Runoff election results in stalemate

Emergency meeting of Student Senate will declare winner Sunday

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
American News Editor

The 8:30 p.m. announcement of the student body president election results threw the election into turmoil rather than bringing the closure candidates and students expected.

Judicial Council president Elliot Poindexter informed the tickets of Charlie Ebersol-James Leito and Adam Istvan-Karla Bell that neither received the 50 percent plus one vote needed to win the runoff election. As a result, an emergency meeting of the Student Senate will be called Sunday to determine the winning ticket.

Of a count of 3,524 votes, Istvan-Bell received 1,723 votes, or 48.9 percent, and Ebersol-Leito received 1,358 votes, or 39.6 percent. The remaining 7.5 percent accounted for 363 abstentions.

Istvan credited his increase in votes — 748 votes in Monday's election in 1,723 votes in Thursday's runoff — to increased awareness of his platform and to the endorsements of both the Mark Healy-Mike Hallahan pair and the winning ticket.

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"It becomes such a ridiculous situation that you don't know how to react to it," he said. "The toughest thing is that I don't feel I know that many people at this campus or have done anything offensive enough to warrant the threat." Ebersol said that while no one has directly confronted him, this year's threats have been more personal in nature. Though he said he received

Students compare standoff to 2000 presidential election

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

In a storyline that sounds all too familiar, last night's run-off election ended in a stalemate.

Neither candidate won a majority of the popular vote, so the candidate who won the most forms will become the next president.

With the possibility of a candidate winning despite a receiving fewer popular votes, students reacted to the idea of living through another Election 2000.

"I wouldn't like a president without the popular vote, just like I didn't like it in the national election," said senior Anthony Lopeman. "I don't like the dorm-vote system they're going to, but I also don't think we can keep having elections. Whoever has the most votes should win."

Many students agreed with this thought, despite the fact that the Student Union Constitution does not provide

Election campaign marred by personal attacks

By MEGHAN DOWNS
News Editor

Though elections always involve some personal attacks, this year's election has been marked by especially vicious attacks against one candidate.

While Adam Istvan and Karla Bell said they received only positive comments throughout their campaign, their opposition, Charlie Ebersol and James Leito, did not report a similar experience.

Ebersol, who also ran for the top student government position last year, losing to Pat Hallahan, said that the threats he received this year intensified since the 2003 election. The threats include postings on the NDToday.com message boards, voicemails left on Ebersol's apartment phone and e-mails to his personal account. Ebersol added that his Hummer has been keyed and the tires on his vehicle have been deflated multiple times.

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Controversy swirls around Monologues

By MATTHEW Smedberg
News Writer

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's production of The Vagina Monologues will take place Saturday evening under intense debate from students, faculty and alumni — and now the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Bishop John D'Arcy issued a pastoral statement this week expressing his disappointment that the University would allow the Monologues to be performed. Upon review of the texts, D'Arcy said they were "offensive to women" and "antithetical to Catholic teaching on the beautiful gift of human sexuality, and also to the teachings of the church on the human body relative to its purpose and to its status as a temple of the Holy Spirit."

The Monologues, a collection of dramatically varying pieces by Eve Ensler, has become an international movement in its five years of existence. Under wrote the play, originally conceived as a one-woman production, from her own experiences, taking it on a national tour beginning in 1998.

As an outgrowth of the play, her organization, V-Day, held its first Feb. 14 observance that same year. Its goals were to increase awareness of violence against women, sexual assault and the stigmatization of the value of women's sexuality.

Support for the Notre Dame performance has come from various groups, including four aca- demic departments: English, Gender Studies, Core and Film, Television and Theatre. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Chaplain, the Rev. Anthony Lopeman, said they were "offensive to women and very antithetical to Catholic teaching." He said they would challenge the determination of the University to proceed with the performance.

Future performances have been scheduled in several Notre Dame dormitories. Though many students are excited about the idea of performing on campus, others are concerned about the University's stance on the performance.

Though the University has allowed the performance, the Notre Dame Chaplain's Office decided that the University should not support the performance with funding from student fees or from Notre Dame's Catholic Campus Ministry.

"We were pressured, we were harried, we were wor-

Memorial Mass held for Sharon

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

The refrain of the opening hymn was fitting. "We remember, we celebrate, we believe."

A standing room only crowd of about 120 students and faculty gathered in the Fisher Hall chapel Thursday night to remember and celebrate the life of Chad Sharon, the freshman who disappeared on Dec. 12, 2002. Thursday's memorial Mass marked a year since his body was found floating in the St. Joseph River, two months after his disappearance.

Father Robert Moss, Sharon's former rector, reflected on the time of uncertainty when the missing student's whereabouts were still unknown.

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Child's play

Happy Valentine's Day, kids. I'm sorry to say it, but Cupid is bringing bad news this year. Barbara Millicent Roberts is once again single. That's right, Ken and Barbie are breaking up. The world's favorite plastic couple are calling it quits, after a 43-year relationship. They seemed so happy. Unfortunately, the puppet masters at Mattel have conspired to ruin the all-American romance just before Valentine's Day.

What is the world coming to? I mean, it's no big loss for me as a dude, but the Barbie-Ken affair represents a big chunk of American culture, and now it's gone. I shudder to think what else the toy industry will bring us. They've been pretty busy dishing out crap for the last decade or so, and I don't think it's going to stop. For example, the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. Any '80s kid will tell you those hacks are just cheap, blatan ripoffs of Voltron. Or how about TransForms? When I was a little kid, the Robo in Digidude weren't made of cheap plastic. They were forged from military-grade steel. I had a StarScreem that must have weighed six pounds. Toy guns have slipped quite a bit, too. I didn't grow up with neon-colored squirt guns. I was strapped with a kind of toy gun you could easily use to rob liquor stores.

And then there are the terrible fads. Like Tamagotchi? Remember those? They were these insufferable little electronic pets on keychains. Whenever they were hungry, or tired, or thirsty, or bored, they beeped. And beeped. And beeped. And the Furby was just downright creepy, even though it looked like Girmos from "Gremlins." Those things randomly wake up and speak to you. Not just programmed lines, either. They can manage the rudiments of human speech. The government even banned Furbys from the tour of CIA headquarters, for fear they could record or transmit information. They should never have been allowed in the country. Maybe I'm getting on in years, but I miss the good old days. Kids actually used to play with cars. Hot Wheels, Matchbox cars and Micro Machines were the stuff race-car dreams were made of. The old-school metal Slinky was endless fun, and it still is. There's just simple delight in watching a big spring walk down the stairs. And even though they inevitably got tangled, stretched or otherwise ruined, it was no big deal. They were like three bucks.

But if you ask a kid today if he has a Lite Brites or some Play-Doh, odds are he'll just whip you. Good thing those cheap plastic guns don't even hurt.

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IN BRIEF

Come watch the Actors From the London Stage perform William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Student tickets cost $12 and are available for purchase in LaFonnte.

Attend a reading, discussion and signing with Kevin Cooney, author of "Dummers" and "Marching Home: To War and Back with the Men of One American Town." Events begin at 7 p.m. tonight in the Hames Notre Dame bookstore.

Dance into Valentine's Day at the romantic La Sirena: A Valentine's Dance tonight from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Bring a date and dress to impress.

Enjoy Irish sing-a-longos and camaraderie with the traditional Irish and Scottish tunes of The Kwills tonight at Legends. Doors are at 9:45 p.m.

Watch the revolutionary 1994 film "Go Fish" as part of the ND Queer Film Festival. Winner of the Best Feature Film at the Berlin Film Festival and nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, it tells the story of a young lesbian in Chicago who has trouble finding love. The film begins at 7 p.m. in the Hames Auditorium.

Showcase your skills at a campus-wide snow sculpting extravaganza, sponsored by the Hall Presidents Council. The competition begins at 4 p.m. on South Quad.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, send details, your information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.

Barbie and Ken break up

NEW YORK — Just like Jo and Ben, the romance is over for Barbie and Ken. After 43 years as one of the world's prettiest pairs, the perfect plastic couple is breaking up. The couple's "business manager," Russell Arons, vice president of marketing at Mattel, said that Barbie and Ken "feel it's time to spend some quality time apart."

"Like other celebrity couples, their Hollywood romance has come to an end," said Arons, who quickly added that the duo "will remain friends." Truth be told, the announcement was prompted by the fact that Mattel is releasing the Call (as in California) Girl Barbie, arriving in stores now. Ken will still be in the picture — only now he's "just a friend," Mattel claims.

Bedbugs bite back

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Bedbugs have bitten in 35 states, including Iowa, and continue to spread across the country, pest control experts say. Bedbugs are tiny blood-sucking insects that smell like soda pop syrup and are shaped like apple seeds. They live in beds or furniture, or hide behind baseboards and wallpaper.

They don't carry diseases, but they bite while you sleep, turning brownish-red after feeding on your blood.

Infestations are on the rise across the country in metropolitan cities with high travel populations, according to Orkin Exterminating Co.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

John Cameron Mitchell, star of " Hedwig and the Angry Inch," awards an audience member with a kiss and a rose for asking a question after the Notre Dame Queer Film Festival's showing of the movie Thursday night.

WHAT DO YOU FEAR MOST ABOUT FRIDAY THE 13TH?

Dave Rooney Junior off-campus "Pre-marital relations in a cabin."
Molly Welton Junior LeMans "Lions, tigers and bears, oh my!"
Cole Barker Junior O' Neill "Being hacked to death with an ax."
Julie Taylor Junior Holy Cross Hall "Bad wigs."
Betsy Brown Junior Holy Cross Hall "Being attacked by a man-eating black cat."
Dave Millar Junior O' Neill "That I will wake up and still be in South Bend."

Matt Bramanti Wire Editor

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Man arrested on trespassing charge

Trespasser asked priest for money near Main Building

By ANDREW THAGARD
 Associate News Editor

Notre Dame Security/Police arrested a man for trespassing on campus Thursday afternoon. The suspect, a 55-year-old male, was apprehended at approximately 3:10 p.m. in front of the Main Building after soliciting money near a Holy Cross priest, said Chuck Hurley, NDSP assistant director. The suspect was transported to St. Joseph County Jail and remained in custody Thursday evening.

The individual, who NDSP officials say was previously issued a trespassing warning and told not to return to campus, allegedly confronted a priest or elaborate on the nature of their encounter but suggested that it mirrored past incidents where members of the Notre Dame community were asked to donate money to a needy individual.

"It's the same situation [as when] someone approaches a student with a hard luck story and asks for $20 or $30," he said. "It's a problem that occurs periodically." If a student is approached by someone in need, Hurley said, he should notify NDSP so the department can assess the situation and direct the individual to the appropriate organizations.

More often than not, Hurley said, the individual's story does not check out and money given with the intent of helping ends up funding a drug addiction.

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Lecture discusses 'just war' theory

By KATIE MOUNTS
New Writer

Linking recent events in Iraq to Catholic responsibility, author Peter Temes articulat-

ed his opinions on just war theory when he spoke at Notre Dame Thursday night.

Temes, President of the Antioch New England Graduate School and author of the recently published "The Just War: An American Reflection on the Morality of War in Our Time," presented a one-hour lecture entitled "Just War Thinking in a New Age" to approximately 50 students and faculty in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The just war theory, Temes said, revolves around the idea that while "war is always wrong, [it is] sometimes necessary." He argued that choices are not always between right and wrong, but that war may end up being the lesser of two wrongs.

"As precious as peace is, peace is not enough," he said. "Justice and decency are higher values." The highest justification for war, he said, is not defense of self, but defense of an innocent third party.

Temes explained the ambiguity found in the principles of Catholic just war theory, a concept first proposed by St. Augustine. These principles include the prepositions that war must be waged by a legitimate authority, be taken as a last resort and be harmful only in proportion to the good it brings, he said.

Temes' book adds three original ideas to the first principles. He also proposed that war may be considered just if it brings, he said.

Temes related his belief that a war is partly justified by its after-effects to the recent controversy in Iraq.

"Our obligation in Iraq is just beginning," he said. The Program of Liberal Studies, The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and The Review of Politics cosponsored the lecture.

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What's the Future of this Relationship?

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(taxe is no cost for this program)

Questions: call John or Sylvia Dillon at 1-7163

What are some challenges involved in long-distance dating?

What's involved in making healthy decisions about a relationship?
Dame is prohibited from interfering in the production by its commitment to academic freedom, said Rose Lindegren, a staff and cast member.

Support has also come from such sources as Pangborn Hall, whose hall government proposed a resolution to donate funds from the hall tax to V-Day.

"We had to drop that idea after speaking to Student Affairs," Pangborn rector Heather Rakocy said. Instead, she said the dorm collected spare change from residents and donated the proceeds to the group.

Performances of The Vagina Monologues have also sparked protest and criticism since the beginning. Critics accuse Ensler, who is a lesbian, of furthering an anti-marriage, pro-lesbian agenda.

"But it's not a part of my day to day life," she said. "I feel like going on the Web site, and I guess it seems important, but it's not a monologue about the lack of personal affection that student government doesn't personally affect me. I realize what they do is important, but it's not a part of my day to day life.

Also playing an important role in the election's outcome were the 7 percent of students who voted but chose to abstain.

Sophomore Lindsey Brownhilde explained the reasons for her abstention, citing the lack of strong candidates. "I didn't feel like there was a good choice between the two of them, so I abstained. I would probably make a choice now, just to end it. I would find something to pull me one way or another," said Brownhilde.

Sara Woolf, freshman

Now that this previously untested rule is affecting the campus, many are speaking out against it and calling for reform before the next election.

"Having a president without the most votes would be upsetting," said Maddy Mulligan. "I think changing the rules would really encourage people to vote, because their vote would really make a difference in the end if it came down to a situation like this."

Freshman Sara Woolf agreed. "I feel like you need to have a majority of the student popular vote to be student body president," said Woolf. "Even if he's not who I wanted, I would want the president to have the popular vote."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Most-wanted terrorist suspect dies
WASHINGTON — One of Saudi Arabia's most-wanted terrorist suspects has died from injuries in a November shootout with security forces, a U.S. official said Thursday.

Amr bin Mohsin Moroof Al Zaidan al-Shihri made it to a safehouse where he was treated by a nurse, but he later died, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Saudi Interior Ministry said in November that the five-hour shootout in a residential neighborhood of the Saudi capital, Riyadh, left six police officers dead and eight policemen wounded. Witnesses said several other militants escaped.

The Saudi government has never declared al-Shihri to be dead.

Mexico accuses U.S., Britain of spying
MEXICO CITY — Mexico has asked the United States and Britain to explain recent accusations they spied on U.N. delegations in the run-up to the war in Iraq.

Mexico's request came a day after Chiles claimed its U.N. mission telephones were tapped as the Security Council debated a resolution backed by Washington, Britain and Spain authorizing war against Saddam Hussein.

A Chilean government spokesman refused to say who was suspected of tapping the telephones, but said government officials "expressed our concern to the respective institutions.

On Saturday, a London newspaper reported that British intelligence acted on a U.S. request for help in eavesdropping on U.N. delegates' home and office telephones before the war.

NATIONAL NEWS

Clark to endorse front-runner Kerry
WASHINGTON — Wesley Clark will endorse presidential contender John Kerry, a high-profile boost for the front-runner as he looks to wrap up the party's nomination, according to Democratic officials.

With next week's Wisconsin primary looming, the former Army general is said to have decided to make a formal endorsement, officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Clark spokesman Matt Bennett would not confirm the endorsement, and would only say, "General Clark is looking forward to going to Wisconsin to be with Senator Kerry."

Soldier arrested for aiding al-Qaida
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Human embryo successfully cloned

Associated Press

SEATTLE — In a clash of politics and science, the first successful cloning of a human embryo — and the extraction of stem cells from it — has ignited new calls for tighter controls on all forms of human cloning in the United States.

The Bush administration, by South Korean scientists on Thursday promised

to follow up and alert church leaders to any such initiative.

"Given human beings is wrong," said Rep. Joe Pitts, R-Pa. "It is unethical to tinker with human life," said Rep. Joe Pitts, R-Pa. A ban must be pursued, he said, "before the unethical science comes to our shores."

The Bush administration favors such action and referred reporters to a statement by the president calling for "a comprehensive and effective ban."

"Human life is a creation, not a commodity, and should not be used as research material for reckless experiments," Bush said last month.

A Senate vote against a bill passed last year by the House that called for a ban on human cloning, said there needs to be legislation that would prevent cloning of babies, but permit "lifesaving stem cell research to proceed under strict ethical guidelines."

Two South Korean scientists who announced the landmark achievement there Thursday said they have already been the target of street demonstrations and egg-throwing incidents in Seoul even though their work is directed at treating diseases and not at making cloned babies.

Woo Suk Hwang, lead author of the study, admitted at a news conference that the technique developed in his lab "cannot be separated from reproductive cloning" and called on every country to prevent the use of the technology in that way.

He said the work could be controlled and regulated by the Korea Stem Cell Research Center "to prevent the remote possibility of any uncontrolled accidents such as human reproductive cloning."

Gay weddings performed in Calif.

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Associated Press

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California Attorney General Bill Lockyer had no comment.

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Racial issues forum celebrates black history

By TRICIA DE GROOT
News Writer

Three Notre Dame history professors specializing in racial issues kicked off a celebration of Black History Month when they spoke at a forum in Welsh Family Hall on Thursday night.

Welsh multicultural commissioners Arienne Thompson and Shaintina Ferguson facilitated the event and invited their past and current professors—Emily Osborn, Tom Guglielmo and Richard Pierce—to attend the event and share their own reflections on black history with students.

Guglielmo began with an account of a life-altering book about the Civil Rights Movement that his sister gave him as a Christmas present in 1989. He said the book, "Parting the Waters" by Taylor Branch, influenced his decision to become a history major.

Contrasting Branch’s unusual focus on ordinary people with the usual focus on more prominent figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Guglielmo praised their willingness to jump to action. “If these folks can do it, why can’t I take an active role and try and bring about a more just society?” Guglielmo asked the audience.

Osborn said, her goal is “to show the ties the United States shares with Africa.” She said Sierra Leone served as an example of cultural and race relations far ahead of their time and expressed her hope that, through this example, people would see Africa in a more positive light.

While negative perceptions of current events often “erases this complex, very rich past,” Osborn said, her goal is “to show the ties the United States shares with Africa.”

The last professor to speak, Richard Pierce, told his audience that “people believe African American history is a history of trauma.” However, Pierce said he views African American history as a history of resistance.

“If resistance is the lens through which I see African American history,” Pierce asked, “then what is the resistance to follow?” Pierce also described the boxing match involving Floyd Patterson and Sonny Liston as a clash Americans viewed as “good versus evil, evil versus acceptable.” Pierce further related this event to his theme of resistance.

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Microsoft source code leaked

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Microsoft Corp. said late Thursday that parts of its Windows source code — the tightly guarded blueprint of its dominant computer operating system — had been leaked to the Internet. Six percent of tires rated between a 500 and a 600 had no tires with a 700. So far, there were any tires with a 600 and no tires with a 700. Now his friend, domestic diva Zuma Press

Microsoft has previously shared some of its source code with some companies. U.S. government agencies, foreign governments and universities under tight restrictions that prevent such organizations from making it publicly available. But the company has argued that the blue- print to its operating system is proprietary, and shouldn’t be made public.

Still, because some people outside Microsoft have had access to the code, analysts said it wasn’t too surprising for such a leak to occur.
Istvan mentioned that this arrangement hurts him, because a lot of his support came from students who live off campus. “I think it is unfair,” he said. “Their vote is miniscule now. I won (the senior vote) by more than a 2 to 1 margin. It’s unfortunate that the Constitution is set up in such a way that off campus students count less. However, I would never try to go against the Constitution.”

While Ebersol-Leito won the freshman class 551 to 443 votes and the sophomore class 493 to 379 votes, Istvan-Bell won the junior class 490 to 323 votes and the senior class 409 to 170 votes. However, the Student Senate is set up with only one off campus senator and one senator from each dorm.

A further issue now complicating the election is that each dorm, regardless of size, will receive only one vote in the Senate meeting Sunday. “I think it’s unfortunate for the kids that live in the big dorms,” said Istvan. “It’s not like the federal election, where you have drastically different views coming from the big and small states. Here, we’re all Notre Dame students... we’re not that much different when it comes to what students want done.”

Ebersol did not share the same opinion. “It’s necessary that each dorm has an equal voice,” he said. “I would willingly bet that if each dorm has equal representation and equal voices. Ebersol added his own speculation about how the election will turn out. “Based on the last election... I would bet that the two of us can get a pretty good idea of where the votes stand,” he said. “If I look at the last election, you have a pretty good idea of who wins what dorms.”

“I would willingly bet that if you looked at the last election you would be able to figure out who is going to win this election,” he said. In Monday’s election, Ebersol-Leito won 22 of 27 dorms. Istvan-Bell won 3. Healy-Lealy and Craft-Lynch each won one dorm.

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“Somebody so brilliant, somebody so talented, somebody so happy, somebody so thrilled about being at ND,” Moss said. “We don’t know the reasons. We can see and not understand. But we can trust that Chad is one with the Lord, and we care for Chad.”

At the close of the Mass, Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, read a letter from Sharon’s parents, Steve and Jane, of Pelican Lake, Wis. Addressed to “all our dear friends at Notre Dame,” the brief and heartfelt letter expressed the family’s everyday struggles with the loss of their son and their efforts to fulfill his wishes. The Sharons also wrote that they promised to return to campus again soon. After finishing the letter, Poorman told listeners that a tree would be planted in the spring to honor Chad Sharon’s memory, and that his diploma would be awarded posthumously at graduation ceremonies in May of 2006.

Moss reminded those in attendance to rejoice in Sharon’s life, although his time at the University had been cut short. “He was only with us for four short months, but he certainly left his mark,” Moss said. “God was ready to welcome Chad in his own embrace.”

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Men compete for pageant title

By KATE GALEs
News Writer

Missed the Mr. ND Pageant? There will be another chance to get your fill of Notre Dame’s finest at 2 p.m. on Saturday, when male Notre Dame students compete for the title of “Mr. Cool Water” here on campus.

Legends and the magazine Sports Illustrated have designed a Cool Water cologne promotional event. “Cool Water is a cologne commercial event. The campus representatives have been invited to bring support groups — part of the competition is in the crowd response, so they are encouraged to bring as many people as possible.

The event has not been heavily advertised, although all students on the Legends e-mail list received information on the competition. The campus representatives here at Notre Dame heard about the pageant.”

The event will take place after the men’s basketball game against Seton Hall on Saturday, scheduled for 12 noon at the JACC.

“We’re anticipating a good turnout,” Jorissen said. “The guys are invited to bring support groups to the competition, as well as one Mr. Off-Campus. The judges will be representatives from the men’s residential halls, with Cheryl Turski serving as emcee.

In addition to the title, the top three winners will receive cash prizes of $100, $50 and $25, respectively. The event will take place in the Alumni Center.

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Festival a step in right direction

Five years ago, Notre Dame students were participating in hunger strikes to protest the University's policy toward homosexuals. This week, department-sponsored students are running and attending the first Queer Film Festival on campus. It's a big change — and a huge step in the right direction.

Granted, the University's policy toward homosexual individuals — both students and faculty — is still far from perfect. The same issues that prompted protests and controversy throughout the 1990s are still unresolved. Gay groups are still denied club status and the University's non-discrimination clause still does not include homosexuals.

But considering Notre Dame's outspoken, hard-core Catholic identity, its reluctance to fully and openly sanction homosexual causes or groups is somewhat understandable. The backlash from various Catholic organizations and alumni would most likely be overwhelming, and the University's cautious moves are most likely an effort to avoid such a vehement reaction.

There is a difference between preserving Notre Dame's Catholic identity and encouraging academic debate by allowing presentations that exhibit perspectives contrary to Church teachings. By allowing the Queer Film Festival, Notre Dame shows a commitment to both academic freedom and a more accepting social attitude. If the University truly opposed the event, it undoubtedly could have refused to permit it on campus. Permitting events like the Queer Film Festival shows the University's willingness to explore social and gender issues in the pursuit of academic enlightenment. They also show that the University's attitude is becoming more open in regard to alternative lifestyles, marking the first step toward actual, tangible progress.

Now that Notre Dame is more openly displaying this attitude, it should quicken its pace in implementing changes. Catholicism is the most identifying characteristic of the University, but that same religious commitment should be used to justify full inclusion. A main tenet of the Catholic faith is that all people are equal and love should be universal; the University should act on that tenet and include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination clause. It should be commended for its recent allowances and exhibition of a more tolerant mindset, but the administration should build upon that mindset and turn to action by taking the major steps needed to secure full equality for all people on this campus.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Film Festival taints Notre Dame

"I am the Immaculate Conception." Thus spoke the Mother of God to Saint Bernadette Soubirous in 1858, just four years after Blessed Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed the doctrine of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. Our Lady was preserved from all stain of sin from the first moment of her conception so that she would be the singular virgin, mother of God, one in whom the Word would become flesh by the power of the Holy Ghost to dwell amongst us and to redeem us on the Wood of the Holy Cross.

Our Lady saw the horror of what our sins did to her Divine Son in His Sacred Humanity as he hung on the Cross on Calvary on Good Friday. Her Immaculate Heart was pierced with the sword of sorrow that had been prophesied by the aged Simeon in the Temple at the Presentation.

Catholic identity, its reluctance to fully and openly sanction homosexual causes or groups is somewhat understandable. The backlash from various Catholic organizations and alumni would most likely be overwhelming, and the University's cautious moves are most likely an effort to avoid such a vehement reaction. Cooperating with the graces won for us on Calvary and relying upon our sinless Blessed Mother's maternal intercession, we are called to be free from all stain of sin in this life. It is thus an evil thing to persist in sin unrepentantly, worse yet to celebrate it publicly as something noble and virtuous. It is an act of utter blasphemy to connect the Holy Name of Mary with one of the four sins that cry out to Heaven for vengeance, as is being done this very week on the campus of the University of Notre Dame du Lac in Notre Dame, Indiana.

To make reparation for the "film festival" celebrating perverted evil on Our Lady's campus, Christ or Chaos, Inc., is calling upon all Catholics of good will to pray an extra set of Sorrowsful Mysteries of Our Lady's Most Holy Rosary each and every day until this celebration of perversion is taken place on her campus.

Thomas Droleskey
President
Christ or Chaos, Inc.
Alumni Class of 1974

Editor's Note: This letter was originally submitted to The Observer as an advertisement. However, because The Observer does not allow advertisements of an ideological nature, The Observer's Editorial Board rejected the advertisement and offered the author a chance to resubmit the text to the Viewpoint section.

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"Pretty much all the honest truth-telling there is in the world is done by children."

Oliver Wendell Holmes
American poet, essayist, novelist
Disputing myths about Bush's economy

Despite what you hear from Democratic presidential hopefuls and Republican pundits, the Bush administration can take little responsibility for the state of the American economy since January 2001.

Complex macroeconomic trends, business cycles, and even the meaning of the words “prosperous conduct” often elude the understanding of average citizens, those with a party stance to push can pick and choose their statistics to show through our threads to either disparage Bush or glorify him. Consequently, a number of myths have evolved regarding Bush’s connection to economic developments that must be addressed.

Myth number one: “Bush has lost millions of jobs since he took office.” This claim not only ignores economic developments at work even before Bush took office, but also assumes that Bush is directly responsible for every business personnel decision made immediately after his inauguration. The stock market bubble and ensuing tech crash, followed by the shock of Sept. 11, took a devastating toll on American business that had already experienced a recession inherited before Bush even took office.

The recession and bubble burst took a double toll on employers, cutting or freezing hiring during periods of negative growth is a common practice that is easy to over-invest in tech stocks reduced to rubble, causing the substantial rate of unemployment that is currently declining.

Myth number two: “Bush has allowed the outsourcing of countless jobs to foreign countries.” Corollary to myth number one, this myth is no less a falsehood than it is a misunderstanding of the nature and motivation for outsourcing.

Also overlooked is the existing business attractiveness that helps retain companies overseas. Compared to Third World countries, we pay higher wages, maintain tighter environmental regulation, and provide a framework of assistance for innovation, so businesses jump on the opportunity to move factories to a smaller locale. Hedging businesses between strict restrictions and broad based laws that prevent outsourcing could lead businesses to choose between both, so legislators must find a way to balance the two conflicting forces at work.

Myth number three: “Bush has created the highest deficit in United States history.” Bush’s record of high spending since he took office is indisputable, but this claim is true only when analyzing the deficit as a percentage of GDP, a measure that takes the current level of growth and the current size of the economy into account. During the early to mid ’90s and the early ’00s, the deficit as a percentage of GDP was higher than the most recent fiscal year. Bush’s record of deficit spending periods of sustained growth, and critics of yesteryear echoed those of today who claim that the deficit will run the economy into the ground. History proved the critics wrong, and if the country’s growth continues, the deficit will likely decrease to more manageable levels.

Republicans once claimed in the run-up to the deficit hawks, but as their commander-in-chief spends like an old-school liberal, the opposition party must naturally fill the void and champion a platform of balancing the budget or at least curbing federal spending. As the election draws near, the Democratic candidate must present a sound fiscal policy that addresses purportedly excessive spending by the incumbent.

Will the candidate propose to limit military spending while the country is at war? Will he overturn Bush’s Medicare expansion? Will he take the unnecessary stances of rare voting taxes? More to the point, after Bush has spent the last two years spending like a Democrat, will the Democrats respond by reverting their usual platform of funding a wide variety of social programs? Even if Bush does not serve a second term, he has stuck a hefty thorn in Democrats’ side, when the president is out of their reach, the party multiplies its options to provide their constituents with an improved quality of life.

Bill Rinner
A Voice of Reason

Today, Friday the Thirteenth, is unlucky for the American presidential committee, and Finance Day could be marked any jobs at all.

Rinner is a junior economics major studying at the London School of Economics. For more analysis on this issue, including a report on an article that had as little to do with love as possible, see the Observer. This issue can be contacted at stev_sharon@sunlong.edu.

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parents of Chad Sharon
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**Norah Jones avoids sophomore slump**

By EMILY TUMBRINK

Norah Jones’ hugely successful debut album, has sold more than 17 million copies worldwide, won the “Big Three” at the Grammys in 2003 (Best New Artist, Album of the Year, and Record of the Year), and remains in the top 25 after 101 weeks on the Billboard charts. Despite the incredibly high expectations for this young artist’s sophomore follow-up, Jones has bravely released *Feels Like Home*. Already ranked number one on the Amazon.com sales chart, Jones’ second release is sure to be both a financial and popular success. On this album, Jones, who moved to Manhattan in 1999, has returned to her Texas roots, which would perhaps explain her choice for the title. *Feels Like Home* combines the sultry jazz sound made famous on *Come Away With Me* with a more country-bluegrass twang. Despite this slight stylistic change, *Feels Like Home* feels like a continuation of her previous album, which would be considered a good thing by most listeners.

Six of the 13 tracks on *Feels Like Home* were written or co-written by Jones herself. She has also included covers of Townes Van Zandt’s “Be Here to Love Me” and Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan’s “The Long, Way Home,” and revised Duke Ellington’s instrumental “Melancholia,” by adding her own lyrics and renaming it “Don’t Miss You At All.”

While most of the songs on *Feels Like Home* focus on Jones’ voice surrounded by soft and sparse instrumentation, *Feels Like Home* offers the more tangible presence of The Handsome Band. Jones’ back-up group. Also, the tracks included on *Come Away With Me* were generally very slow, mellow and soothing. *Feels Like Home*, on the other hand, features several songs that are upbeat, but still manage to possess the dreamy lounge quality of *Come Away With Me*. The first single from *Feels Like Home*, “Sunrise,” was released to radio stations in early January and is sure to gain increasing airplay. This song feels the most like those released on *Come Away With Me* and is appropriately located at the beginning of *Feels Like Home*, raising the transition from one style to the next while subtly setting the stage for the rest of the album.

“Crepot In,” the most country-flavored inclusion on the album, features Dolly Parton providing backup vocals, and feels more like an old country ditty than what is played on today’s country radio stations.

Although *Feels Like Home* most likely will not live up to everyone’s expectations, it is simply because those expectations are too high. The album is a solid release with many great songs and is not likely to disappoint fans, but it cannot quite live up to the standard set by *Come Away With Me*. While *Come Away With Me* offered a haven in a music world filled with pop stars and boy bands, the need for an album like *Feels Like Home* is no longer quite as urgent since Jones has paved the way for many other talented and unique artists to achieve popularity. Despite this lack of urgency, *Feels Like Home* remains a welcomed release and will probably achieve quiet success in the typical Norah Jones fashion.

**Dizzee Rascal is like no other**

By KENYATTA STORIN

London MC Dizzee Rascal may only be 18 years old, but his debut, *Boy in da Corner*, showcases a unique style that most veteran musicians do not achieve five albums deep into their careers. His music combines aspects of both hip-hop and electronica, but it is almost impossible to classify him under one or the other. And despite comparisons to 2Pac and 50 Cent, the truth of the matter is that even when you take away his British accent and slang, Dizzee simply sounds like nobody else, past or present.

As is typical of his life but you are still left wondering if this is not for you. But if you have the patience, or perhaps online written lyrics, you will find that Dizzee’s rhymes are worth your time.

Dizzee gives you the lowdown on the streets of East London, but it goes beyond just talking about how tough he is, how nice his rims are and how many girls he can get like your average gangsta rapper. He discusses the trials and tribulations of his life but is not afraid to show conflicting emotions and weaknesses.

On “Brand New Day,” he laments the difficulties of his life, saying, “Looks like I’m losing sight / At the end of the street,” he says, “right, but then says in the chorus, “But it’s a brand new day / New opportuni­ ties, what can I say?”

Similarly, on “Do It” he says, “Sometimes I wake up wishing I can sleep forever / I spend my whole life trying to pull myself together,” and then says in the chorus, “Sleep tight, everything will be alright. Other notable tracks are “I Luv U,” which discusses underage sex, “Jezebel,” a sad tale of a prostitute, and “Round We Go,” where Dizzee talks about his girl problems.

Boys in da Corner is certainly not for everyone, but Dizzee’s talent is undeniable. In fact, most hip-hop fans will likely want to skip Boy in da Corner because it lacks catchy beats and is difficult to understand. If you are looking for some hardcore rap to blast in your stereo while you party, this is not for you. But if you have an open mind and want a fresh sound put into your CD player, then Dizzee is your man. Who knows? He may very well be the future of hip-hop and electronica.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

*Feels Like Home*

Norah Jones

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**Boy in da Corner**

Dizzee Rascal

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Afterglow is the first album McLachlan has released in seven years, when her three-time Grammy winning album Surfacing made her a world-wide name. In that seven years, much happened in McLachlan's life—her mother died, and her daughter, India, was born five months following that death. Thus, the tracks on the album are a mix of love songs, songs of despair and songs of hope. McLachlan summarizes the album by explaining, "When you look up 'Afterglow' in the dictionary, it is defined as 'the glow or light that remains once the sun is gone.' You're used to this bright, shiny, beautiful glow but the moment the sun disappears, all of a sudden you have to readjust everything. It's a very transitional moment. A lot of these songs are about transition ... the turning over of the rock, what's underneath, the murky, shadowy uncertainty where everything looks very different."

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The Pale, rock's lighter side

By BRIAN FOY

The Pale, which hails from Bellingham, Wash., is a still a terrifically beautiful song. The other major strong,— and more hopeful — point of the album is found in "Push," a love song that doesn't fall prey to the clichés. Love and life aren't easy, and that is essentially what McLachlan conveys through "Push." "Even when I have to push just to see how far you'll go / You won't stoop down to battle but you never turn to go."

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Saku Koivu of the Montreal Canadiens scored four goals against the Tampa Bay Lightning. The Canadiens went on to lose 5-3.

Tampa Bay scored on a backhander after Tampa Bay defensemen Pavel Kubina blocked his pass during a two-on-one at 4:28. Koivu then assisted on Markov's power-play goal from the top of the right circle with 3:06 left. St. Louis made it 2-1 with a power-play goal at 6:22 of the second. The right winger's shot from along the goal line went in off Theodore.

Just 36 seconds after Richards hit the post, St. Louis tied it at 2 at 2-3-4 of the third when his shot from near the boards just in front of goal linedeflected off Koivu.

Capitals 3, Hurricanes 1

Pavel Brendl scored late in the third period Thursday night to lift the Carolina Hurricanes into a 3-3 tie with the Washington Capitals. Marty Murray and Sean Hill each scored for the Hurricanes, who are 0-5-2 in their last seven home games. Koivu Weekly had 18 saves for Carolina, which outshot Washington 41-21. Jaretty Halpern and Mike Grier each scored for the Capitals, while Olaf Kolzig had 38 saves. Carolina's three previous losses to Washington this season came by a combined score of 18-6, but this game was competitive and physical throughout.

The game featured 17 penalties in the second period alone, including game misconduct penalties to Washington's Darcy Verot and Carolina's Brone St. Jacques — and several tussles on the ice. Carter put the Capitals ahead 3-2 with a power-play goal. Standing in front of the crossbar, Halpern flipped the puck back to Carter on the left goal line while battling for position. Carter beat Williams with a backhander that had come out when the puck was in front of net, at 8.03 of the third.

Brendl answered with his fourth goal of the series, grabbing a rebound off a shot by Eric Staal and putting it in from the left side at 14:57. Carolina dominated the second period and took a 2-1 lead on Hill's straightaway shot on the power play. The Hurricanes swarmed around the net, out-shooting the Hurricanes 16-3 in the period, and would have led by more if not for Kolzig's solid play. The netminder turned away close shots by Jeff O'Neill, Justin Williams and Niall Wallin in the period to keep Washington in it. The Capitals tied it when a shot by Peter Bondra bounced off the skate of Halpern, ricocheted off Weken and went in the net. Halpern was credited with the power-play goal at 16:59 of period.

Maple Leafs 4, Blue Jackets 1

The Columbus Blue Jackets just didn't have the energy to rally against the Toronto Maple Leafs. Gary Roberts and Darcy Tucker scored power-play goals, and the Maple Leafs beat the Blue Jackets 4-1 on Thursday night. Columbus beat the Los Angeles Kings in overtime in the previous night. "It was just a case of us playing last night," Columbus coach Gerard Gallant said. "We looked tired. We worked hard and competed, but our top scorers just didn't get the scoring chances they usually get."

Ed Belfour made 18 saves in his first start in almost two weeks. Belfour, who missed three games with a back injury, was rarely tested, but he did stop Todd Marchant on a partial breakaway after Marchant skated between two defensemen in the first period. "They played the night before. Maybe being tired was the case today," Belfour said. Marchant scored the lone goal for the Blue Jackets, who have the worst road record in the NHL (3-17-4-2). Columbus' Rick Nash, the NHL's leading goal scorer, assisted his team.
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HOUSTON — Drew Henson tried to show NFL scouts Thursday he can hit a receiver deeper than he could hit a curveball.

Representatives from 20 teams gathered at the Houston Texans’ practice bubble to watch the former Michigan quarterback throw about 75 passes.

"I felt good," said Henson, a third-round prospect for the New York Yankees until his release last week. "I threw as good as I could have hoped today."

Henson last played football in the 2001 Citrus Bowl. The Texans, who have a young quarterback in David Carr, took Henson in the sixth round of last year’s draft and are trying to trade his rights.

A deal can’t happen until March 4 under NFL rules. And if there’s no trade before the April 24 draft, he goes back into the hopper, where he’s been projected as a late first-round pick.

Henson’s workout came near Reliant Stadium, where the quarterback be once backed up at Michigan — Tom Brady — was the Super Bowl MVP two weeks ago.

Head coaches Mike Sherman of Green Bay and Mike Mularkey of Buffalo were in attendance. So was Houston-area resident Roger Clemens, one of Henson’s former Yankees teammates.

Henson never developed into the star the Yankees projected when they lured him from football with a $17 million, six-year deal in 2001.

The Bills were the most conspicuous presence, sending Mularkey, general manager Charley Casserly and [agent] Tom Condon to watch Henson throw about 122 times and made 22 errors.

"I threw as good as I could have hoped today."

Henson hit .234 with 14 home runs, 40 doubles and 78 RBIs for Triple-A Columbus last season. He struck out 122 times and made 22 errors.

In a six-year minor league career that began on a Yankees rookie league team in 1998 and spanned 501 games, Henson hit 248 with 67 homers, 274 RBIs and 556 strikeouts. During that span, the Yankees traded him to Cincinnati and re acquired him from the Reds.

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Henson was 1-for-9 and scored three runs for New York. He was a September callup by the Yankees in 2002 and 2003.

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Irish to meet No. 14 Virginia Commonwealth this weekend

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

A competitive No. 14 Virginia Commonwealth will be the first of three stops this weekend for the women’s tennis team.

The Irish are set to meet Virginia Commonwealth on Friday and will move on to play Boston College Saturday and Virginia Tech Sunday.

“This weekend is going to be really important for us. They’re all big matches for different reasons,” said coach Jay Louderback. “We’re playing some Big East teams and someone ranked ahead of us. The girls are also really excited to play a team ranked ahead of them.”

The Virginia Commonwealth Rams (6-0) are returning from a 4-3 win against Old Dominion Sunday. This weekend’s match will be the first time the Irish have met the Rams, who went undefeated until the NCAA tournament last year.

“They’ll definitely be our toughest competition this weekend,” sophomore Lauren Connelly said. “We all look at it as an opportunity to get our confidence going as we begin the season.”

From Virginia Commonwealth, the Irish will travel three hours to compete against Boston College (2-0) in Blackheath, Va. Last year’s match between the two resulted in an Irish 6-1 victory. The Boston College Eagles are also fresh off a win against Columbus 6-1 last weekend.

Despite their history of victories against the Eagles, Connelly anticipates a competitive match.

“We just go out and play hard every match,” Connelly said.

No. 69 Virginia Tech (6-0) will be looking for their seventh win of the season after defeating Radford 7-0 last weekend. Also at stake for the Hokies this weekend will be the retribution of last year’s 6-1 loss to the Irish last year. To secure success this weekend, it will be essential for the Irish to win the doubles point.

“It’s a lot more important than it used to be to get the doubles point,” Louderback said. Everyone is getting so good that it’s becoming hard to win four singles matches.”

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Bonds’ trainer charged in drug indictment

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**MEN'S TENNIS**

**Irish ready to face Wisconsin**

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

The Irish remain at home this weekend, as they face the University of Wisconsin Badgers in a contest Sunday at noon.

The unranked 2-1 Badgers boast the nation's No. 8 doubles team of senior David Hippee and junior Alex Kasarow.

Head coach Bobby Bayliss said, "They're good," Bayliss said. "We feel that we can do better than we've done so far, so we're ready for that stretch of matches starting with a visit to Northwestern on Feb. 21.

Despite a talented team overall for the Irish, the doubles teams have seen some difficulty this year.

"We worked on doubles a lot this week, and they're still a work in progress," he said. "We may change up the combinations to give more punch and balance."

The team is not intimidated by their tough conference opponent, who boasts the nation's No. 8 doubles team and can "be ready at least for doubles the following weekend."

Brent D'Amico goes for a backhand shot earlier this season against Purdue at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

**TRACK AND FIELD**

**Irish to travel to Ontario for meet this weekend**

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Most members of the Notre Dame track and field team will get to spend this Valentine's Day weekend at home, but the rest will make the short bus ride across the border to Windsor, Ontario to compete in the Windsor Team Challenge.

Mostly sprinters will be making the trip, as the track at the University of Windsor is a 200-meter "flat" track. "The track is very fast, and hopefully it will be beneficial to our runners," Plane said.

The Irish men won the first Big East Conference title last year, while the women finished second to the University of Miami. "We want to repeat," he said.

The Meyo was a great meet, as it enabled us to run against some different competition," he said. "We've been facing a lot of the same teams the whole year, and running against some new competition will help us as the year goes on."

McClain-Duer will make the trip up to Windsor along with almost all of the sprinters.

"The Meyo Invitational is one of the largest in the country, as Notre Dame competitors qualified for the conference meet in times of 48.00 in the 400 meters and 1:03.29 in the 500 meters."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hoping to finish season on strong note

By STEVE COYER

Sports Writer

The Belles entered the 2003-04 season with high expectations, and, despite a 6-16 overall record, the team has still accomplished many of its goals.

Saint Mary's faced its share of disappointments this year, but in the process the Belles have matured to become a closer knit group. Since the Belles will lose only one senior, the outlook for next year seems encouraging.

However, the Belles' focus has always been on winning games this present season. In this struggle, they have come together to form a unified team.

"This team has really gotten close throughout the season," head coach Suzanne Bellina said.

"We started out with a pretty young team with just one senior, but the players have matured a lot as the season has progressed."

The Belles have had to overcome difficulties all season, including a demoralizing seven-game losing streak. In addition, the Belles have faced tough competition in their conference, the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

"The top of the conference seems to be more evenly matched than in the past," Bellina said. "I think the league, as a whole, has raised their level of play."

Junior forward Emily Creachbaum, who emerged last year as a leader for the Belles, has led the teams in points and rebounds so far this season.

A big positive this year has been the energy and depth of the bench. In a victory last Monday against Olivet College, the Belles bench combined to score 32 points.

"We have a group that is going to continue and battle and work hard for the remainder of the season."

Suzanne Bellina
Belles head coach

By fatigue.

"The effort was there in the second half," Bellina said. "I think we just ran out of gas."

Although the bench has taken pressure off the starters this year, the Belles have still had problems maintaining their stamina.

"With only three regular season games left, the Belles want to finish the year on a positive note."

"We are looking at each game one at a time with the thought that all the games are winnable," Bellina said. "We have a group that is going to continue to battle and work hard for the remainder of the season."

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Dave Poulin hockey coach

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could put my finger on it and
bottle it because I would come
back to it," Brey said. "We stayed
positive. We can't get down.
We have to keep plugging, there's a lot of
basketball to be played." The Irish had just lost to
No. 4 Pittsburgh after taking a 15-2 lead very early in
the contest. Two nights later against Connecticut, the Irish
stayed close to the Huskies the entire game and finally
made a run late.
The Irish continued to
follow the game plan of slowing
down Connecticut's prolific transition game and shortening
the contest.
"In the Pittsburgh game, I
think we ran out of energy
and firepower. That's not
acceptable by any means,"}

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mentally, we're drained; we
didn't have the energy to win
the game. Seton Hall played
well, but we weren't at our
best." The Irish hope to get back to
their winning ways, however, as they host the Friars, who
are winless in the Big East. Meanwhile, Notre Dame is
undefeated at home this sea
going 10-0. The Irish are led by junior
Jacqueline Batteast (14.7
points), senior Meagan Ruthrauff (11.0 points, 8.2
rebounds per game) and sophomore point guard
Megan Duffy (11.0 points, 4.5 assists per game). But the Irish
offense has struggled lately, unable to put a lot of points
on the board.
"I think what we need to do
is score some points and feel
good about the offense,"
McGraw said. "We think we've
not really had an overpower-
ning output on the offensive
end, and I think that's what we
need to do." According to McGraw, the
key to their offensive produc-
tion in addition to Batteast is
Duffy, Le'Tania Severe, Teresa
Bartosz and Dominay LaVerre.
When two of those four play
well in addition to Batteast, the
Irish have been tough to stop.
The games that we look the
best in are the games when
more people have con-
tributed," McGraw said. "I think the transition game has
been a problem; we haven't been able to score in transi-
tional play. We just don't get easy
baskets. We're just working
and he delivered. He made
big shots and I saw him do it
every day in practice, so I
knew he could do it in the
game. Besides Thomas breaking out
defensively, the Irish
played solid on both ends of the
floor for 40 minutes. At
times, the offense became
stagnant, and the Huskies
might have gotten an easy
shot. The Irish only shot
39 percent and had five fewer
rebounds than the Huskies.
But they figured out a
way to win, and that's what they
need to remember for the
next three weeks.
"I think we learned some
things about ourselves on
both ends of the floor that
hopefully we can carry over
on Saturday and see if we can
get number six," Brey said.
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Wisen and Steffany Stegeline
and sophomore Heather Booth
pitched 362 of 373 innings for
the Irish last year.
 Booth was the Big East rookie
of the year in 2003, collecting
a 21-30 record with a 1.93 ERA
while holding the number one
starting spot all season. The
Irish hope for a similar rookie
impact from freshman Kenya
Fuemmeler, who broke the
career prep strikeout record
while in high school in
Missouri.
The infield will feature junior
Lie Hartmann at third base,
sophomore Sara Schoonae at
shortstop, freshman Stephanie
Brown at second base and
sophomore Meagan Ruthrauff
at first. Hartmann will move to
the infield after spending her
first two seasons as the left-
fielder. The outfield should be
a strength for the Irish, espe-
cially defensively. Junior Megan Ciolli,
who hit .356 with four home runs and 24 RBIs last season,
leads the Irish outfield at her usual centerfield position. She
is one of 40 players named to the USA Softball Player of the
Year watch list.
Senior Nicole deFau will play
left field, while sophomore
Kellie Middleton will start in
left. The two players combined
each a four home runs and 14 RBIs
"The beach is sold, with fresh-
men Larissa Jaquish and
Gessica Hufnagle backing up
Lenn at the catching position.
Junior Nicole Wicks, who trans-
ferred from Washington, will
provide infield backup and
Fuemmeler can play the out-
field in addition to relief pitcher.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Irish face another Big East test**

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

If anybody thinks the Irish could have a letdown after their first big win of the season, just check the RPI standings. Seeing Seton Hall ranked No. 11 shows Saturday's game is almost as big as Monday's.

After defeating Connecticut, which is around No. 8 in the RPI, the Irish (11-9, 5-5 in the Big East) jumped about 20 spots and now sit at No. 62. A win over the Pirates (16-5, 6-3) could help Notre Dame's RPI.

It's also important for the Irish to carry over the attitude from Monday's big win. The Irish never got down on themselves after losing six of eight and, for whatever reason, stayed upbeat during that difficult 48-hour stretch.

Irish coach Mike Brey now has to figure out how to keep that positive outlook for the last seven games of the regular season.

"Our body language was the best it's ever been," Brey said. "I wish I could have taken the 20-point lead we had against Seton Hall. We have to keep that going." Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas goes against a Syracuse defender in a game against the Orange on Jan. 17. Thomas has been a key player for the Irish this year as they faced a difficult schedule in the Big East conference.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Rest helped Irish prepare**

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

No rest for the weary — that is, until this week.

Notre Dame (14-8, 7-3 Big East) takes on Providence (4-17, 0-10 Big East) at home Saturday after taking Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday off from practice. The Irish hope that the break will help them to rebound after a tough road loss at Seton Hall Sunday afternoon.

"I think the rest probably did us really good, mentally and physically," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think we really needed a break." McGraw's Irish hope to get back on track in the Big East with only six games to go before the Big East Tournament begins.

"I think that the biggest problem in the Seton Hall game was a lack of energy," McGraw said. "It wasn't a lack of effort."