‘Monologues’ conclude on campus

Jenkins’ attendance, broad panel discussion cap off third and final night of performances

By KAITLYNN RIEY
New Writer

The third and final production of “The Vagina Monologues” at Notre Dame this year was marked by the attendance of University President Father John Jenkins and a wide-ranging panel discussion on sexual violence, Catholic teaching and other topics Wednesday night.

Jenkins saw the play performed for the first time Wednesday, just over three weeks after he initiated a University-wide discussion about academic freedom and Catholic character in addresses that included his belief that the “Monologues” should not take place at Notre Dame.

“I went to listen and learn, and I did that tonight and I think the cast,” Jenkins said after the play. Jenkins, who declined further comment on the “Monologues” Wednesday, had mandated the play be performed in the academic setting of DeBartolo Hall this year, without the fundraising ticket sales of years past. Junior Madison Liddy, director of this year’s “Monologues,” and later the panelists thanked Jenkins for his presence at the performance.

During the panel discussion following the play, panelists applauded the efforts of the production toward eliminating violence against women and encouraged the continuation of its annual performance know in

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Farley refurbishing begins

By JOE PIRULLI
New Writer

The newest renovation on campus hopes to make “The Home of the Finest” a little finer.

Farley Hall’s restoration project, expected to cost more than $3.5 million, began last week with chemical cleaning of the bricks on the outside of the building. Jeff Shoup, director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing, said most of the work will be done over the summer and not during the school year.

“The minute that students leave... they’ll completely go crazy in there starting to dismantle things and do demolition,” Shoup said. Farley’s

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Students anticipate Shappell-Andrichik

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
New Writer

With ballots counted and winners announced, Notre Dame students who voted in Monday’s student body presidential election said they are eager to see Lizzi Shappell and Bill Andrichik put their leadership to the test.

Shappell and Andrichik, both juniors, won a majority of votes — more than 51 percent — so there was no need for a runoff election. It was the first presidential election without a runoff since 1999.

The pair won 2,202 of the 4,253 votes cast Monday — well ahead of the 2,101 votes garnered by the second-place finisher. With 4,253 votes, the election was the highest number of votes cast in recent years.

“I think Lizzi will work hard for the students,” May said. “I would always see her in a leadership role for student government... you really have to support someone who’s going to put in so much time and effort.”

Farley Hall’s renovation

The most significant change will be the refurbishment of the building’s brick exterior. Shoup said Farley’s

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Wowed by 
Wikipedia

The online encyclopedia Wikipedia has come under fire recently for false statements in articles on many topics, some of the most outrageous accusations being leveled against targets ranging from Tony Blair to Ernest Hemingway.

Despite its inconsistencies, Wikipedia deserves to be honored for its achievements.

Wikipedia is an online encyclopedia written by everyday folks, and in more than 200 languages to boot. The idea is, you don't need a degree to share information you have—just a keyboard. You can add to or edit existing articles, or create a new one for a topic that is not yet listed.

For this reason, it would take an enormous amount of manpower for Wikipedia administrators to comb through each new addition to check for authenticity. Thus, the same people who write Wikipedia also have to edit it.

If an article is thought to be biased, or incorrect, a Wikipedia user can file a complaint and the article will be tagged for a review. While this can prove for some confusing—and sometimes just plain inaccurate articles—the positives far outweigh the negatives.

I have no way of comparing the amount of mistakes in a print encyclopedia to those on Wikipedia, and I'm not arguing that anyone can write an encyclopedia. I do think that taking advantage of technology in order to create a global database of knowledge is a wonderful and exciting idea.

Some of the recent fallacies included in articles have been rather harmless, such as David Beckham's position being listed as a "19th century Chinese goalkeeper" and the full name of England's Prime Minister listed as "Tony 'Woopd-Dee' Blair."

Others have had more serious ramifications. An article on Ernest Hemingway gave him a fictional communist friend called "Henryk Batuta"—a mistake that lasted 15 months before the myth was debunked by Polish users. Another scandal has been politicians editing their biographies to portray them in a more favorable light, most notably when a summer intern of U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Mass.) removed from his article promises he had made to voters and not fulfilled.

Like any source of information, one cannot blindly believe what is stated. But Wikipedia is not a totally corrupt source of information. In fact, it is largely accurate and extensive. With proper skepticism, Wikipedia can be an invaluable global database of knowledge is a wonderful and exciting idea.

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In Brief

The Saint Mary's psychology department will host a lecture by Notre Dame head football coach Charlie Weis today at 7:30 p.m. in the Vander Vennet Theatre in the Student Center. Weis will discuss autism and global delays as part of psychology week at the College.

The Saint Mary's College Dance Ensemble Workshop will host its annual performances Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 in O'Laughlin Auditorium. The programs will include ballet, jazz and modern dance.

The Saint Mary's Book Club will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the SMC student center lounge for "pleasure reading with a purpose." The first book, "Fare," is available in the bookstore.

Black Coffeehouse, a showcase of African American art, literature and music expressed in the Notre Dame community, will take place Friday at 7 p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom.
Book club to promote casual reading at SMC

By ELIZABETH VOSS
News Writer

With full coursework, extracurricular activities and social lives, college students rarely find time for pleasure reading, but a group of Saint Mary's women are inviting their peers to do just that.

Four Saint Mary's students — with the help of women's studies professor Astrid Henry — have created the SMC Book Club as part of an independent study class.

"We wanted to give students the opportunity to talk to fellow students about books in a casual way," said senior Mary Nelson, one of the group's founding members.

Books in the series are addressed for two weeks each, with discourse centering on experiences of young women in society involving relationships and sexual diversity. In the first week, members talk freely about the literature. In the second, members integrate articles or their own personal stories into the discussions.

The club will tackle four books throughout the semester, starting with the novel "Prep" by Curtis Sittenfeld — a book whose critical popularity has helped generate interest at the College. With jam-packed schedules, it is often tough for students to make time to read, Henry said.

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"They are two very different ways of looking at it."

Henry said one of the more difficult issues the new club will encounter is garnering student interest at the College. With jam-packed schedules, it is often tough for students to make time to read, she said.

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But Nelson said the time commitment is worth it.

"A lot of people think it's hard to find time to read, but it's possible if you make the time to read," she said. "It's hard in college because you feel so swamped by work. We want people to take time to read for enjoyment and to think about things."

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Filmmaker discusses Emmett Till

By KAREN LANGLEY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame students were called to participate in the ongoing civil rights movement Wednesday when activist and filmmaker Keith Beauchamp screened his documentary "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till" — a film that has helped to reopen the 50-year-old case of a killing that garnered support for the fledgling movement in the 1950s.

"Before there was a Martin Luther King, Jr. or a Rosa Parks, there was the murder of Emmett Louis Till that sparked the civil rights movement in the American South," he said.

In the film, Beauchamp investigates the August 1955 case in which 14-year-old Emmett Louis Till, while visiting relatives in Mississippi, was murdered for addressing a white woman in public. The case drew national attention for the barbaric nature of the killing — Till was mutilated, shot in the head and his body left at a river's bottom — and, despite extensive evidence of their guilt, the two white men who stood trial for the kidnapping and murder were acquitted.

Though Roy Bryant, husband of the woman who accused Till of improperly addressing her, and his half-brother J.W. Milam later confessed their roles in the kidnapping and murder in a national magazine when a reporter offered them $4,000, they were protected from prosecution by the "double jeop-
dardy" rule.

But the attention brought by Beauchamp's film prompted the Justice Department to reopen the case in 2004 under a federal-state partnership.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation concluded its investigation in January, and the District Attorney of Money, Miss. — the town where Till was killed — may issue indictments against as many as 14 people who were involved in the kidnapping and murder.

"I was able to use the film as a vehicle that would ultimately get the case reopened," Beauchamp said. "We owe it to Emmett Till, to his family and to ourselves to see after so many years if justice is still possible." Beauchamp asked the audience to write letters to the D.A. of Money.

"I come to you ... asking you to keep the fire of this movement burning," he said. "I encourage you to get involved in a civil rights movement that still exists today.

The screening and presentation were sponsored by the Multicultural Student Programs and Services office and held at the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

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Tona Boyd, left, performs "The Little (expletive) That Could," Joanna Collins, center, acts out "I Was 12, My Mother Smapped Me" and Stefanie Dittert, right, performs "The Vagina Workshop" at the third and final production of this year's "The Vagina Monologues," held Wednesday in DeBartolo Hall.

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Carolyn Nordstrom, a professor in the Anthropology department, was a member of the panel Tuesday night and spoke again Wednesday. Nordstrom encouraged the use of performances like "The Vagina Monologues" to stop the trend of sexual violence against women.

"These are the ways in which war is stopped," Nordstrom said. "It's not pleasant, it's not easy, but it's real."

Nordstrom — who has studied sexual violence perpetrated against civilians in war zones — compared the struggles faced by those recovering from sexual violence to those struggling to define gender relations and sexuality.

"The themes in which this play speaks are universal," Nordstrom said.

Citing a statistic that said one of three women will be sexually violated in her lifetime, Nordstrom compared the United States to a war zone. Plays like "The Vagina Monologues" are stopping the violence in America and throughout the world, she said.

"This is what speaks to people," Nordstrom said.

Nordstrom proposed students write a Notre Dame version of "The Vagina Monologues" to explore issues of gender relations and sexual violence that affect students at the University. She said Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, has the influence and ability to engineer solutions to end sexual violence.

"Next year, let's watch a hundred universities across America perform what we've written," Nordstrom said.

Theology professor Jean Porter also addressed the controversy surrounding "The Vagina Monologues," and discussed the play in relation to the Church's moral teachings on Catholic sexual ethics. Porter said some sexual acts and experiences depicted in the "Monologues" are contrary to the ethics of the Catholic Church, but emphasized the play is intended as an artistic piece and not as an answer to moral issues.

"This is an artistic performance, and works of art don't take positions in the same way that an encyclical... takes an approach on moral questions," Porter said.

She discussed the different "worlds" from which teachings on Catholic sexual ethics and from which "The Vagina Monologues" arose. Porter said it is necessary to understand the differences between the origins of both sets of ideas, but expressed confidence that the two views could find some areas of mutual understanding.

"I think that a dialogue between these two worlds is possible," Porter said.

Mary Rose D'Angelo, who is also a professor in the theology department, said she appreciated the accomplishment of the play toward moving frank discussions about sexuality out into the open.

D'Angelo said she hopes the Catholic Church can be open to listening to views such as those presented in "The Vagina Monologues."

"I worry about people who find their Catholicism threatened by things like 'The Vagina Monologues,'" D'Angelo said. "I fear that this results from a deep lack of confidence in Catholic moral tradition."

In response to a question posed by an audience member, Porter expanded on the theme of the necessity of academic freedom to further intellectual growth.

"Theology as a discipline... is impossible except in an atmosphere... in a climate... of some intellectual openness," she said.

Porter said the failure to think openly about religious views might lead to a deterioration of the Catholic Church, "The three panelists supported the continued performance of "The Vagina Monologues" at Notre Dame as a way to strengthen gender relations and to stop the perpetration of sexual violence. In a question-and-answer session, the panelists discussed problems that strained gender relations create at Notre Dame.

Nordstrom criticized the lack of institutional procedures that deal with sexual violence and issues of sexuality at the University. Porter said he hopes to make a decision by the end of this semester about whether the University will continue to allow academic departments to sponsor the performance of "The Vagina Monologues" and other events deemed to conflict with Catholic character.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Three die in Prophet drawings riot

WASHINGTON — Soft-spoken and contrite, Dick Cheney relived the horrible moment when he fired his shotgun at a quail only to see his vicinity and his companions drop in the ground. "I ran over to him," Cheney said on the ponishment of shooting 78-year-old Harry Whittington on Saturday for the first time Wednesday to Fox News. "He was laying there on his back, obviously, bleeding. You could see where the shot struck him." He said Whittington was conscious and breathing but stunned silent. "I said, 'Harry, I had no idea you were there.' He didn't respond," Cheney said. The vice president said he was stoning the damage from a public relations disaster for the White House, accepting responsibility for the accident while revealing no decision to keep it from the public until the next day. "You can't cover up anybody else," Cheney told Fox's Brit Hume in a half-hour interview. "I'm the guy who pulled the trigger and shot my friend." "The image of him falling is something I'll never ever be able to get out of my mind," Cheney said. "I fired, and there's Harry falling. I was, I had to say, one of the worst days of my life at that moment." Cheney said he had had a beer at lunch that day, but nobody was drinking when they went back out to hunt a couple of hours later at a sprawling Texas ranch owned by an old friend. "I said, 'Harry, we're out of alcohol."

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LAW & NATION

Cheney addresses gun accident

Associated Press

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LOCAL NEWS

Reality series filmed at Ind. prison

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Saddam Hussein told aides in the mid-1990s that he warned the United States it he would break a treaty attack on his country. The series set to premiere on MTV this summer will document the stories of 16 Indiana juvenile delinquents who send their way through the justice system. Filming of "MTV Juives" at northeastern Indiana's juvenile detention center began in January and wrapped up this week, said Karen Greer, a juvenile detention center coordinator who created the documentary. "We're there for every ankle shackling, we're there for every meal, we're there for lights on, lights off — literally from the minute they arrive until the minute they leave," said Grau.
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plines, which is legitimate academically.

"One thing you start thinking, this is too far or that is too far," without consulting with people who actually teach the area. Where does it end?" Bederman said.

Full professor Christine Dacey recalls how she was required to leave the administration, faculty, and students is key to finding common
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That leaves good news for some, and less exciting news for others.

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"It's up to Facilities Operations to take a look at how urgent the needs in those buildings are," Shappell said.

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in defense of academic free­
dom, and the chancellor of the University of Dayton will speak on Catholic

"What's at stake here is the way that we all know what its say­
ing, and [that] it's only saying one thing... that this is not the case in works of art that are of any merit," Marin said.

"For me, through the Schapell and Andrichik competition and activities, they have become something of campus life itself... It's the main feature of what it is that we all love about the University," Dunne said.

"We've asked each person to talk about his ticket's platform in class, he declined because student government prohibits campaigning in class.

"He's all about the rules," Junior Jason Laws and sophomore Bob Costa — the main competition for Shappell and Andrichik — came in second place. "They're keeping track of which buildings have the greatest needs."

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their campaign. Students responded favorably to Schapell and Andrichik conducted them­selves and also liked their platform, which included instituting student choice in Grab 'N Go and maintaining a

in the near future."

"I think it was a great moment and I was going to vote for some of the fresh­men running," Shappell and Andrichik will take office April 1. Shappell replaces Dave Baron as stu­
dent body presi­
dent, and Andrichik replaces Shappell as vice president.

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2006 Bookstore Basketball Commission Signs Up

GO ONLINE to http://www.nd.edu/~bkstr/downloads.htm to download an application. Turn in the application
by 314 LaFortune on Friday, February 17th @ 5PM and schedule a short interview.
**BUSINESS**

**Bernanke testifies; stocks rise**

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Stocks rose modestly Wednesday after investors bolted and weaved away from new Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's testimony before Congress.

The market was swayed through Bernanke's monetary policy testimony before the House Financial Services Committee. Stocks fell as he warned of more rate hikes, but he reassured investors about the speed of bond sales and short-term bond yields, then turned mixed as he expressed concern about federal budget deficits. The major indexes crept upward after his speech ended.

Bernanke said inflation is contained, but warned it could tick higher. He left the door open to future rate hikes. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell by roughly 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke delivers his first economic report to Congress Wednesday, saying "the economic expansion remains on track."**

Federal Reserve industrial production data showed manufacturing rising in January, manufacturing data for both December and November was revised upward. The latest Empire State Manufacturing Index, a measurement of New York's manufacturing sector and a barometer for the rest of the nation, also came in above expectations.

Bond yields were higher, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.60 percent from 4.61 percent late Tuesday. The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading.

Gold prices were lower, Crude oil futures fell for the fourth straight day, dipping below $59 a barrel after U.S. government inventory data showed increasing supplies of gasoline and oil. Light crude fell by $1.92 to settle at $57.65 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It was the lowest settlement price for the front-month futures contract since Dec. 19.

Brokerage Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. rose 14 cents to $75.20 after it agreed to combine its investment-management business with money manager BlackRock Inc. in exchange for a nearly 50 percent stake in BlackRock, the two sides said.

The transaction, expected to close in the third quarter, would transform BlackRock into one of the world's top money managers, with an asset base of around $1 trillion.

**Youth's e-textbook demand is slow**

**Providence** — Brown University junior Stewart Thompson jumped at the chance to save $30 and become a digital pioneer when his school bookstore offered a discounted, electronic version of his history textbook for a digital textbook for a decade already, but sales remain minuscule.

"If you're reading a 100-page book, staring at the computer that long — I don't think a lot of people would find that a better way to read," Thompson said.

Of the 100 or so students enrolled in the course where Houghton Mifflin Co.'s "A People and a Nation" is highlighted, Thompson was the only student to buy the electronic version. Brown is offering two other e-textbooks this semester, but none of the 150 students in those classes have bought one, even at 35 percent off the price of a new printed copy.

Students are going to have to see more value in e-textbooks before they take off, said Larry Carr, Brown's director of bookstore and services.

"Students are pretty conservative when it comes in their grades," said David Serban, director of partnerships for Houghton Mifflin's college division. "Our research has indicated they don't want to do anything that's a lot different than their peers."

Other publishers are the ones that are conservative, doing little more than adding some hyperlinks and search capabilities. Tools are available for note-taking and highlighting, but Thompson said those are no substitute for marking up paper.

For the most part, e-books are merely electronic representations of the printed pages.

C. Sidney Burrus, former dean of engineering at Rice University and an e-book author, said technological changes typically come in two phases: Replication of older technology, followed by innovation.

"We're in the first phase, with electronic doing what the traditional paper has done," he said. "Nothing's really novel."
Moussaoui behaves during jury selection

Al-Qaeda conspirator allowed back in court

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Unexpectedly allowed back in court Tuesday, Ali Soufan, the FBI agent who led the investigation of the Pentagon, denied he was a payee of a U.S. bank and said he had no idea that more than $400,000 had been transferred from Lebanon to Afghanistan between 1996 and 2001.

"It's important that "Notre Dame as a Catholic institution strives to exemplify Catholic teaching, which states that all workers have the right to a wage determined by the criterion of just labor," the resolution states.

Catholic teaching is more significant than over at Notre Dame given the current campus atmosphere, Jenkins' emphasis on Catholic character, CLAP member tackie Clark said.

"It's important here to address problems in our own community," she said. "Notre Dame can afford a living wage."

She quoted one of the more than 100 Notre Dame staff members CLAP has spoken to in its research, a worker who expressed feelings of alienation from the community.

"Families of the families. We're brought out to clean, and otherwise pushed aside," Clark said.

CLAP member Nick Krafft said the committee is trying to improve its labor practices, it will not be true to its Catholic mission.

"As a Catholic university, we claim to uphold our Catholic character... but there is a discrepancy," he said.

The second resolution urged the creation of a University task force composed of administrators, students, workers and faculty to "examine campus labor practices and implement a just employment policy."

While detail-oriented senators questioned certain parts of CLAP's proposal — numbers, budgetary aspects and future implications — student body president Dave Baron said he fully supported taking an active role in the campaign.

"I think it is wholly in our interest to look at workers' rights," Baron said. "It's completely within our duty and our responsibility."

In other Senate news:

• Senators formally passed a resolution in support of a report to improve campus athletic grounds and facilities, a topic discussed at last week's meeting.

The report was a joint project between Senate's Residence Life committee and the Campus Life Council's Task Force on Campus Grounds and Structures. It passed in CLC on Monday and will be sent to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman for consideration.

• Baron said he met with director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs G. David Moss and director of Ticket Operations Josh Berlo to discuss problems with bowl game ticket distribution.

Next year, a swipe-card system will be used to distribute bowl game tickets, Baron said.

• The Hesburgh Library will be open 24 hours a day during the week before spring break, as a result of a resolution put into motion by the Academic Affairs committee to increase the hours during peak study times. Senate passed the resolution Jan. 26.

• Junior Chris Hollon was sworn in as the new Stanford Hall senator, replacing former senator David Thaxter.

Hollon has served as student government parliamentarian since November. During last week's meeting the Senate impeached Thaxter, since he was studying abroad this semester.
New prison abuse photos surface

Experts fear harsh response from Iraqis

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — New images showing Iraqis abused by U.S. guards at Abu Ghraib prison three years ago threatened Wednesday to inflame public anger already running high over footage of British soldiersightoned with their bare bottoms. Images of naked prisoners, some bloodied and lying on the floor, were taken about the same time as earlier photos that triggered a worldwide scandal and led to military trials and prison sentences for several lower-ranking American soldiers.

Many of the pictures broadcast Wednesday by Australia's Special Broadcasting Service, including some that appear to show corpses, were more graphic than those previously published. One of the video clips depicted a group of naked men with blindfolds being held standing together and masturbating. The network said they were forced to participate.

Some key Iraqi officials urged their citizens not to react calmly

ly since the pictures were old and the offenders had been punished.

In the Middle East, where there have been widespread anti-American demonstrations recently over caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad, Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya TV aired some of the Australian station's footage and matched them to images that were among those turned over to military authorities in 2004 by a U.S. soldier.

But another defense official said Army officials had reviewed the photographs posted on the Sydney Morning Herald's Web site and matched them to images that were among those turned over to military authorities in 2004 by a U.S. soldier.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to address the matter publicly, said the photos contained no new information about abuse.

Although the Abu Ghraib case was exhaustively reported here years ago, the new images could revive the issue of treatment of Iraqis by U.S.-led occupation forces, who face the ever-present threat of death or serious injury at the hands of insurgents.

This week's release of video showing British troops beating Iraqi youths during a violent 2004 protest in the southern city of Amara prompted the Basra provincial administration to severe ties with British authorities.

Members of Shiite political groups opposed to the U.S.-led coalition appeared to have engaged in brutality and possibly incite unnecessary violence in the world.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said the Defense Department believed the release of additional images of prisoner abuse was harmful and "could only further inflame and possibly incite unnecessary violence in the world."

Whitman said he did not know whether the photos and video clips were among images the Pentagon has been withholding from public release since 2004.

Why show them? We have had enough suffering and we don't want any more.

"Avian influenza is a big threat," Dr. David Nabarro, the U.N.'s top bird flu specialist, said Wednesday. "It is spreading throughout the world."

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Song birds are expected to start arriving in southern Europe from Africa in two weeks. They are judged to be less likely carriers of bird flu than ducks and other water fowl because song birds fly longer distances and tend to stay away from wetlands, where the disease is more prevalent. The migration period is heaviest in March and April, but runs into May for some species. France, Germany, the Czech Republic, Switzerland and Sweden all took steps Wednesday to try to prevent the spread of the deadly H5N1 strain, ordering that domestic fowl be kept in screened, ventilated buildings, where they are less likely to come in contact with wild birds. Britain and the Netherlands have yet to record bird flu outbreaks, but ordered similar precautions. Bird conservationists cautioned against a rush to judgment. They maintain that bird flu most likely reached Nigeria in poultry trade from Turkey and China. Veterinary specialists said they have yet to determine how the disease arrived in Africa, but that measures being ordered by European officials Wednesday were prudent.

The fear of birds migrating from countries such as France and Portugal, where the disease is more prevalent, could revive the issue of trade in birds. Authorities in France, Portugal, Spain, Iceland and the U.K. have reported confirmed cases of the disease in the past year. The European Union has ordered member states not to import feathers or other animal products from countries where the disease has been reported.

Some experts still doubt whether H5N1 bird flu is causing a pandemic, while others argue that the risk of a pandemic is too great to ignore.

U.S. researchers say the H5N1 strain is too harsh for birds to transmit easily among people, possibly sparking a pandemic.

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Experts are now concentrating on Nigeria, where three states have confirmed H5N1 among domestic poultry and five others have suspected cases. Scientists assume migratory birds brought the disease to Africa, but have yet to find proof.

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I have of late — but wherefore I know not — become preoccu­ pon with sorting through my memories of my time as an undergrad­ uate. I have never been in the habit of taking photographs, but I imag­ ine that the experi­ ence is rather like that of putting on a shoe: the moments gone through are blurred and not recol­ lected, leaving only the clear­ cut. I do remember very clearly being on time for things. I recall the college dean welcoming us with a speech mostly devoted to the impor­ tance of being on time for things. I remember theposing for a photo in the student center, being showed, most would not miss a beat. And although I love the secret of life."

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Beware the Notre Dame bubble

Since our student body is on the topic of academic freedom and intellectual dialogue, I wanted to express disappointment concerning the insinuous amount of apathy towards the State of the Union. Many students I have come across, however, are by no means apathetic. It happens once a year and outlines the current administra­ tion’s goals for the upcoming year. Regardless of one’s political affilia­ tion, it is an important event for our country. Some dis­ miss it as a partisan shindig and justify ignoring it by that rationale. The reality is that it is an important event for our country, along with the rest of the world, and serves as an opportunity to listen to our president’s explanation of the past years and ambitions for the future. Although the State of the Union doesn’t fall neatly under the category of academia, I would argue that we can be somewhat obliged to take note of it — as members of the informed public, students at an institution of higher learning and responsible citizens.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lessons from other universities

Some people have come to believe that the recent appointment of a University President, John Jenkins is an assault on free speech that would have a lasting effect in creating a paralyzing atmosphere among universities. But is it the case that secular universities are promoting a free discourse that is not about challenging the faith? I believe that the College of Arts and Letters of the University of Virginia, which I attended for eight years of my career at the University of Virginia as an assistant and associate professor and the next eight years as a full professor at Harvard Divinity School do not believe this is the case. Let certain "ends" in view especially when it comes to sexuality and abortion.

As a young, impressionable faculty member in a 20-year period by the Ohio University of Notre Dame, I felt embarrassed to be an alumnus of Notre Dame. I felt that the views expressed in this column are not necessarily those of The Observer. Kate Barrett is director of Resources & Special Projects for Campus Ministry. She can be reached at barrett.29890@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and do not necessarily Marge and Glennon of the Law School had been ordered not to use Harvard stationery to promote pro-life values even though colleagues on the other side of the fence were able to do so with impunity. A pro-life ethicist was not going to be appointed to this faculty in religious ethics. And all of this occurred at a school whose very raison d'être is that of offering a pluralistic perspective on the great religions of the world. That pluralism could often reduce itself to a very narrow bandwth.

In his letter to the editor ("Beyond either-or"), Brad Gregory noted that secular universities are non-theological. Although I knew what he meant in context, there is a way in which non-religious universities very much have specific, practical demands upon the lives in no way reflected this claim. Out of that impatience comes two of James' best-known quotations: "Be doors of the word and not hearers only, deluding ourselves." (1:22), and "Demonstrate your faith to me without works and I will demonstrate my faith to you with my works. . . . for faith without works is dead." (2:18,26).

James knows, as did St. Paul, that true faith will lead us unmisskably to loving our neighbor as ourselves. James could be quite compelling reading for anyone trying to decide how you might spend Lent well this year. He calls us to deepen our faith, which during Lent naturally leads us to practice our friendship. Let Meilaender for the first time while reviewing research proposals at one giant sugar frenzy, or to creating one of those "I'm sure God will understand this" rationalizations justifying why it was really, really okay, just fine for today, to eat the very item only recently placed on the "given up for Lent" list.

All kidding — and all chocolate — Faster season ends. Put another way, Lent should move us forward in perspective on the great religions of the world. That pluralism could often reduce itself to a very narrow bandwidth. Some people have come to believe that the recent appointment of a University President, John Jenkins is an assault on free speech that would have a lasting effect in creating a paralyzing atmosphere among universities. But is it the case that secular universities are promoting a free discourse that is not about challenging the faith?

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Christian rock quartet returns to old sound

By RYAN MILLIGAN
Some Critic

P.O.D. is attempting to make a statement in "Testify," the group's fourth studio album. The opening track is titled "Roots in Stereo," and makes the statement in "Testify," the group's fourth album. Unfortunately, it can be a factor in making P.O.D. such a distinctive band. Unfortunately, it can be a factor in making P.O.D. such a distinctive band. Unfortunately, it can be a factor in making P.O.D. such a distinctive band.

Testify
P.O.D.
Elektra/Wea

Recommended tracks: 'Say Hello,' 'Let You Down,' 'Strength of My Life' and 'On the Grid'

P.O.D. has been on tours including Ozzfest and the MTV Campus Invasion Tour, and has featured on numerous soundtracks including "Any Given Sunday."

Say Anything’s reissue not worth another listen

By JOE LATTAL
Scene Critic

When Jeff Tweedy left rehab, Wilco released the phenomenal "A Ghost Is Born."

While Pete Doherty was struggling with a drug addiction, The Libertines produced their magnificent self-titled album.

When Say Anything's frontman Max Bemis returned to the scene after struggling with psychological problems, his only presents was a re-gifted and re-wrapped version of his band's mediocre full-length debut, "...Was a Real Boy."

Say Anything's original release from 2003, "The Upside of Eternity," was quickly forgotten. The band had a reputation for being a fast-rising, high-energy, emo band. However, with "Say Anything," the band changed their sound and became a more serious, introspective band. The reissue of "Say Anything" adds an extra CD of seven tracks originally released as a reissue in 2005. The reissue opens the door to the new additions, or back the other way, towards self-pity crisis as guitarist Marcos Curiel, who is one of the founders of the group, was replaced by Jason Truby in 2003. This was shortly before the release of a "Payable on Death" album that left many wondering whether or not P.O.D.'s time was up.

The group has obviously worked hard to revise its sound in a way that will retain listeners. The end result is a head-scratcher - Truby does a solid job, although fans will still miss the likes of Curiel, and the band as a whole gives a commendable effort. This time around, however, it almost sounds like P.O.D. is trying to overwrite the band and abandon the genre it helped establish.

There is no doubt that P.O.D. has come a long way since its debut album, "Snuff the Punk," was released in 1994. Any band that manages to remain successful in the music industry for that long deserves a world of credit, but it is only a matter of time before other performers take over the center stage.

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Was a Real Boy
Say Anything
J-Records

Recommended tracks: 'Little Girls,' 'Most Beautiful Plague,' 'Total Revenge' and 'The Futile'

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Max Bemis, the lead singer and songwriter for Say Anything, struggled with psychological problems that influenced the songs on the group's new album. Bemis became a textbook tragic character, writing about sex, suicide and politics. But he used more distortion and profanity than Hamlet or Antigone.

The other members of his band, Coby Linder (drums) and Alex Kent (bass), were merely a supporting cast for Bemis' emotional breakdown.

On the re-issue, Say Anything added an extra CD of seven tracks originally recorded for a charity record. According to a press release, Bemis decided to turn the charity record into a separate project after the band earned more popularity, so he could earn more money for the effort.

But maybe it is because Bemis thinks he is a real boy, received a new audience might be conflicted about buying a charity album that features lyrics about killing children ("Little Girls") or thank you letters to counselors. There's nothing wrong with a teen-angst concept album, but when every song is two to four minutes of hysterical, irrational whining, the effect is buried. If nothing else, the reissue opens the audiences' ear to the realization of how average the original album was. Whether going from those early tracks to the new additions, or back the other direction, the listener will begin to realize how painful of an album "...Was a Real Boy" really is from start to finish.

With more focus on the vocals, Bemis' character turns from pitiable to desperate and pathetic. His lyrics provide enough detail to please a voyeuristic audience momentarily, but a normal listener will just shut off the CD player. It might have been challenging for an audience to criticize this album if it was actually raising money for a good cause. But Bemis and the band have gone a completely different direction, changing the release to a reissue. Fans already criticize bands that reissue albums, saying they are greedy and too lazy to produce a new project. However, more than anything else, fans will be criticizing this reissue for its weak substance.

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DPAC Performance
Angela Hewitt
Piano Recital

Featured Selections: Bach's 'Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, BWV 903' and movements from 'Partita No. 4 in D Major, BWV 828.' "Opus posthumum" was 'Deuxieme Ordre (Allegro), "Allegretto," "Credo," "Forty," "Passaahnde," "Moneut" and "Gigue." Though lesser-known compositions by the legendary Baroque genius, Hewitt's piano performance brought them to life. Hearing Bach's work on piano was indeed as unique as listening to Beethoven. Hewitt's unparalleled musicianship made it sound natural.

Along with the intermission, Hewitt played "Treizieme Ordre" by Francois Couperin. The movements in "Partita No. 4 in D Major, BWV 828," "Opus posthumum," and "Le Tombeau de Couperin" leaves the listener feeling anxious only about the quality of the individual performance. However, in "Voices," it makes the listener feel like he or she is jumping around genres and does not let them settle into any kind of mood. The best CDs are not only about the quality of the individual tracks but also how they are presented to the listener. "Voices" has all these qualities. Hewitt's recording of Bach's work played by Hewitt all night. She brought flair and style to Ravel's difficult composition, flying through measures with fluidity and style. When the last note of "Toccatas" was played, the audience demonstrated its appreciation with a standing ovation. Hewitt's stunning musicianship lit up the Leighton Concert Hall throughout the night, and her reputation and stature should only continue to grow — yet it's talent and skill that do the trick most effectively, as Hewitt showed that her reputation as an excellent pianist is well deserved.

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Ryan Kienle, vocalist/guitarist Andrew Johnson and drummer Aaron Stern's band Fizzlewink added Ryan DePaolo as another guitarist and became the band Getaway. Rather than take the tried and true method of designing its own Web site and releasing songs on MP3.com, the group's music began to spread, particularly through the East coast of the United States and eventually found its way to the ears of Brad Gurewitz of Epitaph Records. Getaway was signed to the label and after some legal issues, changed its name to Matchbook Romance.

The group's newest effort "Voices" is a difficult navigation. The CD offers the listener a variety of musical options — melodic harmonies, shredding metal sounds, unrelenting noise and catchy riffs. The music's biggest problem actually lies in its diversity, something that is fairly unusual. Most albums can be bolstered by a degree of musical variety throughout the tracks. However, in "Voices," it makes the listener feel like he or she is jumping around genres and does not let them settle into any kind of mood. The best CDs are not only about the quality of the individual tracks but also how they are presented to the listener. "Voices" has all these qualities. Hewitt's recording of Bach's work played by Hewitt all night. She brought flair and style to Ravel's difficult composition, flying through measures with fluidity and style. When the last note of "Toccatas" was played, the audience demonstrated its appreciation with a standing ovation. Hewitt's stunning musicianship lit up the Leighton Concert Hall throughout the night, and her reputation and stature should only continue to grow — yet it's talent and skill that do the trick most effectively, as Hewitt showed that her reputation as an excellent pianist is well deserved.

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By BRIAN DOXADER
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Although not strictly Romantic in the classical sense, Angela Hewitt's piano concert Tuesday night was still appropriate enough for Valentine's Day.

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Paul Pierce scores 50 in a 113-109 defeat; LeBron puts up 43

Associated Press

BOSTON — LeBron James and the streaking Cleveland Cavaliers came as close as they could to breaking the Boston Celtics' hearts tonight, but they couldn't quite pull it off.

The Cavaliers closed last night's game on a 10-0 run to tie the game at 109-109 with 2.4 seconds left. LeBron put up 43 points in the game, while Paul Pierce scored 50 for the Celtics.

The Celtics trail by as many as 11 and 8 rebounds and Damon Jones made six of eight free throws in the final 20 seconds.

Damon Jones made 1-2 free throws with 26.1 seconds remaining and James blocked a shot with 10.1 seconds left.

Dion Waiters added 15 points and Delonte West added 10 points, 10 rebounds and 4 blocks.

The Kings missed 18 of 19 shots in the game, including a pair of three-point shots by Chuck Hayes with less than a second left.

The Kings scored 19 points from behind the arc, but the Kings were 10-28 from the field.

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- New York Rangers: 36-15-7, 79 points
- Philadelphia: 33-16-9, 75 points
- New Jersey: 39-22-4, 83 points
- New York Islanders: 27-27-6, 60 points
- Pittsburgh: 14-34-11, 39 points

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division
- Ottawa: 37-34-5, 79 points
- Buffalo: 36-15-7, 79 points
- Montreal: 26-22-8, 50 points
- Toronto: 27-25-5, 59 points
- Boston: 24-24-10, 58 points

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division
- Carolina: 39-14-4, 82 points
- Atlanta: 26-26-6, 58 points
- Minnesota: 29-25-5, 56 points
- Colorado: 32-21-6, 70 points
- Anaheim: 27-19-11, 65 points

Western Conference, Central Division
- Minnesota: 29-25-5, 56 points
- Colorado: 32-21-6, 70 points
- Chicago: 18-31-2, 44 points
- Colorado: 32-21-6, 70 points
- Detroit: 38-13-6, 82 points

Western Conference, Northwest Division
- Calgary: 33-17-7, 73 points
- Vancouver: 32-21-7, 71 points
- Colorado: 32-21-6, 70 points
- Los Angeles: 32-23-5, 69 points
- St. Louis: 18-31-8, 41 points

Western Conference, Pacific Division
- San Jose: 27-21-8, 62 points
- Phoenix: 27-29-4, 58 points
- Detroit: 38-13-6, 82 points
- Vancouver: 32-21-7, 71 points
- Los Angeles: 32-23-5, 69 points

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In Brief

Giants anticipate injured Bonds' arrival

Scottsdale, Ariz. — Barry Bonds was the big topic of conversation Wednesday when pitchers and catchers reported to the San Francisco Giants' camp for the start of spring training — even though he was nowhere to be found.

It's unknown when Bonds will report for loan $6,000 of his own money to a recruit.

Ohio State, O'Brien await NCAA decision

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State, awaiting a decision on possible penalties for NCAA rules violations under former basketball coach Jim O'Brien, could have to pay him millions of dollars for firing him under a judge's ruling Wednesday.

O'Brien claimed the university improperly fired him in June 2004 for loaning $6,000 of his own money to a recruit.

O<Color> visits quake-stricken Japan

TOKYO, Japan — In a visit to Japan on Wednesday, U.S. first lady Laura Bush said she still had "a lot of love" for the Japanese people after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

Bush, the first American first lady to visit Japan, said she had been inspired by the way the Japanese are dealing with the disaster.

"I thought I would be toasting the queen," she said. "I thought I would be at the ceremony. But the courage of the people has brought me here."
WINTER OLYMPICS — TURIN

Bloom eliminated from gold medal contention

Associated Press

Jeremy Bloom has been an amazing ride and I... just when everyone expected.

"It really isn't about winning the medal for me," Bloom insisted.

"A lot of people made the assumption that it was in the bank, but it wasn't," Wintersteen said. "I thought Jeremy handled the pressure extraordinarily well. His run was quite good, he just made a little error and it ended up costing him.

Jeremy Bloom
U.S. Olympic skier

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Ohno leads U.S. relay team

Standout speedskater redeems himself after fall in Sunday's race

Associated Press

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Chris Kluwe of the United States and Belle-Donna Wiede of Germany qualified for Takahiro Fujimoto's relay with a gutsy pass of two skaters and gave an emphatic pump of the fist when he crossed the finish line ahead of everyone else in the chaotic 5,000-meter race.

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"I know what happened," Ohno said. "Everybody knows what happened. I had to come out strong.

The only gold medal Wednesday went to China's Wang Meng, who fulfilled the role of overachiever and surprised the women's 500. The 20-year-old Wang, competing in her first Olympics, led from the opening gun and held off Bulgaria's Evgenia Rudanova by the length of her right blade.

Rudanova also won silver in the women's 500 at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games and has three Olympic medals in all. Canada's Anouk LeBlanc-Boucher earned the bronze.

Ohno won a gold and a silver at the last Olympics, and he hopes to lead the men's relay team to its first medal since 1994.

He took control of the semifinals with one dynamic move, shifting into a higher gear that sent him careening around skaters from China and Italy with 30 laps to go.

The crowd let out a gasp, then erupted in cheers at the sight of the soul-patched skater who had set a record for good, then passed off to Ohno for good, then reappeared with a vintage short track move that sent him and Yuri Confortola careening around skaters from Japan and Italy wiped out with 21 laps to go, leaving them far behind.

"It's awesome for me and Apolo to make another Olympic final together," Smith said. "We've been in this sport for a long time, and neither one of us has gold in relay. We have at least one more final in us."

The top two teams in each semifinal advanced to the final, which will be held Feb. 25, the day before the games end.

China also got in when Japan was disqualified for Takahiro Fujimoto's reckless pass in the turn, which sent him and Yuri Confortola spiraling into the boards.

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Latvia ties USA in first game of group play

Canada blows out overmatched Italy; Tjarnqvist scores twice for Swedes against Kazakhstan; Finland blanks Swiss, 5-0

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — John Grahame watched the movie "Miracle" almost 100 times during the NHL lockout.

The way the U.S. hockey team played against Latvia in the Olympic opener, Grahame and his teammates might need another miracle for history to repeat itself.

Jordan Leopold scored early in the third period, and the American team with a roster full of NHL players only managed a 3-3 tie against the underdog Latvia.

When the final horn sounded, the Latvians raised their arms in triumph while the Americans slowly gathered around goalie Grahame.

"We were not expected to win or even get the tie," said former NHL goalie he was 3-9 in with the New York Islanders, who made 39 saves - 18 in the third period - for Latvia.

"We were big-time underdogs in this game in everybody's eyes except our own people.

"You can say that this probably means more to us than to the American team."

Latvia, with only two current NHL players, rallied from an early two-goal deficit and proved U.S. coach Peter Laviolette had every reason to be worried about this opening matchup in Olympic Group B.

Latvia had the luxury of playing mostly as a team in recent weeks, while the U.S. squad was scattered around North America. Only two American players were in Italy by Monday and the team had just one practice before hitting the ice Wednesday night.

On the flip side, their opponents — who finished ninth in Salt Lake City four years ago — had practiced together since Feb. 3.

"A lot of guys just got off the flight yesterday, there were no excuses but that's the reality," Grahame said.

The United States will play Thursday against Kazakhstan. Latvia will face Slovakia.

Latvia's biggest offensive star was Anaheim defenseman Sandis Ozolinsh, who had two assists in his first game since November. He was sidelined by a knee injury and then was in the league's substance-abuse program until being reinstated Tuesday.

Canada 7, Italy 2

Jarome Iginla started these Olympics the same way he ended them in Salt Lake City — with two goals — and gold medal favorite Canada survived a brief scare with a dominating second period in a rout of Italy in its tournament opener Wednesday.

With troubled team executive Tino Laviolette not playing as he continues to get treatment on his groin.

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Vladimir Antipin had the other goal for Kazakhstan.

Jokinen gets things started with a power-play goal late in the first period, and then added another in the second when the Swedes scored four times in a span of 13 1/2 minutes to turn the unexpected close game into the anticipated rout.

Sweden 7, Kazakhstan 2

Minnesota Wild defenseman Daniel Tjarnqvist had a pair of goals and an assist as Sweden blew away Kazakhstan to open the men's Olympic ice hockey tournament on Wednesday.

Even with forward Peter Forsberg resting an injured groin, and several other players out, the Swedes ran up a 3-0 first period lead and never looked back.

Daniel Alfredsson, Mats Sundin, Per Johan Axelsson, Henrik Sedin and his brother, Daniel, also scored for Sweden, who are considered a serious threat to dethrone reigning champions Canada.

At times the ice appeared to give the Swedes more problems than their opponents. Yevgeniy Kureishov scored just seconds into the second period after a Swedish defender lost the puck while trying to skate out of his own end.

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"The puck hit a puddle of water on the ice and stopped dead, catching everyone off guard except for Kureishov, who swooped in to pick it up." - Forsberg

Finland 5, Switzerland 0

Teemu Selanne and Olli Jokinen each had two goals and an assist, and Finland gave Switzerland few chances to score against Antero Niittymaki, who made 24 saves in a 3-0 rout Wednesday in men's Olympic hockey.

Jokinen got things started with a power-play goal late in the first period, and then added another in the second when the Swedes scored four times in a span of 13 1/2 minutes to grab a 5-0 lead against Martin Gerber.

Gerber, who didn't have a lot of defensive help in front of him, took the Carolina Hurricanes mask he was wearing to the bench and sat out the third period after making 19 saves. He was replaced by Colorado's David Aebischer, who stopped all 13 shots he faced in the Group A opener for both teams.

Teppo Numminen, a Buffalo Sabres defenseman, started the second-period onslaught at 1:35 by ripping in a shot from just inside the right point.

Jokinen, the Florida Panthers captain, made a 3-0 when Ville Peltonen — who also assisted on the first goal — fed a pass in front for a quick one-timer past Gerber at 8:04. That gave Finland three power-play goals in four chances.
Two Irish seniors receive academic awards

Runner and swimmer will receive $2,000 post-graduate stipends

By JASON GALVAN
Sports Writer

Senior All-American distance runner Stephanie Madia and senior Irish freestyle swimmer Patrick Davis have been awarded $2,000 post-graduate stipends from the Big East Conference for their academic and athletic achievements.

Madia, a three-time All-American in cross country and track and field, placed sixth or higher in each of the five races in which she participated during the 2005 cross country season. For her efforts during this dominant run, Madia was chosen fourth for the Honda Sports Award, given annually to the top women's cross-country athlete. She ended the season with a third place finish at the NCAA championships. She is currently running with the Irish track and field team and recently placed fourth at the Meye Invitational for the 3,000 meter run, qualifying provisionally for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

"I'm really honored to be considered for this award and I feel that I'm in good company with the others who have been awarded with it," Madia said. "A lot of people have made it possible. Notre Dame is a place where I have had people in both the academic and athletic portions of my time here greatly contribute to what I have done."

In addition to her achievement on the running paths, Madia, a finance major, has compiled a 3.48 cumulative GPA and is a two-year member of the athletic department's Academic Honors faculty mentoring program.

This award is yet another achievement for the All-American senior, who has put together a solid career running for the Irish cross country and track teams.

"It's one small part of my Notre Dame experience," she said. "It's one additional thing to add to the great memories I've had here."

Madia and the Irish track and field team are set to compete at the Big East Indoor Championships this weekend at Akron, Ohio. She will be running the 5,000 meter and 3,000 meter runs and is looking to improve upon her performances from this season.

"I'm really looking forward to it, and I'm really excited about our team's prospects for winning the meet," she said.

Patrick Davis has compiled his own set of accolades, earning All-Big East honors (College Sports Information Directors of America) and putting together 19 career individual wins with three from this season. Davis also holds several impressive marks, including the third-best time in school history for the 1,650 freestyle (15:34.41), the fourth-best time in the 1,000 free (9:23.27) and the fifth-best time in the 500 free (4:28.89).

Davis, a computer science major in the college of engineering, has made the Dean's List during each of his four years at Notre Dame and has compiled a 3.80 cumulative GPA. Davis will be competing at his fourth Big East Championship meet this week at East Meadow, N.Y., and will have a chance to win a third meet in three events.

He will be swimming in the 1,650 yard freestyle, 500 yard freestyle and the 400 individual medley. Davis was unvailable for comment Wednesday.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 9 Pittsburgh holds off Friars in 85-77 win

Associated Press

When his teammates got him the ball, Aaron Gray didn't miss.

The 7-foot junior scored 23 points on 9-for-9 shooting to lead No. 9 Pittsburgh to an 85-77 upset of No. 13 Providence on Wednesday night.

"All of the guys made sure to get us the ball," Gray said. "They didn't let Gray miss.

"All the guys made sure to get us big guys involved in the second half and we were able to get a tough win on the road," said Gray, who had nine rebounds.

The Pirates (20-3, 9-3 Big East) have won at least 20 games for a school-record five consecutive seasons and they extended their winning streak against the Friars to five games.

Guard Donnie McGrath matched his career high with 24 points for Providence (11-11, 4-7), which had won its last two games. McGrath was 6-for-10 from 3-point range for the Friars, who had eight scholarship players, four of the freshmen.

"The tale of the tape was pretty much evident," Providence coach Tim Welsh said. "They wore us out with their inside bodies that they threw at us. The physical presence of Gray and Levon Kendall hurt us and their depth really wore us out in the second half."

John DeGroat's 3-pointer 4 minutes into the second half gave Pittsburgh its first lead of the game, 45-44. The Panthers then went on a 7-0 run with Gray scoring two baskets, one part of a three-point play, and another from Carl Krauser.

Pittsburgh took its largest lead of the game midway through the second half at 52-50 on a basket by Kendall. The Friars cut the deficit to six points on Gerard Kraemer's alley-oop dunk on a pass from Sharaud Curry with 5:48 remaining.

Keith Benjamin responded with a 3-pointer with 5:26 left that pushed the Panthers' lead back to nine.

"We gave up 22 points in the second half," Welsh added. "There you have it."

Benjamin added 15 points and Krauser had 12 for Pittsburgh, which snapped a three-game road losing streak.

"We didn't do a good job penetrating their zone in the first half," Benjamin said. "Then Carl did a good job getting Aaron the ball and it opened things up for me and the other guards."

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Irish open season in Vegas

Notre Dame will play five games at UNLV Desert Classic

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

With spring just around the corner, the Notre Dame softball team will begin its new season this weekend at the UNLV Desert Classic in Las Vegas, Nev. The tournament will consist of five games over a three-day span, with two on Friday and Saturday and one on Sunday. The Irish open up Friday with games against Colorado State, the only team in the tournament that did not receive a vote in the coaches' poll, and 25th-ranked Oregon State.

The Irish are coming off the Desert Classic — the Oregon coaches' poll, and 25th-ranked Northwestern April 16, 2005. The Irish return to action this weekend. Notre Dame has seven freshmen on the team this year, as the Irish backstop. Lenn has been the only one to return to the team to date. Lenn has played in all 16 games this season, including seven starts.

Bookie of the Year — Notre Dame will expose its inexperience pitchers to the college game. Freshman Brittanee Bargar and junior Kenya Fuemmeler round out the staff for the Desert Classic. Freshman Christine Farrell may appear, but will most likely be limited to limited pitch counts until well into the season due to offseason surgery.

The Irish's pitching staff during the tournament will be anchored by Bose, with relief coming from Bargar and Fuemmeler. Fuemmeler, in her third year with the Irish, has only seen limited time on the mound because of the strong presence of other pitchers, such as Bose and last year's Big East pitcher of the year, Irish graduate Steffany Stenglein. But with the Irish seeing five games in three days this early in the season, all three pitchers should be guaranteed some innings.

The Irish infield is set at three spots, with three all-Big East players returning this season. Senior Megan Rushbrauff will anchor the infield at first base with Katie Laing and Sarah Schoonala playing the middle. Although Schoonala has not had much college success at the plate, she has always demonstrated good glove work, which should help bolster the infield.

The only question mark remaining in the Irish infield is at third, where junior Carissa Jacquish and freshman Linda Stenglein are competing for the starting job. Perhaps Notre Dame's most solid position is at catcher, where senior Madie Lenn will return as the Irish backstop. Lenn has been a standout behind the plate, committing only one error all season in 329 total chances. She will be instrumental this weekend in helping the young pitchers on the team cope with the college game.

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SMC Basketball

Belles fall to Albion in MIAA contest, 77-58

Guard Bridget Boyce becomes sixth player to score 1,000 points

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Bridget Boyce did reach several significant milestones and was the lone bright spot for the team, as she scored 16 points to bring her career tally to over 1,000 — becoming just the sixth Belles player to reach that mark. Boyce has one regular season game remaining to increase her total.

Boyce also hit her 128th career three-pointer, which ties Julie Karduce for most career three-point field goals in school history. Albion was led by center Katie Elder, who recorded 12 points and seven rebounds in just 17 minutes of playing time.

Forward Erin Newsom scored 12 for the Belles. Saint Mary's now sits in third place in the MIAA standings with one regular season game left to play.

The Belles will head to Hope College on Saturday for a 3 p.m. tipoff. Most likely, the Belles will face Albion again in the first round of the conference tournament Feb. 2.

"We want to send a message out that we're already looking forward to that game. We're glad they had their great game tonight," Bender said.

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The one thing that Rod did bring for tonight, which I thought was important, was high energy and activity.

Mike Brey
Irish head coach

"We didn’t expect them to quit; if they did quit we would have won by 30," Carter said.

Bulls forward James Holmes led South Florida with 19 points on 8-of-16 shooting, Jones added 13 points and 12 rebounds — including a second half alley-oop dunk that awed everyone in attendance.

The win was Notre Dame’s second consecutive victory in the Big East.

The Irish have put themselves in a position where every game is a must-win to get into the Big East tournament.

But Carter said the Irish are not worried about figuring out how many of Notre Dame’s five remaining games will be necessary to win in order to make the tournament, which takes the 12 best of the 16 conference teams.

"I let all of you do the looking," Carter said.

"I don’t know who is ahead of us and who is under us. All I know is we are 3-8. I think I do it on purpose so I don’t have to worry about anyone else."

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of juniors Christian and Catrina Thompson topped Michigan’s Kara Delicata and Allie Shafner 7-8 at No. 3. Playing at No. 2 for the Irish was the No. 35-ranked duo of sophomore Brooke Buck and freshman Kelly Tefft, as they claimed victory over the Wolverines’ Delcicata and Chisake Sugiyama. Following at No. 3 was No. 42-ranked Connelly and senior Kisti Statny, who cruised to an 8-3 win over Michigan’s Lindsey Howard and Nini Yafali. "We all know we have great talent in doubles and it definitely gives us confidence," said Connelly. "It does a lot for the entire team because it gives you momentum (heading into the rest of the match)." Leading the Irish in singles was No. 24-ranked Catrina Thompson, who topped Delicata 6-2, 6-1 and earned her 14th win of the year. Following at No. 2 was No. 44 Christian Thompson, who defeated No. 48 Yafali 6-4, 7-5. Thompson’s victory over Yafali claimed her second consecutive win over her opponent. Buck/Sugiyama 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3 as she broke a two-match losing streak, followed by Tefft at No. 4, who suffered a 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 1-0 (10-3) loss to the Wolverines’ Stroffler. At No. 5, Statny topped Michigan’s Delicata 6-1, 4-6, 1-0 (10-5) and freshman Katie Potts defeated Allie Shafner at No. 6, 6-0, 6-4 and clinched the victory for the Irish.

Golfers

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Leading the charge for the team was Nakazaki, whose average round score of 74.18 is more than two strokes better than the program record she set her freshman year.

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"We’d like to maintain our position of 30th or better," she said. "In the past, we had a lot of little things in the spring, so we’ve been working on a better mental game, strength and conditioning," Nakazaki said.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stick to basics and focus on business. You will have some very unusual ideas, and if you can develop them into a point others will get what you are trying to do, you will be able to collect help. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don’t let the little things bother you so much and reserve your concentration. You have far better things to do than dealing with your finances. Don’t get discouraged if things don’t work out in your favor. You will become the best at doing what’s right, and the most personal gain you will make will be great.”

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don’t have anything to change. Although you may think everything is falling into place, someone will probably interfere with your plans. Personal problems will interfere with someone you can really count on.**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look at the big picture. Your emotions will find it difficult to balance. Romance is in the stars, as is your house. Things will work out very well for you, and your timing will be impeccable and your ability to pick and choose the things you can deal with will show how efficient, complementary and beautiful you can be.”

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Relationships may be in place, but if you follow your own path, you will achieve a whole different perspective on life. Don’t get discouraged if things don’t work out following your heart’s desires. Problems with contractors can be solved.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Accomplishments will come in stages as you are not sure what you can and can’t do. Bringing in the help of someone you can take care of the cares you can’t will show how efficient, complementary and beautiful you can be.”

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don’t lose over the personal changes you should probably be making. Let things go for now and see what you can do about your financial situation. Don’t expect the people closest to you to understand what you are going through.”

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Relationships may be in place, but if you follow your own path, you will achieve a whole different perspective of yourself. Don’t get discouraged if things don’t work out following your heart’s desires. Problems with contractors can be solved.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don’t be too quick to make changes. You may make a mistake if you let your personal life interfere with what you must get done today. Look at the big picture. Space will be the difficulty that can’t be solved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t be afraid of the road ahead no matter what you decide to do. Your timing will be impeccable and your ability to pick and choose the things you want to do will bring fortune to you.”

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do what you can to enhance your surroundings. Independence or individualism will suit you very well. Making changes to your personal situation can be expected but don’t be disappointed if things don’t move as quickly as you would like.”

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Relationships will be a little complicated. Don’t oversimplify the people living along the same lines as you. You will face some strong opposition if you don’t respect what others want.”

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Irish shoot 4-of-20 from the 3-point line in Big East victory

Irish need to stay disciplined in order to earn postseason bid

Strong fall has golfers swinging away at spring season

Wolverines declawed by No. 15 Irish, 6-1