The Board of Trustees holds meetings in Rome

By MADDIE HANNA and HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
News Writers

The Board of Trustees will convene in Rome for its annual winter meetings today and Wednesday to meet with key Vatican leaders, participate in an academic conference and confer two honorary degrees.

The five-day trip gives the University an added avenue to understand how to serve the Church, University spokesman Dennis Brown said Monday.

"Whether the board meets in Rome or not isn't essential to Notre Dame's commitment to serve the Church," Brown said. "The University has been for many years, and remains, fully committed to that end. This trip gives the trustees and officers greater insight into how we can deepen our efforts in this regard."

Brown said he was unsure if University President Father John Jenkins was going to meet Pope Benedict XVI, elected in April 2005, while in Rome. The last time a Notre Dame president met the pope was in July 2001 when then-University President Father Edward "Monk" Malloy met with the late Pope John Paul II.

Brown said the idea of meeting in Rome stemmed from a past plan to have a Board of Trustees meeting there, one that never manifested itself. As a result, a meeting in this location has been on the Board's agenda for several years. With Jenkins taking office on July 1, 2005, it seemed like an appropriate time to have the winter meeting in Rome, Brown said.

Brown also said it was unrelated to Jenkins' recent addresses to students and faculty on academic freedom and Catholic character, issues that have prompted much discussion on campus over the past week.

"The board was scheduled to meet in Rome a couple of years ago, but the trip was postponed, in part because the University took steps at the time to reduce costs during a downturn in the U.S. economy," Brown said. "With Father Jenkins' new administration now in place, this seemed like an appropriate time to visit Rome stemmed from a past plan to have a Board of Trustees meeting there, one that never manifested itself. As a result, a meeting in this location has been on the Board's agenda for several years. With Jenkins taking office on July 1, 2005, it seemed like an appropriate time to have the winter meeting in Rome, Brown said."

University President Father John Jenkins will attend the Trustees meetings and speak before Vatican officials.

Catholic universities in U.S. assess academic freedom

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Since the liberal policy of the "Land O' Lakes" statement was reached in a 1967 assembly of Catholic university leadership, the paths of colleges affiliated with the Church have been divergent regarding issues of academic freedom and religious character.

The group of Catholic college administrative members hosted by University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh - asserted that Catholic universities "must have a true autonomy and academic freedom in the face of authority of whatever kind, lay or clerical, external or the academic community itself."

Although the statement emphasized the need for colleges to uphold a "perceptively present and effectively opera-

Monologues' have been banned at SMC since 2001

By KELLY MEEHAN and LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writers

Academic freedom in the forms of "The Vagina Monologues," and the Queer Film Festival has incited campus-wide debate after University President Father John Jenkins questioned the appropriateness of their existence at a Catholic institution in recent addresses.

While the debate of what is and is not appropriate material rages on at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College has already taken action against performances of "The Vagina Monologues," a play that includes issues that traditionally contradict Catholic teaching, such as masturbation, homosexuality and premarital sex.

University addresses plagiarism accusation

By KAREN LANGLEY
Assistant News Editor

A national Catholic organization has asked the University to investigate the possibility that Notre Dame theology professor Father Richard McBrien plagiarized arguments, structure, themes and some exact language in a Los Angeles Catholic publication — an allegation the University has addressed, McBrien said Monday.

The Cardinal Newman Society (CNS) — which aims to renew Catholic identity at United States Catholic universities — requested an investigation of the case in a Jan. 19 letter to University President Father John Jenkins.

The CNS alleged that McBrien's Jan. 6 column in The Tidings of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles mirrored an op-ed piece by Eileen McNamara that had appeared in the Dec. 11 issue of the Boston Globe. McNamara had denounced a protest of a Catholic Charities fundraiser honoring Boston Mayor Thomas Menino as an example of "political correctness run amuck."
Salt on small potatoes

I don't remember the exact day I heard the phrase "small potatoes" used to describe something of little purpose or credibility. All I know is that it stuck with me ... and maybe it's from "The Godfather II."

I have been using the expression for some time, and have described many a small potato. Examples range from: "that home-work is small potatoes," to "that rush is small potatoes." Life is made of plenty of potatoes, and just about the only thing that matters less than a potato is a small potato.

At this point, there's a very obvious path I can take with this metaphor. All I have to do is stress the importance of the little things in life, and how we need to make the most out of every moment, and about how you can use the small potatoes to make potato pancakes, or mashed potatoes, or hash browns, or baked potatoes with cheese, or potatoes au gratin ... but I'm not going to do that because many of those things require recipes and cooking and so on.

So instead, I'm just going to tell you why you should hate the small potatoes. When life gives you lemons, you shouldn't make lemonade. You should tell life to keep the lemons and make its own lemonade, then sell the lemonade to you for 50 cents a glass. Life needs to take a finance class or something. People don't want everything bitter. That's why I don't like salt.

As part of Welsh Family Hall's Chinese New Years celebration Monday, organizer Kan Zhang taught residents how to write Chinese symbols for "luck."

In Brief

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

Author Kirsten Sundberg Lunstrum will give a reading from her debut book, This Life She's Chosen, tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in South Dining Hall's Hospitality Room.

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

The College of Arts & Letters will present "You Don't Really Have to be a Rhodes Scholar to Land a Fellowship for Post Graduate Study" Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Hammes Student Lounge of Coleman-Morse.

Legendary rap artist Chuck D from the critically acclaimed Public Enemy will present "Rap, Race, and Reality" Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in Deltaroti Hall, Room 141. A Jimmy John's reception will follow at 10 p.m.

The band Nice Savel will play Friday at 10:30 p.m. at Corby's.

ReeSports' Late Night Olympics will take place in the Joyce Center from 10 p.m. Saturday to 4 a.m. Sunday. Donations of $1 are taken at the door. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

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

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Correction

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BOG gives $80 to not-for-profit organization

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Assistant News Editor

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members approved funds for two co-sponsorships during a brief meeting Monday.

Saint Mary's senior Molly Ritter, the College and Notre Dame representative for the not-for-profit organization Invisible Children, presented her efforts to organize a screening of the documentary Invisible Children and asked for $80 from BOG to help defray costs.

"The organization was actually started by three college kids, three guys from San Diego who went to Uganda to document the situation, Ritter said, involving rebel forces kidnapping children from their homes late at night. As a result, thousands of children travel hours to nearby cities each evening and sleep wherever they can to avoid being found.

The ultimate goal of the organization, Ritter said, is to raise enough funds to make fliers to hang around campus, and obviously BOG support of this would be huge."

Officers overwhelmingly approved granting Ritter $80 to help fund the event.

Shortly thereafter, the Board also voted to give $150 dollars in help sponsor the two-part Saint Mary's security event "Wasted and Wounded," which has been ongoing since November.

Student body president Dave Baron and student body vice president Lizzi Shappell met with Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, on Jan. 20 to discuss COIR's idea to use their carry-over fund, which currently contains $180,000, to create an endowment for future student government expenditures. This fund would be available from the $100,000 carry-over fund for programing each year, which would be able to apply for portions of the $20,000 that would be available from the fund for programming each year. This fund would last for five years if left alone, but its affiliation with Student Affairs and Student Activities might lead to supplementation by donors.

Baron said, "Any student group could apply, and funds could cover an event entirely or supplement larger events." Shappell and Baron suggested creating a cap of $100,000 on the carry-over fund and taking $100,000 from that fund to place in a programming fund, which would be run under the supervision of Student Affairs and Student Activities, which would be funds for the university and benefit student life?" If we get a vested interest from Student Affairs and Student Activities, this is something we can bring to the table.

Under the proposal, groups would be able to apply for portions of the $20,000 that would be available from the fund for programming each year, which could last for five years if left alone, but its affiliation with Student Affairs and Student Activities might lead to supplementation by donors.

Baron said, "The money should be kept as one lump sum to make one noticeable difference," said O'Neill senator Steve Tortorello. "Otherwise, everyone in the world will apply, and it will get chopped up until it's like [the fund] didn't exist."

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Council of Representatives

Group weighs in on fiscal policy

By KAREN LANGLEY
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Student leaders debated changes to the student government's fiscal policy at the Council of Representatives (COR) meeting Monday night, adding ideas for a new programming fund to the discussion, which has been ongoing since November.

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COR members debated whether the $20,000 should be spent on one large, new or supplementary project or if it should be divided among as many groups as apply.

"The idea behind putting it into an endowment fund was that we're thinking about now is creating a programming fund," Shappell said. "Any student group could apply, and funds could cover an event entirely or supplement larger events."

Lizzi Shappell student body vice president

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Marriage and the Church: Truth and Fiction

Sylvia and John Dillon
Directors of Marriage Preparation and Religious Education University of Notre Dame

Theology on Fire

8:00 p.m.,
Wednesday, February 1, 2006
Cyber Café
Student Center

Chats in the Cyber Café. Monthly interactive discussions about hot topics in the Church
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ative" Catholic character, the conference's Vatican II thinkers left the room open to interroga-
tion by individual universi-
ties.

University President Father John Jenkins suggested his own
Web site asking Catholic
campuses and calling for mem-
bers of the public to contact
USA Today, denouncing the
leaders who believe the play
recently years from Catholic
faced increased scrutiny in
not in concert with teachings of
Queer Film Festival and the
official University policy.

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Freedom

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"The Vagina Monologues have increased the truth about sexuality; the new paper, The Heights.

According to the university's formal mission statement, "Franciscan institution of higher education. The policy adds that although "the rights and obligations of academic freedom take diverse forms for the students, the faculty, and the administration," they must be consistent with certain University objectives and "truth in the tradition of Christian belief."

The struggle to maintain Catholic values on campus goes beyond the narrow definition of academic freedom - that is, the right of students and faculty members in an academic institution to express their beliefs unabashedly and without discrimination.

Groups, speakers and other non-academic events deemed in conflict with Catholic character have also faced sanctions on campuses across the country.

Franciscan University policy places standards on speakers - who must express views consistent with the college's stated mission as a Catholic Franciscan institution of higher education.

Speakers must be sponsored by a University department or officially-recognized student organization. Sofio said the president can deny any application for those whose "appearance or remarks...would compromise the University's mission or promote propositions and values contrary to Catholic teaching."

In his seven years at the University, Sofio said he cannot recall any "controversies or confrontations" concerning invited speakers or cultural events on campus.

The story was not the same at Boston College in December, 2005, however, when the University canceled an AIDS benefit dance designed to be a "safe zone event" for GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender) students due to its discordance with teachings of the Catholic Church.

The University's policy is that students apply for permits for events through the Office of the Dean for Student Development, and upon reviewing the request... concluded, appropriately, that they could not endorse an event that advocated a position that was in conflict with church teaching, Dunn said the stance is what any of the other 238 Catholic universities in the United States would do in a similar situation.

"As a Catholic university, we cannot sanction an event that promotes a lifestyle that is in conflict with church teaching," he said.

Jenkins reiterated this belief in a series of speeches last week in which he called Notre Dame's sponsorship of certain events inconsistent with Catholic teaching "problematic."

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EGYPT

Al-Jazeera airs al-Qaida video

Second in command al-Zawahri calls Bush 'the butcher of Washington'

Associated Press

CAIRO — In a new video aired Monday, al-Qaida's No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahri mocked President Bush as a 'failure' in the war on terror, called him a 'butcher' for launching an airstrike and criticized the United States for releasing Osama bin Laden's offer of a truce.

Al-Zawahri, wearing white robes and a white turban and speaking in a forceful and angry voice, also threatened a new attack in the United States — "God willing, on your own land."

The video, broadcast on Al-Jazeera TV as a result of the raid on Bush's first term in more than a year,Bin Laden said his followers were preparing an attack in the United States, and offered the Americans a conditional truce, though he did not spell out terms.

A U.S. counterterrorism official who spoke on condition of anonymity in compliance with office policy, said there is no reason to doubt the authenticity of the al-Qaida video, which U.S. intelligence officials were analyzing.

The second counterterrorism official noted the video was disseminated quickly, demonstrating al-Qaida's ability to get his message out to the American public, Bin Laden said. That suggests the two are not hiding together and Bin Laden may be in a more remote location than his deputy, the official said.

The Homeland Security Department had no immediate plans to raise the nation's terror threat levels because of the Zawahri tape. 'Not at this time,' said spokesman Russ Knoke.

U.S. officials had said after the Bin Laden tape that no intelligence indicated an imminent al-Qaida attack. On Monday, FBI Special Agent Richard Kolko said the bureau would ask agents around the country to review ongoing cases and tips in light of the al-Qaida video, especially with two major events in the United States this week — the State of the Union in Washington and the Super Bowl in Detroit.

Al-Zawahri said in the video that he had a number of messages to give in the wake of the airstrike. In one message, he invited Bush to convert to Islam.

'If you accept, you will become a brother in our faith and God will forgive your sins," the Al-Jazeera news-reader quoted him as saying. The invitation was not in the excerpts aired by the Arabic satellite station.

He said the airstrike in Pakistan by an unmanned Predator craft targeted himself and four of his "brothers" in al-Qaida. Instead, he said, it killed 18 civilians — "men, women, and children" — and he called Bush "the butcher of Washington."

'Bush, you are not only defeated and a liar, but, with God's help and might, a failure. You are a curse on your own nation and you have brought and will bring them only catastrophes and tragedies," he said.

IRAQ

U.S. journalist appears in video

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. journalist Jill Carroll, weeping and voicing, appeared on a new videotape aired Monday by Al-Jazeera, and the Arab television station said it appealed for the release of all Iraqi women prisoners.

The video was dated Saturday — two days after the U.S. military released five Iraqi women.

Carroll, 28, was crying and wore a conservative Islamic veil as she spoke to the camera, sitting in front of a yellow and black tapestry. The Al-Jazeera newscaster said she appealed for U.S. and Iraqi authorities to free all women prisoners to help "in winning her release."

At one point, Carroll's cracking voice can be heard from behind the newsreader's voice. All that can be heard is Carroll saying, "...hope for the future.

The U.S. military released the women last Thursday and was believed holding about six more. It was unclear how many women were held by Iraqi authorities.

Carroll, a freelance reporter for the Christian Science Monitor, was seized Jan. 7 by the previously unknown Revenge Brigades, which threatened to kill her unless all women prisoners were released. Al-Jazeera did not report any deadline or threat to kill her Monday.

Al-Jazeera editor Yasser Thabit said the station received the tape Monday, 'It was between two to three minutes long, but only a fraction of the footage was telecast.'
by the late Pope John Paul II in 2001, and served as a primary contributor to John Paul II’s 1998 encyclical on faith and reason.

Last June, Fishchella visited Notre Dame to address a bishop’s conference.

The conference, entitled “Contribution of Catholic Universities to the Church and Culture,” will feature addresses by Jenkins, Rino Fisichella, auxiliary bishop of Rome and rector of St. John Paul II National University, and Notre Dame Trustee Daniel Jenks, bishop of Peoria, Ill.

During the conference, Fisichella, ambassador to the Holy See, and Rino Fisichella, dean of the Pontifical Lateran University, will address “The Congregation of Holy Cross and Catholic Education.” Jenkins will address “Notre Dame: A Catholic Institution within American Academe.” His address comes a little over a year after he sparked campus dialogue on academic freedom and Notre Dame’s role in public character.

The honorary degrees will be awarded on Monday to the recipients in a ceremony at Notre Dame's Main Building. The conference will be held from Thursday through Saturday.

Students at the University of Notre Dame do not participate in the decision-making process of the College of Liberal Studies, the University's governing board, but they have the right to participate in the decision-making process of the Board of Trustees.

The University of Notre Dame has made a decision to ban the Catholic Monologues on campus because of their content. The play was banned by the University's administration due to its content, which some members of the community feel is offensive.

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Bush prepares to present budget

Democrats contest he cannot make proposed deficit cuts while troops remain in Iraq

WASHINGTON

President Bush will renew his call for personal accounts within Social Security and an expansion of reporting to renew tax cuts and curb the growth in benefits from programs like Medicare and Medicaid in his 2007 budget report next week, according to administration officials.

But since election years hardly ever generate results, that’s the operating budget of most domestic Cabinet departments.

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It is an election year, Notre Dame. Be ready for electioneering, politicking and buckets of empty promises from slea­pering politicians. This year we Americans will once again exercise our guar­anteed right to choose our rulers, which is, apparently some­thing of which we should be proud. In America, you see, we can elect to dis­pose of our oppo­nents with the simple touch of a button. I dislike elections. I think they bring out the worst in us. It is what is wrong with democracy. In America: advertising blitizes, lies and slumber. Politicians sleeping through their teeth as they rob us blind. What election years do offer, however, is some small hope that maybe this year will be different. Maybe, for some unknown reason, America will awak­en.

However, I am also a pragmatic pessimist. I know, if you are a Democrat, you will probably re-elect Stenballib X for his fourth term in the House. If you are a Republican, you will happily fill the box in the next line for Senate. Like American Three and elec­tor for the 10th straight year. In America, party loyalty is more important than actually voting a­nything. According to FairVote — The Center for Voting and Democracy, “In each of the four national elections since 1996, more than 98 percent of incumbents have won, and more than 90 percent of all races have been won by non-competitive margins of more than 10 percent.” There are currently only four states in this entire country in which all incumbents were not re­elected, and the average margin of victory was over 40 percent. In Wyoming, an incumbent politician

Vagina Monologues not the answer

I am a woman, voicing my freedom in response to Maribel Morrey’s letter “More than just the heterosexual male point of view” (Jan. 30), lest we go on under the delusion that heterosexual males are the only ones in opposition to the production of The Vagina Monologues on campus. I sincerely sympathize with the harass­ment you faced during your time at Notre Dame, Morrey, but I must say I disagree with your response. The answer to over­sexed males who hang pictures of girls in their dorm rooms, say things they have no right to say and look elsewhere when no right to look is not matched in their populace. This approach offends not only Catholic values, but also public decency. By all means, sexual behavior is the issue. — Something positive, that will work towards the end of respect for sexuality, not something that will prolong it. And the Vagina Monologues do prolong disrespect for sexuality by mak­ing one of God’s most beautiful gifts an everyday word to be thrown around for shock value.
ACADEMIC FREEDOM & CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Monologues’ do not agree with ‘true freedom’

Christ is the fulness of truth. Concerning the presentation of the Vagina Monologues, our President John D’ArCY said: “This play violates the truth about women, the truth about sexuality, the truth about male and female and the truth about the human body [and... in opposition to the highest understanding of academic freedom].

What should we do? We must follow the guidance of D’ArCY and cancel the presentation of the Monologues if indeed we wish to call ourselves Catholic and aspire to discuss women in a sacred and pure light in a Catholic spirit.

The Vagina Monologues is offensive to women; it is antithetical to Catholic teaching on the beautiful gift of human sexuality and also to the teachings of the church on the human body relative to its purpose and to its status as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

This play violates the truth about women; the truth about sexuality, the truth about male and female and the truth about the human body and is in opposition to the highest understanding of academic freedom.

Jonathan Rose
Notre Dame
Jan. 30

D’ArCY’s oxymoron

"Yes, there is diversity here: You get to choose what you do. On the other hand, you see, there is no bright light in question," D’ArCY said.

Detractors should reexamine Jenkins’ statements

It is sad to see that Father John Jenkins’ attempt to explain and clarify the discussion regarding the Vagina Monologues was marred by the fact that he did not want to clarify the confusion and misunderstanding that has resulted from the presentation of the Monologues.

The real question for current students and faculty is to ask themselves: what is the most important thing to keep in mind when discussing issues regarding female sexuality and the University’s policies?

Perhaps the most stubborn and intransigent failure to read/listen and understand Jenkins’ words is the University’s failure to address the most important questions: 1) If and how are the Monologues to be altered so that they do not violate the University’s policies? 2) If the University is not able to alter the Monologues, what are its options for handling the situation?

The general assumption seems to be that Jenkins has already made up his mind, and that no one is willing to take him at face value when he says that he is exploring and probing and trying to discover the right course of action. Clearly he has learned, but it is ridiculous to assume that he would go to the trouble of establishing a forum for students to speak if he didn’t want to hear what we have to say.

Jenkins’ approach seems to denote a belief that when ideas collide, what usually comes out is a synthesis of the two. If one wins, it is because that was the better idea. Jenkins is trusting in reason to serve as the arbiter. The students who respond with protest seem to have forsaken reason and instead trust in power. Their desire isn’t to convince Jenkins by being right and giving reasons, but by talking louder than everyone else.

If we want to be taken seriously by Jenkins, then we ought to begin by taking seriously both of the values he’s put before us. There is a unique relationship to be discovered, and as the nation’s premier Catholic university, that responsibility falls to us.

Chris Saperlanski
London Program
Jan. 30
Get television critic Mark Bemenderfer's take on the latest in Hollywood style.
Harold Ramis, left, Bill Murray, middle, and Dan Aykroyd face off against ghosts with hilarious results in the 80s classic "Ghostbusters."

"The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!" (1988)

Leslie Nielsen is known today as one of the all-time comedic greats, in large part for his corny, deadpan comic abilities. His career began in the "Police Squad!" series, which featured a corny, deadpan sense of humor that Nielsen brought to life with his signature monotone. The show was a classic example of how Nielsen was able to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary, and his deadpan delivery became a defining characteristic of his acting style. Nielsen also became known for his role in the "Naked Gun" films, which were a parodic send-up of detective movies. Nielsen became known for his corny, deadpan comic abilities. Nowhere are these better showcased than in "The Naked Gun," the first in a series of three spoofs on detective movies. Nielsen became known for his role in the "Police Squad!" series, which featured a corny, deadpan sense of humor that Nielsen brought to life with his signature monotone. The show was a classic example of how Nielsen was able to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary, and his deadpan delivery became a defining characteristic of his acting style. Nielsen also became known for his role in the "Naked Gun" films, which were a parodic send-up of detective movies.

Chocolate Covered Strawberries

3 ounces white chocolate, chopped

about 64 kisses. Courtesy of Epicurious.com

a tablespoon of melted chocolate.

Coconut Chocolate Truffle Kisses

9 ounces fine-quality bittersweet chocolate (not unsweetened)

3/4 stick (6 tablespoons) unsalted butter, softened

1 cup heavy cream

Parchment paper

Break chocolate into small pieces. In a food processor, pulse together chocolate and butter until chocolate is finely chopped. In a small saucepan, whisk together cream, espresso powder and salt and bring just to a boil. Pour hot cream mixture over chocolate mixture and pulse until smooth. Transfer mixture to a bowl. Let mixture stand at room temperature until just firm enough to pipe, about two hours. Oil a large baking sheet and line with parchment paper. Transfer chocolate mixture to a pastry bag fitted with a 1/2-inch plain tip. Pipe mixture onto baking sheet to form one-by-one-inch cones, or "kisses." Chill kisses, uncovered, until firm, at least three hours and up to one day. Sift cocoa powder into a small bowl. Working with one kiss at a time, dip the fruit into the dark chocolate and drizzle the white chocolate over the dipped strawberries. Set the strawberries aside until the chocolate sets, about 30 minutes. Make sure no chocolate fall back into the bowls. Repeat with the rest of the strawberries. Dip a fork in the white chocolate and drizzle the white chocolate over the dipped strawberries. Set the strawberries aside until the chocolate sets, about 30 minutes. Courtesy of Television Food Network, G.P.

Monster Macadamia Nut Blondies

1 1/4 cups firmly packed light brown sugar

1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 3/4 cups firmly packed light brown sugar

2 whole eggs, at room temperature

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 1/4 cups packed dark chocolate

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2 whole eggs, at room temperature

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 cup chopped macadamia nuts

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and grease a 13-by-9-inch baking dish. In a bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder and salt. In a large bowl or in a mixer, beat together the butter and sugar until light and creamy, then beat in the eggs and vanilla. Gently stir in the flour mixture, then the macadamia nuts. Mix until well blended and pour into the baking dish. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center of the dish comes out clean, about 35 minutes. Let blondies cool in pan. To serve, cut into 9 large bars.

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V' fills its target niche

Single, powerful moves are the primary form of combat in the game. A special move, titled a "rage explosion," can be triggered at any moment and used to perform more powerful moves. But if it does not connect, or if the timer runs out, the player loses the ability for the rest of the match.

Efforts have been made to modernize the game in the form of making it compatible with X-Box Live. For the first time, one can play "Samurai Showdown" competitively over the Internet. Since the main draw for two-dimensional fighters was playing against other live opponents, this is a welcome feature.

"Samurai Showdown V" is an obvious throwback to the older days of gaming. The majority of its appeal lies in the retro nature of the game, and it appeals to an older crowd of gamers. People who grew up with the PlayStation 2 or even the original PlayStation, however, may find the game inevitably underwhelming.

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1 pound strawberries with stems (about 20), washed and dried very well

Put the semi-sweet and white chocolates into two separate heatproof medium bowls. Fill two medium saucepans with a couple of inches of water and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Turn off the heat; set the bowls of chocolate over the water to melt. Stir until smooth. (Alternatively, melt the chocolates in a microwave at half power, for one minute, stir and then heat for another minute or until melted.) Once the chocolates are melted and smooth, remove from the heat. Line a sheet pan with parchment or waxed paper. Holding the strawberry by the stem, dip the fruit into the dark chocolate, lift and twist slightly, letting any excess chocolate fall back into the bowl. Set strawberries on the parchment paper. Repeat with the rest of the strawberries. Dip a fork in the white chocolate and drizzle the white chocolate over the dipped strawberries. Set the strawberries aside until the chocolate sets, about 30 minutes. Courtesy of Television Food Network, G.P.

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Chocolate-covered strawberries are a delicious treat that are great for late-night dessert parties. They are simple to make and can be prepared quickly.

The Oriental ghoul Kusaregedo, left, attacks the French fencer Charlotte, right, in the X-Box exclusive game, "Samurai Showdown V."
Michigan cracks top 25; more than half of Big Ten now ranked

Associated Press

Northern Iowa is ranked in The Associated Press' Top 25 for the first time, a Conference title — a No. 1 Carolina (20-0) is now the only Tennessee, which had been No. to try six days earlier over Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The Associated Press

"I'm excited for our players. The first time our school has ever been ranked and for this particular group to be one that cracks the Top 25 is a very special," Northern Iowa coach Greg McDermott said. "I'm sure in our media people's minds they have ever been ranked and for the second time they were in the NCAA tournament the last two seasons. The Tar Heels had reached that position three times last season. The Tar Heels made it four in a row with a combined 0-8 during the week. South Carolina and Florida had entered the poll just last week, three days after the fourth straight games to Duke before beating the Blue Devils three times last season. The Tar Heels dropped to fifth. Those were the first back-to-back losses for the 11-0, No. 21 as one of four newcomers among conferences in the most recent public RPIs. The Associated Press' Top 25

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New York's Antonio Davis, left, sits on the bench with teammate Trevor Ariza during the Knicks' 120-101 road loss to the Hawks Monday. Davis, coming off a five-game suspension, didn't dress for the game because of back pain.

Davis' return delayed by lower back pain

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Antonio Davis served a five-game suspension for rushing into the stands in defense of his wife, but his return to the court will have to wait.

Davis, who was set to start Monday night's game against the Atlanta Hawks, was a last-minute scratch because of lower back pain. Maurice Taylor started in his place.

Before the game, Davis discussed the incident that led to his suspension.

"Some may say I overreacted, some may say that my wife should have called security — any of that," he said in the locker room. "Bottom line is, it all happened. Hopefully something like that won't happen again.

"But I don't think that I would have done anything differently. As of right now, I'm just glad that it's over and I can get back to playing basketball.

"Davis' wife, Kendra, exchanged words with a Bulls' fan during a Jan. 18 game in Chicago. After another fan became involved, Davis jumped over the scorer's table and ran into the stands during a timeout in overtime. He was ejected by the officials and suspended by the league the next day.

"It's a tough situation, you know?" Davis said. "On the one hand, I understand the rules better than anybody and why that rule is in place. But on the other hand — which I think is the part of me that took over — as a man, you have to protect your family.

"No matter the circumstances, the NBA made it clear there will be no leniency for players going into the stands, especially after last season's brawl at Detroit during a Pistons-Pacers game. That melee resulted in lengthy suspensions and criminal charges for Indiana's Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal.

Even so, a number of players have sympathized with Davis' plight.

"It's been actually phenomenal, the support that I've been getting, even though I broke a rule," he said.
Bryant, Arenas create more issues for Pacers

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers, already reeling from injuries and a five-game losing streak, will face two of the league's top scorers in Gilbert Arenas and Kobe Bryant on back-to-back nights.

The Pacers travel to Washington on Tuesday to face Arenas, then return home Wednesday to play Bryant's Los Angeles Lakers. Bryant leads the league with 35.9 points per game and Arenas ranks fourth with 28.3 points per contest.

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The Lakers game will conclude a four-game stretch in which the Pacers will have faced three of the league's top four scorers. The Pacers lost two in a row to Lebron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers last week. The league's number three scorer, James averaged 26.5 points, 8.5 assists and seven rebounds against Indiana.

To prevent a trend of being torched by superstars, the Pacers will try to force other players to make the key shots. "Gilbert has been a guy who's dominated with the ball," Pacers forward Austin Croshere said. "He has the ability to make really tough shots against you. Even when you play good defense against him, he hits tough shots. You want to do as good a job of taking the ball out of his hands as possible and make the other guys on the team beat you."

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Besides being forced to defend two superstars, the Pacers will have to work Peja Stojakovic into the rotation. The 6-10 forward came to the Pacers from the Sacramento Kings last week in exchange for Ron Artest.

The Pacers expect Stojakovic to contribute immediately. The former All-Star averaged 16.5 points, 8.5 assists and five rebounds against the two opponents who have put up the highest point totals against them this season.

Arenas had 37 points and eight assists to lead Washington to a 94-85 win in Indianapolis on Jan. 13. Bryant scored 45 points, along with 10 rebounds and five assists in a 96-90 win over the Pacers in Los Angeles on Jan. 9. He scored 81 points over the Pacers in Los Angeles and five assists in a 96-90 win on Jan. 13.

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DOUBLE CHEESEBURGERS

YOU WON'T HAVE TO GIVE ANY PLASMA FOR.
Squash team defeats regional rival Purdue 6-3

Men's Volleyball

The Irish men's volleyball team traveled to St. Joseph, Michigan to play No. 9 Michigan State in their annual "Battle of Noise" contest on Saturday. In a long, hard-fought match before a sold-out crowd, an Irish comeback fell just short as the Spartans won in four games.

Things looked awful for the Irish right from the start losing the first game 25-11. With no offense and a powerful attack from MSU, the Irish had no answers and were put away quickly. However, the Irish were able to put that game behind them and fight throughout the next four games. Down one game to none, Notre Dame came out strong in the second game, going on an 8-2 run behind the serving of Nolan Kane. Balanced with good passing and aggressive attacks from Joe O'Connell and Drew Williams, the Irish put away the Spartans 25-17.

Gaining confidence from a great game, the Irish came out firing and hungry for victory. Unlike the first two games, the third game went back and forth with neither team going ahead by more than four points. Unfortunately for the Irish, many serves at critical moments in the game cost them. The Irish were able to turn the Irish mistakes into Spartan points and stole the third game from the Irish 25-23.

The next game was similar to the previous, Notre Dame and Michigan State exchanging points. This time, however, the Irish cleaned up their game. With strong offensive attacks from junior Mike Zibton, the Irish were able to deal the final points and win 25-22.

The fifth game belonged to Michigan State. An early lead, which they held going into the morning however, the Irish ran into Riptide, a Senior Men's club team. The Irish had a strong offensive attack and limited their unforced errors, as they lost 12-9. On the positive side, however, the Irish still managed to recover from a spectacular fall and win the crucial fifth game 15. Joel Sharbough was able to hold his spot in fourth, Connor Byrne finished in 11th, and Pat Leinkuelor in 17th place. After their seventh-place finish in the first round, Hagans lost a ski and tumbled down the mountain, finishing with a DNF. Other finishers for the men's ski team were Steve Feutz in 26th, Chris Sinkin in 32nd. At Merck 36th, Alex Gloczewski and Tommy Balmat 62nd.

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Benninger first broke the magic mile barrier at last season's Meyo Invitational by clocking a 3:58.75, so his record-breaking performance Friday was not entirely unexpected.

"Kurt was especially motivated tonight after he wasn't invited to last Saturday's Reebok Indoor Games in Boston," Notre Dame coach Joe Plane said.

Saturday's Reebok Boston Indoor Games featured many of the world's fastest milers as 11 runners finished the race in under four minutes. If he had been invited, Benninger might have made it 12.

"He ran with a purpose and really wanted to show those meet organizers what they were missing out on. It may be their loss, but it's certainly our gain, and we're very happy with the way things turned out for Kurt this evening."

The extra motivation certainly paid off, as Benninger turned in what was by far the best performance of the evening. Butler's Scott Overall stayed even with Benninger for the majority of the mile, but Benninger out-kicked Overall down the stretch to break the four-minute barrier. Overall ended up finishing the mile with a time of 4:00.53, just off Benninger's pace.

Benninger's accomplishment is made more impressive by the fact that he is one of only three runners in school history to break the four-minute mile barrier. Luke Watson, the school record holder, ran the mile in 3:57.83 at the 2002 Meyo Invitational. The only other Irish runner to crack the barrier was Chuck Aragorn, who accomplished the feat in 1981 at the Illini Invitational.

Benninger has bounced back strong after suffering a season-ending injury last season after the NCAA Indoor Championships. He will look to continue his strong start this weekend as the Irish return to action when they host the Meyo Invitational this weekend.

"I'm really looking forward to running the 3K at the Meyo Invitational," Benninger said. "It's going to be a great race and I really want to show those meet organizers what they were missing out on."

-- Joe Plane

Irish coach

Benninger's Irish mile

"Going into the meet, I definitely thought that I would be able to break the four-minute mark."

Kurt Benninger

Distance runner Kurt Benninger, left, is congratulated by an opponent and teammate Tom Chamney, right, at the Notre Dame Invitational last weekend.

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Captains flourish in leadership roles

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

One way to measure how successful a team will be is the attitude of the senior class — especially the captains. If Notre Dame's 16-F record and national ranking are any indication, this season's leaders have certainly stepped up to the challenge.

This year's captains, Jamie Lutkus and Patrick Hefernan, were selected out of a group of 10 seniors by their teammates in a vote last spring.

"I have complete faith in the process that we use," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "We have had a string of good captains in the past years, and this year is no different."

Welsh said the main quality the Irish look for in a captain is the ability to communicate with both teammates and coaches. He added that it is essential each captain is well liked by both teammates but still a strong leader in and out of the pool.

The coach seems to have found the right men.

"Jamie is intense and really into the spirit of Notre Dame, while Patrick is more laid back and keeps us loose," Irish swimmer Graham Parker said. "They provide a good ying and yang that keep our team balanced and together."

However, the respect these captains earned from their coaches and teammates didn't come easily. The captains say they have worked hard for many years to put themselves in the leadership roles they have today.

Lutkus, who competes in the breaststroke and individual medleys (IM), has been named to the all-Big East Conference team all four of his years at Notre Dame. He was also an All-American for three consecutive years in high school.

He currently owns the top six times in the 400-yard IM, as well as the second-best time in the 200-yard event, in the program's history.

"Being a captain gives you an extra push," Lutkus said. "It is important to lead by example because fast swimming can be contagious."

Hefernan has also left his mark in leading by example the past four years. He ranks sixth all time in the 200 butterfly and was a part of a record-setting relay team during his sophomore season.

Lutkus continued by attributing Hefernan's biggest asset to the team has been his unmatched work ethic and selfless sense of team.

This was evident early on when he was presented with the McManus Captains' Award — given annually to the player who best exemplifies the word "teammate" at the end of his sophomore season.

"I just tried to show up every time, practice and do what I could to help the team achieve its goals," Hefernan said.

Both Hefernan and Lutkus said they were "honored and excited" when they learned about their responsibilities as captains. They began filling their new roles as soon as the team arrived on campus.

"It was clear that they both had the ear of the team from the start," Welsh said. "They have been good leaders throughout the year, but they still both have a lot they want to accomplish in the next month."

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however, the Championships will be their opportunity to achieve what Carroll has already done — qualify for the NCAA Championship.

The Irish are currently riding a seven-game win streak in Nixon’s inaugural season as head coach. Despite Nixon being a part of the program as both a competitor during the 1997-98 season and as an assistant coach in the 2004-05 season, several members of the team needed time to adjust to a new coach.

“At the beginning of the year, everybody on the team just decided to trust her,” Quinn said. “Our performance ever since then have really cemented that trust, and our confidence in her has grown over the course of the year.”

Despite having their sights set on the national meet, the Irish say they are not going to overlook the Big East Championships. Notre Dame will face a tough Rutgers program, which enters the tournament on a high note after defeating No. 12 Penn State 129-112 in its final meet of the regular season.

“We kind of felt that Rutgers was trying to send us a message in their last meet,” junior Julia Quinn said. “We’re still confident, though, because although Rutgers has some stars, they don’t have the depth to match up with us.”

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McGraw has indicated that there may be lineup changes, at least for tonight’s game against Syracuse.

“We’re thinking about going to a smaller lineup, playing four guards,” McGraw said. “We’re just not sure which four that’s going to be.”

Despite the potential starting lineup changes, McGraw has been adamant about trying to establish a post presence, where the team has had trouble lately.

“We need to really rejuvenate the post game. I think that’s a key, that’s what was working for us early in the year,” McGraw said.

In part because of the post problems, the Irish have been notoriously streaky the last few games, equally likely to make dominating runs or go more than 10 minutes without a field goal.

“We continually watch the droughts, to see what went wrong, what did we do wrong. It’s just a lot of different things [contributing to them],” McGraw said.

While lineup changes seem to be in effect for at least tonight, McGraw says the team has no plans of changing its overall philosophy or game strategy.

“We’re pretty much going to do the same thing we’ve been doing, offensively just hoping more shots drop in for us. Defensively, we haven’t made a lot of changes there either,” she said. “I think we’re just trying to find the right combination right now.”

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quantity.

In addition, Corrigan said this class’ athleticism separates it from past groups, calling it “the most athletic class we’ve ever gotten,” pointing to the incoming players’ accomplishments in multiple high school sports.

Eight of them received a variety of all-conference and all-state honors in other sports.

Three of next year’s incoming freshmen will arrive from talent-rich New York.

Matt Clambell is an attacker who captained Western New York powerhouse Orchard Park to two state semifinals appearances.

Jennifer Kelly McKenna captained his Penfield High School team his junior and senior years, as well as captaining the Western Empire Team in 2004 and 2005, where she played alongside Chip Callinan to a 2005 bronze medal.

Midfielder Brett Vecchio was an all-county winner in Pennsylvania, and was an alternate to the Long Island Empire Lacrosse team.

From Maryland, Corrigan nabbed midfielder Grant Krebs who earned Maryland Prep Team honors as a sophomore and 6-foot-6 defense-man Chip Tamer.

Pennsylvania produced two signees, Malvern Prep defender Mike Creighton and Central Bucks East midfielder Adam Felicetti (Doylestown). Felicetti’s junior season produced a team high 41 ground balls, 14 assists (third most on team) and 27 goals, earning him a first-team Intelligencer spot from the local newspaper — not to mention Intelligencer “Player of the Year” honors as a wide receiver and safety in football.

Defenders Sean Callinan comes to Notre Dame after a post-graduate year at Deerfield Academy (Massachusetts).

Neal Hicks in the lone commitment south of the mid-Atlantic and New England lacrosse hotbeds, but the attackerman from the Loveitt School in Atlanta, Ga. is one of the most important pieces of the class.

Hicks led his team to state titles in his sophomore and junior seasons — scoring 83 points on 48 goals and 35 assists and collecting 75 ground balls in his All-American junior campaign. Expect the Irish to lose second-team preseason All-America attacker Pat Walsh at the end of the year, Corrigan believes the new class will contribute immediately offensively.

“They’re quarterbacks on their football teams and point guards on their basketball teams,” Kevin Corrigan
Irish coach

“We’re getting guys with a presence and playmaking ability, guys who want the ball in their hands.”

Kevin Corrigan
Irish coach

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Hey, my laptop crashed and it won't turn on. Oh yeah, we'll have to take it in.

Adam Fairholm

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Irish absent from national top-25 polls for first time since 2003-04 season

By ERIC RETTER
Sport Writer

After struggling to a 3-5 record in the first half of conference play, the Carrier Dome may be just what the doctor ordered.

The Irish, who are 12-7 overall and have fallen out of the top 25 for the first time since the end of the 2003-04 season, will go into their game at Syracuse with an 18-2 overall series record and an 8-1 record when the game is played at Syracuse, where Notre Dame hasn’t lost since the 1988-89 season.

While the team will be making its third trip to the East Coast in a little over a week, Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw is confident that the team will not experience any ill-effect from the travel.

“Can’t have had yesterday off, so I think we had a nice day to get fresh, especially on a Sunday when they don’t have class,” McGraw said. “It was a good day off, so I think we’ll be ready.”

Syracuse, (2-7 in the Big East and 9-11 overall), comes into the game on a two-game losing streak, having pulled out victories against Seton Hall and Providence last week. The Syracuse juniorNotFoundException became the first runner in Notre Dame history to record two sub-four-minute miles in his career.

“Going into the meet, I definitely thought that I would be able to break the four-minute barrier,” Benninger said. “I actually thought that I was fit enough to run a few seconds faster, but obviously I am happy with my performance and results.”

Long distance runner Kurt Benninger, right, broke four minutes in the mile at last weekend’s Notre Dame Invitational.

Irish players Crystal Erwin, left, Lindsay Schrader, center, and Melissa D’Amico look toward the court during the final moments of Notre Dame’s 78-75 win over DePaul Jan. 17.

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