laugh crazy pizza man, and you make us cry when you show us the pizza box in fact contains no pizza at all, but just a few cans of Keystone Light. We do not know you, but believe me when I say that we all love you. Here is to you

Mr. Cheerleader with the Spiky Hair. You cheer so hard, but you look so good. Your round-offs are flawless, and trust me when I tell you that you belong on the top of those pyramids. Go Irish! No, Go! You go cheer-leader man! You are in the choir, and I have heard your voice above the rest. Our passion is contagious, and you truly are the sixth man. Thanks for cheering, for getting me to cheer even when I have lost all desire to do so, and for making the process. Here is to you

Mr. Gabbie Who Owns the Company. You pick us up at 4 a.m., even though you have an MD from Harvard and a garage full of Porsche’s. You do it for the kids. When all your drivers are busy, it is you, the big boss who runs the show, who answers our prayers and brings us home. Thanks for caring, and thanks for finding us when my roommate left in his backpack on his birthday. You are never out of business cards, and you guarantee the best price in town. $3 flag drop? You scoundrel, you have kids to feed and patients to perform on. Here is to you

Mr. Deion from the Linebacker. You are a legend man, and I will remember the nights we have spent together. You are the king of cool and the sultan of swing. Your rapid-fire talking, your cadence and sense of humor is outstanding. On any other team, a bike helmet and a Bears jersey would look silly. You never get sick of the high five, and you never do it for him. You picked the Panthers in October, you raving genius. You are mad I tell you, mad. Thanks for making me dance, for raving genius. You are mad I tell you, mad. Thanks for making me dance, for

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Mae shows promise with live show

At a concert in Toledo, Mae and other opening acts rocked fans

By MAUREEN BUSH
Scene Music Critic

Luke's Barn was filled past capacity as more than 400 kids packed the tiny Toledo, Ohio venue Jan. 31 to see one of the most well-crafted concerts on the road right now. Mae, the headlining band took up-and-coming artists Copeland, The Working Title, and Slow Coming Day out for a nation-wide tour, hitting almost every major city in the United States. The show opened with What's the Point, who were celebrating their CD release party that night. These three gentlemen from Toledo had a fast-paced style with vocals and music seemingly representative of the latest trend in "scremo" rock. They put on a decent show and are likely to become more popular in their area, though their music was not particularly consistent with the rest of the musical acts of the night.

Next was Slow Coming Day. This southern California quartet, made up of Orion Walsh on vocals and guitar, Brad Smith on guitar, Dave Stoots on bass and Jason Sheets on drums took the stage and began their set for their first ever nation-wide tour, hitting almost every major city in the United States. The sound this band has developed is incredible. Playing like veterans, no two songs were similar, and each song portrayed a different aspect of emotion with its own personality. They began their set with an unreleased and rarely played song, "Tisbury Lane," then quickly sped up the tempo by breaking into the spectacular drum beats of "All Deliberate Speed," followed by "Runaway," both from their full-length Destination Beautiful.

A beautifully crafted piano solo led the band into "Sun," during which technical difficulties ensued. Gimenez's microphone cut out toward the beginning of the song, and the crowd was left with only an instrumental version. The silence did not last long, as everyone in the room raised their voices to fill the void. The microphone was fixed just in time for Gimenez to dedicate "Soundtrack For Our Movie" to all the ladies in the room and then to play their catchy first single, "Summertime."

They then finished up their set with current single "Embers and Envelopes," the melodic "Giving It Away," and fittingly "Goodbye, Goodnight." Anyone would be hard-pressed to find a band of this caliber. Mae played an excellent show to the very well over-capacity crowd in Toledo. If they are this tight on their first nation-wide headlining tour, it will be interesting to see how they will progress to stardom and how quickly it will come. Mae is an incredibly enjoyable band to watch perform. Their live show is one of the best out there, above and beyond expectations.

Every band on this tour had innumerable amounts of talent that shone through quite clearly to the audience. Not only did every band play well, they also stayed long after the show ended to meet their fans. The worst part of this show was that it had to end at all.

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Orion Walsh of the Southern Californian band Slow Day Coming gave a rousing performance with their seven-song set for their fans at Luke's Barn in Toledo, Ohio.

The Working Title with drummer Ross Taylor, a band from Charleston, SC, performed many songs off their latest EP in an acoustic set.
From baseball to books: a moment with John Grisham

By JOE HETTLER
Scene Writer

John Grisham always dreamed of playing professional baseball, beginning with his childhood days of listening to St. Louis Cardinal games on the radio. For two reasons, however, he never did. "I played little league ball, high school ball and tried to play college ball, but I was scared of a fastball and couldn't touch a curve," Grisham said. "So that kind ofرارrows it down."

So Grisham turned to writing novels — his second dream. Sixty million books later, this dream has turned out just fine for the retired lawyer from Mississippi.

"Writing was a secret hobby, nobody knew about except my wife," Grisham said. "Once I realized I was actually going to finish "A Time to Kill," I thought it would be nice to write full-time — that's a dream come true for anybody.

Grisham's 17th book, "The Last Juror," is available at bookstores today, and the author will be visiting campus Thursday to speak at the third annual Notre Dame baseball banquet. This is Grisham's fifth such event in the past 10 years at various locations. "They're just wonderful events," he said. "I have a great time, and it's total fun. It's great for the players, because it gives them a fan and a community that raises a lot of money."

Grisham will be the keynote speaker at the event, which starts at 7 p.m. Former Notre Dame player Steve Stanley will also speak.

Grisham worked as a lawyer for ten years before beginning his first novel. Once he started composing his first book, however, Grisham said he woke up every day at 5 a.m. to write before heading into the courtroom.

As his fans know, Grisham's consistency is one of his greatest abilities. His books have landed him on the national bestseller list nearly every year. After finishing his first book, "A Time to Kill," in 1987, he has produced a book almost every since, and he has been acclaimed by Publishers Weekly as "the bestselling novelist of the '90s."

His latest book, "The Last Juror," is about a young newspaper owner who exposes the gruesome details of a murder. When the convicted murderer is released from jail, he seeks revenge on the owner of the newspaper and the jurors that put him behind bars.

Grisham said that, though writing novels is not easy, the finished product is usually rewarding. He and his family vacation every summer before he begins a new book, and he usually finishes the novel around Thanksgiving.

"There's always pressure to deliver a good book," he said. "When I start writing a book, I want it to be the best thing I've ever written. Pressure is healthy because it keeps you honest. I'm serious about what I do, and I want to get better."

Writing has not gotten in the way of Grisham's continued love of baseball. From his time as a child working on his parents' farm in Arkansas to working all day as a lawyer, Grisham always has looked forward to listening to the St. Louis Cardinal games on the radio. He used these experiences in his novel, "A Painted House."

"The St. Louis Cardinals were on the radio every night, and that was our only contact with the outside world," Grisham said. "There was no television, so that was the highlight of every day — sitting on the porch and listening to the Cardinals. As soon as I could, I picked up a baseball and started throwing it around the house like any other kid."

Grisham's love for baseball led him to build his own little league ballpark. He is the commissioner of the league in the summer and also travels to his children's baseball and softball games in the spring and summer.

Grisham's son, Ty, plays baseball at the University of Virginia — where former Notre Dame assistant Brian O'Connor took over as head coach last year.

Grisham said he and his son have attended thousands of college baseball games and have traveled to Omaha, Neb. for the College World Series on several occasions.

"Over the years, he and I have gone to thousands of college baseball games because that's our favorite sport. That's why I'm coming to South Bend — because I love college baseball," Grisham said.

Tickets still remain for Thursday's event.

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Mona Lisa doesn't smile big

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Movie Critic

The 1950's, an all-girls school, Julia Roberts, Kristen Dunst, and Julia Stiles — no one expected an Oscar, but this attempt at a female-focused version of "Dead Poets Society" is much more disappointing than anyone expected.

While "Mona Lisa Smile," known by most as the latest Julia Roberts film, is a movie with a good message that is nice to watch, it is far from being called a great and entertaining film.

Set in 1953, Julia Roberts plays the part of Katherine Watson, a liberal, Bohemian professor from California who moves to New England to teach at the prestigious female school Wellesley College. Watson is greeted by snobby girls, strict rules and heavy judgment from her students and the school.

The snobbiest girl is Betty Warren, played by Kristen Dunst. Friends and roommates are played by Julia Stiles, Maggie Gylenhaal and Ginnifer Goodwin. Watson expects to find intelligent and driven women in the students at Wellesley, but instead she finds intelligent girls focused on fitting into the societal mold for woman at that time. Watson then goes forth on her mission to convert the assumptions of the girls, and the film ends with a mix of tears and happiness — big surprise.

Although the costumes are terrific and Roberts' character is inspiring, not much of a message is conveyed in "Mona Lisa Smile." Roberts' character is seemingly contradictory, as she chastises the girls for settling for a life dictated by men, while at the same time she pursues a relationship with the male teacher known for affairs with his own students. While this imperfection does make Watson a bit more real as a character, it works more to make her seem hypocritical.

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Dunst and Stiles, the two other major stars in the movie, are simply awful. They are awkward, not believable, and just plain annoying to watch. The motivations of their characters are unclear, and although the script left much to be wished for, the poor-caliber acting by these two is just inexcusable. Gylenhaal and Goodwin, on the other hand, do a terrific job with their characters. Gylenhaal shines as the fery Giselle, and Goodwin is adorable as the quiet Constance. The rest of the cast is expected.

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NBA

O'Neal suspended one game for criticizing officials

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Shaquille O'Neal was suspended without pay Tuesday on Monday, one day after using obscene language and publicly criticizing the officials during a television interview.

The suspension was announced just hours after O'Neal issued a statement apologize for the comments he made following the Lakers' 84-83 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Saturday.

O'Neal will serve the suspension the next two days, while still using a game against the Eastern Conference-leading Indiana Pacers. It will cost him nearly $295,000.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson called the punishment "rather severe and childish in some ways."

Jackson said he thought a fine would have been appropri ate and that the fans would be penalized by not being able to see O'Neal in the Lakers' home game trip to Indianapolis.

"The league is known for its vindictiveness. " Jackson said. "But we didn't anticipate a sus pension."

O'Neal scored a season-high 36 points against the Raptors in his third game back after missing 12 because of a strained right calf, but was angered by the officiating.

He made that clear in his postgame interview on KCAL-TV — conducted almost immedi ately after the game. "My message to [commission­ er] David Stern is get some people in there that understand the game and don't try to take over the game because people pay good money to see good athletes play," O'Neal said.

When reminded he was on live TV, O'Neal responded with another profanity before the interview continued. "My comments were made out of frustration in the heat of the moment," O'Neal said in the statement released Monday by the Lakers. "But I realize that my choice of words was inappropriate and again, I would like to apologize."

The game in Indiana was the second of a seven-game road trip for the Lakers, who played without injured stars Kobe Bryant and Karl Malone, as well as O'Neal.

Jackson said "there was no precedence" for the suspension, but that the team will accept it and move on.

General manager Mitch Kupchak informed Jackson of the news hours after the team was game-planning for O'Neal's ball early and often against the Pacers. Jackson said, "I didn't get any satisfaction from their reasoning."

Jackson said it was the latest in what has been a season full of injuries and drama for the Lakers. "There's never been anything like this in my tenure," Jackson said of the injuries and Bryant's legal troubles.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Knight gets into verbal argument with chancellor

Tuesday night at home against Baylor, Gerald Myers, the university's athletic director who was instrumental in bringing Knight to Tech in 2001 after he was fired at Indiana, witnessed the encounter, Past said.

The men were getting food around lunchtime at Market Street, an upscale grocery store about two miles from the university, said Dan Sanders, chief marketing officer for United Supermarkets, which owns the store where the incident occurred.

"Apparently, there was some sort of disagreement," Sanders said. "It took place very quickly."

Neither Myers nor sports information director Randy Farley immediately returned telephone messages Monday night.

While still at Indiana in March 2000, Knight was investigated by the university after former player Neil Reed said the coach choked him at a practice in 1997.

In May 2000, Knight was suspended for three games and placed under "a zero-tolerance behavior policy."

In early September 2000, Knight was accused of grabbing a student by the arm, cursing and lecturing him about manners after the coach was addressed "Hey, Knight, what's up?"

In September 2000, Knight was fired from Indiana for violating the university's president Myles Brand, now president of the NCAA, for what Brand called a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

In late December, Knight went into a profanity-filled tirade after an ESPN reporter asked about his relationship with former player Steve Alford, who was also participating in the interview. He later apologized for the incident.

Texas Tech is 4-2 in the Big 12 this season. The Red Raiders had been unbeaten in the league until last week, when they lost to Texas and Oklahoma State.

### Classifieds

**NOTICES**

**LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight got into a verbal spat with the university chancellor at a grocery store Monday, prompting a review by school officials.**

School spokes­woman Sally Logue Past said she did not know details of the encounter between the basketball coach and David Smith. No one was injured, she said.

Smith declined to elaborate on what happened.

"This is obviously an issue that is internal to the university," the chancellor told The Associated Press. "Right now the athletic director and the president's office at the university are looking into the incident. We'll wait to hear more in the next few days about their review."

Asked whether there was any discussion of removing Knight, Smith said: "I can't comment on any of those things right now."

The No. 19 Red Raiders play Tuesday night at home against Baylor.

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Bobby Knight and forward Andre Emmett celebrate a win over Oklahoma last week. Knight had a verbal argument with a university chancellor Monday in a grocery store.

Associated Press
Former team manager becomes player for Stanford

Matthews' teammates, who have considered him a member of the roster all along. And now, Matthews gives new meaning to the term utilityman, as a full-fledged player for the Cardinal.

"It's a great story," Marquess said. "I said at the end of the year, 'Do you want to try out?' He came out in the fall and was a player."

Last summer, Matthews played on three different teams to improve his game — a men's league in San Jose and one at nearby De Anza College made up of collegiate players. There were doubleheaders both days of every weekend and scrimmages during the week, and practice, too, if his schedule allowed. He also found time to lift weights at Stanford.

His family rarely saw him over the break. Matthews believed all along he could play for the Cardinal, who have reached the College World Series a school-record five straight years. During fall ball, he hit .207 (6-for-29) with a home run and four RBIs. He can play several positions and is listed as an infielder/outfielder.

"I knew I could play at this level," said Matthews, who eats peanut butter and jelly sandwiches as a game-day ritual. "I had the confidence building for a while. I'm glad I got the chance to show I could play."

Pulling on the uniform as a player — the team manager wears the same gear — is a much better feeling.

Matthews, from nearby Mountain View, didn't get on the field this past weekend during his team's three-game sweep of Cal State Fullerton to start the season.

"That was a little frustrating at first, but sitting on the bench sure beats the alternation I was having during too hard on projects." His teammates don't doubt it. "He's a special guy," outfielder Sam Fuld said. "You just don't see that very often. If you asked me two years ago if I thought he would be a member of the team, I would have said you are crazy."

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**NFL**

**Indianapolis seeks a deal to limit the costs of the Colts**

_Associated Press_

**INDIANAPOLIS —** City officials hope they can work out a deal that reduces the cost of keeping the Colts in Indianapolis.

The team’s lease at the RCA Dome runs through the 2013 season, but it could exercise an escape clause as early as 2007 unless the city pays the difference between the Colts’ revenues and the NFL’s median income.

The city would have to begin making payments after the 2005 season and would be required to make payments two of every three years through the end of the lease.

According to 2002 NFL figures, the one-year total would have been $10.6 million although team owner Jim Irsay has estimated that two-year cost could increase to about $30 million.

Steve Campbell, a spokesman for Mayor Bart Peterson, said he expected negotiations on a long-term deal to resume soon after Sunday’s Pro Bowl and that the city wanted to find a way that would restructure the money it will owe to the Colts.

“It’s either reduce or replace or restructure,” Campbell said yesterday. “What we want to figure out is a creative way to do this but where the city gets something in return.”

After the Colts season ended with a 24-14 loss at New England in the AFC championship game on Jan. 18, Irsay reiterated his desire to keep the team in Indianapolis.

During the past two years, there has been speculation that if the Colts did not get a new stadium, Irsay might move the team to Los Angeles — the country’s largest television market without a team.

Irsay has made no such threat publicly although he said two weeks ago that any new contract with Indianapolis should include plans for a new stadium, preferably with a retractable dome.

“I think, obviously, we have to get to a new stadium eventually,” Irsay said. “When you see old domes coming down, I think that is where it is headed.”

The RCA Dome’s seating capacity of 55,596 makes it the NFL’s smallest stadium and it’s the sixth-oldest facility among the AFC’s 16 teams.

Campbell said Indianapolis officials would discuss stadium plans in conjunction with other projects, such as an expansion of the city’s convention center.

So far, though, Campbell said the city has not conducted any stadium studies or even determined possible building sites and that the city would not agree to a contract without knowing the cost.

“We’re looking at everything — can we expand the convention center? — this is tough stuff,” Campbell said.

Either way, it’s likely to be expensive.

Campbell said the $10.6 million figure was only a barometer of what the city might owe the Colts and that the number was likely to increase when inflation and other factors become part of the equation.

With local opinion polls showing opposition to finance a new stadium with tax revenues and those applied to ticket sales.

Irsay and Campbell both said the negotiations were progressing and that they were seeking a deal that benefits both sides.

“We could follow the Goldsmith deal to a tee,” Campbell said, referring to the deal signed by then-Mayor Steve Goldsmith in 1998. “But we think it’s in the best interests for the team and the city to get a long-term deal. For them, it’s about being competitive. For us, it’s about keeping an Indiana business here and making sure the taxpayers get a good deal.”

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Men's College Basketball

Okafor scores 25 points in Connecticut victory

Calhoun earns 665th career win to place him No. 20 on the all-time win list

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun was pleased with the way his Huskies handled Syracuse. Emeka Okafor had 25 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks and No. 5 Connecticut cruised to an 84-56 win over the 18th-ranked Orangemen on Monday.

"That was one of the best combination games we’ve played," Calhoun said. "We were tough and we were good. And that’s a nice combination. Coming down the stretch in February every game is big and you want to start proving things to yourself."

The Huskies (18-3, 6-1 Big East) held the Orangemen to 31 percent shooting. Okafor had his 14th double-double of the season, and 43rd of his career. Ben Gordon finished with 13 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for the Huskies, winners of eight of their last 12 meetings with the Orangemen.

Hakim Warrick led Syracuse (14-4, 4-3) with 26 points and 11 rebounds. He had 16 points in the first half, but was held without a field goal for the first 11 minutes of the second half. UConn was able deny Warrick the ball inside and made him catch it a little deeper.

"He still beat us because he’s a terrific player," Calhoun said.

UConn has struggled all year from the line and was last in the Big East (58 percent) coming into the game, but turned in a solid performance. The Huskies made 24 of a season-high 40 attempts (60 percent). Okafor found himself on the line several times because of physical play inside and hit 7-of-13.

"That’s the Big East. I was expecting that going into conference play and that’s what I got," Okafor said. "People [are] going to be physical. You just need to need to be physical and strong and stay with it."

UConn led 41-31 at the half and put the game away with a 22-5 run in the first 12 minutes of the second half.

The teams changed leads three times in the opening seven minutes of the first half. Huskies reserve forward Charlie Villanueva hit all four of his free throws on consecutive possessions to give UConn the lead for good at 17-14 with 12:24 remaining.

Villanueva got more playing time after freshmen forward Josh Boone injured his left shoulder and left the game with 5 minutes to play in the first half.

Villanueva and Okafor combined for five of UConn’s seven first-half blocks.

The Huskies made just 4 of 22 3-pointers. Gordon had two of them and finished four points shy of his average.

"The guys didn’t need me to have a big scoring game," Gordon said. "I just tried to get involved doing other things, rebounding, setting people up. That seemed to work."

The Huskies’ post players struggled for much of the period against Warrick, who had 16 points in the half, nearly all from strong inside moves. He was the only Syracuse player who finished in double figures. Villanueva finished with 12 points and nine rebounds.

The Orangemen were still without starting point guard Billy Edelin, who sat out for personal reasons. The Huskies held guard Gerry McNamara to nine points, eight below his average.

“They’ve stopped everybody; they are a good defensive team,” Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "If you do get by, they’ve got the shot blocker down there."

With the win, Calhoun picked up his 665th career win, passing Hall-of-Fame coach John Wooden of UCLA for sole possession of 20th place on the all-time win list.

"I’ll remember this night," Calhoun said. "To be mentioned in the same breath with John Wooden is incredibly special to me because of who and what Coach Wooden represents."
around the dial

US Fencing Coaches Polls

Men

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Associated Press

Detroit — Ivan Rodriguez started a window at the snow-blackened ballpark he will now call home and answered the question many have asked.

Why would he go from the World Series champion Florida Marlins, to the worst team in baseball, the Detroit Tigers?

"The owner showed me respect, and that is the reason I'm here," Rodriguez said Monday after finalizing a $40 million, four-year contract.

"Everybody is saying I'm going from a World Series team to a losing team, but I don't think of the Tigers as a losing team. I think the Tigers just had a bad season. It's going to be completely different this year," he said.

The Tigers who haven't had a winning record since 1993 lost an American League-record 119 games last season. They were one loss short of baseball's post-1900 record for futility, set by the 1962 New York Mets.

But thanks to owner Paul monaco, to the Florida Marlins, to the

Associated Press

Terre Haute, Ind. — Indiana State suspends basketball player Moussa Diagne for the remainder of the season after he was charged with domestic battery.

"Moussa is our leader and will be missed," said coach Kevin Stallings.

Last year's Super Bowl XXVII match-up was seen by 88.6 million people. Nielsen said it was the most-watched Super Bowl since the 1998 Green Bay-Denver championship was seen by 88 million people.

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In Brief

Super Bowl ratings up from last year

New York — An estimated 89.6 million people watched the New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory over the Carolina Panthers, a slight increase from last year's game.

During the fourth quarter, which was capped by Adam Vinatieri's winning field goal, the audience swelled to 119 million, according to Nielsen Media Research.

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His new catcher is a 10-time All-Star, a 10-time Gold Glove winner and was the MVP of the NL championship series last season.

"If you don't mind for a moment I'm going to soak this up a little bit," said Tigers manager Alan Trammell, who indicated Rodriguez could hit third in his revamped lineup.

It didn't come cheap.

Rodriguez gets $7 million this year, $8 million in 2006 and $11 million each in 2007 and 2008, according to contract information obtained by The Associated Press. The Tigers have a $13 million option for 2008 with a $3 million buyout.

Rodriguez would get $50 million over five years if the option is exercised or $40 million over four if it's declined.

Detroit has protection against lower back injuries. If Rodriguez goes on the disabled list for five of more weeks, the Tigers would be able to end the contract after two or three seasons.

Scott Boras, Rodriguez's agent, said his client was excited about playing in the AL Central.

"Pudge said to me, 'I know that division. That division could be mine.'"
Ranked

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think mental toughness is something that last year people questioned our toughness and this year I think we’ve proven time and time again that we are a very, very tough team.”

Now the Irish look forward to a schedule that sees them face just one more ranked opponent, No. 22 Miami, for the remainder of the regular season. After playing so many difficult teams in January, Notre Dame should face an easier stretch in February and into early March.

The latest string of wins has Notre Dame thinking of a Big East title. But to do so, Connecticut needs to lose one more game. Currently the Huskies are 7-1 in conference play and face two more ranked teams in the regular season. West Virginia, who upset Notre Dame Jan. 17, is tied with the Irish at 6-2.

Notre Dame faces Georgetown at the Joyce Center Wednesday, looking to improve to 10-0 at home this season.

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Victory

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More than a few players were ‘on’ for the Belles against Olivet. Coming off the bench, Bridget Lipke had 11 points and five assists with Anne Mahoney dropping in another 12 points.

Guard Katie Miller led the Belles with 15 points on 3-of-5 3-point shooting while Emily Pennotto scored six points and delivered six assists.

Center Amanda Johnston kept the game in reach for Olivet and had a dominating performance inside with 32 points and 12 rebounds. She also shot 14-of-15 from the free throw line.

In an effort to stop Johnston in the paint, both Emily Creahbaum and Maureen Bush fouled out of the game early with both players seeing less than 20 minutes on the floor.

Creahbaum scored 10 points in 15 minutes before fouling out.

The Belles have struggled to make foul shots this season but shot 80 percent at the free throw line against Olivet, an improvement from past games where the team has shot under 50 percent.

After Olivet defeated Adrian College over the weekend, the Belles remained the only winless team in the MIAA.

“Olivet at home was probably our biggest game of the season,” Bellina said. “We were able to take care of business and play our best.”

Despite the critical win, the Belles still face two of their most challenging games this season.

The Belles will play Calvin (15-3) Wednesday and Hope (18-2) Saturday.

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Skating

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the Irish had a strong skate- and recorded a personal best for the team. Bridget Purcell and Kristi Almandinger were selected at team MVP’s for the competition.

The Irish will next compete in a field of eighteen schools at the national championships in San Diego.

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Moving into the polls

Five straight wins against ranked opponents gets No. 23 Irish to 13-7

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Twenty-seven days ago Notre Dame lost to Georgetown 76-73 to open up Big East play and dropped to an underachieving 7-6 and 0-1 in the Big East.

Big East games against ranked foes such as Virginia Tech, Connecticut, Villanova, Miami and Boston College on the horizon, things were not going to get any easier for the Irish. But since then Notre Dame has rallied to beat all five of those ranked opponents and now find themselves not only nationally ranked, but also in the hunt for the Big East conference title.

"I give [the team] an A+ right now because I think you looked at lousy schedule in the end of December and looked at what January was going to bring and to see six ranked teams on the schedule, and not a lot of easy games in between — every game was critical for us," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Notre Dame (13-7, 6-2) is ranked No. 23 in the latest poll and it is the first time the Irish have appeared in a poll since the third week of the season. The Irish also have the most losses of any ranked team, but have been recognized for a strenuous schedule that has seen them post a 6-6 mark against top 25 opponents.

That impressive record has also helped Notre Dame earn a No. 12 RPI rating.

After Saturday’s most recent victory against a ranked foe, this time No. 23 Boston College, McGraw made a case for her team to be ranked.

"I think we’re a top 25 team," she said. "I think [the Boston College] win was very important for us to continue the home streak but certainly to get the win over the ranked team."

McGraw said two of the biggest reasons for Notre Dame’s improved play are defense and mental toughness. The Irish lead the Big East in scoring defense, allowing only 61.1 points per game, and certainly from last year [with its heavy personnel changes], the Irish have the most mental toughness." McGraw said. "I think this team has grown tremendously throughout this season, and certainly from last year with its mental toughness."

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

The Notre Dame women’s club volleyball team defeated rival Michigan State Friday in East Lansing, Mich. at the Michigan State Invitational. Backed by strong serving from Nicole Lopez and Mike Toomey, the Irish dominated the Spartans in every aspect of the game. Notre Dame jumped out to a quick two games to none lead in the best-of-5 match with scores of 25-17 and 25-18. After dropping the third game, 25-21, the Irish finished the match with a convincing 25-15 win.

Top performances came from setter Brad Weldon, the third starting Irish setter in three tournaments, and freshman middle Joe O’Connell who played in his first regular season match.

The Irish opened Saturday with a disappointing loss to Michigan 25-19, 25-15, 25-23. This lull extended into the next match again Miami of Ohio. The Irish won the first game 25-22 before dropping two games, 25-17, 25-20. However, the Irish never blinked and rallied from an 11 point deficit to win the fourth game, 26-24. In a see-saw deciding fifth game, the Irish fell just short, 15-13.

The Irish will next take the courts in two weeks at the Ball State Invitational.

Figure Skating

The Notre Dame figure skating team competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Association’s Midwestern sectional last weekend. The Irish placed fifth among five schools. Two varsity powers, Michigan and Michigan State claimed the top two positions, followed by Illinois and Wisconsin in a very strong field.

Despite the fifth place finish,

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Belles topple Olivet 77-69

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After seven straight losses against MIAA teams, the Belles needed an answer and fast.

They finally put the question to rest.

In a decisive 77-69 victory over Olivet College (7-13), the Belles (6-13) brought an end to their conference losing streak and received a timely confidence boost.

The Belles built a 28-24 halftime lead and played a consistent second half with an all-around team effort on their way to the win.

When the starters for the Belles started to tire, the bench came through and contributed a total of 33 points.

"The biggest positive to come out of our loss against Albion was the play of our bench," Bellis said. "The key is to get all 14 players on at the same time."

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles topple Olivet 77-69

Saint Mary’s guard Katie Miller dribbles the ball past an Olivet defender. Miller finished the game with 15 points.

CLUB SPORTS

No jump start after Michigan State win

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Men’s Volleyball

The Notre Dame men’s club volleyball team defeated rival Michigan State Friday in East Lansing, Mich. at the Michigan State Invitational. Backed by strong serving from Nicole Lopez and Mike Toomey, the Irish dominated the Spartans in every aspect of the game. Notre Dame jumped out to a quick two games to none lead in the best-of-5 match with scores of 25-17 and 25-18. After dropping the third game, 25-21, the Irish finished the match with a convincing 25-15 win.

Top performances came from setter Brad Weldon, the third starting Irish setter in three tournaments, and freshman middle Joe O’Connell who played in his first regular season match.

The Irish opened Saturday with a disappointing loss to Michigan 25-19, 25-15, 25-23. This lull extended into the next match again Miami of Ohio. The Irish won the first game 25-22 before dropping two games, 25-17, 25-20. However, the Irish never blinked and rallied from an 11 point deficit to win the fourth game, 26-24. In a see-saw deciding fifth game, the Irish fell just short, 15-13.

The Irish will next take the courts in two weeks at the Ball State Invitational.

Figure Skating

The Notre Dame figure skating team competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Association’s Midwestern sectional last weekend. The Irish placed fifth among five schools. Two varsity powers, Michigan and Michigan State claimed the top two positions, followed by Illinois and Wisconsin in a very strong field.

Despite the fifth place finish,