Jenkins says events conflict with values

Notre Dame shouldn't sponsor 'Monologues,' president believes

By MARY KATE MALONE

University President Father John Jenkins delivered a firm yet open-ended statement to faculty Monday about the integration of academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame, calling the University's sponsorship of events inconsistent with Catholic teaching "problematic" while asking for continued dialogue before he announces a formal policy.

Jenkins said events sponsored by the University or one of its units, including academic departments, that are deemed to conflict or appear to conflict with Catholic values "should not be allowed at Notre Dame," making clear his opposition to the sexually explicit anti-violence play "The Vagina Monologues." Monday's speech was the first of three addresses the first-year University president scheduled for this week aimed at soliciting feedback from faculty, students and alumni about striking the correct balance between academic freedom and Catholic identity.

"While any restriction on expression must be reluctant and restrained, I believe that, in some situations, given the distinctive character and aspirations of Notre Dame, it may be necessary to establish certain boundaries, while defending the appropriate exercise of academic freedom," Jenkins said.

Passing only for brief sips of water during the 50-minute speech to a nearly full DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, Jenkins was steady and straightforward as he spoke candidly about the campus presents of "The Vagina Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival — events entered their third and fifth years at Notre Dame, respectively — in the context of academic freedom.

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"I'm sure the most important thing to the Notre Dame community is to maintain both the Catholic character of Notre Dame and the academic freedom necessarily cultivate a healthy University environment, faculty members took advantage of the post-speech formal question-and-answer session as well as time set aside for more personal discussion during the post-address reception to raise concerns about the more controversial elements of Jenkins' statement.

"Sexuality was the watchword of the evening, with "The Vagina Monologues" an explicit play that's been a point of fierce debate since its arrival on campus four years ago — taking the prominent place of discussion after Jenkins' assertion that he believed that the "Vagina Monologues," a play performed at Notre Dame, was not fake.

"The calls are going well," Crnkovich said Monday. "The majority of them this morning, interestingly enough, were people confirming that it was real and that it wasn't a hoax. It's been pretty positive so far. So we hope it stays that way." She also said that the University has had no convincing negative phone calls from donors who are upset to the point of threatening to cancel their donations after Jenkins' assertion that he believed that the "Vagina Monologues," a play performed at Notre Dame, was not fake.

"To the best of my knowledge, we have had no real
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81 and (far from) done

There's nothing wrong with 81. Kobe's performance Sunday night was a bold statement, not just that he deserves to be the MVP of the NBA, but that the Kobe Bryant of old is gone for good and it doesn't matter whether you like it or not. And that's precisely why he won't get the credit he deserves: he's not the old Kobe, and he's just not very likeable.

He came into the league an introverted 17-year-old who spoke fluent Italian and showed flashes of brilliance, making his first All-Star team just two years later and later winning three championships for the Lakers. But times change. Bitter feuds with Shaq and Phil eventually sent both O'Neal and the coach packing, and just when the questions about his inability to be a team player were at their peak, the Eagle, Cole, sex scandal surfaced. After that tearful apology to his wife on national television failed to restore his perfect image, he never did.

LeBron James has usurped the title of "the next Michael Jordan," as well as the endorsement deals with Nike, Sprite and Upper Deck. Kobe is no longer the NBA's favorite son, but he has embraced his new image, showing up to camp this year with some of "the next Michael Jordan," as well as his new nickname: the Black Mamba.

No matter what Bryant accomplishes, he will always have his critics. "He's selfish," "he's too much trouble," they say. But they've left one thing — he's amazing.

There's nothing bad you can say about his play. He's a classic example of a good player on a bad team. And this bad team is winning — all because of him.

Kobe is showing once again that it's best to do just what the rest of his peers are doing: sit back, relax, and enjoy. It's the best way to do what the rest of the Lakers are doing: sit back, relax, and enjoy.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Jan. 23 edition of The Observer, an article incorrectly said the anthropology department would not be offering the class "Cultural Difference and Social Change" due to lack of enough interest. The department does have interest from professors and plans to offer the course in the fall.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECURITY BREACH?

Tamara LeVan, senior McClain

"I'm not making enough money to be donating, so I'm not worried."

Theresa Keeley, sophomore PE

"No, I think my information is safe."

Donny Tillotson, junior Stanford

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Kristin Aland, junior off-campus

"No, my wireless network name is Chuck Norris, and he'll roundhouse kick anyone who tries to hack in."

Corey Arvin, freshman Morrissey

"No, because I haven't donated."

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IN BRIEF

University President Father John Jenkins will be giving his Academic Freedom and Catholic Character address and discussion for students today at 12:30 p.m. in Washington Hall.

There will be a blood drive today from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in Rolfs Sports RecCenter. Call 631-6100 to register.

The band Nice Save! will be performing live at Corby's on Friday at 10:30 p.m.

"Poet's y Pentores: Artists Conversing with Verse" art exhibit will open Friday, Jan. 27 in Moreau Art Galleries at Saint Mary's College.

Welsh Family Hall Dance Show presents: "Game Faces" this Friday, Jan. 27 and Saturday, Jan. 28 at Washington Hall. Tickets are $4 and can be purchased at LaFonroe Box Office or at the door. Profits benefit Hannah and Friends.

Author Kirsten Sandberg Lunsford will be giving a reading from her debut book of collection of stories, This Life She's Chosen, on Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in South Dining Hall's Hospitality Room. The event is free and open to the public.

Three panelists will address the question: "Iraq: What now?" in a discussion at 4:15 p.m. Jan. 31 in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer5nd.edu

OFFBEAT

Lassie reportedly helps rescue farmer, 90

SYDNEY, Australia — In a case of imitation fiction, a 13-month-old cattle dog named "Lassie" helped to rescue its injured master after he fell from a horse in eastern Australia, a media report said Tuesday.

George Crawther, a 90-year-old farmer from Queensland state, broke his pelvis when he was pitched from a bucking horse and his foot became caught in the reins, the Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported. Crawther's dog, Lassie, came to the rescue, snuggling in next to Crawther to keep him warm.

When darkness fell, Crawther's wife came searching in the woods with a flashlight, but couldn't hear his feeble cries.

"The dog ran to her and she said 'Where's George?'" Crawther said. "And Lassie toddled off, leading my wife to where I was. And the rest, of course, is history.

City offers new computers for old guns

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans are being invited to exchange their old weapons for computers under a quirky new idea to curb rampant crime in Mexico City.

Authorities in one of the city's 16 districts are offering a new computer, out of 150 donated by a charitable foundation, for each gun handed in.

"People often have a gun at home, which could perhaps be for self-defense, but sadly it becomes a family tragedy when it is not used properly," said Guadalupe Lopez, local government head for the central district of Alvaro Obregon.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Saint Mary's President Carol Mooney shares slides and memories of her trip to LeMans, France in June of last summer as part of the College's first day of Heritage Week, which began Monday. Mooney joined an international group of 42 Holy Cross religious and five lay people to learn the history and visit the birthplace of the Holy Cross order.

French President Chirac also attended the race, which the drivers of the Audi car, a German team, won.

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Student government goal actualized; U.S. circuit judge to discuss religion in the judiciary

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

After student government's long struggle to launch the Catholic Think Tank of America Lecture Series, the program's first speaker will cement Notre Dame's reputation as a forum for Catholic thought today.

The series, intended to bring direct discussion to students about religious and spiritual issues and their relation to practical areas of life, will feature prominent Catholics from across the faith's spectrum — as well as some non-Catholics — discussing aspects of spiritual life.

Honorable William Pryor, Jr., a U.S. Circuit Judge of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, will give the inaugural lecture at 4 p.m. today for the Federalist Society at the Notre Dame Law School. He will speak Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium, focusing on Catholicism and war.

The Catholic Think Tank of America originated last year during the campaign of student body president Dave Biron and vice president Lizzi Shappell. While the program has grown slowly, Chief Executive Assistant for Student Government Elizabeth Kozlow said not having speakers on campus until the spring 2006 semester was a small price to pay for the quality product that ensued.

"We wanted this series to be comprised of quality as well as quantity," Kozlow said.

"We had to work with each speaker's opportunities to come to campus and speak at a suitable time." Kozlow said one of the first challenges student government faced was finding those suitable speakers.

"In looking at speakers, we thought of issues that are relevant and timely for the discussion," Kozlow said. "Judge Pryor and Bishop Gumbleton both possess a unique perspective on separate issues that will significantly add to each discussion." Kozlow also said student government hopes the speakers it chose will raise awareness about their respective issues and spark further debate on campus.

While programming is not considered to be the main focus of student government, Kozlow said this project is unique and extremely beneficial to students, as it requires students to relate to scholarly thought and significant topics outside the classroom.

"Discussing these issues and bringing in important speakers is extremely rewarding," she said. "Aspects of spiritual life that unite all of us have been viewed by the intruder. The University has also trained individuals to address concerns posed by donors whose information may have been viewed by the intruder.

"We have a number of people who work in the development office trained to talk with the people who could potentially have been affected," Crnkovich said.
the discursive behavior of Notre Dame students and points out what student body president Matt Guzman considers "contradictory" elements of the ordinance.

"The resolution ... recognizes the space between the community as a whole and the student body [and] recognizes that these issues were dealt with," Guzman said. "We can take a proactive role.

The resolution said the Public Nuisance Ordinance should be amended so it could be consistent with its original intent — that eviction proceedings take place only after an initial "Notice to Abate" letter fails to change the behavior of the admonished tenant.

Guzman and Baron's intention for the resolution was to go in front of the city — and strides were made to realize that specific goal at Monday's COR meeting.

Baron suggested the resolution be brought up at the Feb. 27 South Bend Common Council meeting by COR representatives, who will such — by virtue of Council practices and policies — have three minutes to speak freely at meeting's conclusion.

The central goals of a Notre Dame presence are to "talk about eviction proceedings as a defense provision" and "increase the scope" of the University's community participation, Baron said.

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Members said speakers at the event should present coherent arguments instead of being redundant. Additionally, members agreed it would be best to approach the meeting with professionalism and tact.

"It is not my intention to spring this on [the council]," Baron said. "I'd like to tell them we're going to come and talk about this on a particular day ... It's prudent and courteous to let them know I think it's our duty to go and present our case."

Members agreed there should be more permanent Notre Dame representation and participation at future Council meetings — an aspiration that might be achieved by student liaisons.

Baron said the issue of off-campus break-ins was also paramount in the struggle to ameliorate Notre Dame's relationship with the South Bend community.

"The mayor's office has approached me and showed signs of its affinity for helping students out," he said. "They want to do something proactive."

But members agreed students must first take an initiative to protect themselves.

Guzman presented two measures that might prevent crimes occurring at student homes off-campus. Project MARC enables students to enter valuables into a South Bend Police Department (SBPD) database so they might be returned following a theft. Students can also partake in the SBPD-run neighborhood watch program led by captains within their respective neighborhoods.

Members lauded the solutions but grappled with how to encourage students to participate.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russia accuses Britain of spying

MOSCOW — Russia's main intelligence agency on Monday accused four British diplomats of spying — using electronic equipment hidden inside a fake rock in a park — as well as funneling funds to non-governamental organizations.

The charges came a day after state television channel Rossiya broadcast footage purportedly showing four British Embassy staff using electronic equipment concealed in the rock in Moscow to receive intelligence from Russian agents.

A prominent rights activist warned the accusations could be used as a pretext to clamp down on Western-funded groups that are critical of the Kremlin.

Sergei Ignatchenko, a spokesman for the Federal Security Service, the main successor to the Soviet-era KGB, said the situation was "very serious," as "a political plot," the RIA-Novosti news agency reported, an apparent indication that the Russian government could freeze their diplomatic status.

Derailed passenger train kills dozens

BIOCE, Serbia-Montenegro — A packed passenger train derailed Monday and plowed off a river canyon outside the Montenegrin capital, killing at least 39 people, more than 135 injured in the late-afternoon crash, among the deadliest European train accidents of the past quarter-century.

The train, which carried dozens of children returning home from a ski vacation, derailed near Buce, a village about nine miles northeast of Podgorica as it emerged from a tunnel above the Moraca River, police said.

NATIONAL NEWS

FDA to consider new obesity pill

WASHINGTON — Fat Americans may be just months away from gaining a new ally in the battle of the bulge.

The fat-blocking pill, already named Alli, is meant to help dieters lose weight, not by burned pounds as part of an overall diet and exercise program.

A panel of experts voted 11-3 late Monday to recommend that the Food and Drug Administration approve it, the fourth obesity pill program as a crucial and legal terror-fighting tool.

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West Virginia passes mining law

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — After 14 coal mining deaths in three weeks, West Virginia lawmakers unanimously passed a bill Monday that would require miners to use electronic devices to track trapped miners and stockpile oxygen to keep them alive until help arrives.

The Senate and House both acted with remarkable haste at the urging of Gov. Joe Manchin, who unveiled the legislation about 11 a.m. and pressed lawmakers to pass it by the end of the day.

LOCAL NEWS

Death row prisoner to die Friday

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Parole Board voted unanimously Monday to recommence the death penalty in the case of Marvin Heighler, the self-professed "King Kong of Kokomo" sentenced to death for the execution-style slayings of a Howard County couple in 1981.

Heighler, 58, is scheduled to be the by lethal injection at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City early Friday.

Bush defends domestic spying

President clarifies plan, terming it a 'terrorist surveillance program'

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — President Bush pushed back Monday at critics of his once-secret domestic spying effort, saying it should be termed a "terrorist surveillance program" and contending it has the backing of legal experts, key lawmakers and the Supreme Court.

Several members of Congress from both parties have questioned whether the warrantless snooping is legal. That is because it bypasses a special federal court that, by law, must authorize eavesdropping on Americans and because the president provided limited notification to only a few lawmakers.

"It's amazing that people say to me, 'Well, he's just breaking the law.' I wanted to break the law, why was I briefing Congress?" asked Bush.

One of those who had been informed, Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., was sitting behind Bush during his appearance at Kansas State University.

Bush's remarks were part of an aggressive administration campaign to defend its four-year-old program as a crucial and legal terror-fighting tool.

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KUWAIT

Emir agrees to abdicate position

Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — Kuwait's ailing emir has agreed to abdicate under pressure from his ruling family, a lawmaker said Monday — paving the way for the prime minister and longtime de facto ruler to take the reins of power.

The meeting came Monday as part of an unprecedented public quelling within the ruling family over who would lead the country, one of Washington's most steadfast allies in the Middle East and a major oil producer, after the death of its longtime leader.

One faction backed the ailing new emir, Sheik Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, and the other — including the Cabinet — supported the prime minister, half-brother to the previous leader, who died Jan. 15.

The two camps met Monday night to try to reach a compromise before a parliament debate Tuesday over whether Sheik Sabah should be elected in favor of the prime minister, Sheik Sabah bin Ahmad Al Sabah.

In announcing the abdication deal, lawmaker Nasser Al-Sabah told The Associated Press "an agreement has been reached in the family and (Sheik Sabah) will sign the abdication papers tomorrow."

It was not known when Sheik Sabah would take the oath as emir.

As prime minister, Sheik Sabah has been running the day-to-day affairs of Kuwait since the longtime ruler, Sheik Jabir Al Ahmed Al Sabah, suffered a brain hemorrhage in 2001, invaded the country in 1990.
Hacker admits using ‘zombie network’

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A 20-year-old hacker admitted Monday to surreptitiously setting control of hundreds of thousands of Internet-connected computers, using the zombie network to serve pop-up ads and renting it to people who mounted attacks on Web sites and sent out spam.

Jason James Ancheta, of Downey, Calif., pleaded guilty in Los Angeles Federal Court to four felony charges for crimes, including infecting machines at two U.S. universities and in Japan with malware that cost him more than $61,000, said federal prosecutor James Aquilina.

Under a plea agreement, which still must be approved by a judge, Ancheta faces up to 6 years in prison and must pay the federal government restitution.

Also will forfeit his profits and a 1993 BMW. Sentencing is May 1.

Prosecutors called the case the first to target profits derived from use of “botnets,” large numbers of computers that hackers commandeered and marshaled for various nefarious deeds, their owners unaware that parasitic programs have been installed.

Botnets are being used increasingly to overwhelm Web sites with streams of data, often by extortionists. They feed off of vulnerabilities in computers that run Microsoft Corp. Windows operating system, typically machines whose owners have haphazardly or even unwittingly been roped into installing security patches.

A November indictment charged Ancheta with 17 counts of conspiracy, fraud and other crimes connected to a 14-month hacking spree that started in June 2004 and that authorities say continued even after FBI agents raided his house the following December.

“Part of what’s most troubling about those who commit these kinds of offenses is they think they’ll never be caught,” said Aquilina, who spent more than a year investigating Ancheta and several of Ancheta’s associates who remain uncharged co-conspirators.

Ancheta’s attorney, federal public defender Greg Wesley, did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.

Ancheta has been in federal custody since his November indictment. He previously worked at an Internet cafe owned by a relative and had hoped to join the military reserves, according to his aunt, Sharon Gregorio. Court documents suggested he was drawn to crime for expensive goods, spending $500 a week on new clothes and new cars and clothes.

The guilty plea comes less than a week after the FBI released a report that estimates viruses, worms and Trojan programs like the ones Ancheta used cost U.S. organizations $11.9 billion each year.

November’s 52-page indictment, along with filed pages of signed plea, offer an unusually detailed glimpse into a shadowy world where hackers, often not even old enough to vote, brag in online forums about groups whose processes in taking over vast numbers of computers and herding them into large armies of robots used to shoot out new viruses and robots and arsenals for so-called denial of service attacks on Web sites.

Congress to combat phone record selling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Disclosures that companies are selling private phone records have lawmakers and federal regulators moving to try to halt the practice.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said in a statement Monday that he will work with the head of the Senate Commerce Committee, Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, on a bill to criminalize the practice.

“Fraudulently obtaining a customer’s cell phone records and selling them over the Internet is wrong and must be stopped,” Frist said.

“Consumers have a right to expect that this information will be kept private, with very limited exceptions.”

Sens. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Bill Nelson, D-Fla., have also introduced a bill outlawing the practice. Similar House legislation is being proposed.

The companies that offer people’s cell and landline records can get the information a few different ways. One method is called “pretexting,” in which data brokers or those working for them call a phone company pretending to be a customer and persuade it to release the information.

“Pretexting for financial data is illegal, but there’s no specific law against pretexting for phone records. The data brokers also can use information from the phone companies to get the records,” the Federal Communications Commission is investigating the online data brokers. The agency has subpoenaed DataFind.org and Locatecell.com for information on how they obtain the phone records. A follow-up letter last week gave the Web sites a week to comply before facing fines of up to $11,000 for each day they are in violation of the citation.

An attorney for Locatecell.com, which is run by a Florida-based company called 1st Source Information Specialists, did not return several phone calls on Monday. A company official with DataFind.org in Tennessee had an unpublished phone number and was not reachable.

Experts say the reach of information one could glean from a person’s phone records is alarming.

“It’s everyonen’s teenage cellphone number, who is mining whom, contacts with reporters for politicians,” said Peter Swire, a law professor at Ohio State University and former Clinton administration privacy official.

What would Captain Planet do? Recycle the Observer!

Coffee and Conversation

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal coffee at the Co-Mo.

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs was established in 1993 to provide a resource for gay, lesbian and bisexual students at the University of Notre Dame. The committee is composed of 40 students and is sponsored by the Bank of America and Ford Motor Company.

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FORD presents restructuring plan

Auto company president Mark Fields aims to restore overall profitability

Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford Motor Co. plans to cut up to 30,000 jobs and shutter 14 plants as it is looking to thin its product lineup to keep its North American auto business back into a profitable venture.

Union leaders called the planned cuts "extremely disappointing." But shares of the nation's second-largest auto maker rose on Monday's news, indicating some investors were pleased with the long-awaited "Way Forward" plan, as well as with a larger-than-aspected $2.3 billion overall profit in the fourth quarter.

Ford shares rose 42 cents, or 5.3 percent, to close at $8.32 on the New York Stock Exchange. The quarter's profits came in large because of the sale of its Hertz Corp. rental division.

Ford, like its larger U.S. counterpart General Motors Corp., is struggling with hefty losses in its North American operations and with shrinking market share, as Asian competitors sell more and more cars.

Ford said the plan will reduce profitability by 2009. But some analysts said the plan was short on details, leaving them uncertain if it would boost Ford profits as the company strives to win back business with aggressive competition, higher gasoline prices, rising costs for labor and raw materials and a junk credit rating.

Ford named only five of the plants it plans to close.

"We've done so by essentially increasing the culture of Ford. Whether it translates into increased profits remains to be seen," said Brian Johnson, an auto analyst with Sanford Bernstein.

The cuts represent up to 25 percent of Ford's North American work force of 122,000 people. Ford has approximately 16,000 salaried workers and 35,000 salaried workers. In addition, Ford plans to cut 12 percent of its corporate officers in the next two months.

Ford's St. Louis plant will be the first plant idled, in the first quarter of this year. A plant near Atlanta will close at the end of this year and a plant in Wixom, Mich., will close in the second quarter of 2007, according to Ford American President Mark Fields, the architect of the plan.

Other plants to be idled and eventually closed through 2008 are Bata New Transmission in Ohio and Windsor Casing in Ontario. Ford will choose later this year two more plants to be idled.

The company also will reduce production in one shaft at St. Thomas assembly plant in Ontario. All of the plant closings and job cuts are scheduled to be completed by 2012.

"These cuts are a painful last resort, and I'm deeply mindful of their impact," Chairman and Chief Executive Bill Ford said in announcing the cuts. "In the long run we will create far more stable and secure jobs. We all have to change and we all have to sacrifice, but I believe this is the path to winning." The states have alleged that the company's business practices were deceptive, leaving some borrowers far less money than they bargained for.

The impacted hourly and salaried workers find themselves facing uncertain futures because of senior management's failure to halt Ford's sliding market share, they said in a statement.

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University President

"I am absolutely committed to Notre Dame's continuing quest to be a truly preeminent university, to be a leader in inquiry and creative expression, to be a place of vibrant debate and intellectual engagement. I am equally committed to maintaining our distinctive Catholic character — indeed, with the other Fellows of the University, I bear a special responsibility in this regard."

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The sponsors of the Vagina Monologues have many laudable goals: that women should be aided to affirm their own bodies, the gift of their sexuality, and their identity as women; that we should form communities and a culture that can support this; and, most pressingly, that we work to eliminate violence against women. I pledge myself to work to advance such goals at Notre Dame. I fail to see, however, how the annual performance of the Vagina Monologues is the appropriate means to these ends.

"I urge everyone to make this a conversation that is characterized by respect for other members of this community, careful listening, thoughtful contributions and argumentation, and an appreciation for the distinctive character of this Catholic university."
American politics has devolved into the art of gaining and maintaining power. The two major political parties cast off ideological beliefs when they appear to be politically damaging and thus run the risk of losing re-election. The recent corruption scandals are indicative of the crumbling ethical foundations that are necessary for the maintenance of a republic. Republicans rely upon the people entrusting statesmen of their choosing to carry out governance for the benefit of the body politic. If the statesmen are not ethical and the people’s trust is misplaced, then the social contract particular to a republic begins to be torn.

Contemporary American events show the bonds of our republic being strained and put to the test. This is not to say America is in danger of abandoning its representational system, but rather that America is in danger of continuing to function as an actual, healthy republic. The largest danger presented is by the role that large-moneyed interests continue to exert upon the state via lobbyists. Lobbying has evolved to the point where influential powerbrokers funnel enormous sums of money to politicians with the understanding that a quid pro quo will follow. Timid politicians, deathly terrified of losing their positions, accept these “campaign contributions” and then proceed to forward the agenda that the particular lobbying group is interested in. The will of the people is bypassed, and government becomes a republic of interests. Powerful interests help to make and break politicians by their contributions; many politicians have decided that their interests seem to be the same as the particular lobbying group they support. This development brings to light a serious problem in American politics. Abramoff and his client politicians are by no means alone — in the recent few years many other less dramatic, yet equally troubling, scandals and convictions have occurred. The former governor of my home state, Connecticut, John G. Rowland, accepted free work from contractors to improve his weekend cottage and pled guilty to corruption charges on Dec. 24, 2004. For brevity’s sake, I will pass over the numerous other examples of corruption that have come to light within the recent years.

It is not enough merely to decry the sad state of public corruption; rather, a solution must be posited. Complaining about a problem never solves it; one must arrive at a solution if anything is truly to be done. As the influence of wealthy interests has grown to the point that it is deeply entrenched in the current political status quo, it is imperative to call this venaluous root. Campaigns should be publicly funded and equal funds assigned to the two major parties. A threshold of signatures could be required where if not a third party would be allowed to receive funds as well, corresponding to the amount of support they can demonstrate. This would mandate that the major parties would have united in an effort to get a voice in government. This system could indeed prove more the growth of third parties by allowing them access to federal funding and by eliminating fundraising from the equation. The elimination of fundraising from political parties would help to eliminate the vast logistical barriers that exist for third parties to challenge the well-established and powerful Democratic and Republican parties. The rise of third parties would most likely have a positive effect upon the corruption that is plaguing the current American political scene. Although the majority of current corruption scandals seem to involve Republicans, the issue is not contained to one party. It is true that the Republican politicians are to blame and the party must be held accountable, but the fact that more Republicans seem to be implicated has contributed to the fact that they control all the current branches of government. The Democrats were in control, the lobbyists would apply more pressure on them, and their interests seem to be the same as the “Republicans” — namely, the acquisition and maintenance of power. Now blood needs to be injected into the system. This increased competition from less-established parties would increase pressure upon the major parties to become more ethical and refrain from accepting favors from lobbyists.

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Dear Mr. President

Home

Mr. President, you have failed us as a leader when we needed one most. You have failed us at home, and because of this, failed to convey the message of peace, democracy and justice to the world stage.

On September 11, terrorist attacks to breach our country's constitutional foundations. Let me explain how you have failed as president.

During your inauguration, you swore to uphold and protect the Constitution of the United States of America. You swore to do this over the Holy Bible. But the media has exposed your latest and most horrific lies and put them before the public eye. Your gross disregard for the Constitution has pulled us haughtily nearer to a state ruled by a dictatorship. You said yourself, "Being president, would be a lot better if we had a dictator." What a frightening thing for the leader of the free world to say. You are overall a failure because of weapons of mass destruction, but you couldn't share the source of this information because that would compromise national security. Some believe you, and our nation marched off to war. When the weapons of mass destruction were found, your justification evolved to say Saddam was a risk to democracy and the free world. You accused him of gassing the Kurds and attacking Kuwait unprovoked, horrible actions that we know Saddam had not undertaken. It is also mentioned that Saddam got those chemical weapons from the United States during and after the Ronald Reagan administration, and apparently got rid of them before your invasion.

Your administration's philosophy is based on lies and deception. And because of it, people have died — countless innocent civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan and more than 2,000 of our brothers and sisters in the military. I have more respect for these men and women than I ever will for you.

Mr. President, you promised to make the world safer. You promised that you would rid the world of "evil-doers" and bring democracy and justice to the homes of those who were done the just yet. We live in a fear of terrorism at home, terrorism abroad and a feeling of our country not fulfilling its fundamental purpose. Our country has seen the highest national debt in recent history, our educational system is becoming too expensive for the people and we let Americans suffer helping to cause the incompetence of government. Agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which you stuffed with unqualified cronies.

Your war in Iraq, the prison abuses, your lies to the American people and your incompetence have caught up to you. You have done nothing to make it better and now have worked to make our world more dangerous.

You will be remembered in the history books, just as you wished, but not for stunning speeches or epic policy. Instead, you will be remembered as the president whose exit strategy was foiled by a locked door or as the president who dodged the cost at our Constitution by failing to protect it.

I have some suggestions, Mr. President, to help solve the problems you've created.

♦ At home, repeal your authorization for the National Security Agency to spy on U.S. citizens and repeal the Patriot Act. If you think someone has suspected terrorist connections, follow due process and seek permission from a court to listen to his or her conversations. Do as you swore in your inauguration and protect our freedoms and liberties by defending the Constitution.

♦ Develop an exit strategy in Iraq, and aid the world for help. You've overstated a horror dictator, now use the opportunity to help the Iraqis create a modern Arab state that balances the principles of Islam with the virtues of democracy. Don't allow oil, military and reconstruction contracts to dictate how and when we leave Iraq.

♦ Support people here in the United States in need, for example, by increasing aid and loan programs to students, Medicare coverage for the poor and Social Security benefits for the elderly, you should slash unnecessary and wasteful projects within the military's bloated budget.

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智能设计：事实或虚构？

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从最早时期的历史记录，人类文明已经与它的起源。当它开始需要、东西和最重要的，但提高文明。它已经发生了，因为它实际上没有什么可去的，并且得到的反应是他们自己，作为一段科学的解释，为一个无神论者解释的错误，被归因于科学和进一步的实验性验证。这个一般性的假设验证。

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这个事实，理论是，没有一个人可以解释生命的起源，不是因为这个事实，科学是对宇宙的任何解释。为科学的理论，它是对科学的扭曲，但它具有它的价值，然后，甚至在牛顿的法律有他们的本质（他们不持有对量子水平）。

科学专业学生决定价值的教育

U-WIRE

College students decide value of education

The first literary study to target the skills of graduating students found that they could perform moderately challenging tasks such as identifying a location on a map, but they often lacked "proficient" skills—those needed to perform more complex tasks. Many students could not understand the argument that it does other editions. The results are, you also serve as a reminder that a college education is valuable, but as much as each individual experience, and it looks like the responsibility to get an education. And this can be misleading. Adults who did not make it past middle school were also included in the group of "unschooled." As depressing as the results are, the views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Intelligent Design: Fact or Fiction?

The Observer

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Intelligent design is not science. Karl Popper, the Austrian philosopher, claims that an integral part of scientific hypothesis testing, their ability to be disproved. There is always a chance remaining that everything we hold to be scientifically true will be thrown out the window tomorrow. That is part of science as a construct of the imperfect human mind.

There is no theory to intelligent design. It cannot be proven or disproved, because it assumes a higher power as an explanation. Belief in this higher power is a matter of faith, and faith is not science.

The truth is, no one can explain the origins of life scientifically. Stephen Hawking, the famous physicist, claimed that at the origin of the universe, all the laws of nature come to a singularity. This is science for "no one has a clue." Does this mean we should stop looking?

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Learning from movie romance

As January melts away into February, one can help but think of the chalky conversation hearts, red roses and love—or sugar—induced euphoria that is the upcoming month inevitably brings. Furthermore, with Valentine’s Day looming on the horizon, some of us may feel the need to quickly master the romantic relationships in time to receive Valentine’s affections in a form that does not merely consist of the words “Love, Mom.”

However, in an environment where the road to romance is often the same path that leads to TC on the weekends and “dating” does not entail actually going on a date ever, where can Demons turn for guidance? By now, our compulsive insideND checks have revealed that romance isn’t exactly an integral part of academia. And by turning to parental wisdom, we run the risk of hearing the same advice perversely: “going steady” back in the day... or worse. Instead, seeing as most Hollywood films are synonymous with “happy endings,” we can turn to some of our favorite characters in hope that, by emulating them, too, we will be granted with all the love Hallmark can provide.

First of all, deception and false pretenses are key. Sure, all our lives we’ve heard that honesty is the best policy, but according to the relationships that unfold on the big screen, a little white lie, or even a false identity, is the ticket to true love, as long as the truth surfaces eventually. Fabricating a name, profession or identity are practically commonplace when it comes to cinematic coupling. Just check out “Wedding Crashers” or “Maid in Manhattan.” In fact, going as far as dressing in drag seems to be a great way to break the ice and ignite some kind of passion, as illustrated by films like “Tootsie” and “Shakespeare in Love.” Also in this vein, relationships that are spawned from some kind of bet or deal end particularly well. “She’s All That” and “How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days,” both lend themselves to this notion.

Of course, any romantic hero is only as good as the dramatic gestures he or she makes. While Shakespeare’s Romeo set the trend centuries ago with his impromptu visit to Juliet’s balcony, his success has been cemented on screen by a variety of love-struck characters, such as “Say Anything”’s Lloyd Dobler, who sends his love via a stereo, courtesy of Peter Gabriel in “Your Eyes.”

Although, if the prospect of shouting sweet nothings to a second floor window on Notre Dame Avenue raises the concern of a potential ordering reaper, there are plenty of other outlets for expressing your most heartfelt romantic emotions. Take “The Wedding Singer”’s Robbie Hart, for example, who offered the object of his affection an original song. Regardless of how the sentiment is expressed, there also appears to be a particular pattern that might help us all: select Ms. or Mr. Right. Straightlaced, upright males should be seeking their more cheerful and eccentric counterpart in the women they date. This formula proves to be flawless in the films “Pretty Woman” and “Along Came Polly.”

Then, this trend is not strictly limited to typical romantic comedies. Even films with critical acclaim and audiences within more of an indie market point to the “opposites attract” paradigm. “Garden State” and “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” offer similarly constructed relationships. Shy, brooding male meets kooky or volatile girl, and voila! A life-altering love affair ensues.

Finally, as the movies have it, in order to cement a Hollywood-esque romance, it is essential that you take part in any of the following: literally bumping into someone, some kind of chase or embracing in front of a crowd. Ideally, this should happen in the rain while a ballad plays in the background. With such realistic representativeness of relationships in film that can be attained through following narrative conventions, it’s a wonder why any of us struggle with relationships in the first place.

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Scene Critic

Shadow of the Colossus

By MARK REMENDER
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“Shadow of the Colossus” is a cinematic masterpiece. It’s not the latest Hollywood blockbuster, nor an independent cinema production. It is a game for the PlayStation 2 and is completely different from any other game available.

The game follows the notion that beauty lies in simplicity. The story is minimal, as the player is never completely certain what is going on. All that is known is a girl is possibly dying, or may be already dead. The protagonist takes the girl to an isolated temple, where a disembodied voice promises to restore her if the colossi are slain. Who the girl is, or the protagonist is, are never explained. Why the world is so empty is also never explained. It is simple, but it is within that simplicity that an awe-inspiring cinematic genius is found.

Set in an expansive and base nature, “Shadow of the Colossus” is a series of video game boss battles. Before every boss, the player is given a general direction in which to travel. The digital avatar then travels through the landscape, navigating cliffs and valleys on horseback, before confronting the boss. The bosses themselves take only a few minutes to dispatch, and then the player moves onto the next one.

But to boil the game down to that description would be to deny what makes the game, in a word, beautiful. The world in which the game resides is fantastic and is the equivalent to any Jackass compilation. Almost completely devoid of life, it manages to convey a sense of sorrow, isolation and grandiosity that is rarely, if ever, believed. Whether one is traveling along the edge of a cliff, or through the dry back of a lake, the world feels equally gargantuan, pushing the aging PlayStation 2 hardware to its limits.

It is the small touches that make the land so vibrant and add to the isolation of the experiences the player goes through. With the game without observing any signs of life for minutes, and then a solitary hawk will appear to follow avatar. Just as quickly as it appears, it will disappear, leaving the player alone once again. Instances like this remind the player that they are world is not completely empty, but that they are lonely place.

This majestic, isolated qualities are also used to describe the colossi in the game. Each colossus is unique and magnificent in scope, often dwarfing the player. They wander around the world, each in their unique environment, making the player wait for the player to make his appearance.

Once the player meets the colossus, the battle occurs. Each of the colossi has their own behavior and reacts differently. Some are immediately cuttable, while others require a protagonist, while others completely overwhelm him in size and scope, forcing the player to explore others swim through surf and...
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Sand. But what is consistent through them is the feeling of adrenaline that each one induces.

Taking down each of the colossi is accordingly a unique affair, with some of them requiring more thought than others. Some can only be taken down while on horseback, while others require the use of the bow. But through using all the tricks the player has, he can finally get onto the colossus. That is the first part of the battle.

Once the player has found a way onto the colossus, the digital avatar has to climb over the giant beast trying to find the weak point.

While this is going on, the colossus is trying to shake off the little pest, or push him off using the wind or water.

But once the colossus is slain and it topples to the ground, a feeling of sadness mixes with the triumph. The majestic creatures, despite their fantastic properties, still manage to evoke a degree of sympathy from the gamer, a rare trait in games. "Shadow of the Colossus" is an amazing game and should be a necessity for any gamer.

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groovy dance-fest

entertaining when played in a group, so this new mode may not find much use. However, for those lonely nights, this added competitive mode may add a better spark to the game.

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Playing through the game and accumulating points is the only way to unlock them. "Dance Dance Revolution Extreme 2" is a solid addition to the already large library of games bearing the name. There are not too many new additions to the game, but that's not where the main draw for the game lies. The core gameplay has remained intact, and with the added new songs, this game should find space in any gamer's library.

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While all of the bands provided something for all musical tastes, the judges had to choose one to take the top prize. The judges, music producer and sound engineer Ulysses Noriega and the indie-rock band Thornbird, chose Slap Bracelet Suicide for first place. Before announcing the winners, the judges stated that there had been a lot of disagreement between them. However, Francesca Johnson, president of the Class of 2009, clarified later in the evening that the judges said Slap Bracelet Suicide showed a lot of creativity for that particular type of music.

The performers from Saturday received studio time, and Robbie Hazen, who came in second place, also won a Thursday spot at Legends. The disagreement over the winner did not just stay between the judges.

"Hyde was poorly placed because they had original lyrics, which was mesmerizing," said audience member Valerie Patterson.

The Battle of the Bands raised money to benefit Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. It was the first of the fundraisers planned by the freshman board to raise money for this cause, which will culminate in the Dance Marathon in April.

"We're still looking for dancers," Johnson added.

Students can contact Saint Mary's First Year Board for information regarding this event.

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While all of the bands provided something for all musical tastes, the judges had to choose one to take the top prize. The judges, music producer and sound engineer Ulysses Noriega and the indie-rock band Thornbird, chose Slap Bracelet Suicide for first place. Before announcing the winners, the judges stated that there had been a lot of disagreement between them. However, Francesca Johnson, president of the Class of 2009, clarified later in the evening that the judges said Slap Bracelet Suicide showed a lot of creativity for that particular type of music.

The performers from Saturday received studio time, and Robbie Hazen, who came in second place, also won a Thursday spot at Legends. The disagreement over the winner did not just stay between the judges.

"Hyde was poorly placed because they had original lyrics, which was mesmerizing," said audience member Valerie Patterson.

The Battle of the Bands raised money to benefit Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. It was the first of the fundraisers planned by the freshman board to raise money for this cause, which will culminate in the Dance Marathon in April.

"We're still looking for dancers," Johnson added.

Students can contact Saint Mary's First Year Board for information regarding this event.

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The indie-rock group Thornbird made an appearance for Saint Mary's battle of the bands, choosing student band Slap Bracelet Suicide for first place honors.
McGrady stays hot on the road, scores 41 in win

Nuggets extend winning-streak to six games as Anthony pours in 37 against struggling Raptors in 107-101 victory

Andrew Bogut's basket with 1.25 left, and the Bucks ended the 9-minute drought with a free throw by Jermaine Jackson. Milwaukee missed 17 consecutive shots. "You can deal with some of the jump shots he made, he's been making them all season," Bucks guard Mo Williams said. "But he kept making daggers, a3-pointer by, who else, McGrady. As he was pulling with 1.25 left, and the Bucks ended the 9-minute drought with a free throw by Jermaine Jackson.

The Bucks trailed 76-75 after McGrady scored 41 points, including 14 straight in the fourth quarter, to lead the Rockets to a 97-80 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday night. He is averaging 30.7 points in 18 road games - including 38.0 in the last seven - and 57.8 percent from the floor.

"I'm just in a nice rhythm right now," McGrady said. "I'm playing with a great deal of confidence." Houston stretched the run to 19 straight points after a free throw by Lonya Baxter and two jumpers by, who else, McGrady. He was pulled with 1.25 left, and the Bucks ended the 9-minute drought with a free throw by Jermaine Jackson.

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Nuggets 107, Raptors 101

Eighty-one points it was not. Carmelo Anthony's 37 were enough to lead the Denver Nuggets to their sixth straight win, this one over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night.

The Nuggets were still smarting a day after surrendering Kobe Bryant's 41 points in their 122-104 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. But after watching the film in the morning, Toronto put its embarrassment behind and gave the Nuggets a good game. However, Kidd missed 12 of his 15 field goal attempts. McGrady hit a pair of 3-pointers by, who else, McGrady. As he was pulling with 1.25 left, and the Bucks ended the 9-minute drought with a free throw by Jermaine Jackson.

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### In Brief

**Bulls fan will not sue Davis, wife for incident in stands**

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls fan whose confrontation with Antonio Davis’ wife led the Knicks forward to rush into the stands will not sue the player and his family.

In a joint statement released Monday, Michael Axelrod and the Daveises said: “It’s clear that the episode at the United Center last week, and its aftermath, evolved from some misunderstandings. This has produced regrets from all parties involved. Common sense strongly suggests that we collectively put this episode behind us and move on. That's what the Daveises and Michael Axelrod plan to do, and we hope everyone else will, as well.”

**Axelrod’s attorney, Jay Paul Deratany, said in a telephone interview:** “Both sides expressed regret for any miscommunication that occurred. Both parties want to move forward — with being a fan and watching the game and being a ballplayer. They've expressed their regret and that’s good enough for the family. And we’re satisfied with the result.”

**NCAA to release RPI ratings for first time to public**

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA men's and women's basketball tournament committees will begin releasing the Ratings Percentage Index on their Web site beginning next week. It marks the first time the NCAA will publicly release the RPI ratings, which are used to help select the postseason tournament fields. Updated rankings can be found at http://www.ncaasports.com from Feb. 2 through the rest of the season.

“Of the committees’ primary objectives over the last few years has been to increase the transparency and understanding regarding the process of selecting teams for the tournament,” said Craig Littlepage, chairmain of the Division I men’s selection committee. “We think that announcing the results of the RPI ranking on a weekly basis has its benefi ts.”

**Toyota will join NASCAR, Busch Series in 2007**

CONCORD, N.C. — Toyota is planning to move up to NASCAR’s top two stock car series and not everybody is happy about it.

The Japanese automaker, which has competed in NASCAR’s Craftsman Truck Series the past two seasons, announced Monday it will also run its Camry brand in both the Nextel Cup and Busch Series in 2007. NASCAR chairman Brian France gave his blessing to Toyota, telling more than 200 reporters taking part in the first day of the annual preseason media tour “Toyota has proven in the Truck series it can be a great partner. NASCAR offered them the best opportunity to build their presence in racing in North America and we’re glad they are here.”

Toyota will become the first foreign competitor in NASCAR’s top series since Jaguar ran in several races in the 1950s.

### Around the Dial

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2006 Australian Open
New Olympics, same old Tomba

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Asked what advice he’d give Bode Miller, Alberto Tomba threw his head back and let out a raucous laugh that bounced around the hotel lobby and muffled everyone. “Don’t win too much,” Tomba said during a recent interview with The Associated Press.

“They won’t make stuff up about you. Because if you win all the time, they won’t write you about your private life or things you say. The man known as La Bomba still is a star in Italy and figures to be in the spotlight during the Feb. 10-26 Turin Olympics — more than seven years after he retired from the slopes.

It’s still busy, still concerned about his image this manager didn’t want a photographer present during the four-long shot with the AP because Tomba had been traveling all day, still charming and quick with a joke.

Oh, and still fond of referring to himself in the third person.

Current skiers grew up watching him, some now try to emulate his go-for-broke competitive style, and all would probably love to accomplish the record.

It’s just ski at the top of the mountain, and best bed hope for Turin, Giorgio Rocca, calls his predecessor a “legend” and acknowledges: “There is just one Tomba.”

Someone who would never argue with that assessment: Tomba himself.

After all, this is a man who, after his very first World Cup victory in November 1987, told reporters: “I am really happy.”

Now 39, Tomba is wary when present-day stars such as Miller or Rocca are compared to him. Of Rocca, Tomba said: “Remember, Tomba won the Olympics at 20. He broke 35 slaloms, he’s nine at 10... There’s more to do if you want to be the Alberto’s heir.”

When Italians speak about the upcoming Olympics, it’s “I’d rather look an athlete in the eyes and tell him what I think than say things on TV,” said, adding that he occasionally offers tips to Italian skiers.

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“I’ll be happy if it’s me. It would be like another Olympic gold.”

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**NFL**

**Seahawks impress foes with NFC championship win**

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Few teams rampaged through the NFL as the way the Seahawks did this season, only to be confronted by their own doubts during the playoffs. With the way Seattle manhandled the Carolina Panthers in the NFC championship game, the critics should realize one thing: Mike Holmgren's team is for real.

Usually, it takes an offensive star at his peak, a fierce defense and a coaching staff with some experience for a team to take the NFL's biggest prize.

The Seahawks have all that. Forget that they are 4 1/2-point underdogs, hardly surprising considering the AFC is the stronger conference and the Pittsburgh Steelers are on an amazing run all the way from a sixth seed to the Super Bowl.

That, and the team from the Pacific Northwest somehow managed to stay out of the spotlight despite a 13-3 regular season and, now, a 10-0 home record.

But as the Steelers well know, their opponent on Feb. 5 is very formidable.

"No one is going to give us anything," tight end Jeramy Stevens said after the 34-14 win over Carolina, a game Seattle dominated and made the Panthers' couldn't even come up with any excuses for being routed. "We haven't done anything in the past."

But what they are doing is sensational performances in first two weeks of the playoffs. "They've never played football like that," said one NFL coach.

"Everything that team did today was superb."

The Seahawks were prepared for everything Carolina could offer, from Delhomme-to-Smith to Julian Peppers and a dangerous defensive line to the ballhawking of cornerbacks Ken Lucas, a former teammate. Credit Holmgren and his staff for that.

Holmgren struggled early in his tenure in Seattle after winning one Super Bowl in Green Bay and losing another. But the ups and downs with the Seahawks, including losing some of his front-office control, never steered him in the wrong direction.

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Nor did tight playoff losses the last two years, first at the Packers in overtime, then at home to St. Louis. Holmgren worked out some problem players after the 2004 season, and felt far more comfortable with the roster this season.

Still, you have to get every one to perform, and he's done a wonderful job."

"A couple of things happen," Holmgren explained. "You have players who won't buy in or never buy in, or you have guys with problems.

**Olympics**

**Arbitrator finds no proof Nardiello harassed team**

Associated Press

U.S. skeleton coach Tim Nardiello should be reinstated, an arbitrator ruled Monday, overturning his suspension last month on allegations he sexually harassed two members of his team.

Still unclear was whether Nardiello would be allowed to coach at the Turin Olympics, a decision that now rests with the U.S. Olympic Committee. The USOC has until Jan. 30 to decide.

The arbitrator found no evidence to support a credible sexual harassment claim, according to a person with direct knowledge of the ruling who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the matter's sensitive nature.

The U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation's board of directors will decide whether Nardiello will be allowed to reign in the team in time for the season's final World Cup race in Altenberg, Germany, on Thursday and Friday. The USBSF was scheduled to meet Monday night.

"I hope it ends then," USBSF President Jim Shea Sr. said. "We'll see what happens after we get a sense of the board."

The ruling came hours after top American skeleton racer Zach Lund learned he will be allowed to compete at the Olympics. Lund was given a warning by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on Monday following a failed drug test — but because he wasn't suspended, the USOC will credential Lund for the games.

"He was suspended Dec. 31 after longtime skeleton team member Felicia Ganfield wrote the USBSF's board of directors alleging that Nardiello tried to kiss her, touch her inappropriately and made comments of a sexual nature to her and other female athletes.

Her claims, combined with a letter written by Marsha Gale — the mother of 2002 Olympic gold medalist Tristan Gale — prompted the board to suspend Nardiello. Marsha Gale wrote that Nardiello also made inappropriate comments, and commented about Nardiello's relationship with a competitor from New Zealand was unprofessional.

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Kobe’s 81 make guard’s next goal a tall order

Chamberlain’s 100 remains highest NBA total... for now?

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Wilt Chamberlain’s record 100-point game seemed unreachable from the time he accomplished the feat nearly 44 years ago.

"It’s not so Sunday night. The Los Angeles Lakers’ star performance did not change general managers so much since Chamberlain was a 7-foot-1 center," he said.

Chamberlain scored 100 points when basketball was a different game, accomplishing the feat for the Philadelphia 76ers against the New York Knicks at Hershey Park in 1962. There was no 3-point shot — not that it would have mattered — or free throw line that he decided the middle of the field. Chamberlain made seven from outside the arc.

Defense was generally an afterthought when Chamberlain played, not that the Raptors were much good at it now, ranking near the bottom of the league in that department.

Whatever the case, both performances were astonishing.

Chamberlain shot 36-of-63 from the field and 28-of-46 from the foul line while playing all 48 minutes. He averaged an NBA-record 50.4 points per game that season.

Bryant, playing a little less than 42 minutes, shot 28-of-46 from the floor including 7-of-13 from 3-point range, and 18-of-26 from the foul line. He raised his NBA-leading average to 32.9 points.

If the season ended now, that would be the highest average since Michael Jordan scored 37.1 points per game 19 years ago.

Bryant appeared on his way to 80 a month ago, scoring a career-high 62 in a one-sided win over Dallas. He sat out the fourth quarter because the outcome was decided.

Not so Sunday night. The Lakers led by as many as 18 in the third period, and that more than any other thing triggered Bryant’s scoring explosion, which led to a 122-104 Los Angeles victory.

“We have four days off coming up here, and I would be sick as a dog if we would have lost this game,” he said. “I just wanted to step up and inspire us to play well and it turned into something pretty special.”

Indeed, it did as Bryant recorded just the 10th game ever at least 70 points.

Chamberlain scored 59 in the second half in his big game — the only player with more points in a half than Bryant’s 55 after halftime in this game.

In the second half, it was Bryant 55, Toronto 42.

“His physical activity was what stopped him,” Lakers guard Mike James said. “He basically beat us by himself.”

Chamberlain’s second-highest total was 78 against the Lakers in three overtimes on Dec. 8, 1961. That drops to No. 3 on the all-time list.

Next are the 73 points scored twice by Chamberlain in 1962 and once by Denver’s David Thompson in 1973.

The only other players to reach 70 were former Lakers star Flippin Baylor, who scored 71 points in November 1966, and David Robinson, who also scored 71 for San Antonio in April 1994. Chamberlain scored 70 in 1963.

Bryant broke Baylor’s franchise record with 4-25 remaining on a 14-foot jumper.

"Scoring 81 points is a truly amazing accomplishment," Baylor, general manager of the Clippers, said in a statement.

"Of course, the most important thing is that his effort contributed to a victory for his team."

MLB

New Reds owner fires GM O’Brien after only two seasons

Castellini says team’s performance didn’t influence his decision

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — General manager Dan O’Brien was fired Monday by new Cincinnati Reds owner Bob Castellini, his first major change since he took control of the team.

O’Brien was this third season as general manager and had a year to go on his contract. The Reds are coming off their fifth consecutive losing season, their longest such streak in 50 years.

Castellini said he was leaning toward changing general managers when major league owners approved the Reds’ sale last Thursday. He met with O’Brien on Monday and told him he was considering breaking up his own baseball executive.

"There is no criticism of Dan," Castellini said in a statement. "He basically beat me up by himself."

Even though the club was changing owners, O’Brien didn’t expect to get fired.

"I think that’s not our ownership’s prerogative to make changes and hire new people... I was somewhat surprised by the move. It’s not something that was in my mind 24 hours ago." — Dan O’Brien, former Reds GM

Baseball operations director Brad Kullman will serve as interim general manager until a replacement is picked. Kullman told Castellini he would like to be considered for the job.

"I do understand that it’s our ownership’s prerogative to make changes and hire new people. I was somewhat surprised by the move. It’s not something that was in my mind 24 hours ago."

O’Brien also traded popular first baseman Sean Casey to Pittsburgh last month. Castellini said the change wasn’t made because of anything O’Brien did.

"Don’t know."

The Reds also have two pending arbitration cases — with Adam Dunn and All-Star shortstop Felipe Lopez.

“It’s next year’s job,” Kullman said. "We’re going to hire a general manager and he’s going to assess his personnel."
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**Tennis**

**Hingis reaches Australian Open quarterfinals**

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Martina Hingis' comeback has gone so smoothly that she's in the Australian Open quarterfinals following a three-year lay-off.

Back on the tour for just three weeks, the three-time Australian Open champion advanced Monday with a 6-1, 7-6 (8) victory over Samantha Stosur 6-1, 7-6 (8) and will face second-seeded Kim Clijsters.

Hingis needed four match points to beat Stosur. The five-time Grand Slam winner, who dropped off the tour because of ankle, heel and foot injuries, returned to competitive tennis Jan. 2 and hasn't lost a set in this tournament.

"I started off very well, I knew that I had to be right there from the start - we both probably were very nervous," Hingis said. "I don't give fans any momentum."

On the men's side, top-ranked Roger Federer overcame an uncharacteristic 58 errors in his 6-4, 6-9, 3-6, 4-6, 6-2 fourth-round win over Tommy Haas.

"I was really trying to just break his momentum. Tommy was making it difficult for me to play," Federer said. "To be honest, I like to be pushed like this."

Hingis was in vintage form, working Stosur around with angled volleys, drop shots, pin-point lobs and a stunning, run­ning forehead crosscourt win­ner.

But the 25-year-old twice missed chances to serve for the match in the second set and wasting three match points in the tiebreaker before convert­ing on a Stosur error.

"I played really well this first half of the game," she said.

Stosur was the last Aussie in the draw and had the partisan crowd on her side. Clusters of people in pink shirts empha­sized with "Smash 'em Sam" and waving inflatable kangaroos danced for her from the stands.

Hingis became a favorite at Melbourne when she won her first Grand Slam title age 16 and won three finals in succes­sion. She lost three in a row from 2000-2002, including an 0-2 defeat to Jennifer Capriati when she wasted four match points.

In her absence, Clijsters became known locally as "Aussie Kim" during her engagement to Lleyton Hewitt - which ended last year - and remains popular.

They're two of the six current or former No. 1-ranked players into the quarterfinals — a record for a Grand Slam tournament. Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport, No. 3 Amelie Mauresmo, No. 4 Maria Sharapova, No. 5 Justine Henin-Hardenne are the others.

Davenport and Henin-Hardenne meet Tuesday, while 2004 Wimbledon champion Sharapova goes against fellow Russian and former No. 2-ranked Haas here in the same round in 2002.

**Nfl**

**Steelers find themselves in unfamiliar position — favorites**

Associated Press

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**Tennis**

**Federer commits 58 errors, needs all five sets to defeat Haas**

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teams while swimming for the Irish.

This type of performance is almost expected of the Cavadini name by now.

Louis and David Cavadini fall in the middle of seven children, and all their older siblings have attended Notre Dame. Katie Cavadini, who graduated in 2003, swam for four years and captained the team during her senior year.

For David Cavadini, it was not a difficult decision to continue his family's tradition under the Dome.

"We have always been really family oriented, so this has just been taking the next step in following along," he said.

The Lutkus and Bauman families have also been drawn together around the swimming pool.

Countless weekend meets and early morning practices have allowed the brothers to bond and help one another.

"I've swum with
my brother my whole life," Danny Lutkus said. "It's nice to have him there, to have family on the team."

The freshman all felt that having an older brother to show them the ropes has helped a lot in their transition to the collegiate lifestyle and competition. They have responded by stepping up late in the season.

In last weekend's meet with Cleveland State all three placed, Bill Bauman in the 200 backstroke, Danny Lutkus in both the 500 and 1000 freestyle, and David Cavadini finished fourth in the 200 fly.

"They have questions about school and practice and how to succeed here and having Doug around helped me a lot," Bauman said.

The friendly advice has also trickled down to help the remainder of the freshmen on the team who benefited from their classmates' knowledge.

The close family atmosphere has helped develop strong team chemistry amongst all swimmers this year and is one of the keys to their success so far.

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Men's bowling finishes 38th at Blue and Gold Classic

Special to The Observer

Fifty-eight schools converged on Beacon Bowl this weekend for the eighth Annual Blue and Gold Classic.

As the tournament is designated Tier I and is the second largest intercollegiate tournament of the season to date, many of the top ranked teams in the country competed.

After four games, the Irish men were in the middle of the pack when a team slump in the final two games dropped the squad to a 38th place finish among the forty men's squads.

Captain Van Koppersmith rolled a 183 average, including a 221 game, to lead the Irish.

Jim Talamo averaged 163, while his brother Tom finished at 148. Vance McClenton posted a 141 average, and Dan Martin and J.B. Bertumen averaged 160 and 150, respectively.

No. 11 Newman University took top honors, followed by No. 14 Morehead State, No. 12 Penn State, second ranked Wichita State, and ninth ranked Purdue in the top five places.

Saginaw Valley State, the nations' No.1 ranked team, finished sixth, just ahead of Lindenwood, ranked seventh nationally.

In the women's division, the Irish were unable to field an entire squad due to illness, and dropped to last place.

Top ranked Wichita State won the event, followed by fifth ranked Lindenwood, No. 22 Purdue, second ranked Morehead State, No. 14 Newman and No. 15 Ball State.

Among the Irish women, Kim LaVigne had the top average at 131.5, with a high game of 175. Allison Klein averaged 130, including a 169 high game, and Mary Rook averaged 120 for the tournament.

The Irish will compete this weekend in the Eagle Classic, hosted by Dayton University.

Skiing

Notre Dame opened the 2006 ski season at Canonsburg, Mich. this weekend. On Saturday, the Irish women placed third in team slalom.

Molly Butler, Stephanie Dalton, and Sarah Rauenhorst were the top three finishers for the Irish.

The men's squads finished fourth overall in the slalom.

Joel Sharbrough had the top time for the Irish, with Brian Hedges and Steve Feutz also scoring points.

In snowboarding competition, the Irish finished third in both men's and women's events.

Top three finishers for the men were Oliver Short, Nick Cottingham, and Dan Vanderwerf. Cat Dunne, Dayna Danziger, and Katie Rehberger led the women's squad.

Saturday's giant slalom and snowboarding results, will not be available until Tuesday, when they are released by the US Collegiate Ski Association.

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Rutgers

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remaining. Notre Dame managed to make just one field goal the rest of regulation, and only a missed three-pointer at the buzzer by Georgetown's Katie Carlin saved the Irish victory.

McGraw said she has a plan for the Irish to stay on their toes against a top foe.

"When we go into a game when we're the underdogs, we have a great record against top-25 teams," McGraw said. "I think we just have to stay aggressive," she said. "I think we do need to control the tempo a little bit."

Part of the problem for Notre Dame in controlling the tempo will be Rutgers' versatile lineup.

"We're looking at different combinations to see how we can best match up with Rutgers," McGraw said. "They're a difficult matchup when you look at the caliber of player that they have both inside and outside."

Sophomore Mate Ajavon is central in the Scarlet Knights' offense, second on Rutgers in assists (3.8) and points (11) per game, while only starting eight of 16 contests.

The only one to top Ajavon in each category is Rutgers top-25 teams.

Note: Notre Dame senior guard Megan Duffy was named Big East player of the week after leading the Irish past DePaul and Georgetown last week. In the game against DePaul, Duffy registered 23 points, 9 assists and 8 rebounds.

"She's having just a sensational year," McGraw said. "I think she's the best point guard in America." Duffy, who co-captained Team USA in the World University Games with Pondexter, was the only Irish player to break double digits in Saturday's win. Duffy had 16 points on 5-for-8 shooting from the field. She finished the week 55-percent from the floor and a perfect 14-of-14 from the free-throw line.

"She's the heart and soul of our team — a great leader for us," McGraw said. "She makes us go."

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Hoyas

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Mike Brey said. "From that standpoint the glass is half full, and we have to keep playing. If our four losses were by an average of 15 points, I could sing and dance you, but we have some issues. "We're down to game situations, and we just have to be a little bit better."

To swing the season this week, Notre Dame must face Georgetown tonight and Villanova (13-2, 4-1) on Saturday in back-to-back home games. The Irish then go on the road Feb. 1 to meet West Virginia, the only undefeated team (5-0) in conference play.

The Hoyas are tied with Cincinatti and St. John's for the fourth-best Big East record. Playing within the Princeton offense implemented by second-year coach John Thompson III, four Georgetown players sport double-digit scoring averages along a balanced box score.

Senior forward Brandon Bowman leads the Hoyas with 11.9 points per game, followed closely by center Roy Hibbert (11.3 points per game), guard Ashanti Cook (10.3) and forward Jeff Green (10.3).

Bowman had 23 points, eight rebounds and three blocks in the win over Duke.

Brey said does not anticipate having to drastically alter his lineup to deal with a larger Hoyas team. But the coach said he knows this Georgetown team will be different than last year's win and additional observation, and the

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24. Monuments, e.g.
28. Hunter home, in
29. Genesis twin
34. Game on
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37. Extra, as a bedroom
39. The Washington
42. Emily Dickerson's home, in
43. Police weapon
49. Bridge authority
52. Frequently Charles
53. Seasoned locally
54. Portend
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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Nerve ‘RAC’ing**

Team enters hostile Rutgers arena on two-game win streak

By KEN FOWLER

Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw knows the No. 21 Irish will have their hands full tonight when they travel to the hostile confines of the Rutgers Athletic Center (RAC) in Piscataway, N.J., to take on the No. 9 Scarlet Knights.

"If you look at our history there, it's always been a tough place to play, and Tuesday won't be an exception," McGraw said Monday in a Big East conference call.

Rutgers (13-3 overall, 5-0 Big East) is 6-2 at the RAC against the Irish since joining the Big East conference. But according to McGraw, "It won't be an exception," as a place to play, and Tuesday the No. 9 Scarlet Knights.

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**ND SWIMMING**

Recruits remain in the family

By DAN MURPHY

Three years in a row, the Notre Dame swimming and diving team has landed its best recruiting class in school history. Last year, however, was slightly easier for head recruiter Matt Tallman. Of the eight new freshmen this year, three — Bill Bauman, David Cavardini and Danny Lutkus — join older brothers already swimming for the Irish.

Having experience with the three families helped Tallman with his decision-making: "Just knowing who they were, they stood above a pack of kids who were at a similar level," Tallman said.

"We went after them since we knew their background and how they were more experienced.

Looking at the track record of Doug Bauman, Jamie Lutkus — both seniors — and junior Louis Cavardini, it is no mystery why Tallman was interested in their younger brothers. Doug Bauman and Jamie Lutkus both own school records in the 100 backstroke and 400 individual medley (IM), respectively.

Louis Cavardini also has been a part of three record-setting relay teams.

**FOOTBALL RECRUITING**

16-year-old Oglesby at top of junior class

Irish plan to sign six senior O-linemen

By MIKE GILLOON

Fifteen of the country's top 100 high school junior class were among the players to attend a recruiting Junior Day held by Irish coach Charlie Weis and his staff earlier this month.

But according to Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com, the only junior who has a scholarship offer from Notre Dame was a player who did not even attend the Jan. 14 event — offensive lineman Josh Oglesby.

The 16-year old Oglesby is a 6-foot-7, 325-pound offensive tackle out of Saint Vincent High School in South Bend for the Junior Day McGraw leads Notre Dame against Rutgers tonight.

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