By MATT BRAMANTI
"Win"

The University's Office of Information Technologies installed a new Internet connection Sunday morning, but things didn't go as planned. Just three hours after the connection was activated, a hardware failure disrupted the link, slowing campus-wide Internet access to a crawl.

Tom Klimek, manager of network engineering for OIT, said that after the new connection failed, there was a "failover" — a situation in which a failure triggers a backup connection.

The failover sent all Internet traffic on campus to ResNet's connection with GramTel, a South Bend-based Internet service provider. That connection consisted of half of the University's bandwidth before the upgrade.

"The failover ... slowed things down as demand fought with capacity," Klimek said. OIT was scheduled to reactivate the new connection at 6 a.m. today.

"There will be two brief outages, lasting about five minutes between 6 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.," Klimek said. "We picked a time during low network use, so we could implement it without too much disruption." Klimek said Sunday morning, but OIT was scheduled to reinstall its upgrade this morning.

"The University's Office of Information Technologies tried to upgrade the connection again this morning," Klimek said.

"We're beginning to look at our appointments for next year," he said.

Student body president Jeremy Lao leads the Council of Representatives meeting, where they discussed basketball tickets.

"Right now we're just meeting with a lot of people," she said. Student body president Jeremy Lao said he met with assistant athletic director Jim Fraleigh — who oversees ticket distribution policies — to discuss potential improvements.

Chief of staff Pat Corker said changes in the policies are needed生态圈

"The Shirt' winner

By STEPHANIE YAHN
New Writer

While the catchphrase "Here Come the Irish" lingers in the minds of Notre Dame football fans, 2004 represents a new season for football and hope of tradition release.

This year's design selection would continue to create "The Sea of Green," a term coined by Coach Tyrone Willingham in his first season at Notre Dame in 2002. The 128,000 shirts sold in 2002 set an elevated bar for previous highs. Although acknowledging that sales won't continue to climb exponential­ly year after year," Crossin says, "It's traditionally a big secret, as there is always going to be a lot of hype surrounding its release.

Crossin was unable to reveal any specific details as to the appearance of the new design, nor could she comment on whether the color selected would continue to create "The Sea of Green," a term coined by Coach Tyrone Willingham in his first season at Notre Dame in 2002.

"Until then, the design is being kept under wraps," said Kate Crossin, the 2004 president of The Shirt committee.

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"OIT Internet upgrade breaks down"

Department tried to upgrade the connection again this morning

Graduation speaker invited

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

An invitation has been extended to a graduation speaker candidate, but the Office of the President will not release any name until a confirmation is received, according to Executive Assistant to the President Matthew Cullinan.

"We're not ready to announce yet," Cullinan said. "Hopefully, we'll be ready to announce in the next couple of weeks.

Cullinan said that every year several potential speakers are identified, but the quality of names on the list is more important than the number.

"We always identify a couple of candidates," he said, "and because of the nature of the candidates that we try to attract, the length of the list is less important than the quality of candidate.

An important aspect in the quality of the graduation speaker candidate, according to Cullinan, is the message delivered to the students, as well as the way they represent the University.

Cullinan said he looks for "someone of stature who will deliver a good message for our students and someone who represents Notre Dame well."

The final decision as to the speaker lies with University President Father Edward Malloy.

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"Elections reveal class inconsistencies"

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

Sophomores didn't care. Juniors and freshmen spoke up.

From one extreme to another, the fallout from Feb. 12 student body presidential election — a neck-and-neck race between Adam Istvan-Karla Bell and Charlie Ebersol-James Leito that required an emergency meeting of the Student Senate to declare Istvan/Bell the winner — had mixed impact on each class.

Juniors and freshmen spoke up during class council elections, while the sophomore class showed greater interest in the presidential primary than the run-off.

"Presidential election has different impact on each class"

Student Participation in Elections

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Both juniors and freshmen revealed greater interest in class council elections, while the sophomore class showed greater interest in the presidential primary than the run-off.

"CROSSIN announces 'The Shirt' winner"

By MATT BRAMANTI
"Win"

The Council of Representatives discussed basketball ticket distribution and a funding appeal for a Christian rock concert at their Monday meeting. The meeting also marked the first C0R appearance by student body president-elect Adam Istvan and vice president-elect Karla Bell.

Istvan said he and Bell have begun their transition efforts to attract, the length of the list is less important than the quality of candidate.

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Kate Crossin, the 2004 president of The Shirt committee, acknowledged that sales won't continue to climb exponentially year after year," Crossin says, "as there is always going to be a lot of hype surrounding its release, "Until then, the design is being kept under wraps," said Kate Crossin, the 2004 president of The Shirt committee.
Random thoughts

So, this one time, at the dining hall...

How many times have you heard that ubiquitous rip-off of the ubiquitous line from that ubiquitous movie? One too few, apparently, so I decided to tell you again. Speaking of movies, there hasn't been a really good one out for a while. I don't work for Scene, so don't take that as exactly a scathing criticism. All I'm trying to say is that it's nearly impossible to find a good move to watch nowadays that doesn't involve a copyright date of 1985 or something...

Oh yeah, didn't you hear? The Motion Picture Association of America, in its anti-piracy ventures, has decided to make us all start calling movies by their copyright dates. There's nothing like talking about "that great copyright '79 move with the cool thing", except for maybe talking about "the even greater copyright '89 one with the bald guy." Actually, we're not even allowed to say "movie" anymore -- we have to pay royalties if we do that. So everyone's in the middle of midterms, papers and whatnot right now. That would be great, except for the insane number of crazy awesome cool things to do on campus. It's entirely too late. I think I saw someone sun tanning on the ice on North Quad last weekend from sheer frustration.

Thus, here's an idea of something to do -- take a grape, cut it nearly in half and microwave it. You should get enough amusement out of that to keep you going until spring break finally arrives.

Incidentally, those of you who voted to move your class midterm to spring break finally arrives. So how about we make the answers to that inane line from that ubiquitous rip-off of the ubiquitous movie. That would be just great. ... If you could just go ahead and make sure you do that, that would be just great. ... That would be just great. ... That would be just great. ...

Students take advantage of the free massages sponsored by UBWELL2 Monday in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. The club recognizes the need for stress relievers for students during midterms. They will also offer free food and massages today.

Offbeat

Jeweler turns man's glass eye into a ring

DUNCAN, Okla. -- A Nix has designed a lot of jewelry in the last 25 years, but nothing compares with the project Michael Burton handed him -- a glass eye to be refitted into a ring.

Burton has had a glass eye for 35 years because of an industrial accident. He had to have the artificial eye refitted recently, and he didn't want to part with the old one.

So he called on Nix. "That one cost me $2,000 35 years ago," Burton said. "It took three days for people to hand-paint that eye. To throw it away would be like buying a new car and just taking my old car to the dump. I guess it's like they say -- one man's trash is another man's treasure."

Cigarette blamed for toilet fire

JACKSON, Wyo. -- A cigarette pitched down a ski area toilet is the suspected cause of an underground fire that took several hours to put out. Plastic fixtures melted in the mid-mountain men's room at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, but the flames did not reach out of the toilet.

"It was too hot to be sitting on the toilet, that's for sure," Teton Village Fire Chief Matt Her said.

The fire smoldered overnight before ski patrol tried to put it out by dumping snow down the toilet. Firefighters arrived around 10 a.m. and began shoving 5-gallon jugs of water down to the bathroom, which can only be reached on skis or by snow machines. The fire was extinguished by 2 p.m.

Hyer said he is not familiar with any other toilet fires and is not looking forward to another one.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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CORRECTIONS

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They have coined themselves also plan to activate a new treasurys and outings. They increase class spirit through vice presidential candidate for re-election with running mate vice presidential candidate Krista Fritz. Promoting the strength and unity of the class of 2007 this ticket promises to strengthen the ties with the South Bend community and increase voter availability. They would keep the class involved by e-mailing a monthly newsletter entitled the "Sophomore Soiree," and increase on-campus activities during the weekend. "We feel we have to be strong to carry on the legacy of the class of 2007," McCloud said.

The only ticket running for the class secretary is comprised of presidential candidate Danielle Lerner, vice presidential candidate Liz Palasky, and treasury candidate Jodie Emerick. They promise to enhance relationships between on-campus and off-campus seniors and fight for new student ideas while keeping old traditions. "There are a lot of great things at SMC that can be expanded," Casciari said. "We have so many ideas of things to put into action that we can't even begin to tell you." The other class of 2005 ticket is comprised of presidential candidate Jacqueline Cuisinier, vice presidential candidate Abby Ragan, treasury candidate Beth Bennett and treasury candidate Josie Embrick. Their goals include starting new traditions in the Senior Apartments, begin new events such as "Senior Service Saturdays" and "Senior Night at State" and have fun class apparel. "I am confident in our belief that we have something great to offer to the class of 2005," Cuisinier said. Students can vote for only the tickets running for their class, and current seniors are not eligible to vote. Voting takes place until 11:59 p.m. tonight on PRISM.

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she holds "high expectations for the 2004 shirt."

Each year a campus-wide con­
test is held for design submis­
sions. This year, 18 entries were sub­mitted from which eight peo­ple were asked to resubmit ideas
based on their original design and/ or graphic design ability. From the talents displayed, sen­
ior Brittany Becker's design was chosen.

"I met and spoke with her and could see she is very talented and that her design fits very well with the direction we saw The Shirt going in 2004," Crossin said. Although neither can comment on the community notion the designaker, in creating it, said, "I wanted The Shirt to really evoke the feeling of unity that is so important to the Notre Dame Stadium experience, plus I wanted it to be fun and vibrant, something everyone would want to wear."

Some portion of the original design was necessary, Becker and Crossin said, but both agreed it only changed for the better. Together they collaborat­ed to refine the design, but the original thought remains the same.

"Design is a constant process, and there are always changes being made," Becker said. "It is a huge accomplishment for a designer to have so many people wearing your design, but I am especially happy to just be involved in such an awesome process."

The Shirt Campaign began in 1989 when Sister Jean Lonz encouraged students to buy the shirts in support of Zheng de Wang, a Notre Dame graduate student who was a victim of a hit-and-run. Thus began a tradi­tion of supportive fundraising, which continues 15 years later. Today proceeds benefit several scholarships and charities, in addition to contributing to Student Union.

Becker hopes The Shirt can make a significant contribution and not just "another game" next season.

"I really just want it to be a success, and I hope it creates a great atmosphere in the stadium for our team and our fans," Becker said. "I really think this is a fun, cool design, and I hope everyone will be excited when The Shirt goes on sale."

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The Ganey Award & Grants

For Research Addressing Challenges in the Local Community

The Ganey Award

The Center for Social Concerns is now accepting applications for the Ganey Award, a monetary award of $5,000.

Nominees should be regular faculty who have completed one or more research projects that address a need of a South Bend area community based organization.

Greater consideration will be given to projects that are:
• Oriented around a challenge articulated by a local community group;
• Conducted in collaboration with a local organization;
• Inclusive of graduate or undergraduate students;
• Published in a refereed journal or presented in other forums (periodical exhibitions, conference presentations, films, etc.) recognized as highly valued in the recipient's area of expertise.

To learn more about requirements for the award, go to http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu/ganeyaward2004.html

Nominations should be submitted by 5 p.m., on Monday, March 22, 2004

Contact Mary Beckman, Ph.D., at 631-4172, mbeckman@nd.edu, with any questions.

The Ganey Collaborative Community-Based Research Mini-Grant

The Center for Social Concerns is now accepting applications for two mini-grants of $5,000 each. Awarded in two phases, the mini-grants support joint faculty-student-community research partnerships that address a social challenge articulated by a community organization.

The purposes of the mini-grants are to foster faculty-student-community partnerships that:
• Result in measurable, positive impact in the South Bend area;
• Reflect the investment of faculty expertise in the local community;
• Offer students community-based learning opportunities that promote civic responsibility.

To learn more about requirements for the mini-grants, go to http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu/ganeygrant2004.html

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.N.: Iraq 2005 elections possible

U.N. officials say elections could be held in Iraq as early as this fall. The United Nations says the election is possible as long as it can secure the safety of the international community. The U.N. says the election is key to the country's long-term stability.

Peleasts protest Israeli barrier

Palestinian protesters demonstrate against the Israeli separation barrier near the West Bank city of Ramallah on Monday. The barrier, which has been criticized by many Palestinians, has been a focus of the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

HAI T I

U.S. troops arrive in capital city

Marines secure U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince; rebels hunt Aristide supporters

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WORLD & NATION

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a clear impact on voter turnout in Monday's primary class council elections.

While only 798 juniors voted in the student body primaries and 907 in the seniors (1,023 voted for the officers of the class of 2005 — a race that will be decided Thursday in a runoff between the Darrell Scott-Lauren Flynn-Tom Raaf-Kristin Boyd (43.2 percent) and Katie Boyle-Bryan Aggavis-Sarah Bates-Stephanie Alger (36.1 percent) tickets. Scott attributed the increased voter participation to the considerable publicity — both positive and negative — generated by the previous election.

"The Ebersol-Itstvan matchup may have increased voter apathy, but it helped out in getting student union issues to the forefront," he said.

Boyle agreed the presidential election was a "pretty big factor" in attracting student interest. She added that especially for current juniors, class council representatives can seem more accessible and relevant than the student body president during their senior year.

"The immediacy of our concerns is important," Boyle said, naming Senior Week and class reunions as important responsibilities of the senior class officers.

"The junior class has a vested interest in seeing a good ticket elected — it will make or break our senior year at the University," Boyle said.

"It's easier for voters to think about life on campus, and then after college with the reunions, than about getting someone into the Board of Trustees," Judicial Council president Eliot Poindeexter explained similar thoughts about juniors' priorities.

"I would attribute the increase in junior voting to already having more apathy for the student body presidential elections," he said, adding that the controversy could "not necessarily" influence juniors' choices.

Sophomore voters seemed to move somewhat in the opposite direction. Only 990 voted for the officers of the class of 2006, a decrease from the presidential primaries (1,077) and only a slight increase from the runoff (952). The class of 2006 race also required a Thursday runoff, as 36.7 percent voted for the Steve Miller-Ilen-Zeran-Patricia Adams ticket, 26.2 percent voted for the Vijay Ramanan-Lauren Mulliner-Hallemann-Emily Short ticket.

Both Miller and Ramanan cited the aftermath of the presidential elections as a negative factor in sophomore participation and said they would step up their campaigns over the next few days in order to combat the apathy shown Monday.

"People were really disenchanted with the whole thing," Miller said. "The Senate didn't do anything to make students think they had a vote in student government.

Ramanan agreed with Miller that the controversy of the previous election contributed to the low turnout, but added that many voters in his class didn't know an election was held — a problem he hoped to fix by Thursday.

"They wanted to make sure they had the people they wanted to represent them," Poindeexter said. "The Ebersol/Itstvan response reflected not only a "strong sense of community within [the class]," but also a heightened awareness of their power to swing an election's outcome.

"Our class has seen how much their vote can count," Laws said. "They wanted to make sure they had the people they wanted to represent them."
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**COMPANY BRIEFS**

Campbell serves up Q2 profits

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — Campbell Soup Co. reported a 2 percent increase in second quarter profits Monday as ready-to-serve soup sales picked up but condensed soup sales stayed flat.

For the quarter ended Feb. 1, the Camden-based company had net income of $235 million, or 57 cents per share, up from $231 million, or 53 cents per share, in the same period a year ago.

Sales increased 10 percent from $1.9 billion in the second quarter last year to $2.1 billion this year. But expenses rose by 10 percent — from $1.5 billion to $1.7 billion as the company sought higher quality ingredients, used more expensive packaging and spent more on marketing.

Lowes' posts surge in Q4 earnings

CHARTERTE, N.C. — Lowe's Cos., Inc., the world's second-largest home improvement retailer behind Home Depot, reported a 28 percent rise in fourth-quarter profits but saw shares tumble Monday as its forecast for this quarter and the year disappointed Wall Street.

Lowe's shares closed down $1.71 per share, or 2.9 percent, to $56.67 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company earned $407 million, or 51 cents a share, for the three months ended Jan. 30, up from $319 million, or 40 cents a share, a year ago.

**EQIITY MARKETS**

Intel news pushes Nasdaq down

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Technology shares sank Monday in disappointing news from Intel, briefly pushing the Nasdaq composite index into negative territory for the year despite a brighter forecast from wireless equipment maker Qualcomm. Blue chips also slumped after the U.S. Army canceled a helicopter program, sending Boeing and United Technologies lower.

A major consumer acquisition by Citigroup and strong sales at Wal-Mart gave those stocks a boost, but falling expectations for America's supermarkets, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's comments in a credit union conference that American consumers are in "good shape" following a wave of mortgage refinancings also had little positive effect.

The fourth straight day of declines reflects lingering concerns over valuations and rising questions about whether the economic recovery will hold, said Stephen Massocca, president of Pacific Growth Equities.

"There are also growing worries on Wall Street about the upcoming presidential election, he said.

"Nothing in the headlines today was able to allay those concerns," Massocca said. "We've also not seen a significant correction since March, and a lot of people are concerned that we're due for one, and they're pulling back while they can.

The Nasdaq shed 30.41, or 1.5 percent, to 2,007.52, after falling 0.8 percent last week. The tech-heavy index was up just 0.2 percent for the year, having closed 2003 at 2,003.37.

The other major indexes were narrowly lower. The Dow Jones industrial average gave up 9.41, or 0.1 percent, to finish at 10,609.62, after a weekly decline of 0.1 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.12, or 0.3 percent, to 1,140.99, following a 0.6 percent drop last week.

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Go discusses Charismatic Movement in the Church

By KATIE MOUNTS
News Writer

Twenty students, faculty and community members met Monday evening to hear "The Charismatic Movement in the Catholic Church," the first in a series of lectures discussing the Catholic Church in the modern world. Senior theology student Monica Go spoke to clarify some misconceptions about the movement and to discuss its origins and future.

Go said a charismatic is someone who has received at least one of the charismatic gifts — knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, the gift of tongues and wisdom — through Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Among these gifts she discussed are knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, the gift of tongues and wisdom.

Charismaticism's charismatic movement began in 1967 to hear a student from Duquesne University speak about his experiences, according to Go said. At a retreat, someone from the group was given the gift of prophecy and "the movement quickly spread across campus."

But it continued to face criticism around the world, and debates arose in Church hierarchy about the possibilities of the laity possessing these extraordinary gifts. Go explained that after papal support from Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II, by 1990, the movement had grown to 72 million Catholics worldwide and 15 million Catholics in America.

Although within the Charismatic community, Go said, a potential for conflict with authority exists, it is "essential to know that they ... build up the community" and are not only meant for individual growth.

Go discussed that "Baptism in the Spirit does not replace the sacraments," but it further ignites the Spirit within Catholics that they have already gained through Baptism and Confirmation.

"We should all be striving eagerly to renew the fire in our hearts ... it is only through the Holy Spirit that we are able to rejounce always," Go said. "Once the whole Church is renewed ... the movement will no longer exist." The department of theology and the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture co-sponsored the lecture. Seven additional lectures will be presented by students on related topics throughout the months of March and April.

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Helicopter program cancelled

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — In a dramatic about-face, the Army canceled its Comanche helicopter program Monday after sinking $6.9 billion and 21 years of effort into producing a new-generation chopper.

It is one of the biggest program cancellations in the Army's history and comes less than two years after the service's $11 billion Crusader artillery project was dropped after $7 billion had been spent.

At a Pentagon news conference, senior Army leaders said they would propose to Congress that $14.6 billion earmarked to develop and build 121 Comanches between now and 2011 be used instead to buy 796 additional Black Hawk and other helicopters and to upgrade and modernize 1,460 helicopters already in the fleet.

"It's a big decision, but we know it's the right decision," said Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff. He said the Army also will invest more heavily in a variety of unmanned aircraft, such as the existing Hunter and the new Raven.

The Comanche decision reflects a growing realization in the Pentagon that the military has more big-ticket weapons projects in the works than it can afford, even after seeing the Pentagon budget grow by tens of billions of dollars since 2001. And it reflects the rising popularity in recent years of unmanned aircraft for surveillance as well as attack missions.

The RAH-66 Comanche helicopter project was launched in 1983 and was eventually to have cost as much as $39 billion. The Army said it needed a stealthier, more capable armed reconnaissance helicopter not only to collect and distribute battlefield intelligence but to destroy enemy forces.

The program encountered many setbacks and was restructured six times, most recently in 2002. The latest timetable had specified beginning initial low-rate production in 2007, with the first Comanches to have been declared ready for combat in 2009 with full-rate production to have begun in 2010.
Iranian elections deemed 'fiasco'

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Candidates considered loyal to Iran's Islamic rulers regained control of parliament, denying liberals an important forum in their drive to ease social and political restrictions, according to returns Monday from the country's disputed elections.

Reformers called the vote a "historical fiasco," noting that voters could only select from candidates chosen by conservative clerics. The European Union criticized the elections and self-described independents won about 65 seats, according to Interior Ministry figures. The final count was expected Tuesday.

The nationwide turnout stood at slightly more than 50 percent, a noticeable drop from the 67 percent in the last parliamentary elections in 2000. In Tehran, the Iranian capital and the country's biggest city, just a third of the voters turned out, the ministry said.

Despite the lower numbers, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei welcomed the turnout as a "national and an Islamic epic in the true meaning."

The shift of control in parliament expands the influence of theocracy and denies liberals an important forum for challenging the almost limitless powers of the country's Islamic leaders. It also deprives reformist President Mohammad Khatami of a key source of support.

In Tehran, previously a liberal stronghold, the new conservative group "Developers of Islamic Iran" was firmly in the lead. The group is headed by Chokanali Haddadbod, a conservative figure with a family relationship to Khamenei.

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Papal visit not possible

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Russian Orthodox Church remains firm in its objections to a visit by Pope John Paul II, a top Vatican envoy said Monday before ending a six-day trip aimed at easing divisions.

The trip by Cardinal Walter Kasper, head of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, was the highest-level visit by a Roman Catholic representative in four years.

Overcoming divisions among Christians has been a main goal of John Paul's papacy, and he is especially eager to visit Russia, but attempts to defuse differences between the Vatican and the Russian Church have stalled. Russian Patriarch Alexy II has said that no visit by the pope can be made until disputes are resolved.

"I would wish that the Holy Father come, and it is his fervent wish to come, but we cannot do it against the will of the patriarch," Kasper said.

Tensions between the churches have deep historical roots, but increased markedly since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991 and communist restrictions on religion faded. In particular, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church has accused Catholics of proselytizing converts in Russia and other parts of the former Soviet Union.

The Russian Orthodox Church also is angered by Vatican plans to elevate the Greek Catholic presence in western Ukraine into a full patriarchy. It alleges that Greek Catholics, who retain Eastern-rite rituals but recognize the pope's supremacy, have accelerated their expansion into traditionally Orthodox eastern and southern Ukraine.

Kasper, who met with Alexy on Sunday, said the patriarch had repeated the same complaints that have been heard for years.

"I responded to them and told the patriarch that we do not have a policy of strategy of proselytizing," Kasper said.

He acknowledged that single cases did occur but said the two sides had agreed to establish a commission to investigate.

The Vatican contends it has the right to be active in Russia, which had small Catholic communities before the Bolshevik Revolution. The Roman Catholic Church has sought to recover churches that were seized after the revolution, and has drawn followers among Orthodox believers attracted by its social programs and community outreach.

President Vladimir Putin, who met with John Paul at the Vatican in November, has indicated he would favor a visit by the pope but would not press the Orthodox Church to agree.

Kasper delivered a personal message and present from the pope marking Alexy's 75th birthday.
I have got a beef with all the origin-claiming of Chicago, my hometown, by suburbanites — a recurring phenomenon of deceit at Notre Dame. Images of Chicago as an urban metropolis, cultural hub or place for a good time are primary motivations for these claims and compli-ment the city. However, my position has nothing to do with those who love the city or lament their town’s obcurity. Running along with prevailing attitudes that ignore class and racial issues, idealized characterizations of Chicago exclude the reality of its segregated neighborhoods, under-funded schools and poverty. While my view of the city represents a minority here, I feel the complete picture of urban life is being harmed distorted.

I have a rather conflicted affection for Chicago due to my experience of its many sides. The city exemplifies the reality of “Two Americas” — one for white or privileged and a different one for minorities and poor. Depending on residency, one can live in Chicago for a lifetime and see nothing of the run-down neighborhoods, struggling schools, abandoned buildings and lack of business diversity, while at the same time, see nothing but the worse the scores leaves so many of its dwellers.

As a youngster, I can remember playing in the yard, walking with my mom around the block. As a high school student, I lived in the class-divided lakeside neighborhood of South Shore since infancy. Lakeside property is dotted with high-rise apartments and condominiums, a golf course, parks and various businesses. Yet blocks away, neglected and vacant houses, shabby playgrounds and garbage-lined sidewalks become the norm. Aside from a few lovely greasy spoon family owned counter-restau-rants, my neighborhood seriously lacks business diversity. On the nearest main street, blocks away and behind bars, you can find a book store, clothing store, and drug store.

The systemic problem of Chicago schools is indicative of the overall movement to forget low-income areas and misjudge the roots of their troubles. Many residents have never received the various class boosts throughout history or are the first to suffer in our unforgiving market driven economy. I suspect many outsiders’ perceptions of Chicago begin and end with visions of the downtown area. From the Museum Campus to the Magnificent Mile, downtown Chicago offers a plethora of fine entertainment, shopping and dining places. What people fail to recognize is the area is also a haven for low wage service jobs. Sanitation, food service and sales positions dominate the area east of Chicago’s thriving business hub.

Between dawn and 9 a.m., south and west side residents flood the city, gear-ing up for full and part-time shifts, at their primary and secondary jobs, selling goods and services they could not think of purchasing in their rich, predominately white north-side and suburban dwellers.

When you love something, or even like it enough to claim it as your own, you ought to recognize all its attributes. Ignoring social realities responsible and compelling suffering of others through silent assest to systemic injus-tice is appalling. All cities like Chicago ought to be habitable for every resident. When that happens — through infra-structure rebuilding, unionization of service-sector workers and income redistribution — Chicago will truly be a place to admire, wholeheartedly. So, if your area code is not 773 or 312, give it up, you are not from Chicago.

Kamaria Porter, a sophomore history major, has “A Right to be Hostile, the Boondocks Treasury,” a book worth your attention. Why Nader wh? Her column appears every other Tuesday. Contact her at kporter@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions and not upon our circumstances.”

Martha Washington U.S. First Lady

Tuesday, February 24, 2004
Even though I rarely missed the Queen Mum's special trip, there is still much to report from Oxford. A few of us Donors finally made it down to London, visiting a few landmarks and enjoying the nightlife. In today's column I will try to describe the sights and sounds of the city.

Geoff Johnston
A Donor at Oxford

Touring London

How far will it go? In light of yet another restriction, one might wonder if I see any slowing in this destructive trend. Please read on as I describe how another dorm tradition is being executed for a faction of students against the framework of Notre Dame totally contradictory to the ideal's purpose.

A Mardi Gras has been a Family Hall tradition for years, the signature event of O'Neill Family Hall has been a Mardi Gras celebration. An SYR dance used to mark the event, as well as a parade around campus to pick up dates and an all night of partying. Everyone on campus looked forward to the event, and it was a highlight of Notre Dame social tradition.

After the new alcohol and SYR restrictions were imposed two years ago, to kill any hopes of this tradition, the Mardi Gras has been of a small scale. This year, the Mardi Gras was smaller than ever.

My favorite part of London is the Tate Modern. Appropriately enough, it is named after my favorite painting - the fountain of the London eye. The Tate Modern is an example of how old buildings can be transformed into modern art museums. The Tate modern is located on the south bank of the Thames and is housed in a former power plant that has been converted into a modern art museum. The Tate Modern is one of the most visited art museums in the world and is considered one of the best in the world. It is a must-see for anyone interested in modern and contemporary art.

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My last semester at Notre Dame is seemingly an utter waste of time. Suddenly, my biggest challenge is getting to class on time, nay, getting to class at all. My job offer was not exactly motivation to crack open those papers. And while recent graduates are free and liberated — and underclassman — still bound by the chains of responsibility — tell me that I should be living up the abundance of free time with incessant partying. I am finding that my lack of determination to do anything at all is actually a nightmare, not some coveted promised land.

What I have realized is just how good it had been before. There was never any time for anything. I complained about how many papers I wrote in the late hours of the night/morning, whined about my lack of sleep that resulted from Thursdays at the Boat Club and moaned about how many hours of driving on the car dur- ing various road trips. But secretly, I loved every minute of it. It was the boat time of my life. Yet outwardly, I prayed that senior year would come so I could just do nothing.

Now my respite from work is here and I yearn to go back in time. College flew by, and I do not remember half of it. Weeks were packed with work at Beckers, working at Rolls, mass at P.E., meetings at Lafortune, beers at bars and road trips to Windsor/Florida/Chicago/meet fun place here. Pictures were taken, drinks were consumed and laughter was absorbed. I had a perfect life. I had a boyfriend that I loved, unforgettable ones.

Congratulations to the engineers of our social environment, employing a method that is 100 percent contradictory to their ideal. The attempt to crank out A+ papers. And while recent graduates — the free and liberated — and underclassman — still bound by the chains of responsibility — tell me that I should be living up the abundance of free time with incessant partying, I am finding that my lack of determination to do anything at all is actually a nightmare, not some coveted promised land.

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Amy Chambers
By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

After director Paul Kell graduated from the Cinema Production program at Concordia University in Montreal, he wanted to find a way to work with a subject he loved. At first Kell didn't set out to create an entire documentary on hip-hop, but as he worked in the underground music scene, he realized expanding to cover the rise of hip-hop coast to coast and around the world was something he wanted to do.

Kell interviewed some of the most important figures in the history of hip-hop in his search for the roots of the five elements of hip-hop culture. It took him four years to collect and edit his footage into an original documentary titled "Run D.M.C. That happened by chance, but after that happened a light bulb went off. It snowballed from there.

"The sad thing is, rap overshadows hip-hop due to its exposure, and this is why so many people have so many misconceptions about hip-hop."

Paul Kell
director

How did you get into hip-hop?

In the early '80s, growing up in a mountain town on the prairie in Canada, a lot of my friends gave me a 78 rpm record, the ones that had the pull-down poster that had step-by-step lessons on how to break. It had classic cuts from Sugarhill Gang, Grandmaster Flash and Furious Five, and the resources and I'll do a Ken Burns style, 10-part miniseries on hip-hop. My documentary really only scratches the surface — within 70 minutes, that's all you can do.

Was it difficult to get interviews with any of the artists?

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How long did it take you to contact all your footage?

Probably since the day I started filming, I was still getting people, I was just 18 and I never thought I would be doing this and it's 30 years later.

It must have been hard to choose what to keep.

I interviewed some of the most exciting people in hip-hop, so it's hard to choose what to keep. The only thing I kept were the interviews. I think I could have filled a book with that.

What do you mean by "uncomfortable"?

I think all the artists who were uncomfortable worked on a handful of them as director of photography. Working on these films, I feel like I was able to make films that would move on to the next level. I think the most important thing is to keep making films that move on to the next level.
n’t make history if they’re not in each other’s gazes. It’s not a tac­tion that someone has to go to show to show to show to show to show to show to show to show to show to show.

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Do you know what is your film will offi­

cally be released, and what will happen when it is?

Personally, I find race divisions a societ­al construct that has no relevance anymore. Class divisions exist, but race is a moot point. Poor white kids have more in common with poor black kids than they do with rich white kids, so why would there be any racial animosity between whites and blacks?

That’s not to say that there aren’t under­ground rappers in the United States who don’t have good intentions. Of course there are, but eventually their success is

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It’s all about de-mystifying it, shatter­ing the elements within it, that they have no excuse for not making it as far and wide as possible. It’s a passionate documen­tary. If you’re not familiar with hip-hop, it’s a brilliant way to tell the story. If you’re familiar with hip-hop, you’ll be shock­ed to find out how much they’re going to learn.

For g
tually I said that I will release this in the United States, I hope that it will be released in other parts of the world. I hope that it will help bridge the divide between those that understand hip-hop and those that don’t. In fact, that’s the tag line for the film: “Think hip-hop is ‘rap music?’ Think again.”

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Battier leads Memphis to a 109-106 victory over Denver

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Shane Battier is no longer the guy dancing in a cheerleader costume. He got high enough to jump over a big play. Battier's block of Anthony's outlet pass with 2:12 left Monday night preserved the Memphis Grizzlies' 109-106 victory over Denver Nuggets in a matchup of two of the NBA's most improved teams.

Battier's rejection prevented Denver from taking the lead, and he had the last word on Monday as the Grizzlies made a late rally to beat the Nuggets. Battier had three blocks and nine rebounds in the victory.

"I love our team now. We have some very good players," Battier said. "I feel like we have the ability to get to the West Conference finals and I really love our team now.

The Grizzlies (28-28) got their 11th win in 12 games since leaving New Orleans and at New York in the third quarter, and his 13 rebounds and six blocks, and Rauchable Wallace added 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Pistons, who had lost eight of nine and four straight on the road.

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Pistons 76, 76ers 66

Story by David J. Skok

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Brown again was booed in his second return to Philadelphia since leaving the 76ers to coach Detroit last spring.

He spent six ofturbulent seasons in Philadelphia, help ing rebuild a struggling franchise, and often clashing with Iverson.

After the game, Iverson said, "We're not doing the best but we keep this thing going."

"We have a legitimate shot to win," Hamilton said. "I really love our team now. We are here. Now we have to stay there."

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**NFL**

49ers franchise Peterson, sign back Barlow

Owens' departure is imminent following announcement

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The 49ers designated All-Pro linebacker Julian Peterson their franchise player on Monday, keeping him with San Francisco for next season and practically guaranteeing Terrell Owens' departure.

The 49ers also agreed to terms with running back Kevan Barlow on a five-year contract extension before Tuesday's deadline to place the franchise tag, but general manager Terry Donahue and Peterson's agents quickly realized it wouldn't be possible.

"We're just so far apart that there is no point in suing up any more energy on trying to get it done," said Donahue, who hasn't met face-to-face with agents Kevin and Carl Poston for weeks.

"When you put a franchise tag on somebody, it isn't like they aren't going to be paid hand-somely. I think players love to play, and I think Julian loves to play. I think he'll come to camp at the appropriate time."

Peterson was a standout last season with seven sacks and two interceptions while playing several positions. The 49ers credited him with 144 tackles, second on the team.

With Peterson under the franchise tag, Owens will be free to sign with any team if he choosing to void the final two seasons of his contract next month. The 49ers won't get anything higher than a third-round draft pick for losing a four-time Pro Bowl selection who has spent all eight of his NFL seasons in San Francisco.

Owens' departure has been expected after Donahue designated Peterson the 49ers' top priority shortly after their 7-9 regular season ended.

Barlow was a restricted free agent after rushing for 1,024 yards and six touchdowns last season. After sharing time with Garrison Hearst in his first 2 1/2 NFL seasons, Barlow took over as the full-time starter late last season, averaging 108 yards over the last four games.

Hearts, an 11-year veteran, probably must agree to a dramatic salary reduction to stay with the 49ers. Donahue and Hearts' agent, Pat Dye Jr., were negotiating in Indianapolis on Monday.

The 49ers also are hoping to restructure the $15.1 million contract of quarterback Jeff Garcia, entering the fourth season of a six-year contract.

Donahue acknowledges the process has been difficult, but he still expects Garcia to return.

"Certainly, Jeff has the right to be concerned about his career, short-term and long-term," Donahue said.

"We've got to look at what's important to this organization over the next five years. It's very important that we choose cap health over cap hell. We can't make short-term decisions."

But Donahue said the 49ers haven't received any offers for Garcia, and they haven't allowed the three-time Pro Bowl quarterback to talk to other teams about a possible trade.

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**NCAA Basketball**

Syracuse tops Nova at home

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Hakim Warrick and Gerry McNamara combined for 36 points, 21 of them on free throws, to lead Syracuse to a 64-59 victory over Villanova on Monday night.

It was the third win in four games for the Orangemen (18-6, 8-5 Big East) and the fourth loss in five games for Villanova (14-12, 6-7 Big East). And it was a struggle all the way on both sides of the ball — there were 39 turnovers and 45 personal fouls.

Warrick was 4-for-10 from the floor and McNamara was 3-for-10, but they were 21-for-24 from the foul line, and that helped seal the Wildcats' fate. Josh Pace had 14 points and Louis McCroskey finished with 10.

Caris Jumper had 13 points and Jason Fraser and Allan Ray each scored 10 for Villanova, which went 7-for-23 (30.4 percent) on 3-pointers.

Syracuse, which was 24-for-32 on free throws, went on a 13-3 run early in the second half and seemed to take charge after McNamara hit four straight free throws, the last two after the Villanova bench was called for a technical.

That gave the Orangemen a 43-33 lead with 9:50 to go, but the Wildcats wouldn't quit.

Bobby Ray, who finished with eight points, hit a 3-pointer from the right corner. Fraser converted a fast-break dunk and Ray hit a 3 after stealing an inbounds pass from Villanova and raced to take a 49-48 lead with 4:50 to go.

Pace then drove the lane and hit a shot off the glass to give Syracuse the lead, and the Orangemen never trailed again.

McCroskey hit a long 3 from the right wing to extend the Orangemen's lead to 57-49 at 2:33 before the Wildcats rallied one more time.

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Bonds says he will block numerous off-season distractions

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — A winter without his father beside him in the batting cage weighed more heavily on Barry Bonds' mind this off-season than his connection to a lab at the center of an alleged steroid ring.

"It's been difficult," the slugger said Monday, sitting in the dugout at soggy Scottsdale Stadium. "Just hard all the way around. I broke down a couple times in the batting cage just due to the fact he wasn't with me. He's been my coach my whole life."

Bonds was surrounded by reporters on his first day at spring training, and he was asked repeatedly about his ties to the supplements lab accused of illegally distributing steroids to dozens of athletes. The six-time National League MVP, who appeared in December before a grand jury probing the lab, had repeatedly denied using steroids.

"They can test me every day if they choose to," said Bonds, who is right around his 228-pound playing weight.

After last season, Bonds seriously considered walking away from baseball for good, unable to imagine playing without his dad. Bobby, who had been ill for nearly a year with lung cancer and a brain tumor, died in August at age 57.

But the Giants slugger pushed on, at the urging of his mother, his wife and godfather Willie Mays.

"I couldn't hit. I didn't want to go in the cage. I didn't want to swing the bat," Bonds said. "I really didn't want any part of it for a while."

Now, another important member of Bonds' supporting cast, trainer Greg Anderson, won't be around. Anderson was absent Monday when Bonds showed up for camp a day ahead of the voluntary reporting date for position players.

Anderson, often seen with Bonds at spring training and during the season, was among four men charged this month in an alleged steroid-distribution ring that federal prosecutors say supplied professional athletes with banned substances. All the men have pleaded innocent and no athletes have been charged.

"I feel bad for him," said Bonds, who turns 40 this summer. "I feel sad. We grew up together. We're friends. It's unfortunate what he's having to go through."

About BALCO, the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative that's at the center of the federal steroids case, Bonds said: "There's nothing I can do about it right now. I have to go out and play baseball and, hopefully, it will blow over.

"I believe if I wasn't going for records, it would be a nullified situation," said Bonds, who is second home runs shy of tying Mays for third on the career list with 660. "If you want to be at the top, you've got to have broad shoulders. I know who I am. I know what I stand for. I know what kind of ballplayer I am."

Bonds spent two stints on the bereavement list in 2003 and, despite all he was dealing with, still batted .341 with 45 homers and 90 RBIs.

When asked if he can pass Hank Aaron's record of 755 homers, Bonds quickly answered: "I think I can do anything. ... I'm going for it all."

Mays spent three days a week with Bonds the entire off-season, working with him on his swing while also monitoring Bonds' mental frame of mind.

"I'm focused now, and ready," Bonds said.

He admitted, with a smile, that he wants to pass Mays on the homers list as soon as possible. He just wishes his father could be there to see it.
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**Bout waits Hopkins’ approval**

The 39-year old's signature could mean a meeting with Oscar De La Hoya

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The dates are set and so is the site. Now all promoter Bob Arum needs to do is get a signature from middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins to complete his two-fight deal with Oscar De La Hoya.

Arum said he finalized a handshake deal Monday for the MGM Grand hotel-casino in Las Vegas to host a June 5 fight card featuring Hopkins and De La Hoya in separate bouts. If the two win as expected, they will meet Sept. 18 at the MGM for the middleweight title.

Arum said Hopkins has already agreed to terms and is coming to Las Vegas on Wednesday to sign his contract. The first news conference promoting the fights will be next Tuesday in Los Angeles.

"It's going to be the biggest non-heavyweight fight in history," Arum said. "I'm looking to make this another [Marvelous Marvin] Hagler-[Sugar Ray] Leonard.

Though Arum declined to discuss figures, he did not dispute previous reports that De La Hoya could make up to $30 million for the two fights while Hopkins will make at least $10 million.

De La Hoya, who lost his 154-pound title fight to Shane Mosley last September, will move up to middleweight to take on Felix Sturm of Germany on the June 5 card while Hopkins will defend his undisputed titles against Robert Allen, who he has fought twice already.

Assuming De La Hoya and Hopkins win, they would meet in September at a contract weight of 157 pounds.

Arum said the two-fight series came together after De La Hoya couldn't get rematches with Shane Mosley and Fernando Vargas, while it is still unclear whether Felix Trinidad has come out of retirement.

"Oscar wanted to fight Hopkins last but everybody else was pricing themselves out of the market," Arum said. "Rather than wait and fight Hopkins at the end, he put him up front instead."

De La Hoya, who in the past has been criticized for picking his opponents carefully, will likely enter the ring as an underdog for the first time in his career in September.

Hopkins is 39, but he shows no signs of age and has defended his middleweight title 17 times. Hopkins stopped Trinidad in the 12th round in September 2001 in his biggest fight to date, but complained before his last fight in December against William Joppy that De La Hoya was ducking him.

"Am I being a bully by calling Oscar out?" Hopkins asked. "Why is the media treating Oscar like a prima donna? I beat the man [Trinidad] who beat the man [Mosley] who beat the man [Vargas] who beat the man [Hagler] who beat the man [Leonard]."
Clinton Portis of the Broncos strolls into the end zone during a game against the Browns last season. The Broncos are considering trading him to Washington in a deal involving cornerback Champ Bailey.

Broncos may trade Pro Bowl rusher Portis

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — The Denver Broncos are discussing a trade that would send running back Clinton Portis to Washington for cornerback Champ Bailey, a swap of two Pro Bowlers upset with their contracts, a source said Monday.

In giving up Portis for Bailey, Denver also would receive Washington's second-round selection in the April draft, the NFL source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Vinnie Cerrato, Washington's personnel director, said at the NFL scouting combine Monday that the Redskins might be dealing with.

Hall of fame defender Rose

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt called Pete Rose "a beaten man" and doesn't know whether the career hits leader will gain reinstatement to baseball.

Schmidt, one of Rose's biggest allies, said Rose didn't come across as a sympathetic figure in a book tour that included television and newspaper interviews. In "My Prison Without Bars," Rose reversed course from 15 years of denials and admitted to betting on the Cincinnati Reds while he managed the team in the late 1980s.

"It wasn't the best showing of sor­row and regret," Schmidt said Monday. "That's just something Pete isn't good at doing. But I know he truly is sorry and that he regrets everything. He talked to me about it in private, told me that he let me down. And he broke down.

"As soon as I got off the phone with him, I contacted the commis­sioner and told him. This guy means what he's saying. I believe in him and, you know, I don't want to get caught in a con game. Pete's a beaten man."

Pistons fined for illegal player use

NEW YORK — The Detroit Pistons were fined $200,000 by the NBA on Monday for using Rasheed Wallace and Mike James before the league finalized the deal that brought them to the team.

The league said it was the first time a player acquired in a trade played for his new team before the NBA officially approved the move.

Wallace and James came to Detroit in a three-team trade with Atlanta and Boston on Thursday, and both played in the first half of the Pistons' 88-87 loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves on Friday night.

They were pulled at halftime when it was discovered that paperwork for two other players in the deal — Lindsey Hunter and Chris Mills — had yet to be completed. Wallace and James also missed a practice Saturday before the NBA said the trade was "final and complete."

Former umpire charged in scandal

NEWARK, N.J. — Former major league umpire Al Clark pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy to com­mit mail fraud in connection with selling baseballs he falsely claimed had been used in memorable games.

The 56-year-old Clark, formerly of Trenton and now of Williamsburg, Va., had claimed some of the balls were used during games in which Cal Ripken tied and broke Lou Gehrig's consecutive games record.

Clark pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court. Memorabilia dealer Richard Granville Jr., a 43-year-old from Millburn, pleaded guilty to tax evasion for his role in the scheme, which operated from September 1995 to Nov. 19.
Irish finish preseason with losses

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame wrapped up its exhibition season Saturday with a 10-9 overtime victory over Dartmouth. The Irish then posted their season opener on Feb. 27 at No. 6 Georgetown. "When you're trying to establish a winning tradition, you have to learn what it means to consistently compete at a high level," Coyne said. "We feel confident that we can compete. It's just a matter of executing when it matters." Coyne is also looking to her upperclassmen to foster leadership among the younger players, especially as the Irish prepare for their season opener on Feb. 27 at the University of California.

"They're doing a good job of mentoring the younger players and that was lacking last season," Coyne said. "They're choosing to go in a certain direction and it's going to be helpful for us to be successful this season.

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Frisbee club excels at Mardi Gras meet

By Special to The Observer

Vasili Karas and Ryan Butler brought an end to the streaking Irish run, with an 11-6 win over Maryland. Wisconsin, 13-7 to close pool play on Saturday. The club finished Saturday with a 39th place finish at the Hoosier Classic in Indiana. The Irish played stifling defense. The men will next defend their title at the annual Mardi Gras meet. The ultimate frisbee club excels at Mardi Gras meet.
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"You do have control of your destiny and that's all you can ask."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

and nobody else really hurt us," Brey said. "But they have a number of guys who can hurt us.

Like Notre Dame, the Friars depend on the 3-pointer for most of their offense, and Providence makes about 37 percent from behind the arc compared to Notre Dame's 3-point percentage of around 35 percent.

In addition to Gomes, Donnie McGrath, Rob Sander and Sheiku Kabba all average double-digits in points for Providence.

The Friars have the conference's best defense, giving up 60.1 points a game in league play, thanks in part to a stifling zone.

But Brey wants his team to continue to play with that frame of mind. "This is what it's all about," Brey said. "We've got this attitude where we're playing loose and going for it and not being afraid to win. We have to continue to play with that frame of mind."

The fact that Notre Dame is even in a position to challenge for the NCAA Tournament is a testament to how the Irish have played over their last four games.

"This is what it's all about," Brey said. "We're in meaningful games, we're in the mix, competing against a field of varsity teams that have sailed all winter long, the Irish sailing club finished 18th at the Charleston International. The Irish challenged a very tough field as all but two of the seventeen schools finishing ahead of the Irish are currently ranked among the top 25 varsity programs nationally. The final rankings saw Charleston, Georgetown, Dartmouth, Stanford, UC Irvine, Coast Guard Academy, Brown, South Florida, Eckerd and Saint Mary's College complete the top 10."
**Victories**

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22-5 women), Detroit Mercy (27-0, 23-4), Wisconsin (23-4, 24-3) and host Purdue (25-2, 24-3) proved less of a challenge.

The wins were more impressive because walk-ons provided much-needed depth to the roster. "It's nice to see the varsity team in attendance, so the Irish were able to give non-scholarship fencers experience," Fuemmeler said.

Senior foilist Matt Castellan was pleased with how the walk-ons carried themselves on the strip. "I think we're ready to go home. The team effort," he said. "We have 100 percent when we're practicing." Senior sabreist Danielle Davis and Natalia Mazur, who both swept through the day with 17-0 records apiece. On the men's side, freshman foilist Frankie Bontempo capped off his rookie campaign with an unblemished 11-0-1 record. Fellow foilist Castellan complemented his performance with a 17-1 mark.

For Castellan, the tournament added to the growing anticipation of the post-season, especially among the new fencers. "We are very excited," he said. "Everyone's really anxious to qualify the full 12 and get on to NCAAs. It's a totally different format compared to anything [the freshmen] have ever fenced before," Castellan said. "We're all confident that they're talented and motivated, to happen again," Fuemmeler said. "We were very disappointed, but the Irish offense as Cody Rizzo, Matt Mazzi and Matt Bransfield each had two hits. Rizzo also threw out a USC runner at the plate to end the sixth inning and help the Irish cling to a 2-1 advantage at the time. "It was a tremendous full game effort," he said. "We have a lot of season to go, but if we play like [last weekend] we're going to have our share of success."

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**Booth**

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pop out to end the game. Maclin led the Irish with two hits and one run, while Stephanie Brown went 1-3 with a walk.

**Pacific 12, Notre Dame 1**

The Irish couldn't overcome an 84-minute rain delay and came out flat in the fourth inning after holding Pacific scoreless through three.

"The weather played a huge factor," Fuemmeler said. "We started a little flat, it was a lack of focus after the rain delay." Pacific tallied 12 runs in just two innings to spell doom for the Irish, who only managed one hit. Nicole deFau broke up the no-hitter in the bottom of the fourth with an RBI single. But despite the loss, Notre Dame didn't hang their heads.

"It might have been a good loss, because we don't want it to happen again," Fuemmeler said. "It was more of a learning experience."

No. 8 Stanford 4, Notre Dame 2

After putting themselves in a 3-0 hole, the Irish bounced back to almost steal the game from the Cardinal. But two errors and the early deficit were too much for a Notre Dame team that left eight runners on base, despite outhitting Stanford 7-4.

"We would have won the game if we played the game defensively," Fuemmeler said. "It should have been a 2-1 game," she said.

In a game that included a home run robbed catching by deFau, the Irish scored the only runs in the top of the sixth when pinch runner

Nicole Wicks scored on Kellie Hufnagle then scored after Middleton's sacrifice fly. But the ball hit the ground and the early deficit were too much for a Notre Dame team that left eight runners on base, despite outhitting Stanford 7-4. Stenglein was relieved after two scoreless innings, striking out two batters.

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"I have always said Tom Thornton has the ability to be an outstanding pitcher against good teams, but he's never been on that kind of a stage before," Maclin said. "He just settled in and made a lot of big pitches when he needed to. I was just so happy for him and proud of him, and his performance had a great effect on our team.

The top of the Irish lineup struggled against the Trojan pitching. Soliman, freshman Danny Dressman, Edwards and Javi Sanchez combined to go 0-for-12 in the game. But the middle hitters led the way for the Irish offense as Cody Rizzo, Matt Mazzi and Matt Bransfield each had two hits. Rizzo also threw out a USC runner at the plate to end the sixth inning and help the Irish cling to a 2-1 advantage at the time. "It was a tremendous full game effort," he said. "We have a lot of season to go, but if we play like [last weekend] we're going to have our share of success."

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**USA Olympic Team 10, Notre Dame 0 (exhibition)**

In what Fuemmeler called "the experience of a lifetime," the Irish met the best softball players in the nation in an exhibition matchup. After holding the Olympians to one run on four hits, pitcher Steffany Stenglein was relieved after three innings. Booth pitched the next two innings, giving up four runs. But the Irish offense only managed two hits, both by Kellie Hufnagle (who singled in the first and fourth innings).

The Irish fell victim to Lisa Fernandez's grand slam in the sixth inning to end the game.

No. 12 Tennessee vs. Notre Dame, rain out

Neither team played the final game of the weekend as a result of the inclement weather.

But after playing the Olympic team, the Irish were ready to go home and hopes to carry the early season momentum from five wins in eight games onto the upcoming weekend.

"We were very disappointed," Fuemmeler said. "We felt like we had gained momentum and thought that we could prove ourselves against a ranked team."

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"Niesel was 'typical Niesel' and got us off to a good start," Maclin said. "He comes in and starts throwing strikes right out of the gate and really allows our team to be energized.

"Joe Thamman made his first relief appearance by getting one out in the sixth. Thamman finished first game batting from 2001-03 before moving to pitcher. Grant Johnson worked his first two innings in a regular season game since having surgery before season and missing all of '03. Johnson threw two scoreless innings, striking out two batters.

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Happy Birthday: Take your time and think things through. If you jump too quickly this year, you'll have regrets. Don't rely on others to do things for you. You are the master of your own fate, so take care of your own interests first. This is not the time to take unnecessary risks, so don't let anyone lead you astray. Your numbers: 1, 8, 12, 28, 34, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Romantic encounters will unfold if you get out with friends. You'll feel a bit erratic. It will be easy to write letters. It will be a good day to get your point across.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will have no problem with financial dealings. It is best to try to finalize deals and sign on the dotted line. You can make career moves and can work well with your colleagues.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Investments may not be your best interest. There appears to be someone around you who may try to take you for granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make those changes to your home. A move, or possibly not changing things around, will lift your new friends and make people happy by keeping you at home or at work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make plans to get together with friends or at least phone them to catch up on all the latest happenings in their lives. Talk about commitments with the ones you love. This could lead to mistakes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Disappointments can occur if you stop what you are working on. Make arrangements quickly and carry on with your job. Problems with coworkers indicate that you should not rely on others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will have no problem influencing others when it comes to your beliefs and opinions. Put some effort into self-improvement.

You will have a tendency to be overdramatic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have to be well-organized today. Learn to delegate important duties to those around you. You have a knack for taking on too much and then getting frustrated trying to do it all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make new friends and meet someone new who could possibly become an important partner in the future. Disagreements with children in the family.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will find that these are the last expect you will rally around to aid you in achieving your goals. Don't forget to show your gratitude if you wish them to offer assistance again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): People are probably not going to take precautions. Do things that involve physical activity. Shopping sprees will be a learning experience. Don't buy things you don't really want.

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**BASEBALL**

**Solid pitching sends Irish to 2-0 start**

By JOE HETTLER

Somebody forgot to tell the baseball team they aren’t supposed to play this well early in the season.

The Irish hit, pitched and fielded well in two wins last weekend over Stanford and USC. Notre Dame’s third game against Louisville was rained out.

“If someone walked into the park and didn’t know we were from the Midwest and it was our first day outside, they would have thought we had played 20 or 30 games already,” Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. “We played that well. I couldn’t imagine that we could have played any better than we did in our first days outside.”

The Irish beat Stanford 7-1 and then ousted USC in a rain-soaked 3-1 victory. Starting pitchers Chris Niesel and Tom Thornton and four relief pitchers posted a combined 0.56 ERA over the weekend. Niesel opened the weekend with a win over the Aztecs, going 5 2/3 innings, striking out nine and allowing one earned run.

By ANDREW SOUKUP

Torrian Jones isn’t given to broad, sweeping generalizations. So when he describes how pivotal tonight’s game against Providence is for Notre Dame’s postseason aspirations by saying, “It’s the biggest game of the season, bar none,” fans should pay attention.

Jones and the rest of the Irish know the magnitude of tonight’s game against Providence, who is tied for second in the Big East and boasts an RPI of 11. If the Irish win, Notre Dame adds a fourth quality win in five games to its NCAA Tournament resume. If the Irish lose, Notre Dame is in the position of having to advance deep into the Big East Tournament to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

“It’s do or die right now, because that’s our last opportunity to get a marquee win,” Jones said. “It’ll look real good on the resume and solidify us for the rest of the season.”

Tonight’s game also has several ramifications for how the Big East will shake out for the rest of the season. Providence (13-10 overall, 7-6 in the Big East) is one of seven teams who have records between 7-5 and 6-7. An Irish win tonight and wins in its last two conference games against Georgetown and St. John’s could give the team a chance at a first-round bye in the Big East Tournament.

“We definitely need this game,” Chris Quinn said.

Notre Dame’s recipe for beating the Friars is containing Ryan Gomes and preventing the rest of the team from doing too much damage. Since conference play started, Gomes has ranked third in the Big East in scoring (19.6) and rebounds (9.5).

But Irish coach Mike Brey said while the Irish know Gomes can score, the key to winning is stopping the rest of the Friars.

“We’ve done a good job where the guys who are going to get their [points] got theirs.”

**FENCING**

**Winning streaks carry on as Irish end season**

By MATT MOONEY

The Notre Dame men’s and women’s fencing teams love to go streaking.

Saturday’s dominating performance at the West vs. Central Dual Meet in West Lafayette, Ind. closed out a perfect 26-0 season for the No. 1 ranked women. The men finished the season 24-1, with a loss to top-ranked St. John’s the only blemish on their schedule.

The six wins at the meet — against one varsity team and five club teams — extended the women’s dual meet winning streak to 40 over the past two seasons. That streak ranks third-best all time in program history, behind only a 75-meet streak from 1993-96 and 42-meet streak from 1985-86.

The undefeated season also marks the first time the women’s team has completed the regular season without a loss since the 1994-95 season.

The No. 2 men’s team had its own stretch of perfection this season. The men continued their run of 90 consecutive regular season victories into this season — a streak that dates back to 2000. St. John’s ended that streak at the New York University Dual Meet in the only Irish loss of the season.

An even more dominating performance at the West vs. Central Duals helped the Irish men finish the regular season strong.

Both squads controlled the competition Saturday. No team posted double-digit wins against the Irish, as Michigan and the University of Chicago were the only teams able to approach Notre Dame. The men dispatched both squads by 21-6 victories.

Notre Dame 4, Utah 3

Heather Booth pitched her second straight complete game, as the Irish jumped out to a 4-1 lead and never looked back.

“We were really aggressive at the beginning of the game, and that helped us jump on the board early,” freshman Keshya Fuemmelier said. “It gave us insurance runs for later.”

Every run was needed, as Utah hit a two-out, two-run home run in the top of the seventh to get within one. But Booth got the next hitter to ground out.

**ND SOFTBALL**

**Irish earn one win in Palm Springs**

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

The weekend looked quite promising Friday afternoon, but after a little rain and a rude awakening, Notre Dame (5-3) left the Palm Springs Invitational Classic with just one win.

The Irish faced Utah, Pacific, No. 5 Stanford and the United States Olympic team in the tournament. Their last game against No. 12 Tennessee was played Wednesday night.”

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

**CLUB SPORTS**

Freshman Wendy Jo Snyder placed 4th place in the all-around competition at the Indiana University Big Red Invitational.

**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

Irish end exhibition play with a disappointing 1-2 finish over the weekend.

**CLUB SPORTS**

The men’s frisbee team reaches the round of 16 at the Mardi Gras Tournament.

**BOXING**

Oscar De La Hoya and Bernard Hopkins await a deal for a Sept. 18 light.

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Cleveland’s William Green began a three-day jail sentence after pleading guilty to drunk driving charges.

49ers and Julian Peterson come to agreement to extend his contract to next season.