Baron, Shappell foresee successful transition

President-elect feels experience will speed new administration's upcoming adjustment

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

With the stressful campaigning now behind them, Dave Baron and Lizzi Shappell, Notre Dame's president-elect and vice president-elect, know the hardest work lies ahead — long before they assume office on April 1.

But both Baron and Shappell believe the transition period traditionally a difficult time for incoming administrations, will be positive and successful.

"It's guaranteed to be a smooth transition," Shappell said. "Because of our involvement this year, it's going to make the transition easier."

The first step during this transition period is choosing a staff. Baron and Shappell said Staff selection includes picking a chief executive assistant and committee heads for Senate committees, among other positions.

Baron said determining next year's chief executive assistant will be difficult, a choice even more complicated by the fact he served in the same position this year.

"That's not going to be an easy decision," Baron said. "There are incredibly gifted people to choose from, and each different personality brings something, as a communicator, advisor, coordinator — it's a lot of different responsibilities that need to be covered.

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Vice president-elect Lizzi Shappell, left, and president-elect Dave Baron, center, meet with outgoing president Adam Istan before the announcement of the results of the student body elections.

Couples flock to exchange vows at Basilica

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Assistant News Editor

Strong ties to the University, in tandem with the aesthetic nature of the interior, attract couples to marry at the Basilica.

While many may not consider South Bend the most ideal wedding destination, couples with connections to Notre Dame are signing up by the dozens to say their "I do's" on campus at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Constructured in the 1870's, the Basillica has long been a popular choice for current University students and graduates planning their weddings. In fact, in recent years the Basilica has become so sought after that during the height of the wedding season — May through August — four weddings are celebrated there every Saturday.

Couples, along with their florists and photographers, receive exactly 90 minutes to get into the church, get married and exit in time for the next wedding. The ceremonies are scheduled at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

"It's a very tight schedule," said Rose Wrey, a wedding coordinator for the Basilica. "You have to be very prompt, I think the organ plays the first note as soon as the clock hits the hour, and the bride better be ready to go."

A 5 p.m. vigil Mass follows the final wedding of the day.

"Sometimes brides are of Students prep for MCATs at Kaplan

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Notre Dame students have been studying for the April 16 Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) by spending long hours in the library and taking off-campus test preparation courses.

The Stanley Kaplan course, offered at the South Bend Kaplan Center, is a popular preparation course for many pre-med students. This course gives students the chance to take five full-length practice exams before they sit for the actual exam.

Junior Michael Zinsmeister started taking a three-hour class once a week in the fall.

"It seems like just about everybody who takes the MCAT takes the class," he said.

Casey Biesing, also a junior, began the Kaplan course in October and will continue attending the class every Sunday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. until the examination.

For students who did not begin last semester, Kaplan offers another course, which started Jan. 13 and will end a week prior to the actual examination. This is an intensive course that meets three days a week for three hours per session.

In addition to taking the Kaplan classes, many pre-
QUESTION OF THE DAY: Would you ever get married in the basilica? Why or why not?

Armen Gavor
sophomore
Holy Cross

"Love to, but I have to get married in an Armenian Church. Plus, I'd probably get lost going down the aisle."

Sean Grady
sophomore
Siegfried

"Nope, I'm going to Vegas."

CaitlinsetTitle
sophomore
Le Mans

"I'm going back to my home state - Georgia."

Katie Hartohen
tenor
Opus

"No, because I'm not going to marry a Donor."

Brittany Pangburn
freshman
McCandless

"No, because I'm not going to marry somewhere where Pemacloud doesn't exist."

CasasíQuaiglia
freshman
Le Mans

"If my Prince Charming comes in the form of a Leprechaun, why not?"

Even in the cold weather, birds find their way to the birdfeeders hung outside a window of Siegfried Hall.

OFFBEAT

Thousands of couples lock lips at kissing festival

MANILA, Philippines — Thousands of couples got Valentine’s Day celebrations going early, locking lips at midnight Saturday in what organizers dubbed “Lovapalooza 2.”

More than 5,200 couples kissed for at least 10 seconds last Valentine’s Day in Manila for an event known as “Lovapalooza,” breaking Chile’s record of 4,445 in the Guinness World Records book.

This year’s event was aimed at “a million kisses, a million heartbeats, and probably a million people falling in love the second time around,” said a statement from toothpaste maker Unilever Philip- pentes, one of the event’s organizers.

The kissing festival was held simultaneously in at least four cities nation-wide. Despite the large crowds, the figures appeared to be well below the target.

Driver makes ‘Survivor’ tape on school bus

BUENA VISTA, Pa. — A school bus driver encouraged students to jump around, throw things and misbehave on her moving bus so she could make an audition videotape for the reality television show “Survivor,” police said.

Maureen Monaghan was charged with recklessly endangering children after allegedly urging 10 students to act up on her bus for the video, which she hoped would earn her a spot on the CBS show.

A separate camera on the inside of the bus recorded the Jan. 6 incident, and the bus company gave the footage to police.

Information compiled from the Associated Press

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Rain and bitter winds proved no match for the spirit of the South Bend community Sunday when people congregated for the St. Margaret's House sixth annual Winter Walk. Residents of the city joined forces with many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, as well as members of the Saint Mary's softball and tennis teams, to show their support for single mothers and their children by walking a 1.5 mile course along the streets of South Bend.

Walker collected pledges prior to the event to raise money for St. Margaret's, which provides a day center for women and children in need. According to St. Margaret's Board President Nancy Brennen, the walk has been the major contributor that allows St. Margaret's volunteers to provide care.

"It's our largest fundraiser," she said, prior to this year's walk. "Last year, we raised over $40,000.

With these funds, St. Margaret's is able to provide lunch for 70 women and children every day, Brennen said.

The walk is also an important way to alert the community about the needs of single mothers and their children, she said.

"The whole point of the walk is to raise awareness about women in poverty and who don't have transportation," she said. "It gives us some visibility when you see this mass of people walking down South Bend."

Also present at the walk was a group of young girls from St. Joseph's grade school in South Bend.

Molly Clark, a seven-year-old from Granger, has been to the walk every year except last year. This year, she raised $107 for the cause.

"I knocked on some doors and called a couple people," she said. "I expressed support for the walk, as well. Hall and her friends visit the day center for homeless in the area.

"We did announcements, like little conversations over the loudspeaker to talk about what Winter Walk was about," Hall said.

"I knocked on some doors and called a couple people," she said. "I expressed support for the walk, make them feel better," she said.

Older students showed similar concern for single mothers and their children.

Freshman Zahm Hall resident Mike McKenna emphasized students at Notre Dame are part of a codependent society and are obligated to help the community.

"It's important to remember that Notre Dame is a part of the larger community," he said, "and this is a way to show that we're a part of that."
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Medical school applicants have a national acceptance rate of 47 percent. But Piposar said an exam brochure given to him by the University accounted Notre Dame students having a 79-percent acceptance rate over the past four years.

During the 2003-04 school year, Notre Dame students applying to medical schools with a 3.5 to 4.0 GPA had a 97 percent acceptance rate. Those with a 3.25 to 3.49 GPA had a 64 percent acceptance rate for the same period.

The average MCAT score for acceptance at a top medical school is 32, Piposar said. Such medical schools include Harvard University, Washington University in St. Louis, Johns Hopkins University, Duke University and University of Pennsylvania.

Piposar said medical schools focus heavily on an applicant's MCAT scores.

"It's one of the only ways med schools can compare prospective students from different schools," he said. "Initially, most med schools look at your GPA, and then at general idea of the caliber of student applying." 

After comparing MCAT scores, medical school admissions advisors look at personal statements, job experience and volunteering.

Piposar said she feels admissions advisors may ignore deficiencies in these areas if a candidate's test score is exceptionally high.

"Although it is taken into consideration with many other aspects, including GPA and extracurricular activities, lack of excellence in these other areas has a tendency to be 'overlooked' in lieu of a high MCAT score," she said.

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Public relations must use containers that present no danger of leaking. Decorative petals or rice is prohibited. All flowers must be removed from the Basilica immediately following the ceremony. Photographers are prohibited from using flash photography, and they cannot mount any photo or video lighting racks.

"We recommend you don't really need a lot of flowers," Wrey said. "The Basilica is so beautiful that sometimes you don't even see the flowers."

But the long list of technicalities does not make the Basilica a less appealing location for many couples.

Current seniors Justin Gallagher and Melissa McGrady are getting married at the Basilica in June with Stanford Hall rector Father Tom Gaughan presiding. The ceremony will take place just a couple of weeks after graduation, and the Basilica's Navy commissioning, Gallagher, formerly of Stanford Hall, called the Basilica a logical choice for the upcoming nuptials.

"We met here and everything we have done together has been here," he said. "It is kind of a special place for us." 

Since the two seniors are from different parts of the country, Gallagher said the Basilica is also a good mutual location of importance for both himself and his fiancée.

"I'm from New York [and] she is from Colorado, so why don't we split the difference and get married here?" Gallagher said.

Kate McCusker and Brian Grable, senior chemistry majors, selected the Basilica for their June 24, 2004 wedding because of strong family ties to the University and its suitable geographic location. The couple currently lives in Chicago where both are working on graduate degrees.

"We decided, since we met at Notre Dame, (that) we wanted to get married here," McCusker said. "It is really meaningful to us."

The time limit on the Basilica had no effect on their decision.

"I wish we could have longer to take pictures and to be more relaxed, but it is still definitely worth it," McCusker said.

Lori Wrobleski, who has been coordinating weddings at the Basilica for 10 years, said the job is even more fun when she first started.

"I love my brides and grooms too," Wrobleski said. "It is such a happy time in their lives."

Wrobleski said she has worked several memorable weddings. One of the most recent was for a couple that bused their 500 guests in from Texas. Another wedding she did had only nine people in attendance.

"Most of the time the Notre Dame community are drawn to the Basilica largely because of the role Notre Dame has played in their lives," Wrobleski said.

"It's a beautiful place for a wedding, and it's prestigious," she said. "It is just awesome when you see all those lights, and the music is just beautiful."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sharon cracks down on extremists

JERUSALEM — Responding to death threats against government ministers, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon ordered law enforcement to crack down Sunday on Jewish extremists opposed to the planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

Cabinet ministers said the charged climate is reminiscent of the period before the 1995 assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin who was in peace negotiations with the Palestinians. One minister warned that a return to violence would be a large setback. Extremists have put up posters across the country that say Rabin and the prime minister, deceased with him, are "waiting for Sharon."

Despite the concerns, Sharon's Cabinet approved a list of 500 Palestinian prisoners to be released in coming days, and several hundred Palestinian workers were permitted to return to jobs in Israel in line with agreements reached at a Mideast summit last week.

Spanish skyscraper up in flames

MAJORCA, Spain — Firefighters struggled for 10 hours Sunday before extinguishing Madrid's worst blaze in recent memory, which reduced one of the city's tallest office buildings to a blackened hulk of twisted wreckage.

Smoke and temperatures that soared as high as 1,472 degrees Fahrenheit prevented firefighters from entering the 32-story Wimond building until late Sunday. The fire, which left seven people slightly injured, broke out Saturday just before midnight.

The office tower was heavily damaged but did not collapse, as had been feared. However, officials said it was unstable and closed the area around the building.

NATIONAL NEWS

Two gunmen open fire at mall

KINGSTON, N.Y. — At least two gunmen opened fire Sunday inside a crowded mall in upstate New York, wounding one person, authorities said.

The gunmen began shooting inside the Hudson Valley Mall in Kingston, near 90 miles north of New York City. One gunman was taken into police custody.

At least one person was shot in the leg and evacuated by helicopter to an Albany hospital, police said.

The mall was evacuated after the shooting, but only a small number of shoppers remained inside after police surrounded the building.

"Everyone was running and screaming," Then I heard the shots," witness Heather Craig told Fox News. "People were running over people. Other people were just standing there dumbfounded."

Man caught soliciting suicides

ST. PAUL, Ore. — A postal worker who used an Internet chat room to try to set up a mass suicide on Valentine's Day had been trying to persuade women for at least five years to engage in sex acts with him and then kill themselves, a sheriff said Sunday.

Gerald Krein faces charges of solicitation to commit murder, but prosecutors are expected to increase the charge to attempted manslaughter Monday, said Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger.

LOCAL NEWS

Conner Prairie faces challenges

INDIANAPOLIS — Slopping the hogs on an 1880s farm won't appeal to everybody, but Conner Prairie and other living history museums are uniting under an agreement announced a week ago, creating a network of living history foundations as a favored local destination.

But the Fishers museum, with a historic farm, pioneer village and other attractions, has lost more than $3.5 million in recent years.

IRAQ

New era for Shiites and Kurds

Elections bring relief to some and force disaffected Sunni Arabs to the margins

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Shiites' time has come in Iraq and it's a new era for the Kurds as well. The question now is what the two large groups will do with their newfound power, and how their goals might affect the Sunni Arabs, who largely stayed away from Iraq's elections.

There was dancing in the streets in Kurdish cities on Sunday after election results were announced, and a strong but quiet satisfaction among Shiites that their leader, Ayad Allawi, won.

Yet even as they danced and claimed their right to rule the Kurds — and especially, the Shiites are mindful that they must move cautiously if they want to rule out the Sunni Arabs who rejected Iraqis to form a new and inclusive government and thus work toward the stability that Iraq still so clearly lacks.

"This is a new birth for Iraq," election commission spokesman Karim Asad said, announcing the results of the first free elections in Iraq in more than 50 years and the first since Saddam fell.

The Shiites, 35 percent of the population, tended to vote for their candidates, who in turn said they were willing to govern with the Kurds and Arabs.

President Bush, who portrayed the elections as a test of democracy in a region not known for self rule, praised Iraqis and said America and its allies should be proud for making the election possible.

"I congratulate the Iraqi people for defying terrorist threats and setting their country on the path of democracy and freedom," he said in a statement.

And I congratulate every candidate who stood for election and those who will take office once the results are certified."

The Shiites-dominated United Iraq Alliance ticket received 4,075,295 votes, or about 48 percent of the total cast, officials said.

The Kurdistan Alliance, a coalition of two main Kurdish parties, finished second with 2,175,551 votes, or 26 percent, and the Iraqi List headed by Allawi stood third with 1,446,666 votes, or nearly 14 percent.

Parites have three days to lodge complaints, after which the results will be certified and seats in the new Assembly distributed. Seats will generally be allocated according to the percentage of votes that each ticket won. It appeared only 12 coalitions would take seats. The Shiites stand to gain up to 140 seats with the Kurds could end up with about 75.

"This is a great victory for the Iraqi people," said Ahmad Chalabi, a former Pentagon protege and member of the Shiites ticket who is lobbying for the prime minister's post. "We will have an assembly which is elected by the people and the government which is completely legitimate and elected by the people."

Jackson's lawyers seek fair, diverse jury

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Attorneys for Michael Jackson's child-molestiation trial are turning to the tough job of finding jurors who can judge the pop star not as a legend but as a defendant.

Picking a jury of peers is a daunting task when the defendant lives in a storyboard mansion with its own amusement park.

"If you talk about a jury of your peers, a neighborhood, you'd have to be Madonna, Liza Minnelli and maybe Elvis," said former San Francisco prosecutor and trial watcher Jim Hammer.

"Michael looks like nobody else in the courtroom."

Jackson is black, while the community which will supply the jury is mostly white.

Many prospects who appeared in court two weeks ago to fill out eight-page questionnaires told the judge they were barely scraping by.

"This would be a financial devastation for me," said one 67-year-old man, explaining he couldn't afford to miss work for what is expected to be a six-month trial.

On Monday, attorneys on both sides began thinning the nearly 250 prospects who filled out detailed questionnaires in 12 jurors and eight alternates.

Jury selection was delayed a week because of the death of Jackson's attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr.'s sister.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers won't likely bother trying to find jurors who share much with Jackson, who is accused of plying a boy, then 13, with alcohol, molesting him and conspiring to hide his family captive.

Instead, they'll look to dismiss those who are biased.

During questioning of would-be jurors, each side has an unlimited number of challenges for cause — challenges that let them remove someone because of obvious bias.
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Baron and Shappell said while they made a point not to discuss candidates for chief executive assistant during the campaign, they each have people in mind and will begin to conduct interviews for all positions.

Besides forming a staff, Baron and Shappell must face another difficult challenge: working out their calendar for next year before April 1. The two also plan to begin work on delivering their campaign promises, namely the Catholic Think Tank of America speaker series, the concert endowment issue and the second Board of Trustees report.

According to Shappell, the preparation for the Catholic Think Tank series will begin during this transition period, starting with writing letters to prominent Catholic speakers.

"That's something we need to get on now," Shappell said.

Baron said they planned to have the first speaker in the series at Notre Dame before the end of the year.

Discussing what the two termed as their most important issue — concert endowment — Baron said, "There's been a lot of work done on the endowment issue in the past, but something he considers to be important and previously overlooked.

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since Notre Dame is a Catholic university.

Senior Lauren Galgano, co-president of Notre Dame Right to Life and writer for Advocata Norsta, expressed reservations about the Queer Film Festival because she felt the Catholic perspective on homosexuality was not a key part of the festival's dialogue.

"I did not feel that all viewpoints were addressed fairly," she said.

Galgano expressed specific concerns about the panel, which addressed the future of gay marriage.

"A man from the audience who works at the Ilesburgh Library was pulled down onto the panel by the moderator," she said. "Without him, there would have been no balance as to the Catholic viewpoint and no counter-arguments. (The other panelists) only focused on why it is important that gay marriage is recognized."

Despite the controversy that arose at the panel, which was largely due to debate about Catholic representation among the speakers, many students responded positively to the event and viewed the festival as an educational opportunity for the Notre Dame community.

"I think that it's good for Notre Dame students to be exposed to different lifestyles," sophomore Casey Stanton said. "And [the Queer Film Festival] is an opportunity to see artists express themselves in cinema and to discuss these issues in an open forum. Members of the gay community that I know on campus all reacted to it positively, and I hope it continues."

Many students believed the festival succeeded in increasing awareness on campus about gay and lesbian issues.

"I think [the panel] went very well," said senior Day Zimlich, a member of Alliance and an under­

ized student organization. "[D'Arcy] kind of had to make that statement ... it really didn't bother me, though. I think a lot of people came out in support of the gay and lesbian community here at ND, and we had a really good time."

The three-day festival opened Thursday night with a sold-out showing of the film "Saved!" which used humor to critique animosity between gay culture and conservative Christianity.

A question-and-answer session followed with writer/director Brian Dannelly, who was recently honored by "Out" magazine as one of the top 100 men of 2004.

Other films featured included "In Good Conscience," a documentary about Gramick's refusal to be silenced by the Vatican for ministering to the gay and lesbian community.

"Gay Pioneers" document­ed the early gay rights movement. The first part of the HBO series "Angels in America" and an adaptation of Terrence McNally's play "As Is" were also shown.

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IN BRIEF

Analyst pleads guilty in Hardee's case

ST. LOUIS - A stock analyst admitted in federal court Thursday that he threatened to damage the reputation and stock of the parent company of the Hardee's fast-food chain if the company didn't hire him as a consultant for $300,000.

C. Glenn Munro, 54, pleaded guilty to committing interstate threats. As part of a plea agreement, Munro, arrested in October at his Cheyenne, Wyo., home, faces up to two years in prison and $250,000 in fines when sentenced May 12.

After he was rebuffed, Munro issued a negative report in August 2004 suggesting the company's stock price, wiping out $160 million in share-related to a regional mall, the owner in the United States, posted a net profit of $1.07 billion, or $4.04 a share, in 2003. Revenue rose to $334.8 million, or $1.26 a share, a year earlier from $313.6 million, or $1.65 a share, in 2002. Earnings fell to $4.46 a share. Earnings fell to $3.3 billion (US$712 million), up from 49 cents a share, in the quarter, from $165.4 million, or 86 cents a share, in the same period a year ago.

Future earnings are expected to include measures to fix problems at ultra-compact maker Smart, which is part of Mercedes. Smart loses money, though the company hasn't said how much.

Mercedes head Eckhard Cordes said the company was "considering" new partnerships to boost Smart and would not rule out job cuts at Mercedes either.

The dollar, which hit an all-time low against the euro in December, contributed to DaimlerChrysler's problems, as did competition from Munich-based Bayerische Motoren Werke AG and Toyota Motor Corp.'s luxury brand, Lexus. The weak dollar has decreased profit margins in the United States, Mercedes No. 2 market. Yet Schrempp acknowledged the exchange rate was not the real problem.

"One thing is quite clear: even without the exchange rate effects, the operating profit of the Mercedes Car Group in the third and fourth quarters would have been unacceptable," he said.

Last week, DaimlerChrysler CEO Juergen Schrempp's plans are expected to include measures to fix problems at ultra-compact maker Smart, part of Mercedes.

The automaker's shares were down 1.4 percent by late afternoon in Frankfurt, trading at 35.60 euros ($45.59). DaimlerChrysler's analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires.

At the New York Stock Exchange, the S&P 500 rose 2 percent to 37.7 billion euros ($51 billion) from Japanese truck maker Nissan, boosted by the first-time inclusion of revenue from ultra-compact maker Smart, which more than doubled its fourth-quarter sales. Quarterly sales rose 7 percent to 35.2 billion euros ($51 billion) a year ago, boosted by the full-time inclusion of revenue from Japan.
Film fans love are still ‘hitched on Smith’

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Will Smith usually brings audiences in at gunpoint. This time, he did it with hugs and kisses.

Smith, in Best romantic comedy, the action hero scored a No. 1 debut with “Hitch,” which earned $38.3 million in its Valentine’s Day weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

“Clearly, Will Smith is the man,” said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. “He can open anything, and the film is a multi-genre appeal.”

The previous weekend’s top movie, the horror tale “Boogeyman,” fell to second place with $10.8 million, lifting its 10-day total to $33.3 million.

In a week that saw a new release, the animated family tale “Pooch’s Heffalump Movie,” opened at No. 5 with $6 million.

Sony Pictures had the week’s third entry in “Shark Tale,” “I, Robot,” “Bad Boys II” and “Men in Black II.”

“Hitch” stars Smith as a Manhattan “date doctor” who helps hopeless men win the heart of their dream woman but has romantic troubles when he meets his own soul mate (Eva Mendes).

It was the fifth-straight No. 1 debut for Smith, following “Shrek,” “I, Robot,” “Bad Boys II” and “Men in Black II.” Those movies all opened in the $46 million to $52 million range.

Will Smith certainly delivers, doing the same as he did when Sony’s head of distribution.”We were very confident it was going to open No. 1. We just knew the movie would be liked. That’s what appeals to everyone, men, women and children. There was a desire for a new kind of a king of a heart, but he is very, very, very, very in good comedy.”

The film’s main debut for “Pooch’s Heffalump Movie” was on Valentine’s Day weekend with distributor Disney’s last weekend the Pooh cartoon, 2003’s “Piglet’s Big Movie,” which opened with $6.1 million, though below the debut of the Pooh adventure “The Tigger Movie,” which premiered with $9.4 million in 2000.

Disney spokesman Dennis Rice said the Pooh flocks are made cheaply enough that it will turn a profit. The previous television and home-video revenues roll in.

Three openers were new for the Feb. 27, 2005. “Heffalump” maintained the No. 1 spot, beating out “Millionaire Dollar Baby” was No. 4 with $7.6 million, raising its total domestic gross to $45.1 million.

The buddy tale “Sideways” took $51.7 million in eighth place, lifting its total to $53.1 million. The Howard Hughes biopic “Million Dollar Baby” was No. 4 with $7.6 million, pushing its domestic has to $53.2 million.

Two movies opened solidly in limited release, “Brute & Prejudice,” which updates Jane Austen’s “Pride and Prejudice” to a modern-day Bollywood musical in India, took in $385,076 in 32 theaters. The film is directed by Gurinder Chadha (“Bend It Like Beckham”).

SAUDI ARABIA

Public marks Valentine’s Day amid constraints

Associated Press

RIYADH — In gift and flower shops across Saudi Arabia, the flush of red has started to fade.

Each year shortly before Feb. 14, the country’s religious police mobilize, heading out for — and confiscate — red roses, red teddy bears and any signs of a heart. In a country where Valentine’s Day is forbidden, ordinary Saudis find they must walk a fine line to spoil their sweetheart.

The Valentine’s Day holiday celebrating love and lovers is banned in Saudi Arabia, where religious authorities call it a Christian celebration true Muslims should shun.

The kingdom’s attitude toward Valentine’s Day is in line with the strict school of Islam followed here for a century: All Christmas observances are forbidden in the kingdom, the birthplace of Islam, because they come from the Christmas traditions of New York City, unorthodox creations that Islam does not sanction.

Beyond the ban, it is a challenge for unmarried couples to celebrate Valentine’s Day or any other day because of the kingdom’s religious laws. Dating consists of long phone conversations and the rare try. Men and women cannot go for a drive together, have a meal or talk on the street unless they are married. Infidelities of the demanding and other persons are punished by detentions.

Valentine’s items descend underground, to the black market, where their price triples and quadruples. Salesmen and Muslim students are caught out to avoid a fine. Though taboo, Valentine’s Day still gets a fair amount of attention.

“Female voices demand the release of the red rose,” read a headline in Sunday’s Asharq al-Awsat. Women complained to the paper not publishing enough giving the right to buy flower sales.

Sheik Ahmed al-Dakhil, head of the religious police, known as the muwattas, in Thumama, in outside Riyadh, told Al-Etisqadish newspaper that “despite awareness among the population of the celebration of flowers, chocolate and other items, there were 15 infractions” for Valentine’s Day indications last year.

In religious lectures at Saudi mosques and men in company warnings students against marking the occasion, noting St. Valentine’s Day is in line with the concept of a Christian celebration true Muslims should shun.

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Marine recruiting dips following war in Iraq

Associated Press

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Will you be my Valentine?

Pink roses, red boxes of chocolate, love letters, heart-shaped balloons. Valentine Monologues — Valentine’s Day alone is reason enough why a female is not yet ready for a female President. This holiday, which, despite its popular belief, was actually started in the early 17th century by the horns of Puritans who wanted extra attention from their sex-fearing husbands, has been a thorn in the side of men ever since. Today, this unfortunate instance of the deceitful manipulation of powerless males as the hands of their more attractive counterparts has resulted in a day in which over one billion Valentine cards are sent each year, and even cold-hearted misanthropes like me often guilted into ditching out a few tokens of love and affection.

The situation has gotten so out of hand lately that I actually wanted to send everyone in the world one of my personalized Harry Potter Valentine, many of which offer witty and heartfelt messages like “Have a spellbinding Valentine’s Day” and “We have a magical friendship.” Unfortunately, these are only for girls that I like as friends and/or have secret crushes on, so instead I’m using this space to offer my collective Valentine to the people whom I felt would be looking into their homemade Valentine’s boxes after recess this afternoon and would not see the cornucopia of candy messages hearts and X-Men cards that probably stuffed many of your own boxes. So without further ado, I would like to wish them a happy and loving Valentine’s Day to the following neglected people, places and things.

Spongebob Squarepants: as living in a pineapple under the sea was not difficult enough, everyone’s favorite cartoon is now receiving the Clay Aiken treatment from a few Southern religious leaders. Yes, aside from being “absurd,” “yellow” and “porny.” Mr. Squarepants can also add “flaming homosexual” to his lengthy resume of character adjectives. I am pretty sure this girl could use all of the Valentine’s love she can possibly get.

President. This holiday, which, despite — YOU WEEP, PIGGY CORF?; YOU GOT YOUR TAX BREAKS L I M I T S ? // CLASS ACTION LAWFULNESS? IT’S KILLIN’ ME!

Fat Guy Who Lip-Synchs to the Roman Techno Song at his Computer: all of America has had the chance to laugh hysterically at the lip-synching of this unbelievably pathetic human being, so I’m pretty sure this guy could use all of the Valentine’s love he can possibly get.

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CLUBS field to promote views

Bishop John D'Arcy has written about Notre Dame's "Queer Film Festival" in the public press as follows:

"This presentation is an abuse of academic freedom and a violation of Catholic Orthodoxy in a specific format intended to protect or defend religious orthodoxy, the academy would have no difficulty recognizing that it is the violation of the academic freedom of the departments and individuals involved. The bishop muddies the waters of intelligent public discussion of the relationship between the Church and Catholic universities in the United States by confusing 'freedom of religion' with 'academic freedom.' The liberties involved are always in active tension with each other and will always be so unless Churches were to be required to restrain their teaching by the "requirements of religious orthodoxy." The assumption that this tension can or should be overcome by authoritative fiat is at odds with the very reason for the existence of Church.
By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Sports Editor

What do a Notre Dame professor, two former Manhattan nannies and a pro wrestler turned children’s book author have in common?

They all took the road less traveled by — and that has made all the difference.

The “Road Less Traveled” theme of the 2005 Notre Dame Literary Festival, formerly the Sophomore Literary Festival, denotes the common thread among the featured authors that have all found literary success, yet through completely different methods.

Co-chair of this year’s festival Mark Connolly sees the theme as a means of reaching out to potential authors.

“In going along with the theme, I believe that through their talks and workshops, the speakers can convey to students the fact that if they truly have a desire to be in the literary world then such a goal stands as very feasible,” Connolly said. “In addition, we have chosen authors that are very recognizable to the Notre Dame community such as Ralph McInerny and Todd Tucker as well as figures that are recognizable on a more national stage such as Mick Foley, Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus.

The festival kicked off Thursday with up-and-coming piano player Rob Gonzales, who has been described as “the next Billy Joel.” There was a workshop that gave participants the opportunity to look into the mind of a professional songwriter and provided a crash course in catchy song writing. Gonzales then gave a concert Thursday night, with a cafe-like atmosphere and gourmet cheesecake for audience members.

Both events were extremely successful in terms of student response and turnout, starting the festival on a positive note.

“The workshop gave everyone a great glimpse into his life as a musician and the songwriting process,” co-chair Steve Tortorello said. “The concert was fantastic. The LaFortune Ballroom was packed, and the audience enjoyed a cozy atmosphere. Rob played songs from his new album for roughly an hour and 45 minutes and ended his encore by asking for requests. An audience member shouted out “Pennies From Heaven” and Rob was quick to oblige, getting the entire audience to sing along with the chorus as he serenaded everyone in the classic Billy Joel tune.

The writing workshops begin today with a Mystery Writing Workshop lead by McInerny from 2:45 p.m. in the McNell Room in LaFortune. McInerny, who has been a professor at Notre Dame since 1955, has not only written dozens of scholarly books on subjects like St. Thomas Aquinas, but also has been published in several national magazines, his two books, “Notre Dame Day” and “Notre Dame vs. the Klan: How the Fighting Irish Defeated the Ku Klux Klan,” deal directly with the Notre Dame community.

“Notre Dame vs. the Klan” took the true story of Notre Dame students and turned it into literary achievement. In 1924, Notre Dame students violently collided with members of the KKK right here in South Bend. The presentation’s focus on “Notre Dame vs. the Klan” should appeal not only to people interested in literature, but also those who have a mind for history, psychology, sociology or Catholicism, since the book covers the history and evolution of both Notre Dame as well as the KKK. Tucker will also incorporate images of the two institutions into his presentation as he takes the audience through each of the events that preceded the monomaniacal night his book focuses on.

“You get to see inside the workings of Notre Dame, inside the workings of the KKK ... it will be a complete experience for anybody interested in the range of subjects,” Tortorello said.

Tuesday’s events run from 3:45 p.m. in the McNell Room with an Author’s Panel from 4-5 p.m. in the McNell Room and a reception from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Oak Room. The panel, which is also open to the general public, will highlight the completely different experiences of the two writers, following the theme of the week. As a professor, McInerny traveled on a path to publication that was divergent from Martin’s, who began as an English teacher. He wanted to be a screenwriter before writing the novel “Push Not the River,” a book he based on the diary he stumbled upon while publishing at the Now of Manhattan countess Anna Berezowska.

Martin faced disinterest from the publishing community for several years before self-publishing in 2001 and marketing the project himself. Only a year later, St. Martin’s Press bought his book and released a hardcover edition in 2002. Polish and German rights sold almost immediately, and Martin recently completed the sequel, which will be released later this year. The panel will emphasize how McInerny, who has published numerous books, differs from the struggles of a former English teacher. The panel is for anyone who wishes to break into publishing.

“It’s going to give students the chance to see the inside the publishing world that you wouldn’t get to see from talking to a teacher,” Tortorello said.

Tuesday’s night event starts at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall with Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus, the former Manhattan nannies who famously wrote the New York Times No. 1 bestseller “The Nanny.”

The hysterically funny book took the authors’ life experiences, gained students at New York University, and turned them into a revealing glimpse into the lifestyles of the affluent who become nannies at some time in their life.

The book was released in 2002 and has been an international sensation, with real-life dysfunctional families satirized. The authors have two more books, “Entertainment Tonight,” MSBNBC and “The View,” and their newest collaboration is a book of children’s stories, “Gone Girl.” This most recent book into satire focuses on women in the general public. The event is sponsored in part by the Catholic lay journal “Crisis” and sponsored by 14 student organizations.

McLaughlin and Kraus will give their reception followed by a reception, open to the general public. The event is sponsored in part by the Catholic lay journal “Crisis” and sponsored by 14 student organizations.
ND Unplugged will be the next event on Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. It will feature performances of original student work, including monologues, comedy, music, poetry and spoken word crafted by students themselves. One person will even read a chapter of a novel. There will be Starbucks and artwork, giving ND Unplugged a café ambiance like Gonzales’ concert.

Sophomore Andrew Stapleton will be playing a mix of covers and original songs on his acoustic guitar. He’s played at Acousticafe in the LaFortune basement and at Legends before, but is expecting a different type of event with ND Unplugged.

“I’m looking forward to following some funky groove poetry, or anything that might give someone the urge to throw on a beret and grow a goatee,” Stapleton said.

Thursday is the last day of the festival and opens in the McNeill Room from 4-5:30 p.m. with a Children’s Literature Writing Workshop led by Mick Foley. Foley began with a focused wrestling career that took him around the world in 1985. He achieved national fame in the late 1990s with the World Wrestling Federation when he was a three-time world champion and multiple tag team champion. His autobiography leaped to No. 1 on The New York Times bestseller list, and his sequel debuted at No. 1 as well.

All of his children’s books and his novel were national bestsellers as well.

“The workshop will be focusing on how to write a children’s book, how to create characters people like, and how to write it in a way that children and adults will both like,” Tortorello said.

The workshop is open only to Notre Dame students. Foley’s presentation at 8 p.m. on Thursday in Washington Hall will be open only to the Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross communities. The presentation, followed by a reception, will depict for the audience yet another road in literature — one that led Foley to the top of The New York Times bestseller list.

“He will talk about how he went from wrestling to writing,” Tortorello said. “How one thing led to another, and all his different experiences in his life have led to his writing career. Pretty much what everybody all week will be talking about is how their different ‘roads’ led them to where they are.”

The Student Union Board is the sponsor and organizer of the annual NDLF, which in its 38th year has its roots as a student-run literary festival. The annual event is organized under the direction of the Student Activities Office and always has encouraged close interaction between students and authors despite other changes over the years.

“I believe the Literary Festival to be important as an enduring event for the Notre Dame community,” Connolly said. “In its 38th year the festival has maintained its prestige and ability to attract exceptional talent.”

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**NDLDF 2005 Schedule of Events**

**Monday, Feb. 14**

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3-4:30 p.m.
McNeill Room in the LaFortune Student Center

A Presentation by TODD TUCKER, author of "Notre Dame vs. The Klan: How the Fighting Irish Defeated the Ku Klux Klan"
7:30 p.m.
Oak Room above South Dining Hall
A reception will follow.

**Tuesday, Feb. 15**

Authors Panel with RALPH McINERNY and JAMES C. MARTIN*
3-4:30 p.m.
McNeill Room in the LaFortune Student Center

An Evening with EMMA McLAUGHLIN and NICOLA KRAUS, the authors of "The Nanny Diaries"
7:30 p.m.
Washington Hall

**Wednesday, Feb. 16**

ND UNPLUGGED
A night of original student performances
7-10 p.m.
LaFortune Ballroom

**Thursday, Feb. 17**

Children’s Literature Writing Workshop with MICK FOLEY
4-5:30 p.m.
McNeill Room in the LaFortune Student Center

An Evening with MICK FOLEY**
Pro-wrestler turned author
8 p.m.
Washington Hall
This event is open to ND/SMC/HCC students and faculty/staff only. Must present a valid ND/SMC/HCC student ID upon entrance to the event.

* Open to all ND/SMC/HCC students and faculty/staff. Space is limited. Sign-ups are located in the Student Government office (203 LaFortune).
North Carolina tops UConn, Duke falls to Maryland

Oregon State crushes Washington in a shocking upset Sunday

North Carolina's Rashad McCants dunks in the second half of the Tarheel's 77-70 win over Connecticut.

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"I think it's great. You realize what a team and it showed our poise," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "We came apart," Connecticut's Shon Morris said. "We weren't mentally tough enough to stay in our offense and the turnovers led to fast-break baskets."

"We gave in to great defense. We came apart," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "We weren't mentally tough enough to stay in our offense and the turnovers led to fast-break baskets."

The Blue Devils (18-3, 8-3) cut the lead to 56-54 with 1:16 left, but McCants' three-pointer and a layup gave the Beavers an 89-79 lead after the final buzzer. The ovation continued as if they were determined not to be embarrassed again.

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When the teams last met in September, Washington routed the Beavers 108-68, and Oregon State coach Jay John was hospitalized after coming on a series of chest pains and shortness of breath at the half. He was diagnosed with hypertension and missed one other game.

The Beavers won 7-0 on a 7-0 run, capped by Chris Wright's three-pointer, making it 42-44 at the half. The Beavers picked up their rally in the second half, taking 5-52 lead at the break. The Beavers picked up their rally in the second half, taking 5-52 lead at the break.

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MLB
Canseco says his Rangers teammates used steroids
Associated Press
NEW YORK — Jose Canseco says his old teammates Mark McGwire were never "born" with a natural edge. McGwire and his teammates on the Oakland Athletics, but had at least one thing in common that they talked about regularly: using steroids.
Canseco also admits in an interview with "60 Minutes" that he would never have been a major league-caliber player without using the drugs.
"I don't recommend steroids for everyone and I don't recommend growth hormones for everyone," Canseco tells Mike Wallace. "But for certain individuals, I truly believe, because I've experimented with it for so many years, that it can make an average athlete a super athlete incredible. Just legendary.
This interview was broadcast Sunday on CBS, one day before the release of Canseco's book, "Juiced: Wild Times, Hard Knocks, and Baseball's War on Drugs." McGwire and Canseco were close friends and teammates during their career at Oakland and Canseco helped the A's win a World Series, has stood behind McGwire's denial, telling "60 Minutes" that the first baseman got his strength and size from weightlifting and a careful diet.
"Mark and I weren't really in a sense of buddy buddies," Canseco said. "But there are certain subjects that we could talk about like obviously steroids and so forth."
McGwire, who has repeatedly denied steroid use, said in a statement to the television news magazine, "Once and for all I did not use steroids nor any illegal substance. The relationship that these allegations portray couldn't be further from the truth."
Canseco also told Wallace that steroids give athletes an edge besides increased size and strength. "A lot of it is psychological," he said. "I mean, you really believe you have an edge. You feel the strength, and the stamina."
Canseco also says he introduced steroids to former Texas Rangers teammates Rafael Palmeiro, Jeimy Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez. All have publicly denied using performance-enhancing drugs.
"They were injected and McGwire were injected, but for sure McGwire and I were discussing the subject of steroids as casual shop-talk."
"And that was just fine by him," Canseco said. "I've been playing well the last couple of weeks. I'm excited to get the year started with a couple of home runs."
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Honolul U. -- Peyton Manning was still at the peak of his game in the Pro Bowl, and Michael Vick showed he's only beginning the climb.
Manning threw three touchdown passes to extend his career record in the NFL all-star game, while Vick led the NFC to 17 points in a second-half comeback that fell short in the AFC's 38-27 victory Sunday.
Pittsburgh's Hines Ward caught a touchdown pass and returned an onside kick for a score, and three Chargers stars led the clinching TD drive in the fourth quarter of the AFC's seventh victory in nine meetings.
Manning, the regular-season MVP after breaking Dan Marino's NFL record with 49 touchdown passes, completed just six passes for 130 yards. But three were spectacular scoring tosses, and the Colts quarterback was named the MVP in his fifth trip to the Pro Bowl.
The game didn't quite have the offensive fireworks of last season's 107-point marathon, but Manning and Vick thrilled the 66,891 straight sellout crowd at Aloha Stadium with a doozy of their strengths: Manning's expert throws and the offensive fireworks of last year's NFC. Vick was 14-of-24 for 205 yards and a score, simulating a few sacks along the way.
The NFC got within 31-27 on David Akers' field goal, but the AFC's San Diego connection took over. Drew Brees hit Gates for a 33-yard gain on a flea-flicker play selected by fans in an online vote, and LaDainian Tomlinson finished the drive with a 4-yard TD run with 5:15 to play.
Harrison scored on a 62-yard pass from his Indianapolis teammate in the first quarter, tying Jimmy Smith's career record with his fifth Pro Bowl touchdown.
Vick went 4-of-4 and hit Terry Holt for a 27-yard touchdown pass in the first series of his first Pro Bowl appearance.
Vick, a four-year veteran, had to drop out of the 2003 game with an injury.
Associated Press
Lefty wins again at Pebble Beach Pro-Am
Associated Press
PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. -- Phil Mickelson took all the thrills out of Pebble Beach, and he left a little extra.
Despite back-to-back bogeys that gave the final round Sunday about five minutes of intrigue, Mickelson won the second straight week by closing with a 1-over 73 to become the first wire-to-wire winner of the 66-year history of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.
The only thing he didn't do on a cold, damp day along the Pacific was set the tournament scoring record. Mickelson finished at 19-under 269, missing by one shot the record set seven years earlier by Mark O'Meara.
Still, it was first time in his career he had won in consecutive weeks. Even more alarming is the margin of victory, especially for a g who usually keeps it entertaining to the very end.
He shot his way to five shots last week in Phoenix. He wound up winning Pebble by four shots over Mike Weir. Going into this year, Mickelson had won four of his previous eight PGA Tour events by a combined nine shots, three of those in playoffs.
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**Jazz's Malone retires after 19 years and no ring**

**Associated Press**

SALT LAKE CITY — As much as Karl Malone wanted to win an NBA title, he just didn't have the desire to play a 20th season.

Malone officially announced his retirement Sunday, ending his career where it started when the Utah Jazz selected him with the 13th pick in the 1985 draft.

"Even though I left for a year, I grew here as a Jazz man," Malone said at a news conference at the Delta Center. "I'm fortunate enough to go into the Hall of Fame, I will go as a Jazz man."

The 41-year-old finishes second on the NBA's career scoring list with 36,928 points, just 3,459 behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Malone met with the San Antonio Spurs last week and was considering a return, hoping for one more chance at a championship ring, but he decided that mentally he couldn't play at the level that made him one of the best ever in the league.

Malone had knee surgery last summer and said he was fully recovered from the injury that forced him to miss half of last season. But his mind wasn't up to returning to basketball.

"When I got on that plane, I knew I was done. That it was time," Malone said. "I looked at basketball as 100 percent physically and 100 percent mentally. And if I can't bring you 100 percent, from me, I can't bring you anything."

Malone said he wanted to keep from getting too emotional, and he succeeded — even when recalling Utah's glory days of the 1990s. Sitting on platform with his wife, Kay, Jazz owner Larry Miller and coach Jerry Sloan, Malone thanked the Jazz for picking him after 12 teams had passed.

Malone was the league's MVP in 1997 and '98. One of the most durable players ever, Malone is also second only to Abdul-Jabbar's 57,446 minutes played with 54,832. Malone's 14,968 rebounds rank him sixth all time and he also was a 14-time All-Star selection, winning the game MVP in 1989 and sharing it with longtime teammate John Stockton in 1993.

"I had great players in Karl Malone and John Stockton, so I was very lucky," Sloan said. "I said all along when I had them. You don't find this every day. And you know what? There was a great deal of jealousy that people had of those guys because of that."

**IN BRIEF**

Safina downs No. 2 seed Mauresmo to win Open

PARIS — Dinara Safina of Russia beat second-seeded Amelie Mauresmo of France 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 to win the Open Gaz de France on Sunday.

Safina, the sister of two-time Grand Slam winner Marat Safin, clinched her third WTA career title following wins at Palermo in 2003 and Sopot in 2002.

Mauresmo, who won here in 2001, finished second for the third time.

"She took her chances and was more solid than me," Mauresmo said. "I had a lot of chances to break in the first set but she finished by coming out on top. I didn't play my best, but that's the way it goes."

Down 2-1 in the final set, Mauresmo saved one break point with a booming serve but then hit a wild forehand long. Safina won the game, then won 5-3.

Mauresmo rallied, breaking Safina and holding easily to get to 5-3. But Safina went ahead 40-15 serving for the match, and clinched the championship with an overhead smash.

Mauresmo was unable to return.

Gaudio beats Puerta in all-Argentine final

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Second-seeded Gaston Gaudio beat wild card Mariano Puerta 6-4, 6-4 in an all-Argentine final at the ATP Buenos Aires Open on Sunday.

Gaudio, the 2004 French Open winner, waited for his chances and got the only service break of the first set in the fifth game to take a 3-2 lead. He kept that lead to take the first set as a sold-out crowd of 6,500 packed the stands at center court.

The second set featured long, thrilling rallies and evenly matched play. Though a tireless Gaudio made more mistakes, his well-placed forehand shots and serve made the difference.

"I was very tired in the second set but perhaps my greater experience and having more confidence enabled me to win this even match," said Gaudio, who has been playing daily for the last two weeks. "I've been playing with a lot more confidence every time since winning Roland Garros."

**White Sox trade Escobar for Owens from the Nationals**

WASHINGTON — The Washington Nationals acquired outfielder Alex Escobar from the Chicago White Sox on Sunday in exchange for minor league outfielder Jerry Owens.

A former top prospect for the New York Mets, the 26-year-old Escobar's career has been slowed by injuries. He has a .229 average with nine home runs and 34 RBIs in 92 games with the Mets and Cleveland Indians.

Escobar missed the 2002 season with a torn knee ligament, and played in 46 games for Cleveland last year before his season was cut short by a stress fracture in his right foot. He was claimed off waivers by the White Sox in August and was immediately placed on the 15-Day disabled list.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Team loses one set and shuts out Boston College

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Assistant Sports Editor

The No. 21 Irish lost just one set against Boston College en route to a 7-0 lashing of the No. 60 Golden Eagles. With the victory, Notre Dame has put itself in excellent position to clinch No. 1 at the Big East tournament in Tampa on April 21-23. Boston College is the only Big East team besides Notre Dame currently ranked in the national rankings.

In doubles, Notre Dame got 8-4 wins from its No. 1 and No. 3 pairings and a 8-2 victory at the No. 2 position to give the Irish the doubles point. Lauren Connelly and Brook Buck defeated Lindsay Nash and Gia Nafarette at the No. 2 position, improving their team-best doubles record to 16-4.

At No. 3, Sarah Jane Connelly and Kristina Stastny had no trouble with Boston College’s Caitlin Arnold and Mergan Lanides, and Notre Dame’s top doubles team of Catrina and Christian Thompson dispatched Salvia Szegedi and Nida Waseem.

The Irish were equally impressive in singles competition with Catrina Thompson knocking off Szegedi 6-3, 1-0 at No. 1 in a match that was shortened when Szegedi retired with an injury. At No. 2, Buck defeated Waseem 6-1, 6-2, and Christian Thompson disposed of Nash by a score of 6-2, 6-0 at the No. 3 position.

At No. 4, Lauren Connelly and Landes had the most competitive match, with Connelly winning 6-0, 4-6, 1-0 (13-11) to improve her match deuce record to 5-0. Stastny knocked off Amy Molen 6-3, 6-0 at No. 5, and Liz Domonkos defeated Nafarette 6-1, 6-2 to close out the victory at the No. 6 position.

With the shutout victory, the Irish improved their all-time record against Boston College to 11-0. Notre Dame returns home Friday to face No. 6 Duke at 3:30 p.m.

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WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD

Irish finish fourth of six teams at Windsor

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Mission accomplished.

Two simple words that describe the results for the Notre Dame women’s track team at this weekend’s Windsor Team Challenge in Windsor, Ontario. A partial squad of Irish runners finished fourth out of six teams, but achieved its meet goal by qualifying two runners for next weekend’s Big East Championships. Freshmen Becky Antas and Rachel Heneghan both qualified for by running sub 3-minute times in the 1,000 meters.

In addition to qualifying runners for the Big East meet, the Irish also focused on getting their sprinters experience on the short, 200-meter track. The athletes responded with several standout performances. Maryann Erigha won the 60-meter dash in 7.53 seconds, and teammates Brianna Davis and Dominique Manning were close behind in second and fourth respectively.

Erigha also won the 300, while Okechi Ogbookiri finished second.

Tiffany Gunn notched another victory for the Irish in the 600 meters, with freshman Crista Swayzer finishing third.

Notre Dame did not send any distance runners who had previously notched Big East qualifying times, nor did they send any relay teams or field athletes to the meet. The coaching staff chose to leave these athletes behind to allow them to rest for next weekend.

In a field that featured four Canadian schools, and the University of Detroit Mercy, the level of competition was much less than the Irish expected at the Big East meet. Coach Tim Connelly did not seem concerned.

“It was a very low-key environment, a very relaxed atmosphere,” Connelly said. “Sometimes that is good to have before entering meets where the competition is going to be heated and everyone is tense.”

Competition is expected to be fierce Friday and Saturday in Syracuse, N.Y. for the conference meet.

The Irish are confident going into the Big East finals, despite the fact that they have not won the championship since 2002.

Connelly was pleased with his team’s final tune up this weekend and can now turn his attention to the Big East.

“We got done what we set out to do,” Connelly said. “Now it’s on to the conference meet.”

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Irish runner Dominique Manning competes in the 60-meter hurdles at the Meyo Invitational Feb. 8. Manning finished fourth in the 60-meter dash at the Windsor Team Challenge this weekend.

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In a season that has been frustrating to say the least, the Irish found new ways to lose this weekend, dropping two games to Ferris State by scores of 4-3 Friday and 4-2 Saturday.

A shorthanded goal with under a minute left in the third period proved to be the difference Friday night, and the Bulldogs’ four-goal second period Saturday night moved Notre Dame’s winless streak to 13 games.

“To give up the winning goal shorthanded in the last minute, I can’t really explain that,” Irish coach Dave Poulin said following Friday’s game.

Friday night started off as usual for the Irish, as they got down 1-0 early on a shorthanded goal. Following a Notre Dame turnover, Legue took control of the puck, cut across the ice from the right circle and scored on Irish goalie Morgan Cey for his 18th goal of the season for the first time in 11:11 of the period.

Ferris State extended its lead to two goals at 13:30, when Jim Kergosen took a pass from Greg Radl and beat Cey with a back-handed shot in close.

Notre Dame responded at 16:15 when Mark Van Guilder deflected an Evan Rankin pass into the net to cut the lead to 2-1.

The Bulldogs scored quickly to open the second period on a Derek Babin goal at 3:52, and the Irish could not get back on defense.

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

Friday night’s game was just another in a season that has been frustrating to say the least, the Irish were still able to clear the puck during a penalty kill stemming from a Rankin holding call.

Ferris State kept the puck in the Irish end, but could not generate a quality scoring chance.

Then, in time for the power play, the Irish were able to clear the puck and a short time later Poulin called his team’s only timeout so that each line could get a breather.

The hockey gods finally seemed to shine on Notre Dame following the timeout, as Ferris State forward Derek Nesbitt was whistled for hooking at 17:41, giving the Irish a 5-on-3 advantage.

But things started to go wrong for the Irish from the very beginning.

Forward Mike Walsh jammed his finger against the boards and had to stay on the bench, then forward Mark Van Guilder had trouble with his skate and had to retreat to the bench to re-lace it.

In a season that has been frustrating to say the least, the Irish were still able to get several chances on Bulldog goalie Derek MacIntyre. But none of those chances were as close as when Irish forward Evan Rankin managed to get off a hard shot from the right circle that MacIntyre was able to stop.

Focused entirely on getting the go-ahead goal and their 1st win in 13 games, the Irish weren’t able to get back in time after Ferris State’s Adam Welch took the puck down the ice on a 3-on-2 rush.

For Irish fans who have watched this team all season, what happened next shouldn’t have been a surprise.

Poulin skated down the left side and made a quick pass across the ice to Matt Verdone, who broke the hearts of the Notre Dame faithful with a quick wrist shot that beat Cey with just 53 seconds left in the game.

“The only thing missing from this season is a black cat running across the ice during an intermission. The latest episode in a string of snake-bitten year to date happened Friday night in the first period,” Poulin said. “The team was able to come back from a 3-1 deficit, but once again, as has happened 21 times already this season, the Irish ended up in the losing column.

Following the game, Poulin was speechless as he tried to explain what had just happened to his team.

A shorthanded goal with less than a minute left just can’t explain that,” he said.

This time last year, the Irish were getting excited about the prospects of making the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history. Now, the Irish must avoid finishing the year with the worst record in the program’s history.

But now that something’s happened...
**Men's Tennis**

**Team picks up two much-needed wins**

By KATE GALE
Sports Writer

After a brief setback last weekend, the Irish got back on track with a pair of 7-0 victories against Marquette and the University of Indianapolis this weekend. Marquette, who will join the Big East Conference next year, put up a solid fight in doubles but fell to an Irish squad eager to improve to 7-2.

The No. 29 Irish then toppled Division-II University of Indianapolis with ease to improve to 8-2 as the team prepares to face No. 39 Northwestern Friday.

"These were matches that I felt we were favorites in," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We needed to play up to our capabilities and I think we did that."

The doubleheader allowed Bayliss to manipulate the lineup and the players' positions.

"The second match was one in which we were able to get some of the guys into the lineup who hadn't had much chance to play, and that's always rewarding," he said.

Against Marquette, the Irish performed even better, not losing a single set to the Greyhounds. In doubles, D'Amico and Keckley raced off the courts with an 8-1 win, and Brandon Pierpont and Yuichi Uda posted an 8-1 win at No. 3 to clinch the point for the Irish. Captain Nick Chimerakis and Peter Langenkamp, playing at No. 2, recorded an 8-2 victory to seal the deal for the Irish.

With singles, King followed off the courts with a 6-2, 6-0 win at No. 2. He was followed by Keckley at No. 5, who won 6-0, 6-1. The match was clinched by Jakub Jedrzkowiak, who won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4.

Defending at No. 3 for the first time in his career, Parbhoo won 6-1, 6-1, and Langenkamp won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 6.

Bass returned to the No. 1 spot, winning 6-2, 6-2.

Although the wins are for the Irish record, Bayliss is careful to keep the victories in perspective.

"When the team has no cause to just jump up and down, I don't think they should be doing it," he said. "From here on in, it's tough sledding."

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**Fencing**

**Irish shine at Duke Duals**

Both squads finish competition with 4-0 records

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

As the regular season comes to a close, the Irish are in a strong position for both postseason competition and in their own history books.

The Notre Dame men's and women's squads, ranked No. 4 and No. 2 respectively, both concluded their regular seasons with 4-0 records at the Duke Duals over the weekend.

Coach Janusz Bednarski was pleased in the performances of his teams.

"We did pretty well in the competition," he said. "My feeling is that we had a good tournament."

After defeating Johns Hopkins 20-7 and Duke, North Carolina and Air Force all by a score of 21-6, the Irish put up a solid shape heading into the postseason, finishing with a regular season record of 27-3.

The men were led by three-time All-American senior epeeist Michal Sobieraj and freshman Greg Howard, who won 10-2 and 11-1, respectively. Sobieraj finished the season with a record of 6-0-4, the third most wins ever by a men's fencer and the most by an epeeist. His career 936 winning percentage is also tops for an epeeist, and his 176-12 career record is second among epeeists and seventh in all weapons.

Despite their accomplishments, Bednarski anticipates Sobieraj and other decorated senior fencers are still hungry.

"I hope they will go on to medals at the NCAA Championships and did not finish the season already," he said.

While the men's epee unit led all weapons with a 29-7 record, the foil and sabre also competed well, compiling respective records of 28-8 and 26-10.

Freshman Jakub Jedrzkowiak led the foilists with a perfect 12-0 record, while sophomore All-American Patrick Ghattas matched his record to head the sabre attack.

Throughout the season, the Irish dominated opponents in all three weapons. Behind Sobieraj, the epeeists were a perfect 24-0, while the sabers went 28-4 and the foilists ended the season at 17-7.

The Notre Dame women were equally successful in Durham, defeating North Carolina 21-6 and Johns Hopkins 26-1, while triumphing over Duke and Air Force by scores of 16-11 and 22-5 respectively. These scores were especially impressive considering the Irish were without three of their top fencers, as All-American sabre epeeist Amy Orlando, freshman sabre Marial Zaganis missed the event to compete in an international qualifying event and senior foilist and three-time champion Alicja Kryczalo also did not compete.

In fact, in an effort to begin preparing for next season, Bednarski allowed many back-ups to see action this weekend.

"My thinking was a little risky," he said. "I didn't want to lose the position of the team, which is strong, but I wanted to give kids a chance to think that they can replace our seniors," he said.

Three time All-American senior foilist Andrea Ament and fifth-year epeeist Kerry Walton both went undefeated at Duke, adding 12 wins to their already impressive totals. Sophomore sabre and 2004 NCAA champion Valerie Providenza and freshman foilist Melanie Bastian both bowed out of the tournament, finishing closely at 11-11. Walton's record of 175-28 is fourth all-time among women's epeeists and 11th in all weapons for most career wins, and Kryczalo's 931 winning percentage is 3rd highest all-time in Notre Dame women's fencing.

On the season, the foilists were an undefeated 24-0, while both the sabers and epeeists amassed 20-4 records.

With all that the Irish have behind them, Bednarski noted that the most important part of the season is still ahead.

"We have strong opponents, some very good, high class fencers coming up at the NCAA," he said. "It will not be easy."
Laing and led the game. 

Laing continued to be the spark for the Irish offense in the fifth inning. She once again led off with a double, and moved to third with a second sacrifice by Hufnagle. With a single up the middle by Schoonnaert, Laing scored and put the Irish ahead for good. Ciolli's RBI single later in the inning to score Schoonnaert would prove to be the game winner. Florida would come within a run when an allowed an RBI double in the sixth, but her consecutive strikeouts to end the inning and a second RBI by Gessica Hufnagle sealed the victory for the Irish.

The win against No. 19 Florida was the first time since 2000 Notre Dame had recorded two consecutive wins against ranked opponents. The Irish got their first victory over a ranked opponent, and their trip to the title game, after beating No. 21 South Florida 5-1 the day before.

After losing to both Florida and South Florida on Friday, the Irish were able to average three losses and leave Gainesville with a strong performance and a balanced lineup.

The key to both victories was strong pitching. Stephanie Stenglein, rebounding from a loss on the first day of the tournament, turned in a dominating performance, recording three hits and striking out 10 while giving up only one run to the gators.

Stenglein got plenty of support from her offense, which had seven hits, a vast improvement from the previous night, when the team was held to only one. The leader of the Notre Dame attack was junior Kelli Middleton, who doubled to the left-center gap and scored while striking out two.

South Florida 5, Notre Dame 0

The Irish opened up their season with a complete dominating performance, dropping the first game of the tournament despite outplaying Florida. 4-3. Stephanie Stenglein pitched 6.1 innings, giving up three runs and allowing three hits and four walks while striking out seven.

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Friday, Nowak once again shined for the Belles as she added the 100-yard breaststroke in second place with a time of 1:08. But in the 800-yard freestyle relay, the Belles could not place any higher than fifth. Saint Mary's totalled 106 points going into the final day of the MIAA tournament, only five points ahead of last-place Alma.

Saturday offered little for the Belles to celebrate and concluded in much the same way as the previous two days had for the team. Nowak was once again outstanding, as she saved her best for the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:28.

In the meet's finale, the 400-yard freestyle relay, arguably Saint Mary's strongest event throughout the season, the team of Kelly Nells, Nicole Kort, Bridge Green and Nowak finished in fifth place. The team concluded the event with a time of 3:30.

The Belles' struggles on day three were enough for Alma to overtake them for sixth, leaving Saint Mary's in last place.

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The Belles concluded league action with a final record of 1-5, placing them in sixth place in the conference.

For the Belles, they are graduating only two seniors this year in swimmers Ashley Dyer and Michelle Sandfor. Next year, the young team will look to improve upon this season's strengths and weaknesses and hope to come out strong in their first season of competition to capturing an MIAA title.

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Smokers end lackluster season on a sour note

Swimmers come in last place at MIAA Championships

By JUSTIN STETZ

Sport Writer

The Saint Mary's swimming team competed in the three-day MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships over the weekend. The Belles finished in last place out of the seven participants, amassing only 141 total points.

On Thursday, the Belles finished in fifth place in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1 minute, 43 seconds, Saint Mary's missed capturing fourth place by 12 hundredths of a second.

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"That creates so many more opportunities for us."

As the Scots were climbing on the game clock, Kessler
combined defense and offense, stripping Dennis Tim
Philp at one end and hitting a 3-pointer on the other end to
give Saint Mary’s its first lead.

Yet, though, Alma regained the lead when Alisha
Borcherding made her forth until the Belles, down by
on the team’s ensuing pos-

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the Scots into the bonus. With
having to foul twice to force
throw and cutting the deficit
point lead.

remaining to give Alma a four-
half, Scot star Katey Peacock
reach-in foul on Saint Mary’s
one, turned the ball over with
remaining.

the game at 65 with 42 seconds

Bort led the Irish in that
performance of the season, and the

one and one-to-one to give
the Scots a two-point lead.

When she missed the sec-
ond, Katie Boyle grabbed the
rebound, ran down court and


Alma 52, SAINT MARY’S 51

SAINT MARY’S (9-14, 4-10)
Crowley 3-10 6-6 12, K. Boyle 2-5 0-0 4, Lake 1-9 0-2, B. Boyle 3-11 2-3 11, Kessler 2-3 8-9 10, Malley 1-2 0-2 2. Mullen 0-2 3-3 3.

ALMA (9-10, 10-10)
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we should have put them away." But Notre Dame didn’t, and
the Hoyas went on a 12-4 run to
end the half, including a half-
court 3-pointer by guard Kristen
Heidloff that put the lead in 32-
26 as time expired in the first half.

"Once we got the big lead we
sort of stopped focusing," senior
forward Jacqueline Borton said.
"We were making big men-
tal mistakes and giving them
leaps, and we turned the ball
during that period and let them
get back in the game.

Halftime didn’t put an end to
Georgetown’s hot streak. By
Mary Lisicky, who had seven of
her 16 points in a 17-9 stretch at
the start of the second half, the Hoyas
went on a 15-8 run and
cut Notre Dame’s lead to 45.41.

Borton said, "I was thinking,
‘we have to keep doing what
we have to do.’"

But Notre Dame didn’t,
and I’m more happy with the
22-3 record that we have," she said.
"As a team we’re doing things
that we weren’t doing during
the whole season."

The game marks the ninth
this season four players have scored in double digits as
Borton and Bort were joined by junior guard Megan Duffy
and freshman guard Charle
Boehm, who had 17 and 14
points, respectively.

Ultimately, Borton noted, the
Irish had to play more consis-
tently from beginning to end.

"We can’t keep opening the
door and letting these oppo-
ite points and seven rebounds, led
the Irish effort in the second
half, helping the team rebuild
the lead to a comfortable margin by scoring 12 second-half points.

Saturday’s game was
Bort’s 10th 20-point per-
formance of the season, and the
31st of her career. Borton also
had 10 rebounds and seven
assists.

The Irish will be back in
action Tuesday at No. 19 Boston College.

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Mixed results

No. 18 Pittsburgh staves off Irish run down the stretch

By PAT LEONARD
Assistant Sports Editor

Chris Quinn and Chris Thomas combined for 41 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds Saturday afternoon, but it was Pittsburgh's star point guard who had the final say on his home court.

Carl Krauser sank a runner in the lane with nine seconds left, and the Panthers (14-7, 6-5) at the Petersen Events Center, 68-66.

Krauser, who finished with 16 points on 6-of-14 shooting, scored six of his team's last eight points. With the loss, Notre Dame fell for the second time in its final contest of a four-game slate against ranked opponents. Quinn (10-of-13) and Thomas (6-of-12) carried the Irish all afternoon with solid field goal shooting, also combining to make 9-of-11 shots from behind the arc.

Teresa Borton scores two of her 14 points en route to a win over Georgetown. After losing in initial two games, ND wins three straight

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

The beginning was promising and the final result was as expected, but in between No. 6 Notre Dame left much to be desired.

Despite never trailing in a game they eventually won 72-58, the Irish, who improved their respective Big East and overall records to 10-1 and 22-3, struggled to put away unheralded Georgetown.

Notre Dame started the game in encouraging fashion, shooting 57.1 percent from the field in the first half and dominating the Hoyas at the outset. Behind a strong early inside effort from senior center Teresa Borton, who had 10 of her 14 points in the first half.

I was happy with the way the game started," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought we'd put the ball to Bush and Creachbaum in the paint. "It's always our focus to get the ball down low," she said.

SMC BASKETBALL
Scots beat Belles at SMC in final seconds

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

The last time St. Mary's met Alma, Bridget Boyce hit a buzzer-beating jumper to send the game into overtime, where the Belles would eventually fall to the Scots.

Saturday, it was déjà vu as her sister Katie Boyce was the one taking the last-second shot to save the Belles.

This time there would be no buzzer-beater as Saint Mary's fell for the second time in six minutes.

On the offensive side, Bridget Boyce, Alison Kessler and Maureen Bush led the comeback, scoring eight, seven and six points, respectively, in the second half.

For the game, Emily Creachbaum, Bush and Katie Boyce each grabbed nine boards, and the team combined to pull down 14 offensive rebounds. The solid work on the offensive glass created many second chances for the offense, which helped diminish the impact of the Belles' 29.5-percent shooting.

Bush led the team in scoring with 12, and Creachbaum added nine points and one block.

According to Kessler, the guards were looking to pass the ball to Bush and Creachbaum in the paint.

"It's always our focus to get the ball down low," she said.

ND SOFTBALL
Irish take GRU Classic tournament

After losing initial two games, ND wins three straight

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

It's not how you start, it's how you finish — those are words that have a whole new meaning to Notre Dame after the team rebounded from two opening-round tournament losses this weekend to win three straight games and the Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Classic title.

Behind a strong pitching performance by junior Heather Booth and a season-high nine hits for the offense, the Irish gave No. 19 Florida its first loss of the season in a 4-2 victory that completed an impressive turnaround and put the team back on track for the 2005 season.

Sara Schoonaert hits a single Apr. 6 last season against Purdue. Schoonaert went 2-for-2 with a stolen base and an RBI in Sunday's GRU Classic championship game.

Borton leads ND to 14-point home win over Georgetown

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Purdue. Schoonaert went 2-for-2 with a stolen base and an RBI in Sunday's GRU Classic championship game.