Abroad programs balance student safety, experience

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Like a fairy tale, time spent studying abroad is a period of incredible adventure and growth for many students — complete with kings, queens and castles. But as is sometimes the case in these classic stories, venturing off the familiar path can have unexpectedly dangerous results.

Notre Dame has been consistently praised for the strength of its overseas programs, ranking fifth among American universities for the percentage of students studying abroad in the most recent report issued by the Institute for International Education, and even higher in previous years. So, with over 1,000 students abroad almost every school year, the University bears a great responsibility in ensuring the health and welfare of participants in 17 countries across the globe.

"During such a turbulent and important period in history, many courageous students are interested in going abroad, and it is essential to balance their safe while promoting internationalism," said Julia Douthwaite, director of the Office of International Studies (ISP).

The greatest threat posed to students abroad, Douthwaite said, is often their own complacency — in forgetting that activities normal for life in Indiana may warrant more caution for those living overseas.

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**Question of the Day:** Are you involved in any volunteer activities? If so, what are they?

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- Traci McMillan, freshman, Pangborn
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- Ben Hess, junior, off-campus
- Monica Teal, sophomore, Pasquerrilla West
- Jorge Fragoso, senior, off-campus

- "I go where peace goes."
- "I teach 4-year-olds at Saint Mary's and I work at the Memorial Children's Hospital."
- "I work with Circle K."
- "I work for Teach For America."
- "I tutor 8-year-old children."
- "Not anymore..."

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**Offbeat**

**Police identify body as 15th-century woman**

BREST, France — French police who spent two years trying to identify a woman who was murdered by a blow to the head were relieved to discover the reason their efforts were failing: the woman died half a millennium ago.

The skeleton of a woman in her 30s was found during an exceptionally low tide in Dec. 2003 near the seaside Brittany town of Plouezec. A long gash in the skull convinced investigators she was killed with a hatchet or other sharp implement.

Police ploughed through missing persons files to no avail. A theory that the woman was the wife of a Norman doctor who disappeared with his family in a famous 1999 case was dismissed after DNA tests. Eventually radiocarbon dating established that the death had occurred between 1401 and 1453. "We are satisfied because at least we know the date now," said Francois Gert-hosser of the Plouzeec le-Morlaix police. "We reckon it was pirates."

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**Offbeat**

**Woman falls into gravesite**

MOMNONTH, Ore. — Clara Connelly, 81, had one foot in the grave the other day, literally. Rain softened ground gave way, and she sank up to her knee in a newly-dug grave that was near the one she was visiting, belonging to her husband. "People are always making a joke about it," she told the Salem Statesman Journal. "But I actually experienced it."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**Correction**

In the Jan. 16 edition of The Observer, an In Brief item incorrectly stated the band Nice Save! would be playing at Club Fever tonight. Indeed, the band will actually be playing Friday, Feb. 3.

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**In Brief**

The Department of Music will present Bach's Lunch today in the Pennebaker Performing Arts Center. Audience members are encouraged to bring their lunch to the free event. For reservations, call 631-2800.

The band Appetite for Destruction will be performing live at Club Fever tonight.

"Poetas y Pintores: Artists Conversing with Verse" art exhibit will open today in Moreau Art Galleries at Saint Mary's.

Welsh Family Hall Dance Show presents "Game Faces" tonight and Saturday at Washington Hall. Tickets are $4 and can be purchased at LaFayette Box Office or at the door. Profits benefit Hannah and Friends.

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

Author Kirsten Sandberg Lunstrum will give a reading from her debut book, This Life Today Tonight, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in South Dining Hall's Hospitality Room. The event is free and open to the public.

The 2006 Winter Career and Internship Fair will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Joyce Center fieldhouse. The event is free and sponsored by the Career Center.

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

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Scholar seeks to declare Patriot Act unconstitutional

Ramadan sues U.S. over visa

A leading Muslim scholar who opposes the war in Iraq has sued the U.S. government, claiming officials used anti-terrorism laws to stop him from accepting speaking invitations from organizations.

In a federal lawsuit filed Wednesday, Tariq Ramadan accuses the government of manipulating the Patriot Act to muzzle him.

In a phone interview with The Associated Press, the Swiss intellectual and Muslim scholar denied that he supports terrorism.

"I have no connections to terrorism," Ramadan said from Oxford, England, where he is a visiting fellow. "This is all about my political thoughts. And my political thoughts are known to everyone."

Ramadan was blocked from accepting a tenured teaching position at the University of Notre Dame when his visa was revoked in August 2004 under a provision of the Patriot Act that prevents immigration to the U.S. by anyone identified with terrorism.

Ramadan's lawyer said his exclusion reflected an effort by the U.S. government to stifle academic debate about the war and other issues.

"The government should not be using the immigration laws as instruments of censorship," Jameel Jaffer, an ACLU staff attorney, said.

Jaffer said named as defendants in the lawsuit are Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff.

The suit seeks a declaration that the Patriot Act provision at issue is unconstitutional. It also seeks a court order preventing the government from relying on the provision to exclude Ramadan or any other foreign national.

Besides Ramadan, plaintiffs in the lawsuit include the American Academy of Religion, the American Association of University Professors and the PEN American Center, organizations which had invited Ramadan to speak in the U.S.

"The exclusion of Professor Ramadan illustrates that the Patriot Act and other post-9/11 laws and policies may be serving to increase American isolation at a time when international dialogue is more critical than ever," Salman Rushdie, president of the PEN American Center, said in a statement. The center had invited Ramadan to speak in New York in April at its World Voices Festival.

"We are most appreciative of this generous award, which will allow the managers of our competitions to develop a comprehensive program that will help all participants design better business plans," said James Davis, Ray and Megan Gaffney, a spokesperson for the Gigot Center. The new program will provide formal training to participants in the University of Notre Dame's two annual business plan competitions sponsored by the University's Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

The Associated Press, the Swiss intellectual and Muslim scholar, said Tariq Ramadan, 43, said he opposes the U.S. invasion of Iraq, and sympathizes with the resistance there and in Palestine. But he said he also opposes Islamic extremism, and promotes peaceful solutions.

"I want to build bridges," he said. "But I'm not blindly supportive of U.S. or European policies."

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Nasdaq Educational Foundation Endowment for Excellence will direct the development of a training and networking program for participants in the Gigot Center's McCloskey Business Plan Competition and Social Venture Plan Competition.

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The Nasdaq Educational Foundation Inc. is a nonprofit organization that is engaged in promoting innovative thinking and learning about the role of capital markets and financial markets literacy, and to foster entrepreneurshipism and innovation in financial careers. The program is funded by The Nasdaq Stock Market Inc. and awards approximately $2 million in grants annually to universities and educational nonprofit organizations.
coordinate this event with The South Bend Medical Foundation.

As of Tuesday morning, blood appointment times were available—especially on that day. However, between walk-ins and phone calls for appointments, every slot is filled.

According to Assistant Director of RecSports Jennie Phillips, Notre Dame historically steps up to the occasion when blood is needed. "The great thing about Notre Dame is the response. I am always impressed by people's willingness to give," Phillips said. RecSports helps coordinate blood drives at least once per semester, but due to the mandatory 56-day period between donations per person, usually twice per semester is the maximum number hosted.

"Whenever The South Bend Medical Foundation needs blood, we can provide it," Phillips said. Phillips also said willing students often call RecSports wondering if a drive could include evening hours, as class schedules can impede a student from volunteering. She plans to look into this option as a way to involve even more students in the effort.

"The blood is invaluable, an always needed resource."

Emily Balthasan

student

Hughes, who has donated twice this academic year, alone, described his procedure as relatively painless and said the staff was caring and helpful. Hughes also said any discomfort donors may feel is greatly overshadowed by the rewards of donating.

"Donating blood is a great opportunity," he said. "I feel great the rest of the day knowing that I have helped increase someone's chances of survival."

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before he died." Hesburgh's talk and presence were so successful, according to SUB Concert Programmer Chris Lund, because of universal interest in the highly decorated former University president. "Hesburgh is the essence of Notre Dame," Lund said. The film's producers featured students and administrators while filming on campus, attempting to incorporate the Notre Dame identity that Hesburgh has helped create.

The filmmakers also featured famous narrators, including testimony of four former United States presidents, Secretary of State and 1972 Notre Dame alumna Condoleezza Rice, and actors Sean Astin, Clarence Gilyard and Regis Philbin.

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"I am thankful to be here and even more thankful that Father Hesburgh is here with us," Bernal said.
Election of Hamas shocks world

Islamic militant wins majority in parliament; hopes darken for Mideast peace

Associated Press

RAMALLAH — Islamic militant Hamas' landslide victory in Palestinian elections won widespread world support Thursday, darkening prospects for Mideast peace negotiations decades of rule by the corruption-riddled Fatah Party.

The victory stunned even Hamas leaders who mounted a well-organized campaign but have no experience in government. They offered to share power with President Mahmoud Abbas, the Fatah chief, who said he may go around the new government to talk peace with Israel.

Underscoring the tensions between the secular Fatah and fundamentalist Hamas, about 3,000 supporters of the militant group marched through Ramallah and raised the Hamas flag over the Palestinian parliament. Fatah supporters tried to lower the banner. The two sides fought for about 30 minutes, throwing stones and breaking windows in the building.

Hamas had yet to decide how closely to work with a group that built its clout through suicide bombings. But its Fatah Party decided not to join a Hamas government, Fatah legislator Saab Erekat said:

"We will be a loyal opposition and rebuild the party," Erekat said after meeting with Abbas.

Leaders across the world demanded that Hamas, which is branded a terrorist group by the U.S. and the European Union, renounce violence and recognize Israel.

"If your platform is the destruction of Israel, it means you're not a partner in peace, and we're interested in peace," President Bush said.

Palestinian supporters of Hamas chant slogans as they celebrate elections results in Ramallah on Thursday.
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St. Mary's women and the Sisters of the Holy Cross. The program offers the opportunity to build lasting friendships with other members of the 100 sisters, and also allows students to learn about the history of the College, said Sister Louisa Welsh, the program's faculty advisor.

"The program was in place when I arrived here a few years ago was called 'Adopt a Nen,' and was somewhat inconsistent. When I became the program director three years ago, I decided to form a group of students, and they wanted to form something more substantive," Welsh said.

"We recreated the program to bring together not only the women and the students, but the students who are interested in the program in general," she continued.

In the fall of 2003, Welsh and a team of students advertised the program on campus, and asked the Sisters program and received an overwhelming response. "I have been told by many students who remember applying for the program as a first-year student, and being accepted, that it was the number of student applicants exceeded the number of sisters," Welsh said.

Approximately 110 students and 100 sisters are involved in the program this year, Welsh said. "Each year we remember that the program is a first-year student, and being accepted, that it was the number of student applicants exceeded the number of sisters," Welsh said.

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**BOSTON — Now that it has won a bidding war for heart devices maker Guidant Corp. with a $27 billion offer, Boston Scientific Corp. faces its biggest challenge: making the purchase work while it wrestles with its own mounting product problems.**

The 27-year-old Massachusetts company owes much of its growth to successfully newly acquired medical devices companies into the fold while mitigating risks in an industry notorious for product recalls and patent disputes.

But observers say the Guidant deal presents more legal, financial and competitive challenges for the Wal-Mart of the medical device world. It’s a record of Johnson Illington Advisors. “And after last week’s strong orders rise 1.3 percent for December, better than the 1 percent forecast by economists.”

The durable goods numbers are surprising, said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Johnson Illington Advisors. “And after last week, the earnings numbers are encouraging. So we’re seeing a good bumps today.”

**GM’s earnings plummet in 2005**

**DETROIT — General Motors Corp. posted its largest annual loss in more than a decade, laying bare the problems that have hobbled America’s most valuable automaker.**

GM reported a loss of $32.5 billion, sales gains in Asia, Europe and elsewhere were more than offset by huge losses in North America, where GM lost $5.6 billion for the year.

The company executives insist the results will improve in 2006, but GM sales slumped as concerned investors wondered if the company can win customers and extract sufficient earnings to stop the financial nosebleed. “It was surprisingly negative, well below the low end of the most pessimistic analysis, which is no small feat,” said Pete Hastings, vice president of Johnson Illington Advisors. “And another player in that field, St. Jude Medical, an outcome some analysts foresee now that J&J failed to land Guidant. The nearly two month competition ended after J&J declined to increase its offer and Guidant accepted Boston Scientific’s bid Wednesday. Boston Scientific expects to borrow around $9 billion for the purchase, and will inherit a $760 million breakup fee to be paid to J&J because Guidant opted out of a deal it had with J&J.
Oprah rehashes memoir scandal, grills author

The story of "A Million Little Pieces" was supposedly over. After all, Oprah had said it was.

The TV host had belittled all the talk about alleged fabrications as "much ado about nothing." Author James Frey had invoked the rights of memoirists to take "liberties." His publisher said the matter wasn't worth looking into.

And then Oprah Winfrey changed her mind. She had read the angry e-mails, the newspaper columns and feature stories: Oprah thinks it's OK to lie. Maybe she was wrong to defend her anointed author. It was time to get the facts. So she took on Frey, face to face.

"I feel duped," she said Thursday on her syndicated talk show to a downcast Frey, who sat next to her. "But more importantly, I feel that you betrayed millions of readers."

Frey, who found himself booed in the same Chicago studio where he had been embraced not long ago, acknowledged that he had lied. "If I come out of this experience with anything, it's being a better person and learning from my mistakes and making sure that I don't repeat them," he said.

Thursday's telecast, rare proof that the fact checking of a book can make for inspired tabloid TV, marked an abrupt reversal from the cozy chat two weeks ago on "Larry King Live," when Winfrey phoned in to support Frey.

"I left the impression that the truth does not matter," Winfrey said Thursday of last week's call, adding that "e-mail after e-mail" from supporters of the book had cast a "cloud" over her judgment.

Sometimes angry, sometimes tearful, Winfrey asked Frey why he "felt the need to lie." Audience members often groaned and gasped at Frey's halting, stuttered admissions that certain facts and characters had been "altered" but that the essence of his memoir was real.

"I don't think it is a novel," Frey said of his book, which had initially been offered to publishers, and rejected by many, as fiction. "I still think it's a memoir."

On a segment that also featured the book's publisher, Nan A. Talese of Doubleday, Frey was questioned about various parts of his book, from the three-month jail sentence he now says he never served to undergoing dental surgery without Novocain, a story he no longer clearly recalls.

Winfrey subjected Frey to a virtual page-by-page interrogation, the kind of review he clearly never received from his publisher. No longer, as she called into King's show, was she saying that emotional truth mattered more than the facts. "Mr. Bravado Tough Guy," she mockingly called the author, whose book she had enshrined last fall and whose reputation she had recently saved.

Talese and Doubleday were not spared. Winfrey noted that her staff had been alerted to possible discrepancies in Frey's book, only to be assured by the publisher. She lectured Talese on her responsibilities: "I'm trusting you, the publisher, to categorize this book whether as fiction or autobiographical or memoir."

Talese, an industry veteran whose many authors have included Ian McEwan, George Plimpton and Thomas Cahill, told Winfrey that editors who saw the book raised no questions and that "A Million Little Pieces" received a legal vetting. She acknowledged that the book had not been fact-checked, something many publishers say they have little time to do.

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Safeguards for Women Abroad

As expressed by Julia Douthwaite, a representative of the ISP office of International Studies.

"Our role here is to make students aware of relative risks so they can make adjustments to possible dangers."

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alone at night," Douthwaite said. "Some are just innocent victims as well, however, and it is important that students know what they may face even if they stay aware.

To ensure students are informed, ISP has a site-specific orientation for undergraduates before they leave, which often includes advice from past program participants as well as the standard travel advisories. School officials have set up specific areas aimed at the concerns of women studying abroad and is also offered annually.

Despite all precautions, however, the worst can happen. A wallet can go missing on a crowded metro, a computer can disappear from a flat or a student can even become the victim of assault.

Last semester two female juniors participating in the Angers, France program reported in separate incidents, allegedly being attacked while walking back to their residences of their host families.

The first alleged incident occurred at approximately 10 a.m. on Oct. 2, the second alleged incident occurred around 12:30 a.m. on Dec. 16, according to the alleged victims. The students lived three blocks away from each other and were the only Notre Dame students located in this neighborhood of Angers.

The first reported being physically attacked by an unidentified French male while entering her home, and the second reported allegedly being grabbed by the neck and knocked into a house by an unidentified male on the street.

Both women contacted the Angers police, but said neither alleged attacker has been apprehended as of yet.

Though neither student was seriously injured by the alleged attacks, both said the incidents changed their lifestyles in France. The day after the incident, the first alleged victim said she was approached for directions by a young French male and "nearly had a heart attack."

"I didn't leave my house after dark alone even just to get a dinner," the second alleged victim said. "I am just glad that it happened at the end of my time in Angers."

The women had attended a safety orientation for Angers presented by the program's directors, Jonathan and Maureen Boulton, at which time they were advised to stay in groups if possible, and were given specific warnings about walking home alone.

"Maureen Boulton told us 'to keep our wits about us,'" the second alleged victim said. "But I had all my wits about me. I wasn't drinking and I wasn't tired."

Douthwaite, a former director of the Angers program, said she had always told students to take a cab if possible, or even buy a bike, because the low amount of nighttime foot traffic in the area made the "provincial city at times more unsafe than a major metropolitan capital."

Former participants of the Angers program reported similar incidents.

Senior Kathy Peterson said she was attacked by two men while walking home from the train station by her alone at 5 a.m. The first allegedly forced a pornographic magazine in front of her, she said, and a kilometer later the second man ran out from behind a church and allegedly exposed his naked body to her.

At the time of the incident the streets I was on were well-lit and the neighborhoods relatively affluent, so I felt safe," Peterson said. "Clearly this could have been prevented if I had used my better judgment to take a cab. Safety of Notre Dame students in Angers is more a question of how safe Angers itself is, and not how safe the program is." Senior Anne Macrander and Joanna Paxton both had experiences where they were approached and unnerved on the street.

"The incident was preventable, but entirely on my part," Macrander said of her situation. "I would never advise anyone to opt out of the Angers program solely because of safety concerns."

Paxton said she often found herself walking home at night because buses in the area stopped running at 7 p.m.

Though senior Stefanie Bittler reported no similar incident, she said she was "surprised to hear of the attacks."

"When I lived there, my host family lived at least a 45 minute walk from the University and then even farther from the downtown area, yet here everyone went out," she said. "I never felt safe walking there at night, but I did walk home alone from the city center every night in the dark, because our classes got out very late and then after dinner in the gym, just your general errands running in town."

"There's no way to prevent crimes like this from occurring... you can't keep people from being preyed upon unless you lock them up."

Jonathan Boulton, director of Angers program, reported.

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California declares secondhand smoke toxic pollutant

Link to breast cancer causes state to pass unanimous decision

**Associated Press**

Sacramento, Calif. — California became the first state to declare secondhand smoke a toxic air pollutant Thursday, putting tobacco fumes in the same category as diesel exhaust, arsenic and benzene because of its link to breast cancer.

The unanimous decision by the state Air Resources Board relies on a September report that found a sharply increased risk of breast cancer in young women exposed to secondhand smoke. It also links drifting smoke to premature births, asthma and heart disease, as well as other cancers and numerous health problems in children.

"If people are serious about breast cancer, they have to deal with secondhand smoke. That's what this is all about," said Dr. Stanton Glantz, director of the Center for Tobacco Control, Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco. "This is a seminal, international document," Glantz said. "It's impossible to underestimate what a big deal this is."  

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That conclusion conflicts with a 2004 report by the U.S. surgeon general. Sanford Burnes, a researcher writing on behalf of the R.J. Reynolds tobacco company, told the board in previous testimony that the state report "either ignores mentioning or does not give the appropriate weight" to studies refuting a link between secondhand smoke and breast cancer.

California scientists say their research is more current than the surgeon general's report. The state report went through an exhaustive review that delayed its release for nearly a year but ensures it is based on sound research, said Dr. John Freire, director of UCLA's Center for Occupational and Environmental Health and head of the scientific review panel. R.J. Reynolds spokesman David Howard said regardless of the dangers from passive smoke indoors, no research supports regulators' decision to declare it an air pollutant.

"No studies exist that show that exposure outdoors leads to any increased risk of tobacco-associated illness," he said. "This is no longer some crazy, California, Left Coast way of thinking."  

Cynthia Hallatt, executive director of Berkeley-based Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights. She cited smoking bans that have been enacted or are being considered across the nation and in other countries.

Much of the initial effort in California will focus on public education, said Paul Knepprath, vice president for government relations at the American Lung Association of California.  

The association unsuccessfully sought legislation in 2003 that would have banned smoking in motor vehicles containing young children, and could try for a similar law next year, Knepprath said.  

"People live in apartments all across California who are exposed to secondhand smoke on a daily basis," Knepprath said. "It drifts from a common area or another apartment."  

That could one day force regulations requiring separate ventilation systems for smoking and nonsmoking apartments, he said.
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How you play the game

Range of views is solution, not problem

Though I understand Father Jenkins’ decision not to sponsor "The Vagina Monologues" or the Queer Film Festival on campus, I am truly disappointed. As a 2004 graduate, attending Stanford Law School, during my time at Notre Dame, I never felt that my ideas (though they are markedly more liberal than those of the Catholic Church) could not be a part of a dialogue that was open to the entire University. Although I understand that he is concerned with sponsored events that directly go against Catholic teaching rather than censoring that material, I do not believe Father Jenkins would be serving the University community by limiting the ideas that can be presented formally on campus. Unlikely saying and deciding important issues for ourselves, Father Jenkins should have been honest in his speech; he should have announced that the University’s leadership determined the Vagina Monologues and the Queer Film Festival are not in keeping with Notre Dame’s Catholic morality. If Jenkins had left it at that, this announcement would have been nothing more than a predictable part of the ongoing dialogue that will continue throughout the semester. Catholicism seems like it’s Father Jenkins vs. the world. I wish Jenkins was not so touchy.

Jack Shephard in the show Lost states it best, “Everyone wants me to be a leader except when I make a decision they don’t like.” We all want Jenkins to be a great president. I don’t know of anyone that doesn’t want him to succeed as President of Notre Dame. People like Jenkins and Jenkins likes people.

However, whenever he makes an unpopular decision, people are willing to string him up in effigy and curse everything a simple priest stands for. As, first and foremost, a Holy Cross priest, Jenkins must stand for the beliefs and ideals of the Catholic Church. It would be a crime to make him deny his very faith in order to appease a crowd. He is not banning anything, rather, he is creating opportunities for discussion and open-mindedness. Many leaders wouldn’t do that. It takes serious bravery to do that. Remember that it was only a year ago when people were criticizing Coach Tyrone Willingham and hiring a man without any major head coaching experience. We all know how that turned out.

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Jan. 26
By TAE ANDREWS

Sands Writer

With the new release of the latest installment of the reincarnated "Prince of Persia" series, more than a few fans have waxed nostalgic about the countless hours they spent glued to their Apple II computer monitors while playing the original game.

Like so many great video game origin stories, the creation narrative of "Prince of Persia" begins with a rather nerdy young man with a lot of free time. Creator Jordan Mechner watched hours of film of his brother running and jumping in order to best encapsulate realistic human movement.

Using a process known as rotoscoping, Mechner went frame-by-frame through the live-action footage of his brother moving around and traced his outline in order to capture human movement in a highly realistic way (for the time). This same technique was used to great effect in the creation of the original Star Wars trilogy, where animators used rotoscoping to create the phosphorescent glow of the lightsabers.

First released in 1989 by the software company Broderbund, "Prince of Persia" was a side-scrolling, two-dimensional game with eight-bit graphics played on now-fossilized Apple II personal computers. Fans of the old-school version will fondly remember swinging swords at malevolent skeletons, dodging spike traps and drinking potion bottles filled with various elixirs.

The old-school version of "Prince of Persia" required the player to use a useful time-travel device this time aro.

The game introduces the now-crucial element of time travel devices, the flux capacitor, allowing you to rewind time, restoring tranquility peace to his kingdom of Babylon.

However, in the sequel "Prince of Persia: The Warrior Within," this changing of the timeline incurs the wrath of the dreaded Dahaka, a time-travelling monster resembling the Babroq from "Lord of the Rings." Having defeated the Dahaka and saved the beautiful Empress of Time, Kalieena, the Prince finds himself in one last battle to save his hometown of Babylon.

By resurrecting this franchise, Ubisoft has managed to create a gaming experience every bit as innovative and revolutionary as its predecessor, but for a whole new generation of 21st-century gamers.

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"Princes of Persia: The Two Thrones," released last December, is a game where the Prince returns to Babylon, only to find it in flames. A plot twist reveals that, by undoing time itself in a previous adventure, the Prince unknowingly resurrected an evil Vizier (think Jafar from "Aladdin"), who is back at his evil antics.

Even worse, the Prince now suffers from a split-personality disorder, a result of some dark magic by that nefarious Vizier. A separate consciousness, the evil Dark Prince, has taken up residence inside the Prince's mind. Periodically, the Prince will go Anakin Skywalker and turn towards the Dark Side, transforming into the Dark Prince. This will require traversing through key passages as the shadily alter-ego. While vacillating between the Prince and the Dark Prince may be a captivating bi-polar experience rivaled only by the Sméagol/Gollum relationship, the Dark Prince is a mixed bag in terms of his gameplay appeal.

Using his vicious whip-like Daggertail weapon, the Dark Prince is much more proficient at combat than his better half. In fact, gamers will find themselves cutting down swarms of monsters and flagellating enemies into easy submission. However, the evil which burns within is back at his evil antics. The only question remaining is but a slight variation on the query once posed by hip-hop group Naughty by Nature: "You down with POP? Yeah, you know me." In fact, at times the Dark Prince is so evil, you wonder, "Where's Abu?" In fact, there are many parallels to the world of Aladdin: an evil vizier, a beautiful female companion, and the whole sand-scimitars-scarabs motif.

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Miami comeback falls short against Phoenix, 107-98; Nowitzki scores 29 as Mavericks beat Supersonics, 104-97

Turkoglu had 25, and the Magic to end. Garrity enjoyed his best game of straight in 2002. The Magic
Orlando run off its longest win-
their season-high fifth straight win. It' s the season. No one on Orlando
Dwight Howard had 22 to help Magic on a roll they don' t want

Dallas 104, Southfield 97
Dirk Nowitzki scored 29 points and reserve Jerry Stackhouse added 21 as the Dallas Mavericks closed the most successful road trip in franchise history by beating the Seattle SuperSonics.

Nowitzki added 12 rebounds and was 10-for-11 at the free
throw line, making up for an 8-for-22 shooting performance.

Dallas won its seventh straight overall and finished a 5-0 trip. The Mavs had never won five games in any of their 34 road trips of five games or more.

Dallas has not lost since a 117-115 overtime defeat at New York on Jan. 11. Jason Terry added 20 points for the Mavericks, who pulled even with San Antonio in the Southwest Division at 33-10.

Richard Lewis led Seattle with 36 points, but he was stripped by Terry with 1.30 left and Seattle trailing 99-95. Lewis then fouled Stackhouse at the other end, and Stackhouse made both free throws to put Dallas ahead 101-95.

Nowitzki added a jumper with 58 seconds left. Ray Allen added 25 points for Seattle, but was just 3-for-11 in the second half and missed six straight shots at one point. His only points of the fourth quarter came with 47 seconds remaining.

Down by 11 in the third quarter, Seattle slowly chipped away with a series of short scoring bursts. The Sonics closed the quarter and started the fourth on a 12-4 run to get within 80-78. Dallas went back ahead by eight, 88-80 on Nowitzki's 3-pointer as the shot clock expired with 2:23 left.

Again, Seattle rallied, this time getting to 90-89 on Nikki Moore's basket with 4:43 left. Dallas scored the next five, but Moore scored again to draw the game to 93-95. Stackhouse then scored on a driving layup over Moore and Johan Petro and was fouled. The three-point play gave Dallas a 98-93 lead with 2:32 left.

Seattle suited up just nine players and only eight played. Moore started in place of Vladimir Radmanovic and Ronald Murray started for Luke Ridnour.

Radmanovic sprained his right foot Wednesday night in Utah and was ruled out of the game. Ridnour had been averaging 18.5 points over his last seven games.

Murray finished with 10 points. Damien Wilkins added 11 off the bench.
**AROUND THE NATION**

Friday, January 27, 2006

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**Tennis**

2006 Australian Open Women's Final

SATURDAY

**Golf**

Buick Invitational Second Round

3:00 p.m., USA

**College Basketball**

Kansas at Iowa State 12 p.m., ESPN
Cincinnati at Georgetown 12 p.m., ESPN2
Arizona at North Carolina 1 p.m., CBS
Villanova at NOTRE DAME 6 p.m., ESPN2

**BRIEF**

**Johe, Lesty top leaderboard at Buick Invitation**

San Diego — Coming off one of the longest breaks in his career, Tiger Woods might get another one sooner than he would like.

Woods went south on the easier North Course at Torrey Pines, hitting only one fairway and having to scramble for a birdie on his final hole for a 1-under 71 on Thursday in the Buick Invitational. That left him six shots behind Brandt Jobe and Thomas Levet, but he will be around the cut line Friday playing the South Course, which was four strokes harder.

"The driver is fine," Woods said about a new Nike driver in his bag. "It's the dude holding it." First-round scores are never more misleading than at the Buick Invitation, with one course that plays like a pitch-and-putt at 6,874 yards and the other that will host the U.S. Open in two years.

Jobe made seven birdies but lost one of them outside 15 feet — for a 7-under 65 and was joined atop the leaderboard by Levet, who also played a bogey-free round.

**Baghdatis defeats four-seed Nalbandian at Aussie Open**

MELBOURNE, Australia

Unseeded Marcos Baghdatis extended his remarkable run at the Australian Open, rallying Thursday to beat No. 4 David Nalbandian 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 and reach the final.

With the crowd screaming support, the 549th-ranked Baghdatis guaranteed that he will more than double his career winnings. He will play the winner of Friday's semifinal between top-seeded Roger Federer and No. 21 Nicolas Kiefer.

Baghdatis, a former world junior champion from Cyprus, was serving for the match at 15-15 when rain began pouring down, forcing organizers to close the roof on Rod Laver Arena.

After workers towed off the surface, the 20-year-old Baghdatis missed his first match point on a backhand that was ruled long.

**Timberwolves switch Szczerbiak to Boston**

MINNEAPOLIS — The struggling Minnesota Timberwolves shook up their roster Thursday night, sending swingman Wally Szczerbiak to the Boston Celtics for guard Ricky Davis in an exchange involving seven players and three draft picks.

Davis, Mark Blount, Marcus Banks, Justin Reed and two conditional second-round draft picks are coming to Minnesota, and in exchange the Celtics are getting Szczerbiak, Michael Gminski and Dwayne Jones and a future first-round draft pick, the teams announced.

The Wolves had been involved in trade speculation for weeks, with both Szczerbiak and Gminski frequently being mentioned in rumors. They were in need of a spark after losing their last two games by 20 points or more, and finally made their move Monday after a 107-87 loss to Memphis, their third straight defeat.

"Through this trade, we've become a much more athletic team," Timberwolves vice president of basketball operations Kevin McHale said in a statement. "With Ricky Davis, we've added one of the most talented shooting guards in the NBA — both on the offensive and defensive ends of the court. Plus, with Davis and Trenton Hassell together on the court, we'll have a great defensive presence at the 2-3 positions."

McHale planned a conference call for reporters Thursday night.

"It was a tough decision to trade Wally," McHale said in the statement. "He has been the ultimate professional and a very good player for us through the years. I wish him nothing but the best of luck with the rest of his NBA career."

The Celtics said they were glad to get Szczerbiak.

"We are ecstatic to acquire a player of Wally Szczerbiak’s quality to complement Paul Pierce and our young talent base," said Danny Ainge, the Celtics’ executive director of basketball operations. "In Wally we are receiving an All-Star player who is playoff tested and who has been a winner at all levels."

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**Minnesota Timberwolves forward Wally Szczerbiak fouls the Boston Celtics' Paul Pierce during the third quarter of the Celtics' 103-100 win in Minneapolis on Feb. 6, 2005. Szczerbiak was traded to the Celtics for multiple players.**

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Freestyle skiing, snowboarding draw fans

Associated Press

Count on the high-flying Olympic fledglings of freestyle skiing and snowboarding to produce a "Hurricane" that Americans actually are eager to see.

It's among the latest innovations by U.S. competitors — this time aerial skier Jeret "Speedy" Peterson, who hopes that landing his quintuple-twisting triple back flip will also land him atop the podium during the Turin Games.

"I've landed four of the five I've done, although the one I did not land I almost had to get carried off the hill," Peterson says. "There really is no room for error when you're up 55 feet in the air — doing five twists."

Ever since their Olympic introduction in the 1990s, freestyle skiing and snowboarding have showcased the talents of the young Americans who grow up on the slopes, looking to express themselves with creative, flashy and often daring tricks.

Snowboarding was invented in the United States, while America helped pioneer freestyle competitions in moguls and aerials. But while the world is catching up in American-made sports such as basketball, the U.S. freestyle and snowboarding teams sense an opportunity to improve their already strong Olympic results from years past against an international field that held its own in the early editions of these events.

"The U.S. is one of the best supporters of these sports," says Joe Pack, a 2002 aerials silver medalist. "We get all the opportunities to train at a high level. Combine a daredevil mentality with the best training and best coaches and you will pull off some amazing stuff. It's why other countries come to the U.S. to use our facilities and train under our conditions."

In the last two Olympics, moguls gold medalist Jonny Moseley accomplished a pair of firsts in competition. His 360 mute grab (a full spin while crossing skis and grabbing a ski edge with one hand) helped him win gold in Nagano. In the 2002 Salt Lake City Games, his "Dinner Roll," a sort of horizontal spin, thrilled spectators and reset the bar in that sport, although judges were less enthralled and he finished fourth.

Meanwhile, American snowboarders continue to lead the evolution of the halfpipe by executing moves with names like the "Kasserole Flip," the signature move of 2002 silver medalist Danny Kass. Kass was part of the U.S. trio that swept the medals in men's halfpipe that year. He'll be back again, having perfected a "switch alley-oop backside rodeo," in which he glides up the wall of the halfpipe going backward and launches into a flip and backward spin.

"I'll be joined on the U.S. team by halfpipe prodigy Shaun White, called the "Flying Tomato" because his long, bright-red hair flows from the edges of his helmet. White, also a skateboarding star, comes to Turin on the heels of an unprecedented sweep of the five-event U.S. Grand Prix that was used to decide the American halfpipe snowboarding roster.

U.S. snowboard coach Bud Keene says he's never seen anything like White, who impresses judges with a mix of soaring, cutting-edge tricks and graceful execution of more common moves that many competitors would consider passe in this still-evolving sport.

His relatively basic frontside 540 rotating 540 degrees off his frontside wall is "so good, it's pure art," Keene says. The Olympic debut of snowboardcross — an event that features heat races down a jump-laden course with banked turns — will showcase defending world champions Lindsey Jacobellis (of the ubiquitous Visa check card TV commercials) and Seth Wescott, both Americans.

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**TORINO GAMES**

**Inoue and Baldwin win at Four Continents**

**Associated Press**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Rena Inoue and John Baldwin are going to the Turin Olympics as gold medalists. Inoue and Baldwin won the pairs title at Four Continents on Thursday. It wasn’t their best performance, but the program was packed with enough difficult elements to win. Inoue and Baldwin finished with 168.89 points, almost 12 points ahead of Silvester and Ryan O'Boyle of Canada.

"We’d rather lose here than at the Olympics," Belbin said. "Next time, I’ll try to think about keeping it back and straight.”

That wasn’t the couples’ only problem, though. He doubled their side-by-side triple toe loop jumps, and she botched their throw triple flip. But the difficulty of their other elements topped Wakamatsu and Feehler, who scored 156.93 points. Canadians Elizabeth Putnam and Sean Wirtz were third.

Marcy Hinzmann and Aaron Parchem, the United States’ other Olympic pairs team, finished fourth after botching their third lift. He got her above his head but couldn’t hold her, and she swung wildly back to the ice. She landed flat on her feet, but they still got deductions.

Inoue and Baldwin made history in winning their second national title earlier this month, becoming the first couple in the world to land the three triple axel, the difficult 3 1/2-revolution jump. They weren’t even close Thursday, as she landed on the edge of her skate and fell flat onto her stomach.

"I thought everything was good, but I think I started leaning forward," she said. "Next time, I’ll try to think about keeping it back and straight.”

But Belbin and Agosto wanted one more chance to test out their programs.

"We need to weed out all of those problems before the Olympics,” she said. Judges gave them Level 3s for some of their elements instead of the Level 4s they’re used to seeing, and they were penalized a full point for an extended lift. Lifts can go a maximum of 6 seconds, and a penalty is given if they go over.

"We can find out what the problem is and tighten it up,” Belbin said. "It’s what we came for, really.”

Even with the deduction, Belbin and Agosto were in a strong position to win the program — a mix of rumba, samba and cha-cha was both steamy and fun, something you’d be more likely to find at a trip back in the Olympics’ figure skating competition.

They had great speed and interesting lifts, and their unison was far superior to anyone else.

"We’re glad we came here,” Inoue said. "We got a lot of stuff out of this competition. We had some improvements in the short program. In the long, definitely the (U.S. championships) was a lot better, but we’re just going to work harder when we get home.”

Earlier Thursday, Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto increased their lead in the dance competition despite a dramatic but still pressing, 3 1/2-revolution jump. They went from fourth after the short program to second with 83.73 points, and Canada’s Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir were third with 83.29.

"We’d rather it be here than there,” Belbin said. "It’s what we came for, really.”

Rena Inoue and John Baldwin execute a lift in the Pairs free skate on Thursday. The U.S. duo won the title en route to a spot in the Olympics.

"Being in our home country allows a certain comfort level,” Belbin said. "We feel like we can let loose a little more.”

Matthews and Zavozin were second with 83.73 points, and Canada’s Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir were third with 83.29.

"There’s another U.S. team, Jamie Silverstein and Ryan O’Boyle, that I probably left with a better feeling about but our home court advantage was far superior to anyone else.”

**Klug fights for place on snowboarding team**

**Associated Press**

DENVER — The fight is much different for Chris Klug this time around.

Four years ago, it was life and death, an inspirational story from a liver transplant patient, followed by a trip to the Olympics, where he incredibly and improbably left with a bronze medal.

This time, it’s a much less dramatic, but still pressing, matter — the matter of earning a trip back to the Olympics that he feels he’s been unfairly denied.

Klug spent nearly nine hours in a hearing with U.S. Olympic Committee arbitrators Thursday, stating his case that he belongs on the 16-member U.S. snowboarding team that will be in Turin next month.

"I’m optimistic," Klug said as he awaited the start of the hearing. "I think they’ll go by the criteria and things will work out fine.”

The hearing ended in the evening. Klug’s agent, Peter Carlisle, didn’t immediately return a message seeking comment.

Previously how the criteria is interpreted by the arbitrators will determine whether Klug goes or his spot is taken by another Olympic pairs team, finishing fifth in the overall standings even though she took a belly flop during their footwork.

"Ultimately what we want one more chance to test out their programs."

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Lightning defeat visiting Devils 1-0 in overtime

Sabres topple Maple Leafs, Senators shut out lowly Canadians

Associated Press

Tampa, Fla. — Tampa Bay’s Ruslan Fedotenko flicked the puck and hoped for the best.

“It was a mistake just throwing the puck on the net,” the right wing said after his goal with 2:35 left in the second period attracted the Lightning a victory over New Jersey. Fedotenko matched his career performance by Devils goalie Martin Brodeur.

Fedotenko took a pass from Nolan Pratt in the lower right circle and scored only after he was unable to feed Brad Richards in the high slot.

The winner came less than two minutes after Brodeur stopped Vincent Lecavalier from point-blank range to keep the Devils in the game.

“I tried to pass and they covered everything, so I just threw the puck on the net,” Fedotenko repeated. “I didn’t even look where the goalie was.”

John Grahame made 20 saves for his third shutout in his last five starts. The Lightning are 4-0-1 during that stretch, and Grahame has allowed a total of one goal in the four victories.”

“You know in a game like this that one mistake could cost you. You don’t want to have that mistake on your side,” Grahame said. “That’s what drives you. No mistakes that will cost you the game. Stay focused.”

Sabres 8, Maple Leafs 4

Thomas Vanek scored twice and the Buffalo Sabres handed the Toronto Maple Leafs their seventh straight loss with a 8-4 victory on Thursday night.

Alex Steen scored twice for the Sabres — mired in the Toronto Maple Leafs their ninth goal 12:36 in. The 6- foot-9 defense an stepped his league record by being held out lowly Canadiens.

Fedotenko repeated. “I didn’t make my mistake on your side, Hasek”

With Canadiens forward Jan

Hasek had two goals and an assist leading the Ottawa Senators to a 3-0 win over Montreal on Thursday night as the Canadians tied a franchise record by being held off the ice in disgust as he headed to the locker room for stitches.

With 59 seconds left in the period, Patrik Stefan swatted in a rebound with one hand on the stick to halve the deficit. But whatever momentum the Thrashers took from Stefan’s inspired play was quickly wiped out by Wallin’s second goal of the season. The teams skating 4-6, the defensemen slipped deep into the Atlanta zone and deflected Brett Hedenhag’s shot past Kari Lehtonen.

Craig Adams scored with just under nine minutes remaining after a tremendous individual effort by Erik Cole to get to the net.

Ray Whitney tacked on a power-play goal with 19 seconds remaining. Atlanta was down a man after Marian Hossa’s frustration boiled over, leading him to pick a fight with Carolina’s Oleg Tverdovsky.

Hedican and Matt Collen scored the first two goals for the Hurricanes. Cam Ward made 30 saves, but he also benefited from Atlanta’s errant shooting. The Thrashers missed the net at least a half-dozen times on good scoring chances.

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Fans booed goalie Ed Belfour after Vanek scored Buffalo’s fourth goal early in the second period. Coach Pat Quinn replaced Belfour with Mikael Tellqvist.

Buffalo scored four straight goals to take a 4-1 lead, but Toronto cut it to 5-4 by the end of the second.

But Drury’s one-timer gave Buffalo an insurance goal at 6:14 of the third, and Vanek made it 7-4 at 12:47. McKee added an empty-netter with 1 minute left.

Steen scored on the power play with a slap shot about three minutes into the second and Toronto fans booted after Vanek scored an unassisted goal on Belfour about 10 seconds later.

Steen scored on the power play and Alex Ponikarovsky made it 4-3 at 13:17 of the sec-
ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish hope to continue season’s strong start

Team hosts Notre Dame Invitational meet today at Loftus before Meyo Invitational

By JORDAN BELTZ

The Irish look to pick up where they left off last week as they host the Notre Dame Invitational today at Loftus Sports Center. The team is coming off of a very impressive performance last week at the Notre Dame Open, which was highlighted by victories in two different events.

The invitational is traditionally sandwiched between the Notre Dame Open and the prestigious Meyo Invitational. It’s considered an excellent tuneup for the Meyo Invitational, with competition being offered by many top schools from around the nation.

Leading the way for the Irish women heading into the invitational are sprintsers Maryann Erigha and Ogechi Ogbookiri. Erigha took home top honors in both the 60 meters and the 200 meters last weekend. Meanwhile, Ogbookiri posted a time in the 400 meters worthy of both a top finish and a provisional NCAA Championship qualification.

Another member of the women’s squad to watch is freshman pole vaulter Mary Saxer. Saxer has already won the pole vault in both meets of the 2006 indoor season, and has also posted a vault good enough for provisional NCAA consideration.

“My goal for the rest of the season is just to continue to improve, and to reach the level that I was once at in my high school career,” Saxer said.

By MARY ANN ERIGHA

“We always have the goal of improving our marks.”

Mary Saxer
Irish pole vaulter

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Buckeyes compete at Eck

No. 22 Notre Dame faces Ohio State in home opener match

By DAN TAPETILLO

The No. 22 Irish look to continue their dominance over regional rival Ohio State (2-0) as Notre Dame opens its homestate this weekend with an 11 a.m. match Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish currently hold a 12-3 all-time record over the Buckeyes and expect to continue their string of wins as the team is led by coach Jay Louderback, in his 18th season.

Juniors Carina and Christian Thompson.

“We’re hoping our hard training and practice will help us play well for the victory,” Christian Thompson said.

The Thompson’s, who are currently No. 1 in doubles in the ITA standings, are coming off a successful fall season as they captured the school’s first-ever ITA doubles title against a duo from Fresno State last October.

However, the Thompsons aren’t the only Irish doubles team gaining recognition as two other Notre Dame pairs have also earned nationally rankings.

“Our doubles are so talented,” Christian Thompson said.

“Everyone proved themselves during the fall and we will be deep this season, I would be shocked if we lose critical doubles points.”

The duo of sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelsey Tefft are No. 2, followed by seniors Kelly Nelson and sophomore Bailey Louderback.

“We have a lot of leadership with the three seniors and so much experience,” Carina Thompson said.

But it isn’t just the veterans who are adding to the strength of the team. New to the Irish this year are freshman Tefft and Katie Potts.

“I think they have adjusted really well and are so talented,” Carina Thompson said.

“They have already contributed so much to the team that it is only going to add to the strength of everyone who is returning.”

Despite the team’s confidence, Notre Dame isn’t willing to take its Big East foe lightly. Ohio State began its spring season with a pair of 7-0 shutouts over Cincinnati and Bowling Green, led by junior Sonia Huzumovsky.

“During the first match everyone always has nerves,” Carina Thompson said. “And even though it is going to be tough, we will be ready.”

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NBA

Injured O’Neal is out at least eight weeks

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O’Neal is expected to miss at least eight weeks with a left groin tear, leaving the Indiana Pacers without their leading scorer and rebounder.

The news came Thursday, a day after the Pacers acquired sharpshooter Pijsa Stojscekovic from the Sacramento Kings for the volatile Ron Artest.

O’Neal was hurt during the fourth quarter of Indiana’s loss at Cleveland on Tuesday.

“When my injury happened, I knew it was going to be serious because of the actual pop in the area where I was having the most pain the last three or four weeks,” he said.

The Pacers described the injury as “significant,” but said it was doubtful he would need surgery.

“It’s hard ... being in the situation we’re in and finally almost getting a new start ... it would have been a great opportunity to play with a guy like Ron Artest, and I think his ability helps everybody on our team,” O’Neal said. “But I’m in a situation where the playoffs may be my best hope for getting back.”

O’Neal did not practice Thursday but was on the court with his teammates and took several shots at the basket — flustered — as practice ended.

He said after practice he had likely come back too soon from a recent bout with pneumonia.

It left him weakened, he said.
**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Saint Mary's to host last-place Tri-State**

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

As they head into Saturday's matchup with 2-17 Tri-State, the Belles, 12-0, know they have turned the tide on their season. After losing three straight games to fixe their record, Saint Mary's has won three of their last four contests and crawled up the ranks to a formidable position in the MIAA.

According to coach Steve Bender, one reason for his team's turn-around is the strong play of Saint Mary's downtown duo of Chris and Brian Williams and the Albion and Alma games, Saint Mary's played tough defense to hold leads and force opponents to make mistakes and take bad shots. Even during the Belles only loss in the past two weeks -- a 73-52 setback at Adrian -- the Belles staged a second half comeback to stave off fourth place in the MIAA.

Against Tri-State, the Belles are focused on guarding with the perimeter.

"One thing that we must do is defend the three-point line, especially since they shot 30 last night," Bender said. "We also have to stay rich at the post. That is where the difference in the game will be.

To prepare the team for the Tri-State game, and games against Olivet and Calvin next week -- the second and third teams in the MIAA -- Coach Bender has had his team practice 5 on 7 and 4 on 6 drills.

"We need to prepare ourselves for the tough opponents we will have in front of us in March and the tour that is to do that is by making things tougher at practice," said Bender.

The recent success of the Belles appears even more impressive considering that starting point guard Bridget Lipke has remained sidelined with a leg injury suffered against Albion. Without their team leader on the court, the Belles have managed to win or stay close in all three games that Lipke has missed. She has not played one minute since her injury but she is listed as questionable for Saturday's game.

Steve Bender Belles coach

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Irish travel to Ohio State

Notre Dame seeks to avenge two home losses earlier this season

By CHRIS KHOERE

Sports Writer

After splitting with the CCHA's second best team on the road last weekend, the Irish will be away from the Joyce Center tonight as they travel to Value City Arena in Columbus, Ohio to face the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Since going 1-1 against Northern Michigan in the Minneapolis Showdown Friday and Saturday, Notre Dame (8-13-2, 6-9-3) currently resides in 10th place in the league. But their 15 points put them only three points behind the Buckeyes, making this weekend a crucial chance to move up in the standings.

"The most important thing right now is to get points every weekend," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Our main goal right now is to get into every game trying to steal a point or two, especially with all these road games.”

Ohio State, which was picked to win the CCHA at the beginning of the season, is a disappointing 12-10-4, but Jackson said the Buckeyes are still dangerous.

"It’s hard to say what happened this season for them," he said. "Different things happen with different teams." The Buckeyes are led by sophomores Brandon Dubinsky and Tom Fritche, who has 22 points on the season including right goals. Senior Dave Caruso has been a stalwart in the net, starting 23 games and allowing just 1.71 goals per contest.

Ohio State swept a weekend series in South Bend 4-1 and 5-2 the weekend of Nov. 25-26 in what Jackson called "our worst weekend of the season." The come-from-behind win marked the first time the Irish have won this season after trailing at the end of the second period. Notre Dame is now 1-13-0 this year when trailing going into the third period, we need to have the motivation to come back and win those games.”

The Irish were not the only team traveling to northern latitudes last weekend as Ohio State was on the road at Alaska-Fairbanks. The Nanooks and Buckeyes split the series.

Jackson said that, while the long trip will have taken its toll, he doesn’t expect his team to have any extra advantage this weekend.

"You see sometimes effects on a team that just went to Alaska, but we just had a nine hour bus trip ourselves," he said. "If we had played at home, it might have made a bigger impact.”

Ohio State has won the last six meetings with the Irish, including the two wins in South Bend earlier this season. The last Notre Dame win came in November of 2003. Overall, the Buckeyes lead the series 24-21-6.

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Irish point guard Chris Quinn, left, center Torin Francis, center, and guard Russell Carter look for open teammates in an 85-82 double-overtime loss to Georgetown Tuesday. Notre Dame, which fell to 1-5 in the Big East with the loss, will try to end its two-game losing streak against No. 6 Villanova Saturday.

**Villanova**

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Madison Square Garden. Nevertheless, the Irish think beating the Wildcats could jumpstart a squad that has been close but not capitalized on game situations.

"Every game’s huge for us," said Irish point guard Chris Quinn, who played all 50 minutes in a double-overtime loss to Georgetown Tuesday night. "But with a top-10 team coming in here, this one carries a lot of weight.

Villanova’s top four scorers are all guards. Randy Foye leads the Wildcats averaging 20.7 points per game, followed by Allan Ray (18.3), Mike Nardi (11.6) and Kyle Lowry (11.1). Ray missed the team’s last game with a strained hamstring injury he suffered in practice. The Wildcats won, though, by a 49-46 margin Tuesday over South Florida, which is winless in its first Big East season.

The narrow victory raised eyebrows, as Villanova’s only two losses are to West Virginia and No. 4/5 Texas, a combined seven points, and the Wildcats’ shooting—which their fifth-year coach Jay Wright relies on—has been inconsistent thus far (45 percent from the field, 39.6 from 3-point range).

But Brey expects Ray back for Saturday’s game and he is concerned about the Wildcats’ speed and pressure defense. He said Notre Dame must take care of the ball and play its own game, "play loose," instead of making drastic adjustments.

"That’s why Villanova’s been as successful as they are," Quinn said. "They line up and make teams do things they don’t want to do.

As Irish center Torin Francis said Thursday, Notre Dame may be able to take advantage of the Wildcats’ guard-heavy structure in the low post for points and free throw opportunities. But so far, Brey’s style has been to put the ball in Quinn’s hands and trust the senior point guard with a young, inexperienced team.

Quinn averages 23.3 points per game in Big East games, second only to Rutgers junior Quincy Douby (23.5). He has played in 227 of a possible 260 minutes in the Irish’s first six conference games, taking and making shots and creating end-game plays down the stretch (see Georgetown).

Brey said that similar to past Notre Dame leaders Troy Murphy, Matt Carroll and Chris Thomas, Quinn has the tangible and intangible qualities that make a coach leave him on the floor.

"I’m always thinking how to steal him a rest," Brey said. "But if I think you look around college basketball, key guys—really key guys—are hardly coming out of the game on a lot of teams. And that’s kind of how we’ve been playing here.[with other top players]."

"Right now I think Chris Quinn—certainly his play is fabulous—but his personality and demeanor on the court are really important.

Mike Brey
Irish head coach

**USF**

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point guard and team captain Megan Duffy said.

USF has the same goal for Saturday’s match-up and it will enter the game with the nation’s leading scorer, junior guard Jessica Dickson, who averages 23.8 points per contest.

"They are one of the hottest teams in the league right now," Duffy said. That hot streak was cooled a little bit by a 72-47 drubbing at the hands of No. 3/4 Connecticut, but at the same time, Notre Dame enters the game in the same predicament, looking to rebound after a 69-43 loss at Rutgers and an all-time-close 54-52 win at Georgetown.

After those two difficult road games, the Irish are looking forward to coming home, where they are 6-2, including an upset win over No. 10 DePaul on Jan. 17.

"It’s nice to be able to come home after a tough loss," Duffy said. "It’s fun to play in front of our fans and hopefully get a win."

One thing the Irish will want to avoid if they hope to come away with that win is the turnover, and they are certainly hoping to avoid a repeat of Tuesday’s game with Rutgers, where they gave up 22 turnovers.

"We have to take care of the ball," Duffy said. "[Rutgers] got 35 points off turnovers.

Notre Dame will also continue its focus on rebounding, where the team has struggled at times.

"We [have] to focus on rebounding every game, but we also have to develop a post presence," Duffy said.

That presence may be difficult to start developing against the Bulls, who lead the Big East in boards per game.

Duffy, who leads the team in both points and assists, with 15.6 and 4.2 per game, respectively, does not shy away from responsibility in those post struggles.

"We as guards have to get the ball into the post," she said.

This weekend marks South Florida’s first since moving from Conference USA, the conference the Bulls’ media guide still claims they belong to. As a result Notre Dame leads the all-time series 2-0, the last game being an 83-63 Irish win on Dec. 19, 1998.

"We really don’t know much about them," Duffy said.

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**Irish forward Courtney LaVere shoots free throws against DePaul Jan. 17. Notre Dame hosts South Florida Saturday.**
as the teams competing are some of the top programs in the country.

Squad Notre Dame will face include Northwestern, Cal State Fullerton, Duke and Wayne State.

"Taking into account all three different weapons, Northwestern has one of the strongest women's teams," junior epeeist and team captain Amy Orlando said. "There are also going to be a couple bouts against Wayne State and Northwestern in epee that are going to be tough."

The freshman Montoya agreed.

"I'm focusing on the fencers from Wayne State especially Anna Garina," Montoya said. "And Northwestern is also very experienced. But we are definitely not going to be underestimating any of the other teams."

However, it will be Ohio State that the Irish expect will be their toughest competition. The Irish needed to overcome a 24-point deficit in last year's NCAA championship to win the team title over the Buckeyes 173-171.

"They are all fighters and won't give up," Orlando said. "That is what makes Ohio State so good.

"Even the Irish will not be an easy opponent to face. The women's program returns sabres Valerie Providenza and Mariel Zagunis. "They're near the best of their weapon and they have the experience from years on the strip," Orlando said. "So they have everything it takes to be the complete fencer."

The Irish will also feature key foilist Melanie Bautista and epeeists Rebecca Chimbursky and Orlando.

Although the women will be competing with the best fencers in the sport, the men's team is no pushover.

The men's program will be showcasing an elite list of fencers including sophomore foilist Jakub Jedrzkowski, junior sabre Matt Stearns and junior epeeist Aaron Adjemian.

In addition to the veterans in the men's program, the freshmen are also proving themselves to be a critical part to the team's overall success. Freshman foilist Mark Kubik is credited as a significant inspiration in last week's duals at NYU.

"At NYU he told his teammates that we just have to execute," Montoya said. "He wants to do well and works hard to get other people motivated. Everybody he works hard in practice and it is going to pay off."

The women's portion of the competition begins on Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Joyce Center.

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However, singles have been a strength for the Irish this year despite the injury to junior track Akhvlediani. Stephen classe holds the No. 8 spot, Sheeva Parbhu is No. 14 and Eric Langenkamp stands at No. 65, with the team holding a No. 26 overall ranking. Although the early-season rankings reflect more on fall play, it is a confidence boost going into a match against the top-ranked Cavaliers.

UVa's Treat Huey is No. 6, Somdev Devvarman is No. 10, Marko Miklo is No. 46 and Ryans Kriek is No. 54. Unranked Doug Stuart, who did not participate in many fall tournaments, holds the No. 2-spot, with Miklo at No. 5 on the team.

Bayliss said that the top four of the Cavaliers' lineup are "pretty much interchangeable."

They rotate four players into the No. 5 and No. 6 spots in singles as well. "They're all pretty good, we're competitive with those guys," Bayliss said. "We split those two matches last year 5 and 6 with them."

The lineup is much like the Irish, who this year feature strength at the top of the lineup and depth in positions throughout. Although Barry King is unranked, he spent the fall semester at University College in Dublin and has insufficient data for rankings.

After last year's record showing at the Country Club of Virginia (CCV) in Richmond, Bayliss agreed to play the match there again, making the travel schedule difficult when Notre Dame faces William & Mary on Sunday at 10 a.m. For Bayliss, a Richmond native, the match is a homecoming of sorts.

"It's played at the club where, when I was in grad school, I was an assistant pro at that club," he said, adding that a number of people from the club and his high school class came out to support last season. "We probably had 1/3 of the crowd rooting for us, and the Notre Dame Club of Richmond got involved."

He said that the club is a good venue for hundreds of spectators.

"The crowd there, it's enthusiastic and vocal but not vindictive," Bayliss said. "It's not all college students, it's a little bit of a wine and cheese club."

However, the only pressure the team feels is from the big match waiting for them today. Bayliss said the team is confident.

"I'm sure they're focused," he said. "This team has been committed from the start. A group of them got together and almost all the guys playing were here last summer."

All of the players were active over the summer, playing in tournaments at home or on campus.

"I think we came back this year with a sense of purpose and they have done an awful lot to make themselves as good as they can," Bayliss said. "They've done all the little things ... One of our team mottos is take care of the little things and the big things will take care of themselves ... Then the ones you can't anticipate don't overwhelm you."

The Irish take the courts at 3 p.m. today at the CCV and return home to take on William & Mary at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

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Foundation names Sullivan Conn. Player of the Year

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame center John Sullivan will be the center of attention on Feb. 11, when the Walter Camp Football Foundation will honor him as its Connecticut Player of the Year.

The foundation announced Thursday that the 6-foot-4, 298 pound junior would receive the award, given annually to the top college football player in America who is a resident of the state of Connecticut, during a dinner at the Yale University Commons in New Haven.

Sullivan, a 2003 graduate of Greenwich High School, spearheaded a Notre Dame offense that averaged almost 37 points and 477 yards per game.

He is the first Notre Dame player to receive the award.

Past winners include former BYU quarterback and NFL Hall of Famer Steve Young—who also attended Greenwich—and former Boston College and NFL linebacker Bill Romanowski, from Vernon, Conn.

Sullivan was a three-year starter at Greenwich. He led the squad to a 6-1 in the state championship game his senior season, when he also was named Connecticut Gatorade Player of the Year.

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Irish try to end losing streak

By ERIC RETTER
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Notre Dame is running out of potential turning points during a difficult 2005-06 season. But Saturday is one of them.

The Irish (10-7, 1-5 Big East) are almost halfway through their conference schedule with just one win over Providence (9-8, 2-4) to show for it. And on Saturday, Notre Dame hosts No. 6 Villanova at 6 p.m. (ESPNU) in the Joyce Center with an opportunity to improve its record and its standing near the conference cellar, but the No. 21 Irish find themselves in.

"Our guys know it would count more than one in a lot of ways right now, any of these in this (upcoming) stretch," said Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss added. "It was 4-3, and we expect to play well and expect it to be a close match."

The Irish have been looking for redemption. The nation's No. 1-ranked women's team and the No. 2-ranked men hope to avenge their losses by coming out on top during this weekend's Notre Dame Duals.

"We have to prove to ourselves that we are competing at our best level," eppeist Kim Montoya said.

But it won't be an easy feat for the Fighting Irish.

Bulls pay visit to the JACC

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

It's no team's goal to get to the eighth conference game of the season trying to fight to stay alive and claw up from near the conference cellar, but that's the unenviable position the No. 21 Irish find themselves in.

On Saturday, Notre Dame (3-4 in the Big East and 12-6 overall) will take on South Florida at 6 p.m. (ESPNU) in the Joyce Center with an opportunity to improve their score and their standing.

"Our guys know it would count more than one in a lot of ways right now, any of these in this (upcoming) stretch." At the most critical juncture of its Big East schedule, Notre Dame meets Villanova Saturday and then travels to No. 9/13 West Virginia and No. 22/23 Louisville for consecutive road games on Feb. 1 and Feb. 4, respectively.

Villanova is taking NCAA tournament, while Brey referred to the Big Dance in March as "that other one" on Thursday, indicating his focus is on making the conference tournament at

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Irish forward Rick Cornett dunked over Georgetown forward Jeff Green Tuesday. Notre Dame faces No. 6 Villanova Saturday.

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