Specialized Web site offers new opportunities

Internet gateway for students, faculty is first step in University's Renovare Project

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

Starting today, students will be able to log into a new specialized Web site of University information called "Inside ND," offering students a multitude of new opportunities.

With just a single AFS sign-on, students will be able to access email, grades, Web File, national newspapers like The New York Times, campus news headlines, financial services and housing contracts. The new Web-based gateway will also allow students to register, customize content channels, hold discussion boards and join groups.

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Professors strive to balance views

Inclusion of personal beliefs provokes debate, creates tension in Notre Dame classrooms

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Editor's Note: This is the first in a three-part series exploring the role of partisan politics in classes at Notre Dame.

On the first day of his American Foreign Policy class, professor Daniel Lindley began his lecture by telling his students he was going to spell out the truth to them. Then outlined a number of hard-line, Machiavellian policies unquestionably correct.

Afterwards, he asked for their responses, but the students, afraid of contradicting their professor on the first day of a large lecture class, remained silent.

Lindley then brought up the first slide on the DelBartolo projector — a huge sign with the phrase "TRUST ME," circled in red and crossed out.

"I've started in a variety of ways," Lindley said. "I sometimes start by looking at the American Communist Party Web site, any old extreme place I can find, then say before we start class that I'm going to lay down the truth for you. I do that, then I say, 'Do people have any thoughts?' Often people don't for a while. Then I say, 'Do you know what you've just heard, you bunch of sheep? Think for yourselves here.' People aren't here to receive truth. Political scientists have very little truth to offer. Lindley's first-lecture strategy is a unique approach to the situation that confronts all professors who teach politically-sensitive classes — the tension between their own convictions and the subjects matter of their courses.

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London students say uneven gender ratio not important

Fewer males apply in fall due to football, according to program director

By EILEEN DUFFY
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While females often outnumber males in study abroad programs, directors say they do not take gender into consideration when reviewing an applicant.

But an imbalance is especially apparent in the London Program, where this past fall, 90 females enrolled versus 49 males — a ratio of 77 females to 69 males.

"The fall 2003's ratio was 77 females to 69 males and spring 2003's ratio of 69 females to 60 males as examples. She also hypothesized that the reason more women applied for the fall was because more men wanted to stay on campus for football season. Bays did say the London office has addressed this gender imbalance in the past. "If it was felt that there was an imbalance, it was addressed at the level of recruitment," she said. "There was a concerted effort to say, 'hold more informational meetings in the guys' dorms.'" Several students said the gender inequity did not affect their
INSIDE COLUMN

Relax, Charlie


For two months, you have had two full-time, pressure-packed jobs, and now you have just one.

Enjoy it.

Signing day is past and all the recruits have decided where they will be playing next year. Ken Fowler will be coaching the Irish for the 2005-2006 football season. But the smart ones have already known what that happy implies.

Already, some dedicated — though misguided — posters on Rock's House at NDnation.com are wondering whether or not you have yet consulted with the reorganized athletic-department staff about using the Gag on Thursday nights before away games and how that will affect your practice schedule for the special teams unit. But the smart ones have another idea for you: Chill out.

Kick back and enjoy a few days at home with the family before you return to this family. You will have plenty of time to get the football team and the entire campus pumped, ready and nasty after this family. You will have plenty of time to plan your practice schedule for the special teams unit. But the smart ones have another idea for you: Chill out.

You need a break. You need a break. You need to take a little vacation.

You are going to play a business plan. But it has been a long time, pressure-packed job, and now you have just one.

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They're known to cause ulcers.

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Track and Field athlete Petra Dankova, a junior who is originally from the Czech Republic, participates in the triple jump finals in Sunday's Meyo Invitational. Dankova placed fifth in the event.

OFFBEAT

Legal challenges aren't squeezing this nude bar

SALEM, S.D. — The mix of nude dancers, orange juice and black-and-white independent films wasn’t in Bob Rieger’s original business plan. But it has helped his Rieger’s Gentlemen’s Club survive amid the overcrowds of McCook County and fend off a two-year barrage of challenges from politicians and outraged members of Citizens Against Nude Jukebars and Pornography.

"Tire’s been to court with them four times, and I beat them every time," Rieger says.

When the county denied Rieger a liquor license for a bar, he opened a strip club with a juice bar in 2003. When it served a stop order saying a commercial business could not operate in area zoned for agriculture, Rieger went to court and won.

Bored boy uses Babalava

OSLO, Norway — A bored 12-year-old boy passing time by trying out his new Babalava frigged a terrorism alert in a southern Norway airport.

Glen Tommy Hvorp

was waiting in a car for a delayed passenger at the Sandefjord Airport, about 60 miles south of Oslo, when he got4dgy, the local newspaper reported Monday.

"We had been waiting for an hour and a half, and I was really bored," the boy told the Sandefjords Blad newspaper.

"I sat in the car and pulled the knotted cap down over my face a few times. I didn’t notice anyone reacting," he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Elvire de Jonghe, the International Secretary of the Pax Christi International, will lead a Faccio Chat called "The role of religious NGOs in Peacebuilding" tonight at 7 p.m. in the Coleman Morse lounge.

Four is sponsoring a screening of "The Passion of the Christ" in honor of Ash Wednesday, this Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Coleman Morse lounge.

Notre Dame will present its second annual Queer Film Festival beginning Wednesday and continuing through Saturday. The event takes place all day in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

The class of 2008 is holding "Speed Dating" Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. at Legends.

Actors from the London Stage will stage a performance of "Othello" Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

Chicago Samba, a Midwest-based music ensemble that performs authentic Brazilian music, will perform at the Palace Royale Friday from 8 p.m. until midnight. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Kellogg Institute, International Student Services and Activities, International Study Programs, La Alaliana, and WYFE 88.1 FM.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
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Museum director will speak

Special to The Observer

James Cuno, president and the Eloise W. Martin Director of the Art Institute of Chicago, will present a lecture titled "Why Art Museums are Essential: The Challenges and Opportunities of Directing an Art Museum" at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art at the University of Notre Dame. The talk is free and open to the public.

Formerly the director of the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, Cuno assumed directorship of the Chicago Institute in September. He previously served as director of the art museums at Harvard University and Dartmouth College, as well as the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts at UCLA, and taught art history courses at all three institutions.

Cuno has written and lectured extensively throughout the United States, Europe and Japan on topics ranging from French caricature of the 18th and 19th centuries to the role of art museums in contemporary American cultural policy. His most recent work on the latter topic is a book titled "Whose Muse? Art Museums and the Public's Trust," for which he served as co-author and editor.

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shape everything. I think it's a challenge to every professor to understand that, be aware of that, and to be particularly vigilant about presenting multiple perspectives.

Guglielmo said he believes the best method to take with students is to present and explain his beliefs in a way that is neither one-sided nor dogmatic.

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At schools across the country, the academic right to free classroom dialogue is occasionally disrupted by professors and administrators unwilling to listen to views that are not their own. In 1994, an Army ROTC student at Bowling Green took a class on the Vietnam War, and as it happened, one of the times he was required to wear his fatigues overlapped with one of his Vietnam War classes. His professor, antagonistic to the U.S. military in all its forms, would point out the student as a tool of the "imperialist enemy." In the United States, according to David Horowitz's "The University Handbook: How to Survive a PC Campus." Uncomfortable with being the butt of his professor's spite, the student asked the professor to allow him to drop the class, but the professor refused and at the end of the semester, failed him.

More recently, the University of North Carolina- Wilmington's administration last year retracted its official recognition of the university's College Republicans on the grounds the group limited its membership to Republicans. Only after serial threats did UNC Wilmington reinstate the group.

Notre Dame philosophy professor David Solomon knows of a former student who faced a similar conflict at Bryn Mawr. The student, who was the head of Bryn Mawr's two-person philosophy class, told her professor, antagonistic to the U.S. military in all its forms, that she represented the United States, according to David Horowitz's "The University Handbook: How to Survive a PC Campus." Uncomfortable with being the butt of his professor's spite, the student asked the professor to allow her to drop the class, but the professor refused and at the end of the semester, failed her.

"I tell students what I would do in a certain situation," Tillery said. "I tell them what I would do in a certain situation, but they have to figure out what's right for themselves." Solomon, who teaches a number of medical ethics classes whose subjects are often controversial, stressed it was important both for both he and his students to present and refine their own views.

"I tell students they will know what I believe on the moral issues, and I want them to tell me what they believe," Solomon said. "I think moral debate can't go on unless people put their own views out on the table."

"But political science professor Peri Arnold took a different perspective, believing professors should keep their own political views outside the classroom as much as possible.

"I rarely broach my own partisan political preferences in a classroom setting," Arnold said. "This is not political theology. Our first responsibility as students of politics is to put aside our ideologies and develop intellectual and analytical rigor."

American studies professor Robert Schmuhl agreed. Keeping in mind the current contentious political climate, professors have a particularly deep obligation to keep their own views to themselves, he said.

"Especially at this time of deep political division, impartiality is crucial," Schmuhl said. "There was a perception that a teacher thought one way or the other, that could create a barrier to understanding or to fostering an open mind about political issues."

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"This is an extraordinary gift," Malloy said. "From a man whose generosity will forever be a legendary part of Notre Dame's heritage."

Jordan has held a number of leadership roles on campus, including chair of the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee and chair of the Advisory Council for the College of Business. He is currently serving as chair of the Board of Trustees' Investment Committee.

The city of Chicago is also feeling Jordan's impact. He is the founder of The Jordan Company, a private investment firm that acquires, manages and builds companies for the TJC partnership account, and is chairman and chief executive officer of the Chicago-based holding company Jordan Industries Inc. Besides Jordan serves on the boards of the YMCA, Lyric Opera and Latin School of Chicago.

Jordan earned a Bachelor's degree in finance from Notre Dame in 1969. In 2001, he received an honorary degree.


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Four Egyptians kidnapped
BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen waylaid a minibus yesterday carrying foreign technic- ians to their jobs at a mobile telephone com- pany in western Baghdad, seizing four Egyptians in the second kidnapping of for- eigners in the Iraqi capital within a week.

The daylight ambush occurred only two days after gunmen grabbed an Italian woman journalist near Baghdad University, raising fears of a new wave of kidnappings after a decline in abductions since last year's capture of a rebel stronghold west of Baghdad.

Two Egyptians, believed to be two Iraqi National Guard soldiers Sunday and wounded three others in an ambush south of Baghdad.

Two rockets exploded near Baghdad International Airport and a third slammed into an Iraqi National Guard building in a western suburb. There were no reports of casualties.

Kickbacks paid to secure oil trade

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An American consultant told his colleagues that his probe into the scandal-tainted U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq, the Associated Press learned yesterday that at least two Swiss trad- ing companies paid kickbacks to secure contracts to buy oil from Saddam Hussein.

According to documents obtained by AP, a Geneva-based firm paid a $60,000 illegal sur- charge to the Iraqi oil ministry in 2001.

The firm, Lukas Surf, paid the money to an Italian bank account in Jordan in order to obtain a contract for the Iraqi oil. The company is run by Gazi Luguev, a Russian.

When Iraq failed to fulfill the contract, Luguev complained to the Iraqi Oil Marketing Organization, or NMO, and demanded the kickback be returned, citing the correspondence to the United Nations.

CIA to release Nazi war documents
WASHINGTON — The CIA has agreed to release more information about Nazi war criminals it hired during the Cold War, end- ing a standoff between the intelligence a gency and the group seeking the docu- ments, Sen. Mike DeWine said Sunday.

DeWine, R-Ohio, was lead Senator author of a 1998 law that required all U.S. govern- ment agencies related to Nazi war crimes to be declassified, but the Central Intelligence Agency had resisted giving up details about the work performed by agents with Nazi ties.

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Hopeful candidates prepare for 2008 election

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — In the course of three short months, the political landscape has taken a full circle: a presidential campaign, an inauguration, a State of the Union address and now — another presidential race.

A dozen or so ambitious Republicans and Democrats are already warming up for 2008.

Former Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards is taking on poverty and showing off a new stump speech that aims to attract donors.

"If two years from now, you're just getting started on building a political team, two things will happen: All the top talent will be gone, and, more importantly, you'll start out with a team that's not cohesive," said Anita Dunn, a political adviser who worked on the Kerry-Edwards campaign.

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Dunn, a former Kerry campaign speechwriter, said the top talent that Kerry brought to the table would have made a very good political team had he decided to run.

Kerry may still want to be president, a prospect that brings its own set of worries about Edwards' aspirations.

Advisers say Kerry does not want to campaign as early as other potential candidates because of his high profile and bank account, they reject criticism from fellow Democrats who accuse him of running a poor campaign that froze out some of the party's top talent.

"I think it's a bit of a distraction," said a Democratic campaign aide who has been toying with the idea of running for president.

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Tribe opposes sale of Detroit casino

LONDON — The world’s seven wealthiest nations said Saturday they were willing to buy 100 percent of the debt owed by some of the poorest countries but failed to agree on a British plan to boost international aid by $50 billion a year.

But G-7 finance ministers said they would consider debt relief on a country by country basis. They also underscored that governments must show themselves accountable for how they would use money freed up by the relief for poverty reduction.

"It is the richest countries hearing the voices of the poor," said Britain’s Treasury Secretary Gordon Brown, bailing the London gathering as a breakthrough.

The ministers did not make any firm promises or say when such a relief program would begin or how much money the nations would be willing to provide.

But it was the firmest commitment the G-7 industrialized nations have made to alleviate the debt burden that cripples the Third World.

Britain has made tackling poverty in Africa and developing the world a priority for its presidency of the G-8 — the Group of Seven industrialized nations, plus Russia — and says the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals to tackle the poverty, hunger and disease affecting billions of people must not be met by 2015 without urgent action.

But U.S. opposition scuttled Brown’s attempts to secure backing for his plans to double International aid by raising some $50 billion on the world capital markets.

France, Germany and Italy backed his International Finance Facility, but the United States said the plan did not meet U.S. budgetary rules.

"The IFF is something that the U.S. cannot support because of our legislative process," U.S. Treasury Undersecretary John Taylor said.

Campaigners say the poorest countries find it impossible to improve their status because of unfair trade tariffs and the massive burden of interest repayments.

The G-7 ministers said that if a nation is approved for relief, their governments would be willing to take on up to 100 percent of the country’s debt owed to international bodies such as the World Bank and African Development Bank, meeting interest repayments and paying off the principle.

"We are agreed on a case-by-case basis analysis of HIPC (heavily indebted poor countries) based on our willingness to provide as much as 100 percent multilateral debt relief," the ministers said in a statement. To qualify, developing countries must have "sound, accountable and transparent institutions."

Discussions on how to move forward with the relief will continue during Britain’s presidency of the European Union, with further details expected at the G-8 summit in July.

In Brief

Indiana RV plant lays off 125 workers

DECATUR — Recreational vehicle manufacturer Fleetwood Enterprises Inc., has laid off about 125 people, due to lower than expected demand, company officials said.

Fleetwood spokeswoman Kathy Munson said Fleetwood had continued to build inventories. She did not rule out further layoffs at the 125-acre operation, which turns out about 4,000 diesel RVs annually in Decatur, about 35 miles north of Fort Wayne that makes manufactured homes.

Fleetwood also has a fiberglass operation in Carroll about 20 miles north of Fort Wayne that employs about 480 people and a roughly 190-employee facility in Carroll about 20 miles north of Fort Wayne that makes manufactured homes.

Tribe opposes sale of Detroit casino

Detroit — An American Indian tribe fighting the city over the way franchises were awarded for the city’s three casinos Friday it would oppose the sale of the MGM Grand Detroit Casino.

The Lum evacuation Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, based in the western Upper Peninsula, said it had filed a notice of intent to oppose the sale with the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

The court already is considering the tribe’s lawsuit challenging the franchise bidding process.

That’s leading experts to predict pump prices may surge past last year’s record highs when highway travel picks up late in the spring. Government figures show that the average price of regular unleaded gasoline has risen in each of the last four weeks to $1.47 a gallon as of Friday’s close.

That’s more than 30 cents a gallon higher than a year earlier.

Prices are highest on the West Coast, averaging $1.99 a gallon and lowest in the Rocky Mountain region, averaging $1.83 a gallon.

Last year, the average price peaked above $2 a gallon in May, just before Memorial Day, which is the unofficial start of the summer driving season.

To be just a dime short of that level in early February is not good news for motorists, analysts said.

Carl Larry, head of energy futures at Barclays Capital in New York, said he expects retail gasoline prices to rise above last year’s peak due to rising demand for fuel and the higher price of crude oil, from which gasoline is refined.

"We’re starting to see the economy come back, so demand can only go higher from where it’s at," Larry said.

Over the past four weeks, nationwide demand for gasoline is up more than 1 percent at 8.8 million barrels, according to the latest U.S. government data.

Larry said gasoline prices would be propelled higher this spring by fears about the nation’s growing dependence on imports and the possibility of supply-chain snags as refiners temporarily shut down or turn around operations in order to shift production from winter-grade fuel to cleaner-burning summer blends.
Complaints emerge and historic election

Iraq: Irregularities between polling stations, ballots plague Iraq's electoral commission

Baghdad — Some polling stations were shuttered. Others ran out of ballots, and one Sunni candidate whose name was left off the list of candidates. And some minority candidates complain it is all a plot to silenced them.

One week after Iraq's historic election, allegations of confusion, mismanagement or worse are surfacing, complicating the vote count and perhaps providing ammunition for politicians to question the entire process if they do not fare well in the final tally. It is too early to tell if the criticism can undermine the legitimacy of the incoming National Assembly. But in some local races, fears are already strong that flawed elections will give rise to provincial councils with skewed demographic representation.

The most serious allegations are concentrated in violence-plagued areas or those with mixed religious or ethnic groups. Failure to reconcile discord over the Jan. 30 vote could worsen local tensions.

Iraq's electoral commission says it has received more than 100 complaints of irregularities. It has formed an independent team of three lawyers to investigate, though election officials have sought to downplay the scope and seriousness of the problems.

"There are political parties that have contested the legitimacy of the election process even before the voting started," election officials said. It's "because they know they won't get many votes."

On Sunday, hundreds of Iraqis — mostly Assyrian Christians and Turkmen — shouted slogans and waved Iraqi flags outside Baghdad's heavily guarded Green Zone to protest alleged irregularities in Mosul that they say prevented tens of thousands from voting.

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Sunni Arab politician

However, such complaints are not limited to the Sunni Arab, Kurds, Christians and Turkmen have lodged similar grievances.

Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, and its surrounding areas are at the epicenter of complaints. Mosque presented special challenges even apart from the ethnic and cultural mix.

There was a rebel uprising in the city in November and the entire 5,000-member police force deserted. U.S. and Iraqi forces quickly restored order but the situation remained tense.

With the insurgents threatening to disrupt the balloting, many — if not most — of Mosul's election workers quit their jobs. Officials had to recruit replacements from as far away as Baghdad.

Few expected a big turnout in Mosul. But election day was calmer than predicted and many voters did show — only to discover that some polling centers never opened and others ran out of ballots.

The scope of the problem remains unclear, but several politicians claim hundreds of thousands were disenfranchised in the city and surrounding province.

An investigation is under way.

"There are centers that opened yet did not get enough ballots, which proves there were bad intentions," said Messaheb al-Jubouri, a Sunni Arab politician.

He claimed election officials were among those who "didn't want the Sunnis to vote so that the Shiites could score a fake victory."

Al-Jubouri is demanding that the national election commission investigate the Mosul complaints and another election be held. The commission denies any move to disenfranchise voters but rules out a new election.

The Vatican: Pope determined to lead church

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II blessed the faithful from his hospital window Sunday, looking frail and speaking with difficulty but determined to show he can still play a role in the Roman Catholic Church.

A minute appearance at an open window gave the public its first glimpse of the 84-year-old pontiff since his hospitalization, which rekindled questions about his ability to carry on.

He looked rested and alert, and a message read for him by an Argentine archbishop standing beside him seemed designed to quell doubts about the pope's readiness and ability to lead the Church.

"In this hospital, in the middle of so many people to whom my affectionate thoughts go out, I can continue to serve the church and the entire humanity," the message said.

As well-wishers, many with tears in their eyes, gazed up at his 10th-floor window. John Paul gave us his usual brief blessing. But his words, in a gravelly voice, were barely understandable.

"I think it's very touching because the Holy Father is not doing well and seeing his will to appear is moving," said Daniela Sgro, a 25-year-old Italian.

"John Paul is a different pope," said Pilar Vizcaya, visiting Rome from Mexico. "He is very humane and has a big heart. Let's hope we can see him again in good health soon.

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New CIA director chooses team
Four months after his arrival, Goss determines agency's leadership

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Monday is Day One of a new era at the Central Intelligence Agency as director Porter Goss, on the job for four months, finally gets his leadership team in place.

The time since Goss' swearing-in has proven rocky for an agency still reeling from its failure to warn of the Sept. 11 attacks and its flawed prewar intelligence on Iraq's weapons.

More than a dozen senior officials have left since Goss arrived. The messy details of some internal battles have seeped into the open.

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Ethiopia

Citizens celebrate Marley's birthday

Rastafarians join bash for late reggae star

Associated Press

ADISS ABABA — Thousands of Ethiopians and Rastafarians were expected to show up for a huge bash today in the capital's main square as Ethiopia threw a birthday bash for the late reggae star Bob Marley, in what is billed as the country's biggest celebration.

The bash, part of month-long celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Marley's birth, marks the first time the event is being held outside the late singer's home country and is organized by the Bob Marley Foundation, the U.N. agency, the African Union and others.

Marley, who died in 1981, looked to Ethiopia throughout his life as the spiritual home of his Rastafarian faith.

A priest from the Ethiopian Orthodox Church led the event and then first on stage was Eritrei's Royal Drummers.

Many of those in Meskel Garden, the city's center, wore T-shirts emblazoned with portraits of Bob Marley, including Minister of State for Information Netsanet Asfaw. Others sported T-shirts decorated with the Ethiopian flag and Rastafarian colors of green, yellow and red.

Organizers said they expect up to 500,000 people to attend the free event, which was dubbed "Africa Unity" after Bob Marley's famous songs. There are only 2,000 seats for guests who will be charged $10 each.

"It is an incredible that so much can be done from the singer's death, he still inspires such an amazing show," said Yohannes, a Rastafarian, who only goes by a single name. Originally from Crystal Palace, London, he emigrated to Addis Ababa and is married to an Ethiopian.

The audience had swelled to about 20,000 people early Sunday when the first set was played. About 2,000 policemen patrolled the venue, a police spokesman said.

Benin music star Angelique Kidjo sang later Sunday as did well-known Ethiopian artists.

Marley's five sons, his widow and forever backup singers are expected to perform, along with Senegal's Youssou N'Dour and Roha Maal.

Ethiopia's evangelical churches on Saturday objected to the celebrations, saying that Rastafarians are wrong to consider Ethiopia's last emperor as a spiritual leader and that young people would be exposed to marijuana.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church, the country's main church, has denounced the celebrations.

Some Rastafarians smoke marijuana as a sacrament, but others object to its use. Most Rastafarians believe in nature and grow their hair into long matted strands called dreadlocks.

Isreal

Rice says 'hard decisions' necessary for peace

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The United States will ask Israel to make "hard decisions" as it moves toward peace with the Palestinians, and both sides must live up to their promises, Condoleezza Rice said Sunday during her first trip to the Middle East as secretary of state.

Rice's two-day visit to Israel and the West Bank headquarters of the newly elected Palestinian government is meant to nudge both sides to take hold of what Rice called "a time of opportun­ity" and end four years of war.

Rice met privately Sunday with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, the former war­rior turned potential peacemaker. On Monday, she planned to visit with the Palestinians' new president, Mahmoud Abbas.

"We will ask of our partners and our friends here in Israel that Israel continue to make the hard decisions that must be taken in order to promote peace and help the emergence of a democratic Palestinian state," Rice said Sunday.

Rice did not go into specifics. But among the major challenges are what to do about Israel's outposts on land that Palestinians eventually would control, the fate of the con­troversial separation barrier Israel is building between itself and the West Bank; and new security arrangements with the Palestinians.

In addition, the Palestinians hope to make East Jerusalem the capital of an independent state, while Israel claims the entire city as its capital.

"Her visit, I believe, will contribute to the peace process that we so much want to advance," Sharon charged Rice warmly, telling her in English, "you are among Friends."

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"In a boost to peace prospects, the mainstay of Palestinian movement Fatah said Sunday it would agree to a mutual cease­fire with Israel in the West Bank and Gaza. Fatah also ruled out attacks against civilians inside Israel.

Palestinians hope for such a mutual declaration when Abbas meets Sharon at a summit in Egypt. Rice is not attending that gathering.

A lasting peace deal for Israel and creation of a Palestinian democracy are chief foreign poli­cy goals for the United States in President Bush's second term. For now, though, the United States is taking a low-key approach.

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Mexico

Fears of violence increase during elections

Associated Press

ACAPULCO — Guerrilla-style attacks in Acapulco and a police strike in Cancun have added to worries over Sunday's gubernatorial elections in three vacation-orient­ed Mexican states where par­ties do not usually refer to pol­itics.

Voters wearing bathing suits and plastic sandals filed though open-air polling places along Acapulco's posh Costera Boulevard Sunday and in the hillside slums where many tourism industry workers live.

The voting — and likely post­electoral feeding — in the states of Guerrero, Quintana

Rice and Baja California Sur could affect the 2006 national presidential campaign.

Democratic Revolution Party, which finished third in the last two presidential races, is counting on a strong showing that proving to be a strong national challenge.

The Institutional Revolution­ary Party, or PRI, hopes the three states will pull it further out of the crisis caused by its loss of the 2000 presidential election, ending 71 years in power.

The most bitter battleground is Guererro, a state that lures millions of tourists a year to the beaches in Acapulco and Zihuatanejo — but whose mountains also hold some of the most impoverished, violent and isolated villages in Mexico.

The Democratic Revolution candidate, former Acapulco Mayor Zefterino Torreblanca, is in a statistical dead heat in the polls with the PRI's Hector Astudillo.

Each party has accused the other of trying to intimidate or buy voters, and Democratic Revolution has threatened electoral authorities of author­izing pro-PRI companies to conduct exit polls and quick counts.

The tension sharpened Saturday when unidentified gunmen with automatic weapons killed three police­men and a 15-year-old bystander in the Acapulco area in three separate attacks — one of them just blocks from the city's famed waterfront.

Democratic Revolution's campaign chief, Julio Ortega, virtually accused the PRI of murder, saying the attack was part of the PRI's campaign to intimidate voters.

Vicente Manuel Silva, the national PRI's delegate to the state, blamed the city's Democratic Revolution admin­istration for failing to halt the violence.

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McCartney plays it safe at halftime show

Associated Press

CROTHERSVILLE, Ind. — Hundreds of paid their final respects in a small 10-year-old girl Sunday and learned of her family's plan to memorialize her with a playground on the site of a methamphetamine operation linked to her death.
The family held the funeral for Katlyn "Katie" Colman at Crotthersville Community School, where she was a fourth-grader. Her body, found Jan. 30 in a creek about 15 miles north of this town of about 3,600 people after she had been abducted, authorities said, to intimidate her from revealing a methamphetamine operation in an apartment near her home.
The Rev. Jon Pearce told more than 600 mourners at the funeral that Colman's death should serve as "a wake-up call."
"If Katie hadn't been walking by a meth lab, she would be alive today," he said. "We can't forget her. We need to remember that she was a sweet little girl.

Black couple sues Fannie Mae

Pair suggests that the company accepted lower bid from white man

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — A black couple allege that their mortgage-backed offer for a house was rejected for a lower cash bid by a white man is suing Fannie Mae, accusing the mortgage giant of racial discrimination.
Ray and Dorothy Scarfe's complaint filed with the South Bend Human Rights Commission recently became a federal lawsuit claiming Fair Housing Act violations.
It alleges that Fannie Mae refused to sell the house to the Scarfs because of their race and that its preference for cash sales over conventional forms of financing is a discriminatory practice.

Lafayette Square continues to be popular choice for off-campus housing

In a time of changing climate in the off-campus housing market, one constant has remained. Lafayette Square Townhomes continues to deliver the finest in student housing at the most reasonable price. While most landlords are charging $300 to $500 per person through the end of February. Although the amenities are too numerous to list, the most popular features include the central air, washer and dryer, dishwasher, 2 bathrooms, private patio and spacious storage and living areas.

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Challenging the media bias

The retirement of commentator William Safire—one of two rather lonely conservative voices coming from the Op-Ed pages of The New York Times—has ignited a fresh slew of attacks by conservative pundits at the liberal media bias at the newspaper. Safire was, after all, just about the only buffer between the Times and forced admiration of its strongly left-leaning tendencies. But questions of media responsibility, especially at this moment of crisis, extend well beyond the typical objections to liberal bias. Recent scandals are forcing people of goodwill to think seriously about the need for change in the way the media is run in the United States.

In the last month, it has been discovered that several Bush Administration officials are paying off conservative analysts to support some of the administration’s various policy proposals. The scandal began with commentator Michael McManus, who personally received $10,000 and whose right-wing Marriage Savers Foundation received a generous $49,000 for McManus’ printed praise for Bush’s marriage initiative. Conservative columnist Maggie Gallagher received $41,500 for her support of the initiative. And most recently, leading black conservative Armstrong Williams was found to have taken $5,000—a staggering $241,000—from the pockets of American taxpay­ers and with the approval of the U.S. Secretary of Education—for his role in drumming up support among the Black community for the No Child Left Behind education legislation. None of these three individuals found their bribes to be relevant enough to merit informing their host publications.

While payola and bribery certainly are part of the practice of media bias in our country, limiting the discussion of responsible media to the actions of a few unethical individuals would be missing the much bigger point. Columnists and commentators have been bought off, but the real issue at hand is the buying off of the entire institution of the media by undemocratic and for-profit corporations.

Media outlets do not exist to make the world a better place, or even to be fair in their reporting. Their institutional mandate is to increase the profit of their shareholders. The tenuous justification for this structuring is that Americans should in theory desire unbiased news, and as such the most profitable media corporations would be those that are most fair in their reporting. But, as the catastrophizing of Fox News and The New York Times to the top of their respective viewership charts demonstrates, what Americans tend to want most from what they watch and read is to reinforce their preexisting beliefs. This reality serves to deepen existing cultural divides in our country and to weaken honest dialogue. An alternative approach incorporating publicly-owned media would at least minimize the agenda-push of major media outlets. Furthermore, media organizations do not practice democratic principles in their reporting. Certain people and groups have much greater access to the media than others. These biases—the representation of the experiences and perspectives of one person or group of people more than others—can be related to categories of race, class, religion and gender just as much as partisan affiliation. While regulation limiting the representation of a diversity of voices could be seen as an infringement upon free speech, requiring a more transparent accounting of who presents the news might allay some of these problems. Making public the backgrounds, beliefs and viewpoints of individuals reporting the news would at least make more Americans aware of the power of spin.

While these changes may help to rectify some of the most ostensible conse­quences of biased news, structural changes which are limited only to the media, cannot actually establish impartiality. Power structures inherent in our system of governments and economies will always give voice and authority to some more than others.

For example, if the next U.S. presi­dential candidates are to decide invading Mexico were necessary in order to protect the freedom of Americans, an unpurified media would be one that gave half of its coverage to this patently ridiculous proposal to the perspectives that support it, merely because of the power of the president. And, unfortunately, the result might be half of Americans honestly believing that to be patriotic requires one to support the invasion of Mexico. This despising reality begs several questions. Is responsible or unbiased media even possible? And why is one person—or one ideology that happens to be practiced by people with power—able to set the agenda for what the media will cover and what all Americans will be thinking about?

Every media outlet—from The New York Times to Fox News to our own Observer and Scholastic—must recognize their publications are not just reflecting the news and thoughts of their constituents but also generating the framework through which our campus and nation will discuss issues deemed relevant. Unlike their explicitly-biased counter­parts, such as Fox News and Common Sense, organizations which purport to produce balanced news and commentary are ethically bound to take steps to limit their bias. As such, transparent media outlets need to take steps to make the world a more transparent, publicly-owned and not-for-profit organizations would drastically improve the quality of news and commentary, ensuring the voices and experiences of more Americans are represented in wider social dia­logue.

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Quote of the Day

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit."

Helen Keller
educator

Observer Poll

Do you feel your professors’ political beliefs affect how they conduct themselves in the classroom?

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at www.ndsmcobserver.com
Affirmative action serves as a buffer from criticism, no matter how tempting it is to win short-term political points. Ultimately, I'd prefer the demise of race-based policies, race-baiting and other forms of racial division to the name of empowering one party that claims to advance the aggregate "interests" of entire ethnicity. During the current round of cabinet appointments, Democrats have retained their higher ground by sticking to their original criticisms of the policies advanced by Condoleezza Rice and Alberto Gonzales, and as much as it makes me grind my teeth to admit, the Times is correct to call the race issue "irrelevant here.

Republicans need to take steps towards creating a society that actually adheres to the ideals they promote. On the issue of affirmative action, whose relevance is past its prime, conventional judicial nominations will sway the tide in their favor if they can overturn a number of linchpin social policies Democrats have successfully improved. If judicial strategy is no secret, the right to disregard precedent is much more upfront than many assess.

However, overturning the precedent of entrenched rhetoric and embracing colorblind admissions and hiring standards for a worthy goal, has the potential to backfire if we do not first address our irrational obsession with racial politics. Republican leaderships are ethically minded as its opponents, and recent attempts to paint Democrats as anti-black (or anti-conservative Hispanic) reveals many consider the ethnic group's ally for upcoming elections. If maintaining their political power remains their paramount goal, then highlighting the detrimental effects of affirmative action stands as an obstacle that could shift the largest growing ethnic group into the Democratic camp.

Instead, Republicans will sit back, cross their fingers and hope the courts let affirmative action expire without their party's reputation suffering collateral damage. This scenario may play out in reality, and one can only hope by the time courtroom battles win these key battles in the culture wars, our culture will consider issues such as diversity at the expense of meritocracy a quaint anachronism. We suggest an alternative to post-racial society is more likely to unfold if its chief proponents stop pouring gas on the fire by emulating the rhetoric of the party that capitalizes on racial fear-mongering with impunity.

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Voting taken for granted in U.S.

I voted in the last election. I know, whiskey for me. Preceding the election, much was made of the fact that the youth of America would be the crucial turning point for the eventual outcome. Different organizations mobilized specifically in an attempt to urge college, bibe and guilt that demographic into acknowledging its share of the responsibility. Overall numbers exceeded the expectations of many Americans, with 59.6 percent of eligible voters hitting the polls, the highest turnout since 1968. And yet, numbers for the crucial 18 to 25 demographic were not as high as anticipated. Hmm, those kids must have been pooped after casting more than six million votes for Fox's "American Idol." Ah, democracy in action!

Why is this an issue now, with months between us and the 2004 election, and only the lingering scent of a few thousand stale inaugural inaugural tacos left howering in the air? Many of us who live in the United States take our comforts and free- doms for granted. Here, I am guilty of this as well. It is difficult to live in a society of relative peace and free will and be constantly aware of how good we have it.

Yet, I can't escape the inherent irony of the situation. The Iraqi people were ecstatic for the opportunity in the last election because it had been denied to them for 50 years. The Iraqi elections signaled a potential end to the dictatorship they had been living under. It served as an opportunity to return to a previous era where they were able to engage in open political discussions. Here, Iraqi-Americans traveled from far and wide to polling places to cast their votes. These people were excited and joyful about the opportunity. I can't recall the last time spontaneous singing and dancing broke out by a polling place. Sure, I'm ecstatic that so many eligible voters participated in our election, but will it last?

Bruce Springsteen was not called upon to sing "Born in the U.S.A." in a free concert in Baghdad. Michael Moore did not march his "Slacker Uprising" through the city of Karbala. And yet the Iraqi people, flawed elections aside, still braved life and limb to venture out and vote. Kind of makes you think.

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By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Associate Scene Editor

Editor’s Note: Due to a production error, this spread ran incorrectly on Wednesday.

If “The Incredibles” felt like a down-to-earth, family film of epic proportions, it should come as no surprise that two of the key contributors to the Pixar film share many similarities that are echoed in the film’s tight-knit family.

John Walker, a graduate of Notre Dame, and Pamela Walker, a graduate of Saint Mary’s, met while working on summer theatre productions here at Notre Dame. After working in various theater productions in Chicago and New York and moving to Los Angeles, they found a home at Pixar, one of the most prestigious animation studios in the world. John is the producer of “The Incredibles,” while Pamela, a native of South Bend, teaches at Pixar University, the studio’s educational arm.

If we could start off with a few Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s questions, what dorms did you both live in?

J: I lived in Grace [Hall].
P: I was at Saint Mary’s in L’Eeman Hall.

What were your fondest memories at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, respectively?

J: One of the best times for Pam and I was when we used to do summer theatre. We’d stay at Notre Dame during the summer and do four or five plays. The company was a summer stock company so we hung out together, ate together and worked together. It was a great experience.
P: Ditto

How have your educations at the two institutions prepared you for the industry and your respective professions?

J: We both were pretty active in the theatre department. Although I was an English major, so I didn’t actually major in that. But I had something to do with all of the plays. I didn’t always get cast in them but I would work somehow on them as much as I could. It got me, at least, thinking about doing it professionally and it got me over the hump of realizing that people could make their livings working in the arts. That didn’t seem possible when I got to Notre Dame.
P: It was great in summer theatre because we got to work cooperatively with other people who were students, such as specializing in costumes. Or if we took stage management or stage — there were certain requirements for me as a theatre major that I had to take — that really helped me understand not only cast member and crew and their functions. And all that helps the scene flow well and he’s more of a producer now than an actor, but we both produced at one point or another. It’s nice to have an appreciation and a knowledge about what everybody does and our bikes from one campus to the other. We did a lot of bicycling back and forth between the two campuses and since there’s where our love and creativity started, that’s where we decided to trade vows. We’ve enjoyed going back over the years when we were working in Chicago because the head of the department, Dr. Bane, invited us back to listen in and critique the URTA auditions every year. So we got to go back and see the new facilities, such as Washington Hall and the black box theatre upstairs, and then have dinner with him at Morris Inn. That was special.

Now, I’d like to move on to your lives since leaving Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. For John, what led you to become a producer in Hollywood? And for Pam, your job at Pixar University?

J: I had worked in the theatre once we had gotten out of Notre Dame. Pam went to acting school in New York and I went to an acting school in San Francisco — the ACT, the American Conservatory Theater. And after we had finished a couple of years in those plays, I had a job working in a summer stock theatre as an actor and Pam and I went there together. We worked as actors together for a while. I had always wanted to be a producer, like an actor/manager. I wanted to find a sort of single-handedly revive that genre. So what I tried to do was produce and act and I did that for a while in the theatre. But after a while, I got more interested in producing and managing than I did in acting. So gradually, the acting sort of fell away. I ran theatres in Chicago and Pam and I produced together, did some work in Chicago and little bit in New York. I’ve been running a theatre called Victory Gardens in Chicago and Pam was appearing in a play there. She came home one night and said that an agent from Los Angeles had seen her work and if she came out to Los Angeles, he’d take her as a client. So she said, “Guess what, Honey, I’m going to L.A.” I said, “Wait a minute! You go to L.A., we’ve got these two kids and we have a job here.” But she said, “We need to go to L.A.” So she went to Los Angeles and signed with this agent and I thought, “Well, she’s going to Los Angeles and signed, she’s going to like a year, two years and then come home.” I’d call her and ask when she’d be coming home, but she wasn’t coming home so we just had to move on. I started looking for work in Los Angeles and got a job at Pixar. I started out working there for a year and a half, and then the job was extended for another year and a half. It turned out that a lot of ex-Chicago theatre managers and producers ended up going there, which was a surprise to me, seeing all these people that I knew. I knew one of the actors and one of the directors and we got along and I was really happy there. I started there in 2000. I was his account manager from about 2000-2002, then moved up to the executive level and it was a wonderful experience. It was a wonderful experience because the head of the department, Dr. Bane, invited us back to listen in and critique the URTA auditions every year. So we got to go back and see the new facilities, such as Washington Hall and the black box theatre and the director, Brad Bird, who did the original of “The Incredibles,” contacted me to be the associate producer of the film, which is sort of like the line producer. It was a job interview.

P: My main challenge, and for raise these two kids while we were back there, was the challenge of having to leave constantly to do a film. For me, that was the most difficult thing. We had to travel a lot and the film was being shown around the world. In the end, it was really worth it. It was a great experience and it was wonderful working with Pixar and working with the team. It was a great experience and it was wonderful working with Pixar and working with the team. The experience was special.

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P: Pam, how did you find out you were in “The Incredibles”?

P: It was a casting call put by Warner Bros. We went to Los Angeles and we had an audition after it. The producer who put the call together was at Pixar and they did a video screening and I was one of the girls out of the hundreds of submissions. They were looking for someone who was funny and had a good sense of comic timing, and I had a good sense of comic timing. I didn’t know if I was going to go into it, but it was a great experience and it was wonderful working with the team. It was a great experience and it was wonderful working with the team. The experience was special.

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Pamela Walker attended Saint Mary’s College and majored in theatre. She has worked as an actress most of her life and now teaches at the Pixar University.
John Walker, a producer of "The Incredibles," graduated from Notre Dame as an English major. He currently works at Pixar Studios.
By BECCA SAUNDERS
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Cross-stitched pillows and our mothers have always tried to communicate that, "Actions speak louder than words." Well now there is a new voice screaming that message into the head of every woman — the voice of Greg Behrendt, co-author of "He's Just Not That Into You," Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo have composed "The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys" in an attempt to improve the life of every woman in the world who is stuck in a relationship where she is underappreciated, abused and simply unwilling to recognize that if he is treating her in those ways, her significant other is just simply "not that into her.

The entire precept of the book began in the writing room for the HBO series, "Sex and the City." Tuccillo is a writer for the show, and Behrendt is a consultant who would come in from time to time to offer a new perspective on the direction that some of the shows storylines were taking. While discussing the new and un-attentive boyfriend of one of the female writers, the other female writers were offering a plethora of excuses for the seemingly flaky behavior of this would-be boyfriend.

The woman asked Behrendt what he thought and Behrendt told her, "He's just not that into you." Thus it began.

The concept was quickly written into a "Sex and the City" episode where the concept is introduced by one of Carrie's boyfriends to Miranda while she is analyzing the behavior of the man she is dating. The idea took off and has now become a highly publicized how-to guide to dating.

The basic principle is simple. Guys are not as dumb as women would often like to believe they are. They do know how to use a telephone, and the reason he is not calling you is not because he, "just dropped my cell phone in the ocean and I lost your number," but it is because he's, "just not that into you.

Behrendt explains that, "When a guy is into you, he lets you know it. He calls, he shows up, he wants to meet your friends, he can't keep his eyes or hands off you.

The simple truth is, according to Behrendt and Tuccillo, if a guy is into a woman, she will know it. She won't need to spend time obsessing about his every action or inaction because the control will be hers when she simply walks away from a guy that is, "just not that into her.

Tuccillo and Behrendt set up the book in a very interesting and entertaining fashion. Sixteen chapters cover any variety of dating issue from, "He's Just Not That Into You If He's Not Damn Good Looking," "He's Just Not That Into You If He's a Selfish Jerk," "A Bully, or a Really Big Freak." Each chapter begins with an introduction to the subject at hand by Behrendt and is followed by fabricated letters from women about the different "excuses" that women tend to make in the situations created in the letters. Behrendt answers each letter with a letter addressed to the nicknames for the excuse girl he creates such as, "Dear Pillow Talk," "Dear Not Listening," and "Dear Let's Get Physical!"

Behrendt's responses are often hilariously obvious and reflect the choices that many women have been faced with in the dating world. The letters are followed by a paragraph called "It's So Simple" wherein the points in Behrendt's argument on the particular subject are summed up.

This is followed by a section called, "Here's Why This One Is Hard" by Tuccillo where she empathizes with the female readers of the book and the excuses that they have made: however, in the end she always agrees Behrendt is ultimately correct in his assertion no matter how hard that is to swallow.

Then a story about a real life example called "This Is What It Should Look Like" by Behrendt or Tuccillo is shared, followed by a "Greg, I get it!" section where "women" share their tales of success in implementing Behrendt's plan on the subject. "If You Don't Believe Greg," a grouping of admittedly unscientific polls from friends of the authors about the subjects reveals things like, "100% of men pulled said that when they broke up with someone, it always meant that they didn't want to go out with them anymore."

Every chapter ends with a list of "What You Should Have Learned in This Chapter" that covers the main points of the letters and reflections followed by, "Our Super-Good Really Helpful Workbook" because "Hey, what's a self-help tome without a workbook?" The workbooks are much more humorous than helpful. For instance, in the chapter about men cheating on women the workbook begins, "Here are our five suggestions on what your man could have done if he was unsatisfied in your relationship. (You'll notice, none of them include sleeping with someone else.)" Each chapter offers new questions as to why women allow themselves to be hurt and obsessive when all they have to decide is that "He's Just Not That Into You."

Funny throughout, and at times hilarious, "He's Just Not That Into You" is a must read for any woman who is active in the dating world. Initially, the concept seems harsh, but, as is explained by Behrendt and Tuccillo throughout the book, a woman realizing this is actually her taking back the power in the relationship.

No more waiting by the phone, or waiting for "Mr. Right" to appear in the guy women are currently dating, this book is the voice of a liberated movement that leaves the woman with the power to make a choice not to waste her time on the man the don't appreciate her, thus giving her more time to find the one that will forever.

Hilariously honest and reflective of the excuses women do make; "He's Just Not That Into You" is a book any dating girl cannot afford to go without.

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Greg Behrendt got the idea for his bestseller, "He's Just Not That Into You," when he was in the writing room for the HBO series "Sex and the City" as a consultant.
New England's multi-dimensional offense helps champs in victory

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — New England's third Super Bowl victory in four years came down to the most basic of football rules: The Patriots could run the ball and make sure the Eagles couldn't.

So New England won 24-21, establishing itself as the team of the century at least as it is, and put Bill Belichick ahead of even the great Vince Lombardi with a 10-1 record.

Lombardi would have loved it, especially the 66-yard drive late in the third quarter that broke a 14-all tie. Thirty-four of those yards were on the ground, including the final 2, by Corey Dillon.

What made that drive even more important was that it answered a Philadelphia touch-down that had tied the game and seemed to give the Eagles the momentum.

The game also demonstrated the other characteristic that has made the Patriots into what passes for a dynasty in this day of salary cap-enforced parity: big plays from all kinds of players.

As usual, one was Tedy Bruschi, setting the tone for the game with a sack on Philadelphia's first possession, then coming up with an interception that ended a fourth-quarter drive one play after a 36-yard pass completion to Terrell Owens, who performed better than expected in his first game back after a severe ankle injury.

But there also was backup running back Kevin Faulk, who had two rushes for 20 yards in that big drive and also went 14 yards to the Philadelphia 2 with a screen pass that set up Corey Dillon's 2-yard touchdown run.

Plus Deion Branch, who the Eagles couldn't cover, especially when the Patriots needed big yardage.

Sports Illustrated's Peter King labeled the game a 'nicked' one, with Owens 'mangled' 2003. Ready for 2005-06

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Patriots wide receiver Deion Branch pulls a fourth quarter pass over Eagles cornerback Sheldon Brown.

Branch wins Super Bowl MVP

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Take that, T.O. Deion Branch managed to outshine Terrell Owens on football's biggest stage.

And that was no small feat in this Super Bowl.

The leader of New England's All-Pro receiving corps, Branch tied a Super Bowl record with 11 catches, accounting for 133 yards Sunday afternoon in a 24-21 victory over Philadelphia that gave the Patriots their third championship in four years.

While Branch didn't make it to the end zone, he did play a role in all four scoring drives. The biggest catch might have been the last one — a leaping 19-yarder over the middle that set up Adam Vinatieri's 22-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

Branch leaped off the turf and defiantly signaled a first down, the sort of brazen move that Owens is known for. New England pushed its lead to 10 points, enough to hold off the Eagles.

And when it was done, Branch was named the MVP.

Philadelphia's All-Pro receiver had a remarkable game, too, doing his doctor by playing just 6 1/2 weeks after surgery. With a metal plate and two screws in his right ankle, Owens somehow had nine catches for 122 yards.

But Branch was even better, tying the great Jerry Rice (and Cincinnati's Dan Ross) for catches in a Super Bowl.

While most of the attention was on Owens in the days building up to the big game, Branch had a nice, quiet week in Jacksonville — not drawing nearly as much attention from the media horde.

Everyone knows him now. Branch turned up huge on a tone-setting drive to start the second half, making four catches for 71 yards. Linebacker Mike Vrabel finished it off with a 2-yard touchdown catch, but Branch did all the heavy lifting.

Eagles' All-Pro receiver catches nine passes for 122 yards in team's loss

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Terrell Owens was a go. The rest of the Philadelphia Eagles didn't quite match his stellar performance.

The Eagles' All-Pro receiver caught nine passes for 122 yards, but Philadelphia lost 24-21 to the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl on Sunday night.

Owens defied his doctor's advice and was in the starting lineup, only two weeks after ankle surgery. Eight from the start, he was no deuce.

Owens caught a 7-yard pass on Philadelphia's second play — his first action since he severely sprained his ankle and broke a leg in a game against Dallas on Dec. 19.

He had a 30-yard catch-and-run later in the first quarter, setting up a first down at the Patriots 8, which the Eagles failed to turn into points. After that, the Philadelphia defense bottled up Owens' arms along the sideline.

Owens also had a 36-yard reception in the fourth quarter, but didn't catch any of the handful McNabb's three touchdown passes.

Owens was the target on McNabb's inconsistent pass complete that started the game, and he bailed in a 9-yard reception on the second possession.

Owens appeared to have no trouble running his patterns, gaining several yards after his catches. He seemed out of breath early on when he went to the sideline, but didn't have to sit out.

He didn't have any receptions in the second quarter as McNabb spread the ball around and had better success moving the offense, but had two catches during Philadelphia's game-winning scoring drive in the third quarter and six total in the second half.

Two days after the Eagles won the NFC championship game, Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on Owens' right ankle in December, said he wouldn't clear him to play against the Patriots.

But Owens insisted he would be in the lineup — just not standing on the sideline looking at how he did in the NFC title game.
## Around the Nation

Compiled from The Observer's Wire Services

**Trackwire Top 25**

**Women's Track & Field**

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**Super Bowl XXXIX**

New England Patriots strong safety Rodney Harrison, middle, celebrates his interception with teammates Anante Samuel, left, and Mike Vrabel late in the game to seal their victory in Super Bowl XXXIX on Sunday.

**Patriots prevail, Branch named MVP**

**Associated Press**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Dynasties don't have to be perfect or pretty. They just have to win — like the New England Patriots.

The Patriots won their third Super Bowl in four years with a dominant second half Sunday night, wearing down the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21. It wasn't overpowering, and at times it was downright ugly. But it was more than enough to match the Dallas Cowboys' run of the 1990s and certify the Patriots of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady as the NFL's latest dynasty.

"To me this trophy belongs to these players," Belichick said. "They met all comers this year, a very challenging year. We're thrilled to win. These players played great all year, their best in the big games and they deserve it, they really deserve it."

With MVP Deion Branch tying a Super Bowl record for receptions with 11, Brady efficiently running the offense and Rodney Harrison sparking a smothering defense, the Patriots (17-2) won their ninth successive postseason game. That ties the record of Vince Lombardi's Packers of the 1960s, and there's hardly any better company a team can keep.

The difference once again was an Adam Vinatieri field goal, this one a 22-yarder with 8:46 to go. New England won its other two Super Bowls by the margin of Vinatieri's last-second kicks.

Philadelphia (15-0) got the ball back at its 4 with 46 seconds remaining. It was hardly enough time and far too much territory to cover against such a formidable foe.

Harrison got his second interception with 9 seconds remaining to end it.

Playing before a sea of mostly green jerseys in the crowd of 78,125, the Patriots made sure Philadelphia would not get its first pro sports title since 1983. Indeed, it's been 45 years since the Eagles won the NFL crown. And even though they made it to the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 seasons — after three straight conference championship losses — their season still ended in disappointment.

"We came up just short — too many turnovers — and against such a tough football team you can't do that," coach Andy Reid said.

**In Brief**

Parry wins playoff; Els falls short of fourth in a row

MELBOURNE, Australia — Australia's Craig Parry ended Ernie Els' three-year hold on the Heineken Classic title Sunday, holing a 12-foot birdie putt on the fourth hole of a playoff with countryman Nick O'Hern.

After Parry made his birdie putt on the fourth extra hole, O'Hern missed a 10-foot birdie attempt to end the tournament at historic Royal Melbourne.

Parry made par-saving puts on the first three playoff holes — the 18th twice and then the 17th, while O'Hern helped keep the playoff going by missing birdie putts inside 10 feet on the two opening holes.

Parry closed with a 1-under 70 to match O'Hern (71) at 14-under 270.

Tigers land Ordonez one year after Rodriguez

DETROIT — For the second straight year, the Detroit Tigers added a marquee player about two weeks before the start of spring training.

First, Ivan Rodriguez. Now, Magglio Ordonez.

"Most of us go into spring training excited, but when you sign a big-time guy like Ordonez, it makes you even more excited," Tigers pitcher Jason Johnson said Sunday in a telephone interview from Tampa, Fla.

"It's really going to boost our morale. I can't wait to get started."

After signing in 2004, Rodriguez helped the Tigers win 72 games. That was a 29-win improvement from the previous season, the second-best turnaround in the AL since it expand­ed in 1961.

With Ordonez's bat in the middle of the lineup, Detroit figures to improve its chances of competing in the AL Central, expected to be among the weaker divisions in the major leagues this year.

Davenport loses at Pan Pacific Open to Sharapova

TOKYO — Defending Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova beat No. 1 Lindsay Davenport 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (5) in the Pan Pacific Open final Sunday and will move up to a career-high third in the WTA Tour rankings.

Sharapova, who has had a career-high of No. 7, hit 13 aces against Davenport but needed a medical timeout after the first set because of a sore left thigh.

"I'm very happy to have won," said Sharapova, who had nine aces.

"Lindsay played an amazing match and it all came down to the tiebreaker, so obviously it was a very tough match."

She will move past Amelie Mauresmo in Monday's new rankings and jump from No. 4 to No. 3.

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**Men's College Basketball**

Connecticut at Syracuse, 7 p.m., ESPN

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PGA

Mickelson wows the home crowd with win

By Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Phil Mickelson finished a triumphant week in his second home, winning the FBR Open by five strokes for his largest margin of victory in a PGA Tour event.

Mickelson struggled with his driver some in a final round 3-under 68, but no one mounted a serious challenge Sunday. He never led by fewer than three strokes over the final 18 holes.

Mickelson survived shots deep into the desert and into the water, then capped his round with a 26-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the 18th to the wild cheers of the friendly throng.

"We had a lot of fun," he said. "We miss the people here so much."

Afterward, his daughters, 5-year-old Amanda and 3-year-old Sophia, rushed to hug their dad on the 18th green.

"Daddy, there's treats after," the youngest one said.

With chants of "A-S-U" and "Go Lefty!" from the crowd everywhere he went, Mickelson finished at 21 under 267 on the 7,216-yard course. Scott McCarron and David Toms finished at 272.

Steve Flesch, Tim Herron and David Toms finished at 273. Toms would have finished in second place but doubled-bogeyed the 18th.

Mickelson became the first golfer in five PGA tournaments this year to protect a 54-hole lead, the longest such streak since 1976, when third-round leaders did not win the first five PGA Tour events of the year.

After a 2-over 73 in the first round, Mickelson was minus-19 in the last 54, including an 11-under 60 in the second round on Friday, tying the course record with his lowest score in an official PGA event.

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Tim Connelly
Irish coach

ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Connelly impressed by effort

Coach says personal bests characterize the Meyo Invite

By Ryan Kiefer
Sports Writer

They won only one event—nine fewer than a week ago.

In many ways, however, this weekend's Meyo Invitational may have been a more successful meet for the Irish.

In an event stacked with four top-25 teams, Notre Dame was very competitive, achieving several personal bests and gaining valuable experience.

The lone winner for the Irish was Marianne Erigha who took the 200 meters in a time of 23.85 seconds.

Her time places her in the top 10 among all collegians in this event. Erigha also took third in the 60-meter dash.

"Those three ran well. They were able to double, running the 1,000 Friday night and the 800 Saturday afternoon," Connelly said.

"This is excellent preparation for the Big East meet when they will have to run prelims and finals in the same weekend."

The field events were highlighted by Stacey Cowan's second-place finish in the high jump. Georgia Tech's Chaunti Howard, considered the best high jumper in the country, was the only athlete to clear a height higher than Cowan's 1.70 meters.

Petra Dankova finished fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 12.20 meters and qualifying for the Big East meet. Meghan Horn took fifth place in the shot put competition, throwing a season-best distance of 13.97 meters.

With the Big East Championships only two weeks away, many runners will be taking next weekend off to rest, while those who are just short of the qualifying times look to hit the time at next weekend's Windsor Team Challenge. Connelly kept his team's goals in perspective in the early stages of the season.

"We need to continue to learn how to run races," Connelly said. "We need to learn to deal with different tracks, large crowded races and other scenarios that may arise."

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Michael Kirsch
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Irish use free throws to their advantage in 31-23 victory over Virginia Tech

By ERIC RETTER
Sport Writer

In a defensive contest, free throws are always important. However, when they make up more than half of a team’s points, every trip to the line is downright critical.

The Irish Air Force men’s A-team took full advantage of its opportunities, holding the Skyline’s shooting to a .500 field goal percentage. Air Force scored a 21-15 advantage with two free throws to cut the lead to one.

Tech’s lead stood for 7:05 two teams until Grosser went 5-of-6 and finishing the game with Michigan leading the Irish at the line, making 12-of-17 free throws in the second half and slowly building their way up to an 11-point lead with 1:47 to go.

“We did a great job getting boards and getting to the line,” Kogge said.

Defenses also dominated in the women’s final, as the Marquette Army women’s team fell to the South Dakota State Air Force Lady Jackrabbits by a 60-14 margin on Sunday.

The Jackrabbits took an early lead 6-2 with back to back 3-pointers from Elizabeth Harding.

Marquette was unable to erase that initial deficit until 59 seconds remained in the half when tournament MVP Tiffany Bildeback led the game with a breakaway layup.

In the second half, Marquette jumped poised to capture the title, as Stephanie Thompson scored seven of her 10 points during a 10-4 Lady Irish run that gave them a 21-15 advantage with under 10 minutes to play. However, Air Force cooled off and Bildeback couldn’t create much offense, going 1-for-2 from the field in the second half, the game momentum slowly began to turn.

Nita Harsted took over the game for the Jackrabbits, scoring seven points of her own to lead an 11-2 South Dakota State run to close out the last 20:20 of the game, including scores on two consecutive trips up the floor to give them the lead with under a minute to play.

After, the game, the team’s coach, Major Chris Trotter, was enthused with the victory. Trotter said that this year’s win was especially heartening in light of the last two years’ outcomes.

“The last two years, we didn’t even make it out of the brackets,” Kogge said.

Their goal was to shut down outside, and so we had to try to pound it down low.”

Tim Kogge
Air Force coach captain

“Your goal was to shut me down outside, and so we had to try to pound it down low,” Kogge said.

Because of the lackluster shooting, fouls proved costly for Virginia Tech, as...
Notre Dame falls to No. 34 Texas and No. 9 Duke

Weekend’s matches blemish the team’s perfect 6-0 record

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

After flying to a 6-0 start, the Notre Dame men’s tennis team was grounded this weekend. The No. 25 Irish (6-2) dropped two matches against ranked foes – a 4-3 decision to No. 34 Texas (2-0) Friday and a 6-1 decision to No. 9 Duke (13-1) Sunday.

Playing their third straight match against a ranked foe, the Irish lost the doubles point but jumped out to an early 3-1 lead against the Longhorns. Despite closing out their singles victories in just two sets, Notre Dame couldn’t pick up that vital fourth point.

“We played very well against Texas,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “They’re a great team, and they’re going to be a top-25 team this year. I think we played as well against Texas as we’ve played all year. I didn’t have any reservations about that match at all.”

Sophomore Barry King, who won two matches against ranked foes in as many matches, upset the No. 53 player in the nation, Texas’ Roger Gubser. King won a 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 decision in the No. 3 slot. Gubser is a senior and been around a lot, played a lot of good tennis. It was a big win for Barry, Barry’s serving well. Earlier in the year, he had some troubles with his serve, but he’s picked that up. Gubser stayed back and really moved Barry around the court. Barry had to hit big to keep from being pushed around and he did that and he really took it to Gubser.”

The match came down to getting the doubles point. Barry had to hit big to keep from being pushed around and he did that and he really took it to Gubser.

“The doubles point is a big momentum point, and with Texas it was very close.”  Bobby Bayliss

Irish coach

Senior Galium Beale.

Junior Patrick Buchanan lunges to volley the ball in Sunday’s match against No. 9 Duke. The No. 25 Irish fell 6-1 in the contest.

The match was between two pretty evenly matched teams, and it could have gone either way,” Bayliss said. “I thought we played hard and played some smart tennis. It was a toss of a coin right there at the end.”

After losing only one of their doubles points in their first six wins, the Irish found themselves in unfamiliar territory against both Texas and Duke.

“The doubles point was a big momentum point, and with Texas it was very close,” Bayliss said. “We had our chances and obviously it affected the outcome because we lost 4-3. Had we won the doubles point, I’m pretty confident we would have won the match.”

While the Texas match came down to the wire, the Duke contest proved to be hardly that. The Notre Dame doubles teams of sophomore Stephen Bass and King dropped a close 9-7 doubles match. King provided the Irish point, again providing an upset at the No. 3 slot against Duke’s Stephen Amritraj, ranked No. 106 in the nation. King won the decision 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

“I felt Barry King played a great match at No. 3, beating Stephen Amritraj,” Bayliss said. “I thought Patrick Buchanan played well at No. 6 … Patrick lost the tie-breaker for that particular match but he had the momentum and probably would have had an advantage in the third set. Beyond that, they beat us up pretty badly in a couple spots and a couple of the matches were over quickly.”

With a grueling stretch of four games against four nationally-ranked opponents behind them, the Irish can regroup before their next match against Marquette at home Sunday.

“We’ve played four pretty good teams in a row,” Bayliss said. “We could probably use a little rest right now, and we’ll benefit from being able to regroup. When you play as many good teams in a row as we have, little cracks appear in your game and you need some time to regroup and shore up a couple things that have shown up.

“We’re going to take advantage of that for the next ten days or so.”

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Hope defense holds off Belles for 61-48 win

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports writer

Saint Mary's played even with MIAA leader Hope for 34 minutes Saturday. But Hope entered the half up on a six-minute, 18-4 run and defeated the Belles 61-48.

The contest began as a defensive battle and after eight minutes of play, the two teams combined for a mere 13 points. "We just did the things we needed to do," Saint Mary's coach Suzanne Bellina said of her team's early play.

With 1:18 remaining in the half, Belles center Maureen Bush hit a turnaround jumper in the lane to give Saint Mary's a 16-15 lead. The Flying Dutch defense then woke up and Hope took a 33-20 lead into the locker room.

"We relaxed and they took total advantage of it," Bellina said of the last six minutes of the first half. "You can't do that against a team like that."

Saint Mary's couldn't close the gap in the second half. The Belles cut Hope's advantage to seven points on several occasions, but failed to get any closer.

Hope, the top defensive team in the conference, prevented the Belles from developing any consistent offensive play. Saint Mary's shot 34.5 percent from the floor for the game and only 27.3 percent in the first half.

"They are very big so it's hard to shoot over them," Bellina said. "You can't get much going without second chance opportunities."

Saint Mary's offense also suffered with the absence of leading scorer Emily Crea/Schaum for much of the game. In foul trouble all day, Crea/Schaum played only 17 minutes, scoring six points.

While disappointed with the loss, the Belles will take some confidence from this game, recognizing that they can play with the top team in the league," Bellina said.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

No. 25 Irish gain momentum for Big East, defeat Grizzlies

Oakland loses bragging rights, flawless record

By MIKE TANNENT
Sports writer

The No. 25 Irish are holding their heads high after beating undefeated Oakland University Saturday, giving the Grizzlies their first loss since the last time the two teams met.

Notre Dame won 11 of the 16 events en route to a 163.5-134.5 victory, all without the help of senior All-American Meghan Perry-Eaton. Perry-Eaton had stayed behind to catch up on work missed while she was on a job interview, said head coach Bailey Weathers.

"We had some good swimmers," Weathers said. "It wasn't as exciting or intense a meet as we expected."

Wesleyan, who won the 50-yard race by more than four seconds, said the kids to have the challenge of Perry-Eaton not being there.

The Grizzlies jumped out to an early lead after taking the first event, but by the end of the third race, the Irish would reclaim the lead and never look back.

Oakland tied the meet at 74.5 after eight events, but the Irish responded by winning seven of the final eight to close out the victory.

Leading the way for the Irish was junior Christel Bouvron, who won three separate events for the Irish.

Bouvron, a two-time Olympian for her native Singapore, took first in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle races, as well as in the 100-yard butterfly.

The junior set season-best times for the Irish in both freestyle events, with times of 54.04 seconds in the 200 and 3:05.42 in the 500-yard event.

Freshman Caroline Johnson won two events for Notre Dame, claiming victory in the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard freestyle.

Johnson won both events by roughly one second and now owns all of Notre Dame's top nine times in the 100-yard backstroke.

Sophomore Katie Carroll also won two events, taking the title in both individual medleys. Carroll won the 400-yard race by more than four seconds and won the 200 by 3.5 seconds, giving her all top three times by the Irish this season in the event.

Also claiming victories on Saturday were sophomore Jessica Stephenson in the 200 breaststroke, sophomore Ellen Johnson in the 200 backstroke, and freshman Katie Guida, who won the 50 freestyle by a slim 14 seconds.

The team is off now until the Big East Championships, scheduled for Feb. 16-19 in East Meadow, N.Y. The Irish will be looking to win their ninth straight conference championship, dating back to 1995-96, their inaugural season in the Big East.

"I think we're at a stage we need to be at," he said.

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Irish tie Mavericks 1-1 Friday, fall 6-3 Saturday

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Notre Dame’s losing streak came to an end, but another one started the very next night.

The Irish snapped their eight-game losing streak Friday with a 1-1 tie over the Mavericks, but then fell Saturday by a 6-3 score.

Nebraska-Omaha struck first on Friday during Notre Dame’s first power play of the game.

Maverick goalie Chris Holt made an impressive pass to spring Bill Thomas, who slided down the right side unimpeded.

Thomas took the puck in close on Irish goalie Morgan Cey, then switched direction with a quick pass across the crease to Scott Parse, who deposited the puck in the open net for a Maverick shorthanded goal.

Notre Dame got its equalizer from an unlikely source, freshman defenseman Luke Lucyk, who found the back of the net for the first time this season.

Irish forward Cory McLean took the puck down the right side of the ice at 7:20 of the third period and made a quick pass to Lucyk just outside the right face-off circle. The defenseman flipped a weak wrist shot toward the net that somehow managed to elude Nebraska-Omaha goalie Chris Holt.

"After you get as many shots and chances as we had in that game, you figure if you just put one on net it might go in," Lucyk said.

Irish coach Dave Poulin agreed that Lucyk’s goal was something that the team really needed after offense has seemed poised to begin another type of streak going into the season.

"That’s really the kind of goal that you need to snap out of a slump," he said. "Very often it’s the weird bounce, the crazy hop or a shot off someone’s head that will get you out of that funk.

Cey made 26 saves for the Irish and was named Perani Cup first star for the game.

The senior goalie made several acrobatic saves in the first period to keep his team in the game, including a rolling high-leg kick save that brought the loudest ovation of the night from Irish fans.

"On a save like that it all happens so fast that I don’t really think about what my body does, it’s just instinct," he said.

After Friday’s win, the Irish seemed poised to begin another type of streak going into the third period tied at 2-2 on Saturday.

But Parse changed that at 14:03 mark with an outstanding shot.

Cutting across the ice from the weak side, Parse outmaneuvered the Irish defense ripped the puck past Cey in what was the turning point of the game.

"Parse made a major league play," Irish coach Dave Poulin. "That’s a major league goal by a very good player.

The scoring got going early for Nebraska-Omaha, as Mavericks’ right wing Mick Lawrence scored on the power play off a rebound at 2:30 in the first. Lawrence had two goals and two assists in the game.

The Irish had their chances in the first period, as Matt Amado had two open looks at the net but could not seem to find the back of the net.

"Frustration is at an all-time high right now," Irish captain Cory McLean said. "We hit three or four posts tonight, and it just doesn’t seem to be going our way.

The Irish responded at 4:02 in the second, when Evan Rankin’s shot deflected to Mike Walsh in front of the net. Walsh beat Holt for his second goal of the season.

The Mavericks came right back at 11:51, when right wing Bill Thomas scored on the power play. It was Thomas’ 14th goal of the season.

Once again, the Irish were able to respond to the Mavericks score, when Chris Trick found McLean on the doorstep for his fourth goal of the season.

"At 2-2 I’m fully confident we’re going to win that game, we’ve just got to find a way," Poulin said.

Nebraska-Omaha would tack on another goals at 14:25, before Irish center Tony Gill scored on one of the stranger goals of the season to cut the lead to 4-2.

At 15:30, Gill fired the puck off the right boards in the Nebraska-Omaha zone. The puck deflected off the boards, directly into the net.

With a glimmer of hope remaining, Mavericks’ center Dan Hacker crushed any real possibility of the comeback when he scored off a rebound in front of Cey.

An empty-net goal by Lawrence with 19.9 seconds remaining solidified the Mavericks victory.

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Irish defenseman Noah Babin makes a pass as Nebraska-Omaha’s Dan Hacker defends during Notre Dame’s 6-3 loss to the Mavericks Saturday.
Irish runner Selim Nurudeen competes in the 60-meter hurdles at the Meyo Invitational Sunday.

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"I'm pretty happy about it [breaking four minutes]," he said. "Any time you break four minutes, it's exciting, and it's something I've always wanted to do. Overall, the meet went pretty well for us also."

The Irish qualified seven for the Big East Championships and three for the NCAA's. Freshman Terrell Lambert became the third Irish runner to qualify for the Big East in the 60-meter dash, joining Selim Nurudeen and Dwight Ellick, both of whom sat out the race this weekend.

Nurudeen went up against Anlwon Hicks of Mississippi in the 60-meter hurdles. Nurudeen posted a time of 7.80 seconds, finishing second to Hicks, the best collegian in this event, who ran a 7.65. Nurudeen also finished third in the 200-meters, with a personal best of 21.33 seconds, one of the best times in the conference this season.

Several Irish athletes posted great marks, but due to the high caliber of the competition finished further down in the standings. These marks won't go unnoticed since a lot of them are among the very best posted in the Big East this year. Chris Staron and Christopher Jacques finished ninth in the high jump and long jump respectively. Staron's jump of 2.01 meters was the third-best in the conference, while Jacques' 6.98-meter leap was second best.

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Jesse Luemchli also went undefeated for the men's epeeists, compiling a record of 6-0 during the weekend, and the men's epeeists put up a 33-3 record overall.

The men's sabre team also compiled a strong record, going 32-4 behind 6-0 days from senior John Espinosa and junior Nicholas Diacou and Alex Schumacher. The men's foil team also had a strong day but relatively struggled, compiling a record of 24-12.

Bednarski saw promise in the performance of his fencers who haven't been seeing much action this season.

"These kids are progressing," he said. "We're giving them a chance to improve, and they're using this chance."

One of the biggest surprises for the women's team was the freshman foil team of Melanie Bautista and Rachel Cota, who went 8-0 and 9-0, respectively, helping the squad to a 34-2 day.

The most impressive performance of the day came from the women's sabre team, as it went undefeated in all four of its matches, winning all 36 bouts. Senior co-captain Danielle Davis led the way with a 12-0 showing. She was joined in victory by senior Natalie Tenner and sophomores Angela Vincent and Erin Housing.

Though the Irish stars saw little time, if any, this weekend certainly left Bednarski feeling optimistic.

"We have progress in our backups, which is good news for the future of the program," he said. "They are young and trying to be the starters for the next few years."

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Irish flier Diego Quinenez, left, faces off against his opponent in the Notre Dame Duals earlier this year.

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freshman played in front of a hometown crowd for the first time ever.

Borton said Allen’s fans overshadowed those of Pittsburgh.

“We had a lot of Irish fans because of Charel,” Borton said. “Not at all. (The Pittsburgh fans affected Notre Dame).”

Notre Dame (20-3, 8-2 Big East) got off to a quick start against the Panthers (11-10, 3-7 Big East), despite All-American Jacqueline Batteast playing just six first-half minutes due to foul trouble.

With 5:30 to play in the first half, Notre Dame used a 14-0 run to put the game away after being up 24-18. The game was never in doubt for the Irish, as they dominated in the paint behind Borton and LaVere.

“The quick start kept their fans out of the game,” Borton said, “so we never let them get close to us.”

LaVere and Borton combined for 21 first-half points, 10 for Borton on 5-for-5 shooting and 11 for LaVere on 4-for-7 shooting. They were the main contributors to Notre Dame outscoring Pittsburgh 24-6 in the paint in the first half.

Meanwhile, Pittsburgh’s star freshman Mercedes Walker was limited in just four points and three fouls in the first half as the Irish led 40-23 at the half.

“I think (Walker) was kind of slow,” Borton said. “I think she ran down the court ahead of her and got some easy layups.

Walker finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds, many coming after the game’s outcome was already decided.

Borton and LaVere got it done on the defensive end against Walker, as well, as Pittsburgh’s freshman struggled most of the game.

“She’s a very strong girl,” Borton said. “It was just getting a body on her on the boards and just using your forearm to keep her out of the paint so she couldn’t get any easy shots.”

Notre Dame finished with a season-high 50 rebounds, six more than Pittsburgh.

Megan Duffy had nine assists, all in the first half, for Notre Dame, and Batteast added 12 points, nine in the second half. The starters sat out the majority of the second half, with Duffy playing just 25 minutes, and Batteast playing 15 minutes.

The Irish are back in action Wednesday night when they travel to Providence.

Teresa Borton
Irish center

Notes:

■ The 20 wins for Notre Dame marks the 16th season of Muffet McGraw’s 18 years at Notre Dame that the Irish have won 20 games. It is also the 12th consecutive 20-win season for Notre Dame.

■ Notre Dame is now 15-0 against Pittsburgh all-time in their meetings.

■ Charol Allen is averaging 16.6 points over her past eight games, coming off the bench for the Irish. The freshman is fourth on the team in scoring.

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The Irish scored six points the rest of the way. It wasn’t just that the offense stopped making shots, but the team didn’t get into any flow. Syracuse adjusted its tradition­al 2-3 zone into more of a 3-2 look to take away the perimeter. Chris Thomas couldn’t overcome that in the defensive look and Syracuse’s full-court press to get his team consistently into good offensive looks.

Warrick and McNamara scored Syracuse’s next 16 points. That stretch ended when Thomas fouled McNamara on a 3-point attempt. McNamara made all three free throws to put the Orange up 55-52 and give Syracuse its first advantage since leading 2-0.

During the last two minutes, McNamara made all seven of his free throws to provide Syracuse enough of an edge so they could maintain their lead even after four missed free throws by Terrence Roberts during the last 14 seconds.

Brey’s technical foul came with 3:24 left. He was arguing with the official on a five-second call made against Chris Quinn.

McNamara made both free throws after the media time­out, just as he did after a technical foul on Jordan Cornette in the first half.

Those were Notre Dame’s first technical fouls of the season, and the first time the Irish had a technical foul since Todd Johnson was ejected against St. Louis in last season’s NIT.

Thomas continued to struggle for the Irish, finishing with five points on 2-of-12 shooting, five assists and four turnovers. The senior still hasn’t consist­ently found that balance of setting up his teammates and taking the game into his hands.

The most surprising thing on the night was Notre Dame’s inability to make its free throws.

The Irish, who came into the game leading the Big East in free throw shooting, finished 6-for-17 from the charity stripe and dropped to second in the conference.

Both teams played an ugly first half, but the Irish used a scoring spurt to build a 26-20 halftime lead. Up 13-13, a layup by Rick Cornelius, and 3­-pointers from Thomas and Quinn put the Irish ahead 21­-15.

The most painful statistic from the first half was the Irish shooting 0­for-7 on their free throws.

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