Professors aware of liberal bias

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

There are no Republicans in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's faculty, according to a 2003 study done by the Center for the Study of Popular Culture. There are two at Brown University, Yale University has five, and Columbia University has four. As far as the study could find, the four schools' combined ratio of registered Democrat faculty to registered Republican faculty was 196 to 1.

The study examined 32 of the nation's top colleges and universities, including the entire Ivy League. Of the faculty and administrators who were registered to one party or another, 1,397 were registered Democrats and 134 were registered Republicans. Along with similar findings, conservatives often use these numbers as evidence of the disproportionate liberal majority in America's academia. Liberals often respond by saying universities are dots of blue in a red nation, and as a whole act as a healthy counterbalance to the conservative dominance increasingly found across the nation and even in traditionally liberal Washington, D.C.

"I think it's just plain true that faculties at universities are more liberal than the general population," said Daniel Philpott, professor of political science at Notre Dame. "I think it's demonstrable. Some people would say that's good. A liberal would say this is the one oasis where you can put forth some

Victory!

Students pour out of the stands and onto the Joyce Center court Tuesday to celebrate the men's basketball team win over previously undefeated Boston College. The Irish defeated the Eagles, ranked fourth in the nation, 68-65.

Two remaining tickets focused on runoff

By MADIE HANNA
News Writer

Old friends, Senate leaders and now serious competitors, Dave Baron, Lizzi Shappell, James Leito and Jordan Bongiovanni say while running against each other for Notre Dame student body president and vice president is difficult, they believe their friendship will withstand the test of Thursday's runoff.

"Come Thursday, when the pieces fall where they will, I'm confident James and I will be fine. We started this election tight, and I'll make sure that we end it that way as well," Baron said.

The history between the can-

Program budgeting, racism arise in debate

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Details and diversity shared the limelight at Tuesday's student body presidential runoff debate, as the race's two final tickets pointed out key differences between their seemingly similar platforms and pledged their commitment to making Notre Dame a less homogenous community.

The tickets of Dave Baron-Lizzi Shappell, who received 1,353 votes in Monday's primary election, and James Leito-Jordan Bongiovanni, who received 1,074 votes, exchanged statements on the first floor of LaFortune for approximately

Fisher hit by string of break-ins

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

The Notre Dame Security/Police Department is currently investigating a string of burglaries that took place in Fisher Hall between Jan. 29 and Feb. 2. NDSP assistant director Phil Johnson confirmed that Fisher Hall was approximately 11 a.m. an alleged suspect entered the unlocked room of freshmen Kevin Hetzl and Will McLeod, where the two lay sleeping, Hetzel said, stealing their PlayStation, Nintendo 64, a few video games, a box set of "The O.C." and $10-15 in cash out of Hetzel's wallet. The two woke up as the alleged suspect was exiting the room, but were not particularly concerned about his presence, Hetzel said.

"Since it was so early on a Saturday, I figured it was some [intoxicated] guy," he said. "When I got out of bed and realized our PlayStation was gone, I called NDSP?" Hetzel described the alleged suspect as a black male who was "pretty big, about six feet tall." He appeared to be college-age and was wearing dark clothing, Hetzel said.

On Jan. 31 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., an alleged suspect entered the unlocked room of freshman Kevin Carrier, Jarred Wafer, Dan Carras and Luke Gesiewicz — but unlike the first burglary, the room was empty at the time, Gesiewicz said. According to Gesiewicz, the alleged suspect stole a Game Cube, a PlayStation and the accompanying memory cards and controllers. The alleged suspect also took about 18 DVDs and 19 video games, Gesiewicz said.

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The "D" word

Dating. A word that scares many Notre Dame undergraduates. Dating never scared me until I got to Notre Dame. But, after a few quasi-relationships and bad dates over the years, I think I may have part of the Notre Dame social scene figured out. Dating is not as I imagined it would be as a late-teen, early twenty-something college student. I had imagined a luscious social scene where people casually date other people in addition to the relationships and bad dates over the next week. Eventually, this could evolve into a full-fledged romance before the 6-week mark. I would be able to casually date other people in addition to the first guy, without either of our feelings being hurt.

Instead, we have de facto marriages and obsessively random hookups, with people frantically avoiding repeat hookups with the same person in an effort to ward off de facto marriages. A de facto marriage you might ask. I can really come up with no better title for the relationships rampant on the Notre Dame campus where couples virtually live in one another's rooms or apartments, spending hours a day in close contact with one another. Being part of a Notre Dame couple requires more commitment than any other dating relationship in the real world, with apartments and rooms mere 3-minute drives or walks away, it's difficult to stay away. Some students embrace this hyper-commitment, while others avoid it like the plague, leading to commitment-phobics who refuse to engage in any behavior other than random hookups.

One large problem is the assumption that female students, especially juniors and seniors, are concerned only with obtaining a "ring by spring." I can safely say no ring will be forthcoming this spring, nor do I actually want one. With my future a huge question mark, and a burning desire to travel the European and African continents, a husband, or worse my own family, is the last thing I want. Nor do I want to avoid interaction with the opposite sex. It would be nice to be in a casual thing with someone whose company I enjoy, but who isn't looking for a huge commitment. I'm not holding my breath.

So, I'm hinding my time, waiting for the real world, when I will be able to casually date men without thinking of only sex or china patterns.

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IN BRIEF

The second annual Notre Dame Queer Film Festival begins today and will continue through Saturday. The event will run all day in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts and is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

Writer Naomi Schaefer Riley will present a talk on her latest work "God on the Quad: How College and the Missionary Generation are Changing America." The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Cary Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library and is sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Culture.

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

Actors from the London Stage will stage a performance of "Dibello" Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. 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 Royal 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 Studye Programs, La Alianza and WQPE 88.2 FM.

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

Members of the Filipino-American student organization practice a Filipino bamboo dance in the Lewis basement for their annual event Fiesta to be held Feb. 26.

OFFBEAT

Toddler goes for joy ride in mother's car

DETROIT — A 4-year-old Michigan boy took under­ age driving to new extremes by slipping behind the wheel of his mother's car for an overnight visit to the local video store.

Nile Hayden, mayor of the small town of Sand Lake in the southwest corner of the state, said the boy's "joy ride," which ended with more than one fender Bender, occurred about 1:30 a.m. last Friday. He drove about a quarter mile from his home to the video store without inci­ dently, Hayden told Reuters.

The store was closed. On the boy's return home, he hit two parked vehicles before backing up into a police cruiser, Hayden said.

"Once the officers got him out of the car and sat him on the hood of our car, he started crying and saying, 'I want to go into the house. I want to go back to bed,'" Hayden said.

Pilot punished for delivering pizza by helicopter

LONDON — A British military pilot who used an army helicopter to make a pizza delivery has been disciplined, the Ministry of Defence said Tuesday.

The lynx helicopter was on a map-reading training exercise in eastern England on Jan. 25 when it made a landing in the Stanford area, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said.

"The pilot took it upon himself to basically deliver this pizza," the spokesman said. "He has been made aware that the chain of command doesn't condone his actions and has been disciplined."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Classes, cold can't stop fans gunning for courtside

By KATIE PERRY

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Crnkovich named communications VP

PR executive to oversee ND Magazine

By KATIE WAGNER

Crnkovich, currently an executive for global public relations and public affairs firm Burson-Marsteller in Chicago, was elected vice president for public affairs, marketing and communications at Notre Dame on Friday. Beginning March 2, Crnkovich will oversee Notre Dame Magazine and many university offices, including marketing, media relations, community relations, web and print design, photography, video and internal communications.

She said she will be responsible for "the understanding of the way the world sees the University of Notre Dame" and will be working with a team of more than 50 people.

"This is an exciting time at Notre Dame," she said. "I'm excited to work with every one of you." 

Crnkovich has worked in the field of marketing and communications for 20 years. Prior to her position at Burson-Marsteller, she was a senior account executive for Eastwick Brown, a full-service marketing communications company, and a partner in Chicago-based Design-kitchen, an award-winning print and Web site firm. She has served not-for-profit, corporate and quasi-governmental clients.

Crnkovich said her job at Notre Dame will be the culmination of all her work in the fields of marketing and communications.

"It's an opportunity to merge all my different types of experience and hone one position," Crnkovich said. "I've worked in on-line marketing for a very long time."

University President-elect Father John Jenkins said in a statement that Crnkovich was an outstanding choice.

"Notre Dame is fortunate to attract individuals at the top of their professional careers and certainly that is the case with Hilary," Jenkins said. "Her credentials are impeccable and they match our needs in the very challenging media and marketing climate of the Internet era."

Crnkovich is Catholic and her husband Chris graduated from Notre Dame in 1994. She said Notre Dame is an exemplary University and called the position "a once in a lifetime opportunity."

"I really believe in the University, in the mission of furthering the ideas of the University, the importance of Catholic higher education and very much believe in the future of the University," Crnkovich said.

Jenkins expressed confidence in the new vice president.

"She [Crnkovich] has a deep understanding of our academic mission, our commitment to maintaining the Catholic character of the University, and the wide-ranging constituencies that constitute the Notre Dame family," he said.

Crnkovich earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Michigan in 1983 and studied graphic design and fine arts at the Parsons School of Design in New York. "My hope is to communicate the full essence of Notre Dame to the world," Crnkovich said. "I'm excited to work with Father Malloy and what else is ahead."

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Campus prepares for Lent

Meatless dining hall options, special masses offered

By JOHN EVERETT

Today, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent, a season of reflection, repentance and self-denial for Christians.

The season lasts until Easter Sunday, and the Notre Dame campus will be celebrating the season in a variety of ways.

Traditionally, Catholics above the age of 14 are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on any Friday during Lent. In accordance with this tradition the dining halls will not serve meat on these dates, offering instead a wider variety of meatless options to cater to the students observing the Catholic doctrine.

In past years this has caused grumbling from both Catholic and non-Catholic students alike. Some argue the lack of meat makes the avoidance of it less of a sacrifice, as the intended thought and observance are taken out of the equation.

Others state it is unfair for the University to make a choice for its students in the area of religious traditions, as not everyone on campus is an observing Catholic.

Sophomore John Coyle supports the University's stance.

"I'm glad they have it this year," Coyle said. "I really believe in the future of Catholicism accentuated by the world." Coyle said. "I would n't be able to offer a wide variety of meatless options to the many students who are going to abstain."

"If they had meat they wouldn't be able to offer a variety of non-meal options to the many students who are going to abstain." John Coyle sophomore

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didates goes back to their freshman year, when juniors Baron, Bongiovanni and Leito were all members of Freshman Class Council.

"Interesting enough, Jordan was the one to nominate me for president, and I nominated James for treasurer," Baron said.

The tie grew more complex last year when Baron served as campaign manager for the Bongiovanni-Leito ticket and was then appointed chief executive assistant by the winning Istvan-Bell administration.

Baron stressed the careful decision-making he had practiced over the course of his time in student government.

"When I came back from France last year, I wanted to get involved again. Knowing James, I made a decision to back them [Istvan and Leito], and I wholeheartedly worked to help them," Baron said.

He continued, "When we lost and Adam Istvan offered me the chief executive assistant spot, I made another decision and dedicated myself wholeheartedly to combine the ideas I found to be most important from both tickets' campaign."

However strong their decision-making skills might be, all four candidates were tested this past November in choosing who was going to run and for what position.

"This election actually started in November when both James and Dave asked me to run with them. Deciding between two of my closest friends' offers and my own decision of running for the presidency myself naturally creates conflict. But in the end, my decision is based on the running mate and positions that best matches my own values and skills," Bongiovanni said.

Shappell, a sophomore, entered the picture this year when all four worked together in Senate.

Leito and Bongiovanni both emphasized their strong friendship, a tie made even closer not only by their past cooperation in COC and Senate but also by the fact that they are both accounting majors and frequently study together.

"We feed off of each other's drive and push each other to work harder," Leito said of their relationship.

Bongiovanni said while she had not known Shappell before this year, she believes they will continue to become better friends.

"If anything, my relationship with Lizi has grown stronger because of our unique positions in this campaign. I am looking forward to sharing many cups of coffee after this is over with a friend who has been through such a similar, eventful experience," Bongiovanni said.

According to Shappell, they are all trying to put politics aside and move forward.

"It is a little tough running against James and Jordan because of our friendship and working relationship. I don't, however, feel any conflicts because of our background because I know we are all in this for the right reasons," Shappell said.

Leito said he found the race difficult because of Baron's background.

"It is frustrating to run against any student holding a position at the top of a student government that has failed to accomplish many of its goals," Leito said. Despite this difficulty, Leito said, "I would think that regardless of whatever happens, we will all still remain friends."

"Friendship was essential for Bongiovanni as well, who said, "Before we even decided which of us would run together, I took James and Dave to dinner to stress the point that if our friendships were damaged because of this election, I would consider that to be the greatest loss. And I still feel that way."

Bongiovanni said they aren't much different from your average group of friends. "Every friendship has its tests and trials — ours are just a little more publicly known than usual," she said.

In addition to preserving their own friendships, the candidates also have to deal with having so many mutual friends that find themselves torn.

"Our mutual friends have been split, some helping us, some helping them, others staying wholly out of it," Baron said, concluding, "They will definitely celebrate when this election is over."

Leito agreed with Baron as to the uncertainty of the situation. "I wouldn't want to speak for our mutual friends, but I am confident that they will make whatever decision they personally feel is best for the University," Leito said.

Bongiovanni also mentioned the stress factor. "It's an election, not a war," she said. "But the time and energy that goes into a campaign stresses all of my relationships. Even while dealing with this stress, Bongiovanni said that she had been able to keep her priorities straight. "It's all about balance, and preserving what's most important," she said.

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BUSINESS

Bush's budget seeks results

Federal programs affected by budget cuts range from health care to farming

NEW YORK — A racy ad for a vendor of Web site names was pulled at the last minute from a Super Bowl telecast on Sunday after NFL executives objected that the spot made light of Janet Jackson’s "wardrobe malfunction" incident in last year’s halftime show.

The ad for Dotcoms.com Inc. featured a buxom woman appearing before a "broadcast censorship" hearing, marking her case that she wanted to appear in a commercial, when suddenly she suffers a malfunction of her own as a streak of silver trims her dress. Although the spot was initially approved by NFL executives and others at the expense of the Trump Hotels' shareholders file claim

NEW YORK — President Bush said Tuesday that Congress must bring discipline to the federal budget and cut failing or unnecessary programs even if they benefit popular causes.

"It is essential that those who are in a position to put into play the power of the purse recognize that they have a responsibility to the people who elected them to keep an eye on the federal budget," Bush said in a speech to the Detroit Economic Club.

Bush sent Congress a $2.57 trillion budget for next year that drastically cuts or eliminates 350 federal programs, including subsidies paid to farmers, health programs for poor people and veterans, and spending on the environment and education.

Bush said every program on the chopping block is failing to meet its goals, duplicates other available services or is not an essential priority for the federal government.

Bush signed out farm subsidies, which he said are providing government checks worth $360 billion a year to individual farmers.

"I think that no farmer should get $250,000 a year in subsidy," Bush said. He said cutting the subsides will save taxpayers $12 billion over the next decade.

Bush also cited Even Start, a 16-year-old literacy program for poor families. He said even Start wants poor people to learn to read, but three evaluations have made it clear that Even Start is not working.

"Congress needs to join with me in bringing real spending discipline to the federal budget," Bush said in a statement from House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, an Illinois Republican.

"Every government program was created with the intention to do something, but not all are matching good intentions with good results. Bush's slimmed-down budget proposal is just one of the conservative fiscal policies he plans to push in his second term as he tries to continue expanding the economy and improve the slowly recovering job market.

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Two accountants have testified they threatened to quit in October 2000, and Sullivan testified he sent a handwritten note to Ebbers complaining that there was no support for the adjustments.

Cotton farmer Scott Rogers talks about cotton subsidies. Farmers like Rogers will fight President Bush's proposed subsidy cuts should they go into effect.

Associated Press

Bush has offered a budget proposal for next year that would boost spending on the military and homeland security but cut many other programs. Many of the programs Bush wants to cut are popular in Congress, which still has to approve his plan.

Gus Faucher, a senior economist at Econocom, said Bush's plan to keep spending below the rate of inflation for programs outside of defense and homeland security is a change from the first term, when he oversaw large increases in federal spending.

"In that sense he has not been conservative at all," Faucher said.

WorldCom CFO: "this isn't right"

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Confronted with deteriorating finances at WorldCom, CEO Bernard Ebbers repeatedly insisted the company had to "hit our numbers," a former chief financial officer testified Tuesday.

Scott Sullivan testified at Ebbers trial that he sent the CFO a tract of code that the CFO hit 32,000 workers at the company.

Trump's shareholders file claim

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Denouncing Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts' bankruptcy reorganization plan as a 'basket of goodies' for Donald Trump, a group of common stockholders wants to intervene with lower priced for the casino mogul and more value for stakeholders.

In a conflicting Monday, the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders asked a judge to terminate Trump Hotels' exclusive right to negotiate its affairs, citing the Chapter 11 reorganization plan now being considered reeks of inside deals benefiting Trump, his bankers and other companies that oversee the approximately 32,000 workers of the casino company.

Trump and his allies are looking out for themselves, not stockholders or others with stake in Trump Hotels, according to the shareholders.

"Finally, this is clearly a case in which "the fox is guarding the henhouse," the Equity Committee's filing said.

Sullivan said Ebbers told him, "We shouldn’t be making these people make these adjustments."

Sullivan, the star witness for the government and the only one to directly link Ebbers to the fraud, has already pleaded guilty in the WorldCom scandal. On his second day of testimony, he walked jurors through late 2000, when WorldCom’s business was suffering mightily.

At the time, the dot-com bubble had burst, and WorldCom was faced with sharply slowing revenue growth and expenses that soared high Sullivan said he thought there was something wrong with the numbers.

Cotton farmer Scott Rogers talks about cotton subsidies. Farmers like Rogers will fight President Bush's proposed subsidy cuts should they go into effect.
BRAZIL
Revelers take to the streets for Carnival

Associated Press

SÃO PAULO — Street bands snarled traffic across the city as tens of thousands of paraders took to the streets Tuesday for the final day of carnival.

In the Ipanema beachfront district, drag queens jostled with little children in superhero costumes as the sun set in the distance. Traffic was backed up for miles, as those who fled the city during the celebrations made their way back at a snail’s pace.

After two nights of parades in a specially designed stadium, Rio’s streets offered the last chance to celebrate before Ash Wednesday, which opens the 40-day period of penitence, sacrifice and reflection that precedes Easter in Roman Catholic tradition.

“The Sambadrome is great, but we also have a super active street-carnival,” said the Rei Momu, or carnival king, Marcelo Reis, whose five-day reign also ends Wednesday.

Parades wrapped up well after dawn in the Sambadrome, with the Beija Flor group mounting the final performance in a bid for its third straight championship.

The stadium competition has become the centerpiece of Brazil’s carnival, beamed across this nation of 183 million people who root for their favorite samba groups with a passion usually reserved for soccer teams. Fourteen of Rio’s top samba groups vied for a distinction that brings little more than bragging rights.

Fact mingled with fiction in one parade. The TV Globo network placed several actors from its telesoepa “Senhora de Destino” among the members of the Grande Rio samba group and filmed them as members of a fictional samba group, Villa Sao Miguel.

Although the stadium’s 60,000 seats sold out long ago, crowds milled around the entrances in hopes of a glimpse of the festivities and the TV stars.

The Portela samba group, which sang the praises of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals for tackling poverty, attracted a handful of U.N. representatives from Brazil.

Their presence, however, was overshadowed by British supermodel Naomi Campbell, who paraded in a skimpy blue sequined costume atop one of the floats.

“I’ve never been at an event as spectacular as this, it’s indescribable,” Campbell told reporters, “I’m just thankful to be here.”

In São Paulo, the samba group Imperio da Casa Verde was declared this year’s champion.

Thirsty for knowledge?
Say when.

operation rice bowl returns for lent

By TRICIA de GROOT
New Writer

For some Notre Dame students, the beginning of Lent means giving up sweets or finding no meat in the dining halls on Fridays. But for the second time in several years, many will participate in Operation Rice Bowl — an opportunity for generosity — starting today.

This collection, which raises money for Catholic Charities around the world, elicited slightly over $4,000 last year and hopes to raise $10,000 from the 3,000 bowls distributed this Lenten season.

The Class of 2005 will be handing out the bowls today to undergraduates at the residence halls, and students and faculty alike are encouraged to donate their change throughout the season.

Seventy-five percent of the donations will be given to Catholic Relief Services around the world while the remaining 25 percent will be used in the local dioceses.

“Catholic Relief Services is in dire need of contributions at this time because they have used and continue to use many of their funds to aid all those affected by the Tsunami disaster,” said Brin Anderson, who started the campaign with Julia Miller-Lemon last year.

Notre Dame is one of over 14,000 schools, parishes and community faith groups across the nation to participate in this project, which became the official program of the Catholic Relief Services during the Lenten season in 1977.

Initiated by a Catholic priest, Jewish rabbi and Protestant minister in an attempt to bring their Pennsylvania communities together in the fight against hunger, Operation Rice Bowl celebrates its 30th year of service this year.

“Our hope would be that Operation Rice Bowl will become an annual campaign at Notre Dame, and in turn, each year, we feel that its popularity will grow,” Anderson said.

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Debate

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45 minutes Tuesday night.
In front of a crowd likely
depleted by the Notre Dame
Boston College men’s basket-
ball game — and with that
game blaring in the back-
ground — the candidates
delivered opening and closing
statements that highlighted
their experience in student
government, and responded
to both prepared and audi-
ence questions in between.
The prospect of asking
the Board of Trustees to add a
student member, an idea that
appears on both Baron and
Leito’s platforms, offered the
candidates the debate’s first
chance to differentiate.
Leito and Bongiovanni
stressed the importance of
having a student sit in on
trustee discussions involving
student life, and pointed to
the 2002 alcohol policy
changes as an example of
how the student body could
have benefited from greater
Board representation.

"We understand and
respect the position of the
Board," Bongiovanni said,
adding she and Leito plan to
use their entire administration
to prove student leaders
are worthy of the Board's
respect in return.
Baron, who is currently the
chief executive assistant for
student body president Adam
Istvan and vice president
Kerli Bell, countered with a
positive description of his
own presentations to the
Board this year, most recently
Thursday's "Issues of
Equality: Creating a Welcoming Environment for All, Part II:
The Situation." But Baron
said he and Shappell would only support
adding a student trustee if
these presentations, delivered
twice a year, are

allowed to continue.
"We don't think that gaining
a student on the Board of
Trustees is worth losing the
right to agenda control," Baron
said.

Another shared platform
proposition that forced the can-
didates to delve into details
was the creation of a pro-
gramming
deed. Shappell
rein-
terected her
platform's
commitment to soliciting
$900,000 of
alumni money to
add to the
$100,000 she
and Baron pro-
tose to take
from an existing
student govern-
carryover
account — bringing the total
to $1 million, or a $50,000
yield per semester.

"We're looking for a million
because we think it's feasible
— it's a starting point," Shappell
said.

Bongiovanni quickly coun-
tered: "$500,000 per semester
is not enough" to consistently
bring both speakers and
courses to Notre Dame and
named $250,000 per semes-
ter — or $5 million total — as
the Leito ticket's goal.

"This is a growing process,
it's not $5 million or noth-
ing," she said. "But we have
not to let the administration
know it's our goal, it's what
we're shooting for."

After briefly summarizing
what they view as student
government's accountability
and failures and their
self-described leader ship
strengths and weaknesses,
the candidates responded to
audience questions,
some of which were
diversity-based.
Bongiovanni and Baron
both cited Senate research
into issues of diversity at
other universities, their
work will be a major
for the spring Board of
Trustees report, "Issues of
Equality: Creating a
Welcoming Environment for All, Part II: The Solution."

In response to an audience
question that asked the can-
didates if they view Notre Dame
student as racist, all four disagreed with the
description but recognized the need to change the
University's often "unwelcoming" attitude toward
minorities.

"We lack a certain sensitivi-
ty," said Baron, calling him-
self a "communicator" who as
president could facilitate dia-
logue among minority and
majority students.

"We can't talk about race if
we aren't faced with it every
day," he said.

Leito and Bongiovanni
agreed that Notre Dame stu-
dents often lack the basic
knowledge to intelligently
address diversity.

"This is a long-term process,
this is a long-term process," Bongiovanni said. "We want
to make this a more comfort-
ing environment.
In their closing statements,
both tickets praised the strong leadership qualifica-
tions of all the remaining
candidates, but tried to
point out what makes them
unique.
Baron and Shappell said their biggest market and overall goal was to bring the "entire stu-
dent body together."

"That's where we think stu-
dent government needs to go," Baron said, and that's where
we want to take it."

Leito and Bongiovanni
stressed the importance of
involvement in and devotion to student government.
"I put my whole heart into
this," Leito said. "I love every facet of student government,
whether it's work or play."
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Opportunities

The Social Ethics of Judaism

Featuring Elliott Barkley, Program of Liberal Studies.

When: Wednesday, February 9 at 7 p.m.
Where: Hebusch Center for International Studies Auditorium

Gospel Non-Violence Lenten Reflection

Fr. Charles Emmanuel McCarthy will be joining us for dinner,
followed by Gospel Non-Violence Lenten Reflection.

When: Thursday, February 10, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Talk
Where: CSC Coffee House

Re-Imagining God and Mission

Stephen Bevans, S.V.D., Professor of Mission and Culture at the
Catholic Theological Union, will speak as part of The Holy
Cross Mission Lecture at Notre Dame.

When: Sunday, February 13 at 7:15 p.m.
Where: Moreau Seminary Auditorium, Discussion and Reception to follow

Human Rights Watch International Film Festival

A film festival focusing on human rights during the week of February 14. The festival is sponsored by the Kroc Institute. A complete list of films is available here.

When: February 14-17, 2005
Where: Saint Mary's College, Carroll Auditorium

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ACCION Business Internship

Applications are available at the Center for Social Concerns for the 10-week ACCION internships in 7 major U.S. cities. Applications are due February 20. ACCION provides loans and business training to persons who would like to start their own businesses and have no credit history.

This internship is open to junior and senior business students. Interns receive a $3,000 scholarship plus a living stipend. The program is built into a course which gives 2 business and 1 theology credit. Contact Andrea Smith Shappell (SSappell.1@nd.edu) for more information.

Deadline for Summer Service Project Internship is Feb. 22

The SSPI is an eight-week service-learning experience at roughly 200 agencies and organizations throughout the United States. Students are provided the opportunity to serve low-income, disadvantaged populations first hand by working for, and with, the clients and staff at each site. Students receive:
• $2000 tuition scholarship
• Valuable alumni contacts
• 3 Credits Theology, with possible cross-lists.

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Lunch Fast to Support Tsunami Relief

To support tsunami disaster relief efforts, Notre Dame aud-

cents can sign up to participate in the 2005 Lunch Fast.
Once you register, ND Food Services will make a donation
based on the cost of your Wednesday lunch for the remainder of your remaining semester. Register at https://www.l3.nd.edu/~socconc/about/tsunamiForm.shtml

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THE WAY OF THE CROSS

An exhibition of prints designed by
John F. Sherman
Department of Art, Art History & Design

February 9 - March 28
Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel
Malloy Hall

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Friday, February 11, at 1pm
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Malloy Hall

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Theresa Sherman, senior Theology major
and
A Designer’s Reflection
on The Way of the Cross
John F. Sherman

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Wednesday, and Friday or when classes are
scheduled in the chapel, the exhibition is
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of these values, that this is the conscience of society, whereas others would say students aren’t getting a fair perspec-

A recent editorial in The Economist discussed the relationship between politics and the university in America. Its first line was “If you mistrust political debate, join the faculty of an American university.” The editorial noted the two largest employer group contributions to the 2004 Kerry campaign were by the faculty and staff at UC-Berkeley and Harvard University ahead of Time Warner, Goldman Sachs and Microsoft. “Academia is simultaneously both the part of America that is most obsessed with diversity and the least diverse part of the country,” read the editorial.

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sors and recruit minority stu-
cy when it comes to politics, they are not just indifferent to diversity, they are downright alienated.”

Sayre also mentioned the tension between academia and America at large, citing the fact academia is a more open environment, and that it is a place where people can express their views with more freedom. “It’s not just that the simple truth about the world in the set of views academics have come upon (are) out of touch … with American voters because (professors) are smarter than the majority of American voters, and really do the truth more clearly,” said Solomon.

Sayre discussed the ideas of conservatism and liberalism beyond the red/blue dichotomy that is so prevalent in the United States today, hardening back to what he believes is the purpose of a liberal arts education.

“I think if an institution doesn’t encourage a liberal view of life and society, then it’s not doing its job.”

Kenneth Sayre philosophy professor

Solomon also mentioned the tension between academia and America at large, citing the fact academia is a whole seen as you expand your horizons much, so they are also becoming more moderate, several professors said. Solomon believes such a lack of strong extreme positions on the right and left can make an academic debate at universities quite tepid.

It would be false to say that everyone at the university’s philosophy faculty is libertarian. “Nobody’s radically left in this country. The academy consists of squishy-in-the-middle liberals for the most part, and that’s the orthodoxy.” The philosophy professor also thinks that the danger of the American academy, that it makes discussions really boring, because basically everybody agrees on certain types of issues.

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Dvorak added he did not believe all witnesses to the scene were Dunnell’s employees and declined to say an estimate of witnesses except to say there were more than two.

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AFGHANISTAN

No survivors found in plane crash wreckage

Associated Press

KABUL — All 104 people aboard an Afghan airliner that hit a snow-covered mountain last week are dead, authorities said Tuesday, confirming the country's worst air disaster.

NATO and Afghan soldiers managed to inspect the crash site, 20 miles east of the capital, on Monday, finding human remains among the scattered wreckage and deep snow, but no signs of life.

"The troops found that no one was left alive from the crash," said a statement from an Afghan government commission investigating the disaster, offering condolences to the victims' families. "Now the site was mined. The commission said Tuesday that the plane hit near an old military lookout dating back to the Soviet occupation of the 1980s and that the site was mined.

Relentless snowfall kept government troops from scaling the mountain last week, and it grounded NATO helicopters poised to ferry medics and investigators from Kabul airport.

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Church clarifies annulment rules

Papal criticism pushes Council to publish new guidelines

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican has clarified the guidelines it wants church judges to follow when making decisions on marriage annulments, saying Tuesday that it wants the practice that some critics have dubbed "Catholic divorce" handled more seriously.

Publication of the compendium of canon law aspects about marriage comes on the heels of the most recent criticism by Pope John Paul II, who complained that annulments are too easily obtained and expressed worry that tribunals face the risk of corruption.

"In the context of a divorce mentality, even canon law aspects of marriage annulments can be easily misunderstood, as if they weren't anything more than ways to obtain a divorce with the blessing of the church," said Cardinal Julian Herranz, head of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, who presented the new guidelines to reporters.

For Catholics who want to remarry, annulment is their only hope of being able to do so in the church, which forbids divorce.

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"Nobody misses the fact that human frailty can make it possible that true justice did not happen in a specific case or that it didn't come swiftly," the cardinal said, acknowledging flaws in the church's system.

But the church is determined, Herranz said, "to persevere in the intent to improve handling both in terms of seriousness and swiftness and to render all the tribunal's decisions more harmonious." At John Paul's orders, experts compiled guidelines contained in revised canon law and interpretations of the last two decades by Church courts but added no new rules. The previous such compendium dates to 1936. The instructions issued Tuesday, "Dignitatis Connubii," is based on the 1983 Code of Canon Law.

A densely packed document of more than 200 pages, it covers all canonical provisions and guidelines concerning marriage and annulment.
Mardi Gras festivities attract sparse crowd

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Mardi Gras costumes were sparse but so were the crowds Tuesday as the annual extravaganza of parades and parties arrived earlier than usual because of a quirk in the calendar.

"This is the smallest I've seen it in at least the last 10 years," Police Chief Eddie Compass said after posing for a picture with a group of women wearing grass skirts and coconut shells. "I think it's the early date and the rain."

The annual pre-Lent celebration, a combination of family party and Bacchanalian blowout, still resembled the same jubilant citywide spectacles it has been for over a century — it was just a bit easier to get around.

Along St. Charles Avenue, the normally jam-packed street had stretches of empty spaces when the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club, the first of 11 parades Tuesday, made its way past.

The problem was partly that Fat Tuesday in the earliest this year it's been in 15 years — so far from spring break that it kept much of the college crowd away.

And while Tuesday was cloudy but mild, with the temperature around 70, rain had fallen Monday and during the night, turning some spots muddy.

"It's definitely off," said Fallen Daubhauer, a bartender at Johnny White's in the French Quarter for 21 years. "I think both things hurt. It's not the best weather and it's so early. Too close to Christmas, not close enough to spring break to get the college kids in."

On Bourbon Street, where college students and others trade beads for glimpses of flesh, normally crowded balconies held fewer people.

In the French Quarter, merchants marked Mardi Gras T-shirts down to five for $20 or less. Vendors hawking beads, hats, feather boas and other trinkets along the parade route also said business was poor.

"We're not making any money," said Vinny Lucas of Cranston, R.I., whose uncle has been selling along the parade routes for 10 years. "But you aren't so mobbed, so there's less stolen."

Mardi Gras, which capped 11 days and more than 70 parades, kicked off with dozens of marching groups parading through the streets at dawn. Mayor Ray Nagin toasted the faux monarchs of each parade and turned rule of the city over to Rex, the king of Carnival.

"It's been very peaceful," Compass said. "We haven't really had any trouble on the parade routes or in the Quarter. People are just having fun."

Bush calls for freedom at home

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, whose relationship with black lawmakers has been strained over the last four years, told black leaders Tuesday that the United States can not carry freedom abroad while holding "the baggage of bigotry" at home.

"Success of freedom on the home front is critical to its success in foreign lands," Bush said. "As I said in my inaugural address, we cannot carry the message of freedom and the baggage of bigotry at the same time."

Bush noted legislation he signed in 2003 to create the National Museum of African American History and Culture within the Smithsonian Institution. The president and his wife, Laura, made a contribution, for an undisclosed amount, to construction of the museum.

"It's important that our children know that there was a time in their nation's history when one in every seven human beings was the property of another," he said, adding that bigotry and discrimination did not end with slavery.

"Americans were still barred by law from hotels and restaurants, made to drink from separate water fountains, forced to sit in the back of a bus — all because of the color of their skin. We need to teach them about the heroes of the civil rights movement, who by their courage and dignity forced America to confront the central defect of our founding."

Those who attended the event included Dorothy Height, 92, who spent 30 years as the president of the National Council of Negro Women; members of the original Tuskegee Airmen, a group of minority pilots who excelled in the era of Jim Crow; Frederick Douglas IV, great-grandson of the famed abolitionist, and actress Cicely Tyson.

Bush's relations with the black community have been strained the past four years.

Longtime CBS reporter dies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — George Herman, a longtime political reporter for CBS News and the longest serving moderator of the network's Sunday talk show, "Face the Nation," died Tuesday. He was 85.

The cause of his death at The George Washington University Hospital was heart failure after a long illness, the network said.

Herman began his career in political reporting from Washington as CBS White House correspondent during President Eisenhower's first term. He held that post during President Kennedy's administration as well.

He was host of the network's Sunday morning public affairs show on television and radio for nearly 15 years, 1969-1983, the longest tenure in the 50-year history of "Face the Nation."

Herman joined CBS as a radio newswriter in 1944 and was affiliated with the network for 43 years. He was quick to embrace television and made his first appearance analyzing caucus declarations at the 1948 Democratic Convention in Philadelphia, the first to be televised.

In 1949, he traveled to Asia as a stringer with a 16mm camera and audio recorder and provided CBS News with its first sound and film reports from abroad.

Law & ... An Interdisciplinary Colloquium Series

February 9, 2005 4:00 p.m. Law School Courtyard

The Effects of Welfare and Tax Reform: The Material Well-Being of Single Mothers in the 1980s and 1990s

Presenter
James Sullivan
Department of Economics and Econometrics

Commentator
Michael Kirsch
The Law School
Crazy little thing called active love

With Valentine’s Day under a week away, I thought I might weigh in with some point reflections on the topic du jour—love. Before we plunge into the American smutty mantra of chocolate sweatsuits and valentine-style maxims, perhaps we ought to reflect upon this evasion, to indicate “crazy little thing called love.”

Especially in a university setting, the picking is ripe for erotic queries, ranging from the sociological to the theological, from the epistemological to the mathematical. Yet, all inquiries lead to one: What is the meaning of love? That is the question that I do not only pose in this column, but attempt to answer.

The historical narrative of Valentine’s Day contains vestiges of both ancient Rome and early Christianity. The Christian feast day of St. Valentine’s was set at the time of the Roman pagan Lupercalia festival, a period of purification for homes, livestock and most of all, women. In ancient times on this festival day, boys would run about, slapping women with strips of goat’s hide in the hopes of increasing fertility.

The feast of St. Valentine specifically arose, though, from the life of Valentine, a third century priest who was executed for refusing to consent to the outlaw of marriage by the militarized Roman state. It is also believed that Valentine’s state execution transpired because he helped Christians escape from brutal prisons. Thus, Valentine’s Day is really a celebration of the legacy of a man’s courageous acts of public defiance and civil disobedience against the unjust legal system of an empire-state. Go figure.

According to the ancient Greek tradition, there are three types or forms of love—eros, philia and agape. The first being intense, sexual passion, while the second is committed appreciation or respect. Finally, agape, the selfless form of love, puts the good of the other before the good of one’s self. Given the guidance of the Greeks, it would appear that the ideal love is some amalgamation of the three. Yet, can love be so easily pigeonholed by Platonic forms and Aristotelian logic? Over the years since the reign of the Greeks, there is much in literary tradition that gives life to the contours of our understanding of love. In Leo Tolstoy’s epic novel, “War and Peace,” Prince Andrew exclaims, “Love is life. All, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love. Everything in, everything exists, only because I love.” Prince Andrew seems to thrust aside Descartes’ “cogito ergo sum” for some form of “omo ergo sum.” I love, therefore I am. Perhaps, though, the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said it best.

“Every great love brings with it the cruel idea of killing the object of its love.” Nietzsche, the great nihilist, believed that traditional Western philosophy, particularly Christian thought, led us to servile morality, and consequently, servile love that consumes us. In some ways, Nietzsche’s discussion of love runs parallel with that of the character Rosalind, in the Shakespearean play “As You Like It,” who pronounces, “Love is merely a madness.”

I think, however, Nietzsche tends to overlook the softer, gentler, non-killing side of love. Another Shakespearean character, in “Love’s Labor’s Lost,” speaks of that softness: “Love’s feeling is more soft and sensible than the tender hands of cockled snails.” What is softer than tender hands of cockled snails? You, true love makes even the hardest warriors the gentlest poets. Would it be unjust to call love transformative?

According to Rainer Maria Rilke, it would be quite just. He proclaims, “For one human being to love another: that is perhaps the most difficult of our tasks; the ultimate, the last test and proof: the work for which all other work is but preparation.” In his writings, Rilke speaks of love in action more than as love: a state. He contends that active love is a way of living, a way of seeing, a way of relating authentically and truthfully.

This concept of “active love” is also articulated in Fyodor Dostoevsky’s The Brothers Karamazov, a book that includes everything there is to know about life. In the book, Father Zosima declares, “Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing compared to love in dreams.” Harsh and dreadful—quite transformative—certainly.

In our recent times, we have come to accustom the more velvety, candy-chocolate, orgasmic elements of love. From the axioms of the card companies to the thrill of “Desperate Housewives,” we have given to a glorified quick-fix romance of dreams. That is not to denounce modern Valentine’s Day, but to draw attention to its inappropriateness. Are we not dishonest and foolish to disregard the rich tradition of understanding love that runs through pagan fertility rituals, Christian anti-establishment radicalism, Aristotelian ethics, Shakespearean monologues and Dostoevskian moral psychologies?

All things considered, though, it is quite foolish to attempt to define love intellectually, rationally or even irrationally for it is beyond our tools of comprehension or articulation. I will simply venture to state this: love is lived in defying, trusting, grieving, sacrificing, blessing, empathizing among other things. Love is an active verb, not a passive noun. So in five days, enjoy your chocolates as we celebrate a way of life, the greatest way of life. For Dostoevsky, as always, was right about the power and liberation of active love.

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Editorial Cartoon

The Observer’s Plan to Deal with Social Security

Quote of the Day

“The basic formula of all sin is: frustrated or neglected love.”

Franz Werfel

novelist

Observer Poll

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Diversity provides sustenance**

Food outlets do not exist to make the world a better place, or even to provide people with nutritious food. Their institutional mandate is to improve the profit of their shareholders. The tenuous justification for this structure is that Americans should in theory desire nutrition. However, since the most profitable food corporations would be those that provide the most nutritious food, Facebook, McDonald’s and Dairy Queen are unlikely to have their class schedules listed to make their audience not particularly avid fighters of healthy tastes for junk food. There’s no stopping after digging into these, perhaps, but their audience is not particularly avid fighters of unhealthy tastes for junk food. There’s no stopping after digging into these, perhaps, but their audience is not particularly avid fighters of unhealthy tastes for junk food. There’s no stopping after digging into these, perhaps, but their audience is not particularly avid fighters of unhealthy tastes for junk food.

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**Keenan Revue: all in good fun**

I have always been told to stick to the advice that "until you try something, you cannot judge it." For example, to me, this means I cannot say I hate sushi because I have never tried it. To judge something based on outer appearances or hearsay is not a judgment at all. This being said, I do not understand how Paul Keller and Maureen Ritchey think they can criticize and ridicule the Keenan Revue.

I knew that upon attending the Revue, I would need to go with an open mind and understand that this event takes place in a fun, entertaining environment, and is not to be taken seriously in any way. I was looking forward to the jokes about the "more experienced" Saint Mary’s students as well as the sexual preferences of Zahm’s residents, knowing these are simply jokes. Being able to laugh at yourself and others makes life a lot easier, and I thought the Keenan Revue was a nice break from the busy week that I had just finished.

Although I agree that some of the skin included repugnant, gross and crude material. I am sure none of the contents of the Revue were present to offend anyone. I enjoyed the Keenan Revue and thought everyone involved in the production did a wonderful job in accomplishing what they set out to do, make people laugh. So, in conclusion, congratulations to the Keenan Knights on a job well done!

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**U-WIRE**

**Thefacebook: there for support**

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**Was that a joke?**

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The Pasquerrilla East Musical Company's musical is a highlight of the winter months every year. This group of students performs, one of the best known on campus, never fails to put on a sharp and entertaining show.

While "Grand Hotel" is no exception to that rule, it is a departure from past performances in other ways. Few of the Company's musicals feature such a balance between a wide variety of major characters, and the focus on dance in this year's performance is perhaps a first for the group.

Director Devon Candura and choreographer Erin Portuznik chose the play partly to find a good mix of required talents.

"We wanted a play that had challenging dancing and challenging acting," Candura said. "The plays that fit that were few and far between."

Candura also wanted something a little different and a little more obscure than the average musical.

"I was looking for something that didn't end in a double wedding," she said. "Being a less well-known show was really attractive to me the year after 'West Side Story.'"

"Grand Hotel," one of the few plays to fit the bill, takes the Company to the most expensive hotel in 1920's Berlin. The play takes place in the era of the Charleston, the speak easy, and the stock market bubble. Anti-Semitic sentiment is beginning to emerge around Germany, America still represents a dream of opportunity and jazz is beginning to steal the spotlight from ballet as a popular pastime.

The audience looks in on the events that change characters' lives within a single day at the Grand Hotel. Nobility, artists, workers, and the sexier members of society all make their way through, provided they have money to pay or a skill to sell.

The threads of love, death, and money underlie almost every scene. A dissatisfied group of menial laborers matters-Maoist rhetoric around the edges of the action while the elite strive to hang onto the money, and the status, to which they are accustomed. A woman in red, representing love, periodically flirts with death, a man dressed in black. A death boleiro between the two marks the climax of the action.

Of the six largest roles it would be impossible to pick out a single lead. The action is well divided among a fading ballerina and her devoted assistant, a young typist aspiring to a better future, a young bookkeeper determined to see a bit of life, a corrupt businessman and a nearly bankrupt baron. An old, cynical doctor watches the action and offers his own observations on life and the people who get caught up in it directly to the audience.

It would be equally impossible to pick out a best performer. The cast members all work together well, a key element between such closely intertwined characters.

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**Queer Film Festival enters second year at Notre Dame**

Films and workshops seek to promote discussion and awareness among students

By CHRISTINE BOLESEN

The successful debut of the Queer Film Festival last year and its directors this year prove gay and lesbian artists have made many important contributions to the world of cinema. The concept behind the film festival this weekend, however, is not just to promote the achievements of gay moviemakers. It also provides an opportunity to bring the community together around an event, offering gay students as well as straight students the chance to engage in dialogue or simply enjoy the films and panel discussions.

Notre Dame graduate Liam Dacey, director of operations and co-founder of the festival as a senior film major last year, said the response to the first festival last year was encouraging. While there were a few angry letters from alumni, the overall student reaction was very positive. "We had a great response last year," Dacey said. "We got a lot of good feedback from the campus, itself, and we really got almost nothing but positive remarks from students."

The festival went off without any protests, and the demand was so high for the award-winning "Hedwig and the Angels" that the waiting list for screening had to be scheduled.

"Along those lines it was a really great success. It's not only not to push an agenda or anything, it's about the films and filmmaking," Dacey said. "It's the only thing of its kind at Notre Dame."

Dacey points out although the term "queer cinema" is used in academia, the films sometimes deal with gay and lesbian issues and sometimes don't. Though creators of the festival hoped it would raise awareness that gay members of the Notre Dame community are just like other members, they also hoped to challenge the perception of Notre Dame as intolerant.

The final festival event is a screening at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday with a film entitled "From Script to Screen: The Screenwriting Process." The evening will feature Terrence McNally, writer of the screenplay "Love! Valour! Compassion!" and Don Ross, director of "The Opposite Sex," "Bounce" and "Happy Endings," which will debut at this year's Sundance Film Festival. The panel will be followed by a showing of the second part of "Angels in America" at 9 p.m.

The final event will be a showing of "Love! Valour! Compassion!" at 7:30 p.m. The film is about right gay male friends who leave behind the city for a summer in a secluded home in upstate New York. "Love! Valour! Compassion!" deals with many issues, including AIDS, gay rights, families, positive status, family problems and love triangles. McNally, who wrote the play as well as the screenplay, will host the question-and-answer session after the screening.

Dacey said there is no way that "Gay Pioneers" will host the question-and-answer session after the screening. "It's about the films and not the discussion," Dacey said. "The audience will be at that point focused on enjoyment of the films, and it would be unfair for the discussion to take place when viewers have a chance to breathe and enjoy the films."

"There are people who object to it and we respect their opinions," Storin said. "But we really would like the students to participate in the dialogue. We are looking for a responsible discussion of gay rights in the classroom."

"Even though people might protest the presence of events such as this, the festival is really for the benefit of the students."

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN

Notre Dame will host the SITI Company's production of "Score." a play centering on the brilliance of world-renowned musician Leonard Bernstein, today at the Debalteche Performing Arts Center.

The one-man play is the final installment of a trilogy about the creative process, with the previous two plays focusing on stage director Robert Wilson and writer Virginia Woolf. "Score" looks at the creative genius that embalmed Bernstein and enabled him to introduce millions to classical music. SITI Company is an Ohio award for his performance in "The Medium," portrays Bernstein in his mid-20s, inventing and composing in New York City. The play chronicles his life and work, from his work for a conductor, composer, film scorer and musicologist.

Much of the play is based upon print and media interviews with Bernstein, as well as some of his own writings. The play builds in tension when Bernstein reaches a point of crisis, with close attention paid to the sound design (i.e. musical and cultural) throughout the production.

"Score" was recently shown at the Chace Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland and has one more performance at the College of DuPage Performing Arts Center this weekend.

"Score" is directed by Anne Bogart, one of SITI's founding members, and will be produced by SITI, an ensemble-based theater company that focuses on the creation of new theater material, the training of young actors and an emphasis on international cultural exchange and collaboration. The company is based in New York City, with a summer season in the Catskill Mountains. It believes, as it states on its website, that "an American theatre must necessarily incorporate artists from around the world and learn from cross-cultural exchange of dance, music, art, and performance experiences."

Nells is a long-time member of the SITI Company. When not performing, he also teaches Suzuki Technique and Viewpoints training for SITI workshops and also serves on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and New York University. Tickets for "Score" are $25 for general admission, $20 for student and senior citizens, $15 for students and $15 for seniors. The play begins at 8 p.m.

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**NCAA Basketball**

**No. 1 Illini stay perfect against Wolverines, 57-51**

Associated Press

Michigan's seven rebounds for Michigan, there's a bigger target on us.

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Kentucky 69, Florida 66

Kentucky keeps coming up with the big plays to maintain its dominance over Florida. Kellenna Azubuike scored 18 points as 10th-ranked Wildcats rallied from a nine-point second-half deficit to beat Florida.

The Wildcats (18-2, 9-0 Southeastern Conference) beat Florida (14-6, 3-3) for the eighth straight time and 10th in 11 games. The Wildcats hold a three-game lead in the SEC East over Kentucky and Florida with seven games remaining.

"I don't know if you can call it a rivalry," Florida junior Matt Walsh said, "Until we win one." I'm not even going to say Kentucky.

Kentucky's streak against the Gators has spanned the gamut from the sublime (a 70-55 romp in 2003, when Florida was 7-5) to the ridiculous (scoring the final 11 points in a three-point win last season).

On Tuesday, it was more of the same, the Florida that routed then-No. 11 Alabama by 31 points on Jan. 30th, to be crushed in control against Kentucky as well.

"The last four points in the first half and by nine with 16:57 left. But Kentucky scored 13 of the next 15 points to go ahead 47-37. The Illini couldn't crack the lead for the first time since the early 60's before losing 73-68.

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Andre Agassi will join the Davis Cup team, hopefully ending the United States' drought.

**NBA**

**Warriors break Magic winning streak; Cavs, Spurs win**

*Associated Press*

**ORLANDO, Fla.** — Jason Richardson scored 11 of his 32 points in the final 3:24, and the Golden State Warriors defeated the Orlando Magic 113-109 to snap a 10-game road losing streak.

Derek Fisher had 25 points, while Adonal Foyle scored 13 of his 28 points in the final 3:24, and the Warriors broke the Magic winning streak; Cavs, Spurs win.

The Magic shot 52 percent in the final 3:24, and the Cleveland Cavaliers' Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 23 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds off the bench for the Cavaliers, who improved to 18-4 at home and scored a team-high 76-49 on Brent Barry's 3-pointer late in the third quarter before they benched the bulk of their starters and allowed the Bobcats a slight comeback against their reserves.

Although the Bobcats were also without David West and were hardly inspiring and few fans stayed to see them trim it to 83-69. The front row, usually packed with Charlotte-area celebrities, had 13 consecutive empty seats glaringly empty at midcourt for most of the fourth quarter.

**DAVIS CUP**

**Agassi will join U.S. tennis dream team**

*Associated Press*

**NEW YORK** — Andre Agassi helped the United States win three Davis Cups before leaving the team in 2000. Now he's coming back, hoping to end the country's drought in the 2005 Cup.

The Americans last won the title in 1995, when Agassi and Pete Sampras were on the squad.

"Imagine if Agassi had played the last four years," McEnroe said in a conference call Monday. "We probably could have won this thing once or twice."

Instead, the eight-time Grand Slam tournament champion stopped playing Davis Cup as part of a scaled-back schedule geared to peaking for the majors. He left with a 30-5 Cup record.

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"I told him, Look, I'm not expecting you to do that, nor are any of the guys on the team. Don't cut off your options such a commitment wasn't needed."

McEnroe also said that's OK.

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"I just tried to convince him that it wasn't a deal-breaker."
Mike James leads Milwaukee in blowout of the Celtics

**TIMBERWOLVES STRUGGLES CONTINUE AS THE TEAM DROPS ITS SIXTH STRAIGHT GAME, FALLS BELOW .500 FOR FIRST TIME THIS SEASON**

Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE** — Mike James could feel a night like this coming in going into a week during practice.

James scored a career-high 28 points, including eight 3-pointers, to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a big first half and a 121-97 victory over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night.

James, a former Celtic, had 19 points and five of his 3-pointers before halftime as the Bucks used a 22-0 run late in the second quarter to take a 78-46 halftime lead.

The 78 points were the most for the Bucks in a half in 18 years and the second-highest half-time lead.

The Celtics on Tuesday night.

James said earlier Tuesday, led Dallas Star for the fourth straight season.

James, named to his fourth straight All-Star Game earlier Tuesday, led Dallas Star for the fourth straight season.

He got it going early and just rolled with it.

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WASHINGTON — In a temporary office in the nation's capital, the president of the Washington Nationals is trying to complete a to-do list 65 items long, a task that has become more maddening by the red tape he seems to encounter at every turn.

"What will be a miracle," Tavares said. "Is it if I make it to opening day without assaulting a lawyer?"

In more permanent accommodations in Viera, Fla., the interim general manager has spent three months trying to improve a last-place team with a limited budget.

"You never have enough time," Jim Bowden said. "I didn't start until Nov. 2, so you're behind a little bit, but we're very excited."

"I kept having faith it would happen," Bowden said. "Even when we had that little setback in December. I still thought at the end of the day that everyone would come together and do the right thing, and the right thing finally happened.

While the spring training complex is the same, as is the roster, there's a whole lot new for the former Montreal Expos. The era of living in limbo is finally over now that baseball has decided on a permanent home for the franchise, and a modest increase in the payroll has allowed Bowden to reverse the outward talent flow of the last few years.

"It's weird," closer Chad Cordero said, "because every time I turn on ESPN, I see the bottom line, and I see they just signed Vinny Castillo or Esteban Loaiza. It's definitely cool to see how they're trying to get all those guys. It'll be fun to go down to spring training and see all the new faces and put on the new uniforms and stuff."

Working with an absolute upper limit of $50 million — up from last year's $43 million opening day roster but still low on the major league totem pole — Bowden couldn't re-sign free agent Tony Batista, but he was able to snag third baseman Castillo and shortstop Cristian Guzman in free agency and work a trade for outfielder Jose Guillen.

The newcomers join top returnees such as outfielder Brad Wilkerson, second baseman Jose Vidro, first baseman Nick Johnson and catcher Brian Schneider, giving manager Frank Robinson the makings of a respectable lineup, though without much depth if someone gets hurt.

"Pitching is another story."

The starting rotation has more than its share of hard-luck stories. Tomo Ohka had his arm broken by a line drive last year. Zach Day broke a finger trying to bunt. Tony Armas Jr. spent the season recovering from rotator cuff surgery. Liván Hernández is the ace of the staff, a title deserved just for making it through the entire season without a major calamity.

Bowden tried to upgrade by pursing young pitchers Odalis Perez and Jarret Wright. "And then all of a sudden the market just blew up in our faces," Bowden said. "And there's nothing we could do about it."

So he ended up with Loaiza, gambling that the inconsistent right-hander can regain the form that produced 21 victories for the Chicago White Sox two years ago.

"We knew we couldn't afford guys who made $5-15 million, so we concentrated on guys we could afford to fill all the holes," Bowden said. "I said when I took the job that we wanted to improve at right field, shortstop and third base. With Guzman, Guzman and Castillo, I think we did that. Obviously we wanted to get a starting pitcher capable of 180 innings. At the end of the day we get a guy that I think is going to be a two-time All-Star that won 20 games.

Throughout the negotiations, Bowden found Washington to be his best selling point. If the team still was in Montreal — even with a $50 million budget — he said he wouldn't have enjoyed the same success.

"You don't have Cristian Guzman if it isn't for Washington, D.C."

Bowden said. "He signed here because he and his agent had the vision to know what this market was going to be, and they wanted to be a part of it. We don't make the Jose Guillen trade if it isn't for Washington, D.C."

Now the players have to hope "it will be ready for them in April. The good news is that RFK Stadium is on pace for its overhaul to be complete on time to host an exhibition game April 3 and the home opener 12 days later. The bad news is that the team doesn't yet have a television deal, a mascot — and a bunch of other things on Tavares' to-do list.

"There's a litany of issues," Tavares said. "Locking down our budgets for game-day staff, deciding on how many ushers, how many ticket-takers, how many security guards. Who's the cleaning contract? Who's the parking contract? The concession deal? It's tedious kind of things, like getting our tax ID list.

Executive vice president Kevin Uhlich's duties run the gamut. He is drawing up a promotions schedule so kids will know when they can run the bases, but he's also working to help select an architect for the new ballpark that needs to be built by 2008. He's doing all this in a makeshift workplace because the team's new offices inside RFK won't be ready until the end of March at the earliest.

"Still, there is confidence that everything on Tavares' list will get done in time for Washington's first baseball season since 1971 — even if a few of the less important matters are locked sched.

"I'm sure we're going to find stuff that will fall into that category," Uhlich said. "We're looking at it globally, but right now the focus is on that first weekend."
The theme of this year's Festival is "The Road Less Traveled." In keeping with the grand tradition of NDLF, we have set out to assemble a group of distinguished guests who will provide the Notre Dame community with unique and compelling perspectives on the literary world. We have titled the 2005 Festival "The Road Less Traveled" because we will be featuring a very diverse group of authors who have rather unorthodox backgrounds.

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3pm Rob Gonzalez songwriting/poetry workshop
LaFortune Ballroom

10pm Rob Gonzalez concert
LaFortune Ballroom

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3pm Professor McInerny: mystery writing workshop
LaFortune: McNeill Room

730pm Todd Tucker lecture
Oak Room
"Notre Dame vs. The Klan: How the Fighting Irish defeated the Ku Klux Klans"

9pm reception

**2/15**

3pm faculty panel discussion:
McNeill Room
McInerny, & James C. Martin

730pm Emma McLoughlin & Nicola Kraus
Wash. Hall
The Nanny Diaries

9pm reception

**2/16**

8pm Student Performances of Original Work
LaFortune Ballroom

**2/17**

4pm Mick Foley: Children's Writing Workshop
LaFortune: McNeill Room

8pm Mick Foley lecture
Washington Hall

930pm reception
BEREA, Ohio — Romeo Crennel's long wait is over. An assistant coach for 35 years, he's finally in charge.

Fresh from winning a third Super Bowl title as New England's defensive coordinator, Crennel was introduced Tuesday as coach of the Cleveland Browns, a team with far more imperfections than the one he left.

"I've been somewhat successful as a position coach. Now being able to take the reins of a team and try to bring in an experienced coach instead of being the one left in a parade through the streets of Boston. But Crennel knew he was in the right place."

"Considering the alternative, this is a good one to be at," said Crennel, who was joined at the news conference by his wife, Rosemary, and two of his three daughters.

Crennel, who began his pro coaching career with the New York Giants in 1961, was passed over for head coaching jobs in the past. Last year, he interviewed with several teams, including Buffalo, Oakland and Chicago. The year before, he spoke with San Francisco about the job that eventually went to Dennis Erickson.

But after the Browns interviewed him Thursday, they knew Crennel was their guy.

"I want to win and that's what I want to try to bring to Cleveland, a winning football team." — Romeo Crennel

Browns head coach

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Romeo Crennel was promoted to head coach Tuesday, ending two years of uncertainty about the Browns' front-office decision to pass on him for No. 1 choices.

Browns owner Dee Haslam finally in charge.

"I've been somewhat successful as a position coach, but the far more imperfections than with one playoff appearance and highlighted by the resignations for each finger of one team."

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Romeo Crennel

Browns head coach

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Dee Haslam is finally in charge. Fresh from winning a third Super Bowl championship, Patriots say goodbye to another coordinator.

NFL

Browns name Crennel head coach

Super Bowl champion Patriots say goodbye to another coordinator

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Romeo Crennel-Savage combination to challenge the defending NBA champion Pistons, trails Philadelphia by one game for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Bucks lose to Magic again, but O'Neal stands tall

"It's definitely a pleasure, it's just not as enjoyable as the last couple of years."

Jermaine O'Neal

Pacers player

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Fifth-seeded Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina and sixth-seeded Filippo Volandri of Italy were knocked out in the first round of the ATP Buenos Aires tournament Tuesday.

"It's definitely a pleasure, it's just not as enjoyable as the last couple of years."

Jermaine O'Neal

Pacers player

Associated Press

ATP

High seeds fall early in Buenos Aires event

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Around the Dial

NBA

Chicago gets WNBA team

CHICAGO — Tamika Catchings didn't think she'd get a chance to play professional basketball when she was growing up, let alone be able to play in her hometown, in front of family and friends.

Well, now she can.

The WNBA awarded an expansion franchise to Chicago on Tuesday, giving the league its 14th team and returning a franchise to Chicago on Tuesday, giving the league its 14th team and returning a franchise to the home of the Chicago Hustle.

The league's 30th season chose the reserves, rewarding several young players whose teams have exceeded expectations. The Phoenix Suns will be sending Steve Nash, Amar'e Stoudemire and Shawn Marion, while the Cleveland Cavaliers, Washington Wizards and Seattle SuperSonics are sending two players apiece.

WNBA's first new franchise since 2002

San Antonio and Connecticut began play in 2002, but each moved from a previous location.

Patriot fans welcome home Super Bowl Champs

U.S. soccer team in Trinidad for World Cup qualifier

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad — The calypso was playing at a mind-numbing level when the U.S. soccer team walked into its hotel just after midnight. Carnival was in full swing, and this island nation looked toward Wednesday's World Cup qualifier as the after-party.

Sweating from the 90-degree heat and humidity, people in glittery costumes and headaddresses walked in the Queen's Park Savannah leading up to Ash Wednesday, billed as the second-largest Carnival celebration behind Brazil's. The Queen's Park Oval, the site of the game, U.S. coach Bruce Arena had to shout instructions to players over booming music during practice.

There was a 24-hour-a-day party leading up to Ash Wednesday, billed as the second-largest Carnival celebration behind Brazil's. U.S. forward Clint Mathis, however, didn't find the scene too unusual.

"This is just typical any time we come to a Caribbean country, playing music," he said.

Around the Nation

Compiled from The Observer's Wire Services
in the betting world, the Philadelphia Eagles won the Super Bowl, easily covering the one-touchdown point spread to put a few bucks in their fans' pockets.

In the real world, they drove those fans nuts with turnovers and mindless clock management in the fourth quarter of a game they had a chance to win.

Assignment No. 1 at next summer's Eagles training camp: the hurry-up offense.

That's the opposite of the slow dance the Eagles took down the field on their last touchdown drive against the New England Patriots — players straggling back to the huddle, coach Andy Reid watching dispassionately, quarterback Donovan McNabb acting too deliberately as the clock ticked down.

Eagles fans shouted "Go! Go!" at the game Sunday in Jacksonville, Fla., and probably millions more watching on television shouted the same thing, trying telekinetically to prod the team into some sense of urgency. Look at the clock, look at the score: "Go! Go!"

The game and the points were on the line when this Eagles, trailing 24-14, started with the ball on their own 21 with 5:40 left. They needed two TDs to win the trophy but only one to cover the point spread. Rather than rush, they moved patiently, exasperatingly so, running the clock down to 1:55 in going 49 yards. Rather than a no-huddle offense, they huddled too long.

Center Hank Fraley tried to hurry his teammates back to the line of scrimmage, McNabb called them back for a chat.

"We went to our hurry-up offense," McNabb insisted.

"We were trying to hurry up," Reid agreed.

"Go! Go!" fans shouted in the stands, at bars, at home.

McNabb, throwing on 12 of 13 plays during that drive, put the betters ahead with a 30-yard TD pass to Greg Lewis. Winning the game was another matter.

"We did try to get it going," Reid said of the offense. "I can't tell you the details, the circumstances on why it didn't work as well as it should have."

Maybe he can explain it and get it right by next year.

In the real world, they drove those fans nuts with turnovers and mindless clock management in the fourth quarter of a game they had a chance to win.

With the clock down to 1:48, Reid called for an onside kick that didn't, a questionable decision since the Eagles' defense had stopped the Patriots three and out on the previous series. Reid almost certainly would not have gone for the onside kick if he not only played in the Super Bowl, he played as if he'd never been gone. He cut right, cut left, spun around, juked defenders for big yards after he caught the ball. He caught nine passes for 122 yards, the longest a 36-yarder.

He was strutting again, his arms flapping. He had said he would not be a mere decoy and he surely wasn't. McNabb went to him from the start, giving him the honor, as it were, with passes on the first two plays, one incomplete, the second good for seven yards.

T.O., who says he found divine powers of recuperation, matched Curt Schilling in the World Series for one of the all-time gutsy command performances by an athlete under duress. There was Owens, ready to be the star again, 1 1/2 weeks after doctors screwed a plate to his ankle. Defying medical advice, risking further damage, he not only played in the Super Bowl, he played as if he'd never been gone. He cut right, cut left, spun around, juked defenders for big yards after he caught the ball. He caught nine passes for 122 yards, the longest a 36-yarder.

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T.O. was back. Defiantly back.

Making chumps out of doubters. Showing again that there's substance behind his flashy, self-promoting style. All that awaited was some new TD dance, but he never got the chance.

Something was missing, the extra strength to swat away defenders, the extra speed to break away. He played gallantly but just couldn't quite get into the end zone as he had 14 times this season.

The Eagles may do some tarnishing the next few months, raising the mistakes they couldn't afford to make against the Patriots, thinking about the changes they'll have to make to win one game more. They kept their betters happy, but they let themselves down.

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behind Saint Mary’s. Adrian has balanced scor­
ing all year, but its most con­
sistent players have been point guard Corri Holdsher and forward Amanda Raisburger. Forward Thera
McCall has also stepped up, scoring 14 points in an 88-48 Loss to Hope last week.

The Bulldogs had last weekend off, but with a win­
ning season beyond their reach and with a 40-point blowout loss at the hands of the Flying Dutchwomen still fresh in their minds, Adrian may come out flat against the Belles. Saint Mary’s will hope for

continued outstanding play from senior center Maureen Bush. Since bursting on to the scene with a 31 point effort against Tri-State, Bush has become a force in the middle, averaging 15.7 points per game over a 10-game span.

Also key for the Belles should be senior guard Katie Beilina’s return from injury. Beilina scored six points against Hope in her return to action after a foot injury sidelined her for three weeks.

“It’s a huge plus. It helps our rotation and our defense, and she brings leadership,” Selina said.

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held the Panthers to 25 per­
cent shooting and pulled down a season-high 50 rebounds.

“So many people are playing well and playing to their potential,” McGraw said. “We look sharp — we had just two turnovers at half time.

The win at Pittsburgh was especially important for the Irish as they came into the game with two big wins against then-No. 9 Connecticut in Storrs, and then-No. 16 Boston College at home.

“It was just one of those games, where you’re coming off two big games, and you think you’ve gonna have a let­down,” McGraw said. “It’s so important to play well, and I gain more and more confidence every time we play like that.”

Leading the way for the Irish Saturday were two players from the bench — Courtney LaVere and Charal Allen. LaVere finished with 17 points and eight rebounds, and Allen had 16 points in front of a hometown crowd in her native Pennsylvania. Allen was named the Big East Freshman of the Week last week after averaging 12.5 points on 62.5 percent shooting and 4 rebounds per game off the bench for the Irish.

“She’s really kinda surpassed our expectations,” McGraw said of Allen. “I thought she’d play a lot, I just didn’t think she’d play as well in the big games. And she has stepped up really well in the big games. She doesn’t get flustered, she doesn’t get nervous. Playing in front of your home­town — that’s hard for some people, and she just had her regular game. I don’t think anything fazes her.”

Allen and the Irish face a weak Providence team tonight who lost to No. 11 Connecticut 71-24 Saturday, after scoring just six points in the first half. Led by sophomore Shauna Snyder, who averages 12.7 points per game, the Friars have struggled this season after returning just four letter winners from last year’s team. The Friars were also hurt when lone senior Gayle Nwadi (12.3 points, 8.3 rebounds per game last season) suffered a season-ending knee injury during exhibition play.

In her absence, sophomore Jill Furstenschuh has stepped up, averaging 10.4 points per game. The Friars only win this season was a 59-56 win over Troy Dec. 30, snapping a 10­
game losing streak to start the season.

Notre Dame is led by All­American Jacqueline Batt­
east’s 17.7 points and 6.3 rebounds per game, and Megan Duffy’s 11.4 points and 5.6 assists per game.

Tonight the Irish will focus on themselves, and try to keep the momentum from their seven-game win streak alive.

“We’ll concentrate on our­selves,” McGraw said. “We’re going to work on a lot of dif­ferent things defensively, try to execute without turning the ball over, try to work on our press. Really, just play it and see what we can learn.”

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Catholic Q&A

Why do Catholic priests wear the Roman Collar? Are they the only ones who do?

During the first nearly 1,500 years of the Church, there was no specific role of dress for the priesthood. Most often, not during this time, clergy would wear black or dark blue. But during this time, clergy would take on the garter of their occupation (e.g., professors, philosophers, etc) or specific attire for prayers. This became particularly evident during the first nearly 1,500 years of the Church, when the clergy wore dark blue or black. However, during this time, the clergy wore dark blue or black.

Inverted Roman collar, as the normative dress for priests in fulfillment of their requirement. Usage of the cassock became more widespread in Italy, France, and Spain. Use of the Roman collar did not catch on in England and the United States until the 1800s, however. At that time, Cardinal Nicholas Patrick Wiseman of England promulgated a list of multiple ways that priests in his diocese might better emulate the Italian Church. One such way was that clergy should begin to wear the Roman collar as their normative public dress. In the U.S., the Council of Trent (1545-1663) decreed that “clergy always wear a dress that is comfortable to their order, so that they may grow in the inward brightness of their morals.” The Council of Trent (1545-1663) decreed that “clergy always wear a dress comfortable to their order, so that they may grow in the inward brightness of their morals.”

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by KATE BARRETT
Campus Ministry staff

"Pretty Please"

Recollect, for a moment, the things you’ve asked of God in prayer lately. Warm weather? Help with an upcoming test, presentation or other responsibility? Being interviewed, or the insight to discern what major you should choose? A blowout victory for the Patriots (and of course, that several future Notre Dame recruiting classes are watching the game)? Maybe you’ve prayed for much more significant things, even scary things as well, such as health for a desperately ill grandparent, or reconciliation within your parents’ troubled marriage.

Have you ever felt slightly foolish while making these prayer requests – as if God might be listening and thinking, “Duh! I know you want him to get well. So do I!” Or have you ever felt perhaps you might come across as too bossy or presumptuous in your requests of God, while at the same time thinking, “...but, pretty please”? We’ve been taught since childhood that God already knows what we want; in fact, He knows better than we do.

We may feel mixed emotions at different moments during our prayers of petition, but these vital prayers form a central part of our relationship with God, and they return our hearts and minds in several important ways to the mysterious beauty of God’s grace.

First, our prayers of petition often remind us of just how blessed we already are. Though we may plead with God for a particular outcome, like a healthy newborn niece or nephew, or fulfilling employment, we are also led to remember, in the midst of our longing, to thank God for all we have. And when it comes to prayer, our God, nobody’s fool. Imagine the foresight to think of creating us of day to pray, and seek out forms of prayer that intrigue us of day to pray, and seek out forms of prayer that intrigue us. 

And draw us in, we begin to turn a habit into a skill, and a commitment crowd in. But if we set aside a specific time to pray, even in the midst of our longing, to thank our creator! So many of our most treasured prayers begin with thanksgiving and praise. If you’ve ever constructed a prayer ritual in your life, you know the lure of larger, living life of prayer. If you’ve ever created, and stuck with, a prayer ritual in your life, you know the lure of larger, living life of prayer. Perhaps you might come across as a button-down floor-length black robe with long sleeves and the now-familiar propriety of their outward apparel they may show forth the appropriateness of their ceremonial garments.

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Second, prayers of petition must be a part of a larger, living life of prayer. If you’ve ever created, and stuck with, a prayer ritual in your life, you know the lure of larger, living life of prayer. The more you do it, the more you feel drawn to doing it more. Once you’re hooked, you begin to anticipate the next time you’ll have the opportunity to indulge again.

Let’s not kid ourselves, however; praying is also a skill we must develop, not too unlike playing the piano or taking up jogging. If we tell ourselves we’ll practice or run when we want, we’ll never have enough opportunities to express adequately the depth of our gratitude. “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.” “Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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second-half lead with a 10-2 run, highlighted by two 3-pointers from Falls. In 12 of its wins, Boston College had trailed in the second half, four times by double-digits. Seeing Boston College come out of a timeout with an 8-0 run to cut the lead down to 49-46 wasn’t surprising. Throughout the rest of the half, the Irish steadily kept at least a three-point lead, bumping it up to eight points with 4:08 remaining. Down the stretch, the Eagles were able to get the lead back down to three points, thanks to continued struggles from the free-throw line by the Irish. But Boston College couldn’t make enough shots in the last minute to get any closer. In the first half, Boston College opened up a 15-6 lead, attacking Notre Dame’s man-to-man defense. Irish coach Mike Brey switched his team to a 2-3 zone it would continue to play for the majority of the game, forcing the Golden Eagles into hoisting up 22 3-pointers — more than twice their season average. The Irish used a quick 12-2 run, scoring on five straight possessions after the Golden Eagles built that early nine-point lead to go ahead 16-17. The Irish took the lead for good with a 10-6 run later in the first half. With the fourth straight game against a ranked opponent on the horizon at Pittsburgh Saturday, Brey knows his team can’t get too high after this national-headline win. Yes, it improves that tournament resume, but it is only one win — regardless of how big it is. “We’re going to enjoy it, like I said after UConn, there are no grand statements here,” Brey said. “I would think you’d deal with a group in the locker room that was pretty enjoying, but not giddy. “It’s a great league win, it’s powerful, but we know we have Pittsburgh coming.” Contact Matt Lezar at mlezar@nd.edu
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Sports

Men's Basketball

Undefeated No. 4 Boston College falls as Irish stifle Eagles, 68-65, at Joyce Center

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Trailing in the second half was nothing new to Boston College.

Leaving the court as losers was.

Behind 23 points from Colin Falls and a nine-assist-zero turnover performance from Chris Thomas, Notre Dame, Notre Dame (14-6, 6-4 Big East) handed Boston College (10-11, 9-1) its first loss of the season 68-65 at the Joyce Center Tuesday night.

"They were 20-0, the No. 4 ranked team in the country and this is the Big East," Irish forward Torin Francis said. "Everyone was talking about how BC was undefeated. Yeah they were, and they are a good team, but that doesn't mean they couldn't lose."

One of four Irish players in double figures, Falls found himself with wide-open looks the entire night, something he isn't used to after gaining a reputation as one of the Big East's top 3-point shooters. Boston College came in with the same game plan of wanting to prevent Falls from getting those looks. Its failure to execute resulted in Falls being open all night.

"We just made some mistakes to allow them to get some opportunities. We just have to learn from them," Boston College coach Al Skinner said. "That's the first time I thought mentally that we made mistakes. That's something we can't just allow to happen."

Thomas came into Tuesday night with some of his heaviest criticism in his career as Notre Dame's point guard. The senior looked like a different player against the Eagles and his quarterbacking of the game led to the win.

"He played his game and didn't let the weight of the world get on his shoulders. When he calm like that, I think he's one of the best players in college basketball," Irish co-captain Jordan Cornette said.

"When he made a mistake, he knew it wasn't the end of the world and kept playing. That's what he was so successful," Thomas said.

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SMC Basketball

Belles ready to face MIAA rival Adrian

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Following a tough stretch against the top teams in the conference and finding themselves on the losing end of three consecutive double-digit decisions, the Belles look to bounce back against the Adrian Bulldogs today.

The Belles are currently 9-12 on the year and 4-8 in the MIAA. With four games remaining, Saint Mary's can finish the regular season with a winning record over all and the Belles can still finish .500 in conference. The Belles' final four opponents are a combined 32-44 this season, a fact that could make the Saint Mary's team optimistic.

"We ended the game on Saturday playing really well," coach Suzanne Bellina said. "We have to find a high level to play at for the rest of the year."

Even the current record is an improvement over last season's 7-18 mark that included an abysmal 2-12 conference record. Bellina, however, is wary of complacency.

"We've definitely taken a step up, but lot hinges on how we finish the season," she said.

The Belles will begin their quest for a winning season tonight in Adrian, Mich. The Bulldogs come into this game in sixth place in the MIAA, one spot and one game.

ND Women's Basketball

One-win Friars to host Irish

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

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