Affleck-Graves presents Senate members with future plans the University Wednesday.

Chancellor to review the annual financial report and the role that Notre Dame students play in shaping the university's direction.

Dr. Johnson Schwiebert, Chair of the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees, is on campus for the quarterly Board meetings.

The position of Lead Editor of The Thatcher is being filled by Maddie Hanna, a senior English major.

Police, Kramer plan city watch program

The College Readership Program is just one step away from becoming a reality at Notre Dame, and the Club Coordination Council (CCC) — which is facing a 3.75 percent budget cut in order to keep the program — is fighting to reclaim the money it stands to lose.

Students see short- and long-term campus plans

The Thatcher will appear online weekly.
INSIDE COLUMN

Do you ever wonder...

Here are a few questions that are likely to make some people angry. My friends and I have often wondered about these issues, and I think I speak for a majority of Notre Dame Students when I say I’d love to know the answers.

Number 1: How much does it actually cost to eat in the dining hall? Seriously. Does it really cost $10? Nothing against our dining hall staff who do an excellent job preparing our food — the cake is sometimes dry but that’s a minor complaint — but where in God’s green earth does $10 times however many students worth of meals come from?

Then there’s the fact that people don’t even use all those meals a week. ND Food Services saves money on our meals when we pack a brown bag with two signs of water, a rotten apple, three halves of a PB&J sandwich and a granola bar. All I’m saying is, I’d love to see the financial statements for Food Services. Furthermore, thinking about the fact that I would be $12,000 less in debt when I graduate if I didn’t have to purchase a meal plan makes me sick to my stomach. Is that unfair? That doesn’t hurt anyone, damage something, or infringe on anyone else’s freedom then it shouldn’t be a rule, Libertarian? Maybe, believe me, I love being able to walk into the hall at 4 a.m. in my underwear and not worry about Sobering-up Sally walking around, but given the alternative of having to toss her out at 2 a.m. I would gladly put on sweatpants.

One final note: I need a date to Zahm’s December Dance coming up after spring break. We’ll get Grant ‘N Go beforehand, run from NDSP leaving the dance and … you see where I’m going here. E-mail me if you’re interested.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

In the Feb 23 issue of The Observer, a Script article incorrectly referred to the film "300" which would take place in the Washington Hall Lab. The film will be shown this weekend at the Washington Hall main stage. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD EAT A MEAL WITH SOMEONE, WHO WOULD THAT BE AND WHY?

Bodie Solomon, freshman, Stanford;
Alien Wu, junior, Cavanaugh;
Shannon Murphy, senior, Cavanaugh;
Ali Mooers, senior, Radin;
Pat McMulty, senior, off-campus;
Julie Ruffin, junior, Walsh.

"A chicken dinner with Ned Devine.";
"Beno, Fergus, Taryn and Channy because that would mean I’m in Perth, Australia."
"Your mom."
"Put McMulty, because I take pity on him."
"Ali Mooers, because she thinks I’m cool."
"Claire Chiappetta because she’s awesome."

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OFFBEAT

LOHAN: DON'T CALL ME A 'TEEN QUEEN'

In an interview in the March issue of Allure magazine, now on newsstands, the 19-year-old says she wants to be considered a serious actress and reject her youthful, party-girl image.

"I hate it when people call me a teen queen," Lohan says in an interview.

Lohan, star of family friendly movies such as "Freaky Friday" and "Herbie: Fully Loaded," has recently graduated to more grown-up roles, acting opposite Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin and Tommy Lee Jones in Robert Altman's "A Prairie Home Companion," due in theaters in June.

Man gets three years in newlywed carjacking

SAN MATEO, Calif. — A man accused of carjacking a newlywed couple with the bride in her wedding dress still in the vehicle was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading no contest to charges Tuesday.

Alan Ticas-Soto, 22, initially pleaded not guilty on Nov. 29 to one count of carjacking and one count of being under the influence of a controlled substance, but changed it to a plea of no contest, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney’s Office.

Authorities said Steve Almanza and Valerie Zahn stopped by a Taco Bell for a snack after their wedding Oct. 29, and Almanza ran inside while Zahn stayed in the car with the engine still running.

Ticas-Soto, who was unarmed, got into the driver’s seat and drove off with Zahn still inside, authorities said. She jumped out, and Ticas-Soto continued driving into a Taco Bell sign in the parking lot.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Dorm meal auction to feature ND celebrities

By EMMA DRISCOLL
Newsletter

Breen-Phillips Hall will host its 22nd annual Meal Auction today and give students an opportunity to bid on meals with campus celebrities such as Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn and an all-male a cappella group, The Undertones.

Anthropology professor James McKenna, Director of Alumni Relations Chuck Lennon, Irish defensive back Ambrose Wooden and the Notre Dame leprechaun mascots are other familiar names associated with the auction.

Weis contributed to the auction by offering a tour of the football locker room and a photo opportunity with friends, the non-profit foundation associated with the auction.

"The meals are a fun thing to do with friends — go eat with a big campus name, and it's an easy way to make a donation," said sophomore Allison Nowotarski, commissioner of the Meal Auction.

Nowotarski said in addition to the twenty meals featured in the main auction, BP also will host a silent auction with several gift certificates to local restaurants and gift baskets made by different organizations.

"As a freshman last year, I went a little crazy and bought a whole bunch of groups," Nowotarski said. "It's fun to be able to say that you were able to meet the names that were big at Notre Dame when you were there."

The meal that generated the highest bid in past auctions was the dinner with Father Mark Poorman, which also includes tours of the President's office, the Basilica, and last year, a tour of Notre Dame's underground tunnels.

The year's Meal Auction will take place today from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Burger King area of LaFortune.

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Microsoft CIO to give lecture

Markczich will speak as part of Distinguished Engineering Series

Special to The Observer

ron Markczich, chief information officer and vice president of management solutions for Microsoft Corp., will deliver a public lecture at 12:50 p.m. March 3 in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium. His talk, "Directions in Information Technology," is part of the Distinguished Engineering Lecture Series presented by the College of Engineering.

Markczich's lecture will focus on directions in information technology management and how it adds business value. He also will discuss his own perspective on careers in the technology industry.

Markczich is responsible for the delivery of information technology services for Microsoft as well as the improvement of Microsoft efficiency and productivity. His teams have simultaneously increased employee productivity and reduced the cost of information technology.

Markczich, who joined Microsoft in 1998, also has worked in information technology infrastructure and line-of-business application organizations. Before joining Microsoft, he held a position with Accenture in the electronics and high tech group.

ND celebrates Robinson Center

The Robinson Community Learning Center (BCLC) will celebrate its fifth anniversary Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Notre Dame, the center is located at 921 N. Eddy St., South Bend, Ind.


Entertainment will be provided by the local steel drum ensemble, I Believe I Can. The festivities also will include recognition of community volunteers and Notre Dame faculty, staff and students whose efforts support the center's programs.

Founded in 2001, the BCLC is a community-driven education center that offers numerous programs and activities sponsored by local agencies and organizations, including health education and screenings, GED and English-as-a-Second-Language classes, children's programming, youth tutoring and after-school programs. It also features a Computer Teaching and Learning Center, which is equipped with 20 computers and provides instruction and free Internet and e-mail access.

Some 500 residents and volunteers participate each week in on-site BCLC programming, and as many as 2,500 Notre Dame students, faculty and staff volunteer with center programs. Some 35 University departments and residence halls are involved in BCLC partnerships.

BP Meal Auction

Come bid on some of the most appetizing campus celebrities ND has to offer!

Thursday Feb 23
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LaFortune Huddle Area

All proceeds go to benefit Hannah and Friends.

A Few Campus Celebrities include:

Also, enter $2 raffle for autographed Brady Quinn Football and receive a Hannah and Friends bracelet!
**Trustees**

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Schwiebert said she was not conscious of the professional and life skills she was learning at the College but appreciated them retrospectively once she entered the workforce. "All of these things are important and they are things that are learned by osmosis but I am not sure that we really understand while we are in college that those are the things you are acquiring," she said.

"Out of her four years at Saint Mary's — what we call lifelong friendships, and Schwiebert encouraged students to develop and cherish similar bonds.

"All of the things you are acquiring. They are critical in the business world today. They are critically important," Schwiebert said. In the early morning of Monday, John Deere — and throughout the 30-year career at the College, Schwiebert said she was able to apply the leadership skills and Christian principles she learned at Saint Mary's.

"Saint Mary's College is committed to teaching women to be leaders in the world of work — home, church and community — and that is a distinct advantage we have over other institutions that leadership training," she said. "We are desperately in need of people that are willing to stand up and lead and bring a degree of integrity."  

The visual arts education at Saint Mary's teaches its graduates not only to think critically, Schwiebert said, but also grants them lessons in how to communicate ideas effectively both orally and in writing.

"I think we take it for granted here because it is our standard of operation," she said. "It is one of the ways we do business, but it is a unique advantage that we have that is part of our liberal arts education."

Schwiebert said some of her colleagues deny themselves professional opportunities because they are unable to speak in front of a group and are not as ready to learn the crucial skill. Conversely, Saint Mary's students are well prepared for the professional world and are not as concerned with things they don't know, she said.

Schwiebert said a value-based education — like that offered by the College — is critical in the business world today. "Another thing we learn at Saint Mary's is the key is how to act with good integrity."  

"It is important that we learn in many situations today in business to listen to the values question and people have difficulty living up to their values," Schwiebert said.

Schwiebert said she expressed faith and looked to the Sisters of the Holy Cross to learn the value of service.

"The example [of service] of the Sisters is something you will carry with you because it is a visible sign of their commitment to women and the education of women," she said.

Schwiebert said the group's allocation reduction is unfair to the student clubs and organizations that rely on it for funding. "Whoever controls the College Readership is an appropriate use for student activities should find a way," Schwiebert said. "O'Shaughnessy said they should take the money they need to bear the burden. We will fight for the interest of the clubs because we have persisted to represent".

"The discussion boils down to numbers," with the CCC claiming it will be severely stripped of its resources and student body president Dave Baron adamantly maintaining that the group, in fact, will have more money.

"Baron argues the CCC will be allocated more than ten percent more money than it received this year, which is more than enough to cover inflation, he said. "It's a major loss of money that students are going to lose," Mac Russell, the chair of the CCC's (budget) hard line committee, said. "That is unacceptable for students to have to pay".

"Any group is always going to have their hand out wanting more. Baron said. "But we need to make a budget balance and that's what we did with this proposal."

"The piece of the (CCC budget) pie is a (lower) percentage, but it's a much bigger pie (because) we increased the amount of money going in (when we increased the student activity fee)," Baron said.

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Collaboration Fund, student body president Dave Baron said.

Baron launched into a detailed explanation of the Senator's decision to pass the resolution cutting the percentage of budget money received by the Clubs and Organizations, emphasizing that campus clubs actually would be receiving more money next year and that the CCC was making an unreasonable request.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pope Benedict names new cardinals

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI on Tuesday named 15 new cardinals Wednesday, including John Paul II’s longtime private secretary and prefects from Boston and Hong Kong, adding his first installment to the elite group of churchmen who will elect his successor.

Benedict roused the names during his weekly general audience and said they were chosen “elevated during a March 24 ceremony at the Vatican.

British bank robbers steal millions

LONDON — A gang of armed robbers on Wednesday, the equivalent of $43.5 million, the Bank of England said Wednesday in disclosing one of the biggest bank heists in British history.

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IRAQ

Insurgents destroy Shiite dome

Associated Press

SABAARB — Insurgents posing as police destroyed the golden dome of one of Iraq’s holiest shrines Wednesday, setting off an unprecedented outburst of sectarian violence. Angry chieftains in strongholds of minority Shiite militias attacked Sunni mosques, and at least 19 people were killed.

With the gleaming dome of the 1,200-year-old Askariya shrine reduced to rubble, some Shiites lashed out at the United States as partly to blame.

“The violence and many of the 90 attacks on Sunni mosques were carried out by Shiite militias — seemed to push Iran closer to all-out civil war than at any point in the three years since the U.S.-led overthrow of Saddam Hussein. Iran is now sending many leaders to help in the war. We are facing a major conspiracy that is targeting Iraq’s unity,” said President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd. "We should all stand hand in hand to prevent the danger of a civil war."

President Bush pledged American help to restore the mosque after the bombing north of Baghdad, which dealt a severe blow to U.S. efforts to keep Iraq from falling deeper into sectarian violence.

Man hospitalized with anthrax

New Yorker was accidentally infected after trip to Africa; not a public health threat

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A New York City drum maker has been hospitalized with a case of anthrax that officials say he may have contracted from the raw animal hides that he imports from Africa.

Authorities said Wednesday the infection appeared to be artificial, not terrorism — and did not pose a serious public health threat.

Vado Diomande, 44, had traveled recently to the west coast of Africa and fell ill in Pennsylvania last week shortly after he returned to this country with some hides, authorities said.

It was not exactly clear how Diomande came into contact with the deadly substance, or whether it happened in Africa or in this country. But officials in Mayor Michael Bloomberg said it was related to his job making drums from animal skins.

At least four other people may have been exposed to anthrax spores, including a family member of the infected man who worked with the hides, and three were being treated with antibiotics, city Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden said.

"There is evidence that this is naturally occurring anthrax," Frieden said.

Authorities were also screening for contaminants at the man’s rented work area in Brooklyn, in his vehicle and in his Manhattan apartment, Bloomberg said.

Anthrax spores are found in soil in many parts of the world, and livestock ranchers have been known to be exposed to contaminated soil or food. People can then pick up the infection if they come into contact with contaminated hides or other animal parts.

Dr. Lisa Rotz, a medical epidemiologist with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said health officials believe Diomande may have inhaled the spores in a process that includes soaking the hides, stretching them and scraping them to remove hair.

She said investigators are seeking samples of the hides to test for spores.

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"Folks know when they are student houses," Kramer said. "You're going to be targeted.

If students see suspicious activity or are the victim of a crime, they should not hesitate to call the SBPD, Hechlinski said. He said the biggest obstacle for the police is getting citizens to report crimes or suspicious activity.

"We'd rather come out and find out ... there's no harm in posing to coming out later on and finding out you get burglarized," Hechlinski said.

The department stepped up police presence and went door-to-door to encourage people to be alert after 12 "one-on-one robberies" against students and professors occurred between Dec. 27 and Jan. 27. Since then, there have been no further reported student robberies in the area.

Patrick Hechlinski

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South Bend Police

The student version of the neighborhood watch program, modeled after a current program serving about 20,000 people in the South Bend area, uses citizen assistance to deter crime.

Unlike the community neighborhood watch program, which designates "block captains" to serve as intermediaries between the police department and the general public, SBPD said it will directly contact all students in the program to inform them of crimes committed in their neighborhood.

When students know what crimes are taking place, they can take the necessary precautions to avoid becoming a victim, Hechlinski said.

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Ross and Hechlinski encouraged students to submit their phone numbers and addresses to the police department to be added to the calling list.

"The nice thing about having a neighborhood watch is that we can tell you when something happens," Kramer said.

"The idea that we're giving you is that the facts and it's coming right off the police report," he said.

When students get information directly from the police — rather than through word of mouth or other sources there is less confusion about occurrences in the neighborhood, he said.

Sergeant Lee D. Iloss and Corporal Lee D. Iloss and Corporal recommended officers ask students to safeguard their homes against burglars, especially during the upcoming weekend spring break.

"Sometimes it seems like the burglars know what's available," Kramer said. "We're there for the stories — and sometimes it seems like they're targeting a specific time of year.

Kramer recommended students use timers for lights, ask a neighbor to clear snow from the sidewalk and lock all windows and doors.

Kramer and SBPD officers said students should ask the police to watch their houses while on vacation as a free service provided by the department. Ross said with morning, afternoon and evening patrols, one house may be visited three to six times a day.

Kramer, who rents more than 60 houses in the South Bend area, is working with the police department to ensure the security of his rentals after two were burglarized over winter break.

Kramer recommended residents make their absences less obvious to potential burglars by minimizing "tell-tale signs." The house is rented by students — beer cans and plastic cups in the yard and leftover kegs.
Don't own corporations and who file their business filings. Last year, there was an 11 percent increase in e-filed 1040s, which will force many more small corporations to cross the million threshold dramatically, to $10 million, the fact is. e-filing is likely to become increasingly the broader Consumer Price Index up 0.7 percent in December. The seesaw pattern mostly reflects inflation to spike, the Fed will continue its stance of rising inflation. The core rate of inflation, which excludes energy and food, rose by a tame 0.2 percent in January, in line with economists' forecasts. Higher prices for gasoline and electricity sent the broader Consumer Price Index up 0.7 percent last month, a greater increase than economists expected and the largest rise in prices in four months.

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## Inflation strains household budgets

WASHINGTON — People are feeling the pinch from rising inflation. It's tough out there for most households," economist Joel Naroff said after the government reported Wednesday that consumer prices galloped ahead in January at the fastest pace in four months. The consumer prices for December, the closely watched inflation barometer, the Consumer Price Index, advanced by 0.7 percent, compared with a 0.1 percent dip in December. The seesaw pattern mostly reflects energy prices.

"Consumers continue to be battered by rising costs," said Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisers. With overall inflation gaining momentum in January, families' budgets were strained. A separate report, also released by the Labor Department, showed that workers' average weekly earnings, adjusted for inflation, dropped by 0.4 percent in January compared with a year ago. For most workers last year, pay checks didn't keep pace with inflation.

While the Bush administration has talked often about the generally good shape of the economy, Democrats have expressed worries about low and middle-income families struggling under the weight of rising prices and living paycheck to paycheck.

The main culprits behind January's 0.7 percent increase in the core inflation were rising energy and food prices. Excluding energy and food costs, though, "core" prices rose by a modest 0.2 percent in January, following a 0.1 percent increase in December. More expensive clothing and new cars were mostly blamed for the slight pickup in core inflation.

Fed officials are especially interested in core inflation readings. By excluding energy and food prices, which can swing wildly from month to month, the core inflation gauge gives economists a better sense of how other prices are acting.

Fed officials don't want to see elevated energy prices feeding into the retail prices of lots of other goods and services, something that would lead to a broader bout of inflation spreading through the economy.
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law school, constructing an engineering center, and creat­
ing the area south of DeBartolo Hall to create a "Town Commons," renovating the student health center and finishing the Jordan Hall of Sculpture — described by Affleck-Graves as "the biggest, most expensive building we've built on campus." The 204,000-square-foot building is projected to open this August.

"There are two ways to go with the design," Affleck-Graves said, turning to senators sit­
ting on his left. "One is to do single-use dorms, like the Campbell dorms are being designed with arches and woodwork inside, to be designated for single people who can choose which gender they prefer," Affleck-Graves said. "And painting an even bigger picture, Affleck-Graves said the University hopes to build a center for social sciences south of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, con­struct a new four-story Center for Social Concerns and replace "the most beautiful building on campus" — the Stepan Center.

"Imagine writing an exam when it doesn't rain on your paper," he said, drawing laughs.

While research is still under way, Affleck-Graves said a student activity committee will fill the Stepan Center's current location.

"There also the possibility of building a new inn next to one of the campus lakes," Affleck-Graves said, while still keeping some of the rooms in the current inn available for visiting families.

Plans for revamping the University's athletic arena are similarly long-term. The Athletics Facilities master plan includes expanding and ren­ovating the Joyce Center as well as building new lacrosse and softball stadiums.

But the most talked-about plan of the past year has been the proposed college town development. Affleck-Graves described the four-block set-up of the Eddy Corridor "a mix of conventional stores you know and hopefully a couple of restaurants ... maybe a Trader Joe's." While stores moving into the neighborhood will depend on the University, "the Atlantic Gravestone" stresses the importance of students giving feedback regarding what types of development they would like to see near campus.

"But the retail has to work for the campus and the city," he said.

"Restaurants will not move into the district unless they believe they can make between five and seven million dollars a year," Affleck-Graves said, re­vealing for Notre Dame students to generate alone. Affleck-Graves said the less "perfect" details would be finalized once appropriate donors were located.

In other Senate news:
The Diversity Affairs com­mittee presented a letter to senators urging rectors to hang rainbow flags in support of "the spirit of inclusion at Notre Dame," a project to coincide with an upcoming "Stand Against Hate" campa­ign.

The letter quotes Notre Dame's "Spirit of Inclusion" statement, which reads, "Notre Dame strives for a spirit of inclusion among the members of this community ... we wel­come all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnic­i­ty, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and national­ity.

Committee chair Sarah Liu described the flag as a symbol of "tolerance ... showing our acceptance of GLBTQ (les­bian, bisexual, trans­gender, queer and questioning) stu­dents."

But after heated discussion, the letter went over to the committee for revision.

Cavanaugh senator Liz Brown said she presented the idea to her dorm's hall council and received a positive response.

"I don't really see a guaran­tee (that all rectors would hang the flags)," Brown said. "I don't see how a spirit of inclusion flag on just a few dorms really fosters a spirit of inclusion." Brown also said since dorms currently do not hang flags prominently, "If we were going to get any flag, it should be first the American flag."

"[It's] the flag, not the hall is not a place of inclusion," Guzman asked. "If we can agree (on that impression), then yes, that's exactly what it means." This, Guzman said, is the reason behind the campaign that some halls might not be willing to show support for GLBTQ questions.

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Whitehouse: Bush did not hang flag

Debate over port transaction reaches new level

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush was unaware of the pending sale of shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports to a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates, the White House said Wednesday.

Defending the deal anew, the president's office also said that it should have briefed Congress about the transaction, which has trig­gered a major political back­lash among both Republicans and Democrats.

Bush on Tuesday brushed aside objections by leaders in the Senate and House that the deal could raise risks of terrorism at American ports. In a forceful defense of his administration's earlier approval of the deal, he pledged to veto any bill Congress might approve to block the agreement involving the state of a British company to the Arab firm.

Dubai Ports' top American executive, chief operating officer Edward H. Bilkey, said the company will do whatever the administration asks to enhance shipping security and ensure the safe going through. Bilkey said Wednesday he will work in Washington to persuade "local legal lawmakers" that they should endorse the deal. At least two Senate oversight hearings already are sched­uled.

"We're disappointed," Bilkey told The Associated Press. "We are in an awkward situation — we're going to do our best to per­suade them that they jumped the gun." Bilkey said last month "the U.S. is solid friend, as President Bush has said." Bilkey said he is in contact with leaders of his own party, as well as from Democrats, about the deal that would put Dubai Ports in charge of major shipping operations in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia.

While Whitehouse did ally himself to the deal, the White House acknowledged that he did not know about it until recently.

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The 2006 summer session will begin on Monday, June 19 (Registration), and end on Tuesday, August 1 (Final Exams). Some courses — primarily in science and languages — will begin and end before or after these dates. The Summer Session Bulletin contains complete schedule information. The bulletin is available at the Summer Session Office at 117 Bascom Mall (begins on Monday, February 27); Information on summer courses, as it appears in the bulletin, is also available at the Summer Session website (www.nd.edu/~sumsess).

Notre Dame continuing education undergraduate and graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 2006 who are eligible to enroll in the fall — must order catalog reinstatement form for registration to be reinstated in the fall. The form is available at the Summer Session Office at 117 Bascom Mall. The reinstatement form is available at the Summer Session website (www.nd.edu/~sumsess).

Note: The above information is subject to change during the summer.

For course information, contact the office for the department and/or the Center for Continuing Education (www.nd.edu/~sumsess).
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**Catholic Q&A**

Why do Catholics fast and abstain from meat during Lent?

This question often gets asked around this time, when some find the dining halls’ practice of serving only fish or vegetarian entrées on Fridays during Lent unsatisfying.

Fasting derives from our Jewish ancestors who practiced it as an example of piety. While Jesus condemns the fasting hypocrites, He does so because of their gloomy appearance for self-glorification (Matthew 6:16), not because of the practice itself. The Apostles in the early Church kept the fast, combining regular fasting with their worship of the Lord (Acts 13:2). These and all acts of self-denial take us back to Jesus’s first condition for discipleship: “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23, NAB).

The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays dates back to the first century, when early Christians would avoid consuming fleshy meat to commemorate the day of crucifixion (Friday), since it was the day when Christ sacrificed His flesh on the cross for our salvation. Fish was a natural substitute for meat, which was particularly appropriate given the early Christians’ usage of the Greek word ἰχθύς (“fish”) as an acronym for “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.”

Fast and abstinence have a seemingly natural home in Lent, a season already focused on prayer, inward reflection, and penance in preparation for the joy of the Resurrection at Easter. Throughout the history of the Church, however, the norms of fast and abstinence have gone through a number of changes. Prior to the 1960s, Catholics abstained from meat on all Fridays throughout the year, and fasted each day of Lent except for Sunday. In 1966, these requirements were reduced to abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent and fasting (eating only one full meal a day) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Even so, Friday abstinence from meat (or some form of penance or self-denial) throughout the rest of the year is still very much encouraged. And while these norms apply to all Catholics, however, the norms of fast and abstinence have gone through a number of changes. 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Through our Lenten practices of fasting and abstinence from meat and other luxuries, the Church offers us a regular opportunity to deny ourselves so that we might better mold our lives after the example of Jesus Christ.
Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, Deus Caritas Est (God is Love), signed on Christmas Day, packs a lot of instruction into 25 readable pages.

Part I of Deus Caritas Est (DCE) analyzes human and divine love in terms of eros and agape. Addressed to "a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with power or with even a duty of hatred and violence," DCE tells that "world of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others." But DCE is loaded with cultural, political and legal implications, arising from its assertion that "(love of God and love of neighbor) are inseparable."

Part of DCE is a discourse on "Caritas," the "practice" of love of neighbor. "(No one ought to go out with the necessities of life.) That "survival of charity" is "first and foremost a responsibility towards...members of the faithful but it is also a duty of the Church at every level." "Christian charity is not abstract, it is "first of all the...response to immediate needs," feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for...the sick, visiting those in prison, etc. But people need something more than technically proper care...They need heartfelt concern." Charity therefore cannot be just another form of social assistance. Nor is charity a means of "propaganda," "in order to induce conversions. Charity is an act of love and "(love of free) is not practiced as a weapon of any kind of end." Charity must not be at the service of "parties, ideologies" or "worldly strategies." Benedict responds to the Marxist claim that the poor "do not need charity but justice." Charity, they claim, serves injustice by making an "unjust system...appear...tolerable" and thus blocking "the struggle for a better world," Benedict rejects that approach as "an inconsistency of philosophy," sacrificing people of the present to "the moles of the future...One does not make the world more humane by refusing to act humbly here and now. We contribute to a better world only by personally doing good now." What about justice? Does the Church care about it? Yes, it does. But the "just ordering" of society and the State, is the role of "politics" and not of the Church. The "direct duty to work" for a just society belongs to the "lay faithful" rather than to the Church itself. "Fundamental to Christianity," says DCE, "is the distinction between Church and State." The Church should not be in politics, but it does have an edifying role. To define justice is the job of practical reason. But to do its job, reason needs "purification."

"Here politics and faith meet." Faith liberates its assertion from its "ethical blindness" aided by the dazzling effect of power and special interests. DCE traces Catholic social teaching from Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum in 1891 through John Paul II. That teaching offers "guidelines" that are valid for everyone. It does not, however, seek to impose on others "ways of living and... conducting one's faith." It aims "to help purely reasoning" by "arguing on the basis of natural law" so as "to help form conceptions in political life" and to "increase the spiritual energy" needed for justice to prevail. "The Church has a role to play in the fight for justice. DCE urges the State to follow the principle of subsidiarity by supporting efforts of social forces, including the Church, to achieve justice. Civil justice, however, is not enough. "Love — caritas — will always prove necessary even in the just society. The claim that "just social structures would make works of charity superfluous," says DCE, "masks a materialist conception..." This means that there is a "continuing responsibility between State and Church agencies but it is the State "most guaran­tee religious freedom." Three days before he signed DCE, Benedict addressed the Caritas on the teaching of Vatican II that religious freedom is required to be exercised in this person is capable of knowing the truth about God" and because such truth "cannot be externally imposed and "can only be claimed with God's grace in free­dom of conscience." A recurrent theme of Benedict's papacy is his criticism of the "dictatorship of relativism" to which he called attention in his homily to the Cardinals before the Conclave in which they elected him. DCE continues this theme in its insistence on religious freedom and on the role of the Church as moral educator. Faith rests on the reality that the truth about God and morality is objective and knowable. That Truth, with a capital T, is a person, Christ. These are only a few of the points in this innovative and challenging encyclical. Read it. It could change your way of thinking. And your life.

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Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. Let's face it: For 40 days, Christians around the world will prepare to celebrate and remember worthwhile the great events of Holy Week culminating in the proclamation of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. During the days of the Lenten season, we try to remind ourselves of the importance of what it is we are preparing for: to deepen our love for Jesus Christ. Traditionally, we try to do this by engaging in extra moments of prayer, by showing more concern and attention to the poor and to those in need and by engaging in small sacrifices which remind us that these are not just normal days. But the deepest meaning and purpose of Lent is to joyfully embark upon a journey of personal conversion. It is a time for us to examine our attitudes, our habits and the priorities we place on different aspects of our lives, in order to conform our actions more to the life and the teachings of Jesus we read about in the gospels.

Order is a time for us to enter into a deepening of our personal call to holiness. It is the time when our best efforts will be assisted by God's grace. Conversion is a change of heart that leads to changes in our life that affect our behavior because of a readjusting of our priorities and an examination of how we live out our values in the course of our daily lives (even on weekends).

Many of our Notre Dame undergraduates are serious about deepening their spirituality during their years at Notre Dame. You only need to attend a half Mass, spend time at the Grotto, participate in a Campus Ministry-sponsored event, among other things, to understand the truth of this statement. We are susceptible to the amoral and immoral tendencies which surround us and create much of our culture. Many Notre Dame undergraduates have developed well a value system that is solidly based on Catholic values and principles, and on the teachings of the Church. It is not easy for us to hold ourselves to a higher standard when it comes to Christian sexual ethics. But many of you do because it is the way shown to us by Jesus.

Other students begin to discover that part of themselves that only God can satisfy and fill as their days under the Dome lengthen. And they are grateful for the opportunities they find here to practice their faith. Yet conversion begins when we are aware of our relationship to God, of God's presence in our lives, of our need for God and an honest self-assessment of what keeps us from eliminating from our lives those obstacles which hinder our spiritual growth. May the grace of these days be a time when we practice virtue through prayer and almsgiving. Let's take advantage of the season to shore up our deepest Christian convictions. Let it also mark a period in our lives when we try to be as aware as possible of who we are in God's sight and question the values that hold us back while affirming and strengthening the convictions which lead us in the direction in which we want to go.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we should abstain from all meat, eat the equivalent of two meals rather than three and refrain from eating between meals. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence when we should refrain from eating meat.

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PLAY REVIEW

‘SubUrbia’ seeks out lost generation

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Critic

Opening to discordant notes of Green Day and the Offspring, senior Cameron Rains and the Student Players’ production of Eric Bogosian’s ‘Sub-Urbia’ was an hour and forty minutes of racism, politics, social commentary, love and realism that held more true than the vast majority of ‘been drama’ trite seen on television today.

The result of over four months of hard work to bring this title reflects the effort in solid performances nearly cast-wide, smooth production and lighting.

This firmly sticks to the theme of trying to understand what it seems as the world’s next “Lost Generation.” It does this with a deftly handled script and subtlety and fluxuation.

The play opens on its only setting, a Seven-Eleven (or as close as Rains could come to the popular chain without stepping on a copyright infringement) on a street corner in the characters’ hometown of Burnfield. Jeff (Mike Anderson) the idealist, Buff (Kyle Bociinsky) the postmodern elitist and Tim Hoeplinger the Air Force veteran discuss Oreos, AIDS, packing a punch with both subtlety and fluxuation.

Sub-Urbia” reflects the effort in today.

The usual corner crowd is then joined by Sooze (Jennifer Betancourt), a recovering drug addict. All are chastened for their littering by the store owner, a Pakistani immigrant named Norman (Waleed Khawaja) and Bee Bros (Brooks), a recovering drug addict. All are chastened for their littering by the store owner, a Pakistani immigrant named Norman (Waleed Khawaja) and Bee Bros (Brooks), a recovering drug addict.

Sooze breaks their usual trend by wanting to leave Burnfield and head to New York, following her dream of becoming a performance artist. Betancourt and the version of Sooze’s piece, a series of monologues under a harsh spotlight, is again an example of Bogosian’s emotive and self-conscious verbosity. It easily sets up Sooze as one with the drive to escape the pull of the corner, and positions her opposite her sluggish peers, especially a restless Jeff.

“Fear of the unknown and of having to be responsible for or face the consequences is something that everyone at ND and SMC can relate to.” Betancourt said. “I think that said this plays to these fears effectively.”

The play follows the arrival of an old friend, Piano (Kevin McCarthy), a former high school geek turned recently successful rock star. The gang starts examining their own purposes and futures. The play sets up a clash between Pony’s success and the somewhat aimless lives of his former friends.

“Home have dreams, but they don’t pursue them,” Elise Yahner, who plays Pony’s publicist, said. “They just waste their lives and can’t escape the comfort zone of their homework.”

Yahner and McCarthy both serve as more vehicles of change than characters, but the play handles this well in their good performances.

On a technical note, the lighting in particular is fantastic, playing in time with both script and music and accenting both the environmental and the characters’ exchanges with an understated but powerful touch.

Ultimately, the message of the work is one of desperation for something more than the everyday, and Anderson’s sweetly idealistic performance captures this perfectly.

“I just want to do something that shatters the world. If I can’t do that, I don’t want to do anything.” Jeff, that main character, said.

“In this we find characters who in dealing with their futures engage themselves with the struggle that is their existence,” Rains said.

The final scene of the play is jarringly ambiguous and leaves the viewer both shocked and affected, to the credit of Rains and his talented cast. Each character’s fate is unknown, which accomplishes its original, and well-performed, purpose.

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CD REVIEW

Action Action shines as it defies, avoids clichés

By MICHELE JEFFERS
Scene Critic

These days it is common for bands on the same record label to keep the work within the family. Failed and frustrated band members often hook up with others to form a new group, hoping a new name and a fresh line-up will open Pandora’s box of rock.

But these cases of inbreeding often fail to produce anything more than the same old tune. So when the singer from Reunion Show and the bassist and guitarist from Count the Stars (both on Victory Records) joined with the drummer of Diffuser, another pop-punk band would be the safely assumed result.

Action Action, however, is greater than the sum of its parts.

An Action Action’s sophomore album “An Army of Shapes Between Wars” is a strong blend of pop-punk that avoids the typical pitfalls of popular rock.

In 2004, Mark Kluepfel, Clarke Foley, Adam Manning and Dan Leo formed Action Action and signed with Victory Records. Action Action distinguished itself from its peers with an overtly gloomy, and sold 50,000 copies of its debut album — “Don’t Cut Your Fabric to this Year’s Fashion” — in the process. With the release of its sophomore album, “An Army of Shapes Between Wars,” Action Action has created a more complex sound. The result is a moody blend of dance-punk and new wave.

Action Action lead vocalist and songwriter Mark Kluepfel has a distinct and penetrating, yet somehow still soothing voice. He has a knack for twisting his streams of consciousness into stories of singing through vivid metaphors and recurrent images. His songwriting also seems to personally his melancholy as revolving against him.

The best comparison to the album would be a Stephen King novel supported by symphonic rock. The songs continually refer to dreams, delusions and altered consciousness. The album’s tone is one of desperation for something more than the everyday, and Anderson’s sweetly idealistic performance captures this perfectly.

The songs like “What Temperature Does Air Freeze At?” are more whimsical. “Sleep Paralysis” humorously segues into an Atari-esque bit in which music sounds like a penguin swallowing a fox macaw. This song is also featured on an arcade game on the band’s Web site, which allows those who play to unlock hidden tracks on the album which each level won.

The best song on the album is “120 Ways To Kill You: An Illustrated Children’s Book.” A bit of self-irony considering an earlier song asserted that “long and clever titles don’t bring a clever song.” The song begins with the drums drizzling behind Kluepfel’s distorted voice. The song gradually intensifies as layers of singing vocals and keyboards are added. Other stand-out tracks include “Smoke and Mirrors,” “Papiché” and “The Game.”

With its style falling somewhere between The Killers and The Flaming Lips, the members of Action Action have described their earlier work. Action Action has managed to create a catchy album that reaches a more substantial depth of meaning while maintaining its pop sensibilities.

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Belle and Sebastian blends styles with success

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

The group has released seven studio albums in its 10-year history, along with a variety of live albums and compilations.

"The Life Pursuit," like most of Belle and Sebastian's previous efforts, is an upbeat, catchy and utterly addictive blend of folksy ballads, witty rhymes and a little bit of '60s pop thrown in.

Songs like "For the Price of a Cup of Tea," sound like vintage Belle and Sebastian, but many of the other songs on the album branch out into slightly new musical territory without losing much of the sound that has made them a long-term success.

Belle and Sebastian often incorporate a diverse range of sounds into their music, and "The Life Pursuit" is no different. What makes this album different is the addition of some elements that sound a little more '70s glam rock than previous efforts.

Examples of this occur in "White Collar Blue," which has a backbeat similar to T. Rex. Greenbaum's hit "Spirit in the Sky" and "The Blues are Still Blue," while "Hold Your Head" can be heard as an attempt to recreate the 1970s glam-band T. Rex.

Many of the other songs on the album sound reminiscent of other genres, but Belle and Sebastian manages to put its own unique spin on the pieces. "Funny Little Frog" blends a surprising Motown soul element into its feel, while the surprisingly funky "Stuckie in the Graveyard" incorporates organ, tambourine and a wailing guitar solo. The bass-line in "Song for Sunshine" transforms into a soaring chorus, and Act of the Apocalypse, Pt. 2" has a bit of country twang at its heart.

The slower, languid "Dress Up In You" is different from the generally upbeat feel of the whole album, but it gently moving rhythm manages to make it seem right at home.

The album's best offerings are the jazzy "White Collar Boy," the funky "The Blues are Still Blue" and 'For the Price of a Cup of Tea.'

Recommended tracks: "White Collar Boy," "The Blues are Still Blue" and 'For the Price of a Cup of Tea.'
Duke downs Georgia Tech, clinches ACC title

Redick overcomes 2-for-17 opening to score 22 en route to victory, remains nine points away from league record

Associated Press

ATLANTA — As he watched J.J. Redick struggle to find his shot, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski could see everything falling into place.

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"I challenged Omar, Mike, J.J. and Regis at halftime and told them: 'You haven't scored yet. You guys have got to step up.' And we responded the way we should at home," Hebbie said. "I was very proud of how we finished the game.

"Hibbert asserted himself with 11 points. "As Roy's playing well, and as he continues to play well, it's going to make life so much easier on everybody else," Thompson said. Hibbert's play didn't make life any better for Rutgers. He said Jeff Green helped Georgetown take a 34-29 halftime lead by combining for 20 points in the first half.

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"A lot of times Roy gets fouled, you hear the frustration out of his mouth, saying, 'Man this guy is big,'" said Georgetown guard Darel Owens, who finished with 11 points. "As Roy's teammate, it's kind of funny to sit back and laugh because they got to see what we got through every day in practice."

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The first shots were made by Georgetown in the regular season behind him.

His 23rd-ranked Hoyas had come up with the victory they needed to get back on track for a berth in the NCAA tournament.

In the span of seven days, the Hoyas (15-12, 5-9 Big East) dropped three straight games to No. 9 West Virginia, Marquette and then-No. 15 George Washington.

"We needed that," Thompson said. "Last week was a long week. We really needed that win. It's very happy that we got it."

It was the type of win the Hoyas hadn't got at this point last season. After starting 15-7, Georgetown lost its last five games of the regular season to derail any chance of making the NCAA tournament.

The importance of Wednesday's win for Georgetown wasn't lost on Pittsburgh guard Gary Lott, who said he could sense the urgency in the Hoyas at both ends of the court.

"This was or die for them," he said. "They want to get somewhere and do some things where they come out with some fire, and when you come out with some fire things happen."

The player that Rutgers (15-12, 5-9) couldn't stop was 7-foot-2 center Roy Hibbert, who scored a career-high 22 points on 10-for-13 shooting.

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Florida guard Taurean Green, right, and Tennessee guard C.J. Watson scramble for a loose ball in the first half of Florida's 73-66 victory Wednesday in Gainesville, Fla.

"The guys had to respond because they were going into a situation where they hadn't been before," Washington coach Karl Hobbs said. "We never told them that we were coming back or not coming back."

"Maureen Rice and Carl Elliott each had 12 points for the Colonials (21-3, 13-0 Atlantic Ten) while Mensah Bonu and Danilo Pinocc both added 10.

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**NCAA Football**

Navy quarterback Lamar Owens runs past defenders in Navy's 38-17 win on November 19, 2005. Owens stands accused of raping a female student last month at the naval academy and is under investigation by naval officials.

Navy quarterback charged with rape

**In Brief**

**Canada, U.S. eliminated from World Cup**

TORINO, Italy — Woe, Canada. Goodbye, U.S.

Sweden, Finland, Russia and the Czech Republic secured berths in the men’s Olympic hockey semifinals on Wednesday, while Switzerland, Slovakia and two North American heavyweights — Canada and the United States — were sent packing.

It was a stunning loss for Canada, the defending Olympic champion and favorite to repeat.

After two scoreless rounds, Alexander Ovechkin converted a power play at 1:30 of the final period, and Alexei Kovalev added another power play goal with 23 seconds remaining to lift Russia to a 2-0 victory over the Canadians.

"Everybody in my country is jumping and drinking lots of vodka," Ovechkin said.

The win sets up a semifinal showdown Friday with Finland, which improved to record to 6-4 with a 4-3 victory over the Americans. The Czech Republic faces Sweden in the other semifinal.

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The matchups mark the first all-European semifinals since the NHL began sending its players to the Olympics in 1998.

**NCAA to reallocate tournament selection process**

INDIANAPOLIS — When the NCAA tournament selection committee chooses the 65-team field each March, committee members usually rely on schedule strength to make the tough decisions.

This year could be different.

Committee chairman Craig Littlepage said Wednesday that with so few clear-cut choices, imbalanced conference schedules and gridlock in the league standings, the committee’s task this season is more daunting.

"We know we are going to face some unusual challenges this year and specifically because of conference realignments," Littlepage said during an hour-long conference call with reporters. "It seems we have some gridlock at the top or in the middle of conferences. And because there has been some imbalanced conference scheduling, it means some teams might not have played the same schedules.

**Minor-league umpires to be used in WBC**

NEW YORK — While many of the best players are getting ready for the first World Baseball Classic, it appears the top umpires won’t be calling the tournament.

Talks between Major League Baseball and its umpires’ union broke down Wednesday. The commissioner’s office also has been negotiating with the Association of Minor League Umpires, and minor league umpires are likely to officiate the 16-nation tournament, which runs from March 3-20.

"As of today’s date, at this point it does not appear that major league umpires will be working the World Cup," World Umpires Association president John Hirschbeck said.

**Around the Dial**

**Men’s NCAA Basketball**

**South Carolina at Georgia, 6 p.m., ESPN**

**Villanova at Cincinnati, 8 p.m., ESPN**

**Wisconsin at Northwestern, 8 p.m., ESPN2**

**NBA**

Indiana at Detroit, 7 p.m., TNT

Sacramento at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TNT

**PGA Tour**

Chrysler Classic, 5 p.m., USA
Tiger dominates first round match

Woods defeats Ames after 10 holes of play

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Arms crossed, staring into the soul of his opponent, Tiger Woods looked as though he was wrapped up in one of those nerve-racking moments that define the Match Play Championship. Far, far from it. Ruthless to the end until his name was in the record books, Woods won the first nine holes — seven of them with birdies — and closed out Stephen Ames as early as mathematically possible, 9 and 8.

"I've been a while since I played one like that," Woods said with a smile. He didn't have to look far for motivation.

Ames was on the practice range Monday afternoon when he was asked if he would take a carefree attitude into his match against the No. 1 player in the world because not many expected him to win. Ames shook his head.

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But particularly tough for Scott Verplank, who matched the tournament record by going 26 holes before he finally got past Lee Westwood of England. Verplank spent six hours on the course, and was told that Woods was out there for only two hours.

"I worked three times as hard as him," he said. "I think that if I won today, I'd probably practice a little bit."

But he added, "I think I already did. So I'm done."

Woods never had a chance. "Tiger played exceptionally well," Ames said. Then he looked over to concur with Woods on how many birdies he made on the front nine and he added with heavy sarcasm, "It was a rough nine for Tiger."

"If he continues playing the way he's playing, he should walk away with this — easily," Ames said.

"Not everything is easy in the Accenture Match Play Championship. Ernest Els returned to La Costa Resort for the first time in three years and left with a familiar result, losing on the 18th hole to 48-year-old Bernhard Langer. The Big Easy has never made it out of the second round at La Costa. The other top seeds, Vijay Singh and Relief Green, had no problem, and Phil Mickelson (No. 5) had to go 18 holes before getting rid of Charles Howell III."

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Ohno advances to short-track 500-meter quarterfinals

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Apolo Anton Ohno had a short night at the short track. It was good enough to give him a shot at another medal.

Ohno safely advanced from his heat in the 500 meters Wednesday and will go to the final night of competition with two chances to add to the bronze he has already won at these Winter Olympics.

Even though he was heavily favored to move on, Ohno didn’t take anything for granted while the skaters set up their strategy and conserve energy, the 500 is basically an all-out sprint where the slightest slip can knock a skater out.

Four years ago in Salt Lake City, Ohno was taken out by a crash on the final turn of the 1,000, but still managed to crawl across the line for silver. Then, after finishing second again in the 1,500, he was bumped up to gold when a South Korean skater was disqualified for an illegal block.

In Ohno’s first event of these Olympics, he bumped another skater from behind, nearly fell and wound up being eliminated in the semifinals of the 1,500.

He settled for bronze in the 1,000 after South Korea’s Lee Ho-suk made a brilliant pass for second place coming off the next-to-last turn.

Another U.S. skater, Anthony Lobello, crashed out of his 500 heat. The first-time Olympian from Tallahassee, Fl., was in second place when he got low coming through the turn, only to lose his edge and slam into the boards.

“T] was on line and the ice broke out,” Lobello said, meaning it cracked in a soft spot. “There’s not anything I can do about it when the ice breaks out.”

The 175-pound Lobello believes his weight worked against him. “You can find a soft patch,” he said. “I’m probably one of the heaviest skaters out there.”

Ahn Hyun-soo of South Korea stayed on course for a short track sweep with a dominating victory in his 500 heat.

He already has won the first two men’s gold medals, and he’ll go for more Tuesday.

The women’s 3,000 relay was the only medal event on Wednesday. South Korea picked up its fourth short track gold of the Turin Games, while Canada claimed the silver.

Italy received the bronze when China was disqualified for impeding in a turn.

The Americans won the consolation final to finish fourth overall.

In the women’s 1,000, both U.S. skaters safely advanced from their heats.

An award-winning Catholic journalist and Middle East expert who lived in Jerusalem’s Muslim Quarter in the 1980s, Mr. Meyer will discuss his travels to war-torn Sudan from 1998-2001.
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By DAN MURPHY

A strong third round from Billy "The Kid" McEnery was not enough to overcome Phil "Papa Bull" Albonetti's early dominance, as he went on to win the split decision. Albonetti trapped his opponent in the corner for the majority of the first round, scoring points with quick jabs as McEnery struggled to work his way out of the trap. Albonetti all but clinched the win in the second round with overpowering punches.

Patrick "Mountain Ryan" Ryan v. Andrew "Rage" Massari

Alumni freshman Andrew Massari took control of his fellow classmate Patrick Ryan from the beginning. A strong mix of body- and head-shots kept Ryan guessing throughout the first round and allowed Massari to stay on the offensive throughout.

"Mountain Ryan" came out swinging in the third round and landed a series of solid punches. But the early assault from Massari wore him down, and "Rage" secured the unanimous decision.

Alex "Flesta" Borowiecki v. Christopher "The Canadian Crippler" Jordan

Alex Borowiecki fell to Christopher Jordan in a split decision between the 165-pounders despite drawing blood on his opponent.

Two big right hooks to start off the second round for "The Canadian Crippler" put him in a solid position. Jordan took advantage of his reach and kept his opponent at a distance for the rest of the fight. Borowiecki used his speed to keep the match even, but in the end it was not enough to overcome the long right jabs of Jordan.

Adam "Steel Goat" Burns v. Frank Ragukonis

In arguably the most physical of the preliminary round bouts, both fighters came out fired up for an exciting first round. Adam Burns and Frank Ragukonis landed several punches, but Burns felt the punches more. The referee had to stop the fight twice in the first round.

The second round did not go much better for Burns. Ragukonis led with a strong four-punch combo that bloodied Burns' nose and ended the fight. It was officially called a split decision victory for the hometown sophomore Ragukonis.

Josh "Critical Pressure" Hammack v. Mike "Drunker Sailor" Hazbeck

In a bout that featured two very different fighting styles, Mike "Drunker Sailor" Hazbeck landed enough punches to secure a split decision.

Hammack kept calm in the center of the ring for most of the fight as Hazbeck circled him with furious, sporadic attacks. "Critical Pressure" was able to fight off many of these attempts, but in the second and third rounds Hazbeck connected on multiple combinations that dislodged Hammack's headgear.

The assault was enough to win one of the closest fights of the night.

Brad Amri v. Nazur "Nazi" Ahmed

The senior of the prelims consisted of two Stanford Griffins battled for a chance to make it to the next round.

Brad Amri v. Nazur Ahmed at bay with his jabs long enough to earn a split decision— and a berth into the quarterfinals. The relentless Ahme was able to successfully work his way into the mid-section of his opponent a few times, especially in the later rounds. In the end, Amri mixed large jabs and landed jabs as "Nazi" attempted to work his way into the taller boxer.

Dillon Murphy v. Stephen "The Wrecker" Klein

Morrissy's Stephen Klein landed a series of big right hooks in the second round to win the first 170-pound bout.

In the first round, both boxers traded blows while trading jabs. But in the next round "The Wrecker" lived up to his nickname by sending Murphy back to his corner with a standing eight count. Murphy, a graduate student from South Bend, finished the round, but the referee stopped the fight before the third round began, awarding Klein the victory.

Michael "Liberator" O'Connell vs. Hugh "The Christian Rite" Monahan

Hugh Monahan's strong third round technique was not enough to hold off the barrage of punches from Michael O'Connell, who defeated the Fisherman in a split decision.

The match was close throughout all three rounds with Monahan consistently countering his opponent's attacks. In the end, O'Connell's dominance allowed him to land enough punches to make it through the first round.

O'Neil Peart vs. Tim Flannery

Keough's O'Neill Peart won unanimously over freshman Tim Flannery.

Flannery moved well early to keep himself out of trouble but was never able to make any sustained aggressive moves. His constant motion worked against him later in the match, as Peart was visibly fresher going into the third round.

Peart left no doubt in the final round, landing a series of combinations that earned him the win.

Ryan Simmons vs. Brian Kantor

In a battle between two freshmen, Brian Kantor came aways as one of the judges' unanimous decision.

The fight started slow as the rookie fighters felt each other out by trading short jabs from a safe distance. Both boxers reached the midway point for round two with Kantor remaining of march, but Kantor led the way. His combinations were too quick for Simmons, who found himself on the losing end of the final 170-pound bout.

Andy "Doozie" Housser vs. Tim "Rainbow Right" Rippinger

The senior from Darien, Ill., took only 30 seconds and one quick flurry of punches to take care of Nagorski Bylica's fists flying as soon as the bell rang. Nagorski never had a chance to defend himself. The referee quickly stopped the fight as the Alumni senior looked wozy. After consulting the ringside doctor, the referee called the fight.

Ben O'Brien vs. Greg Belatti

Sophomore Ben O'Brien advanced to the quarterfinals with a victory over senior Greg Belatti.

O'Brien came out strong in the first round with a loud crowd at his back. But it was quickly evident that O'Brien was in better shape, and he began to wear down Belatti.

In the third round, O'Brien landed a monster uppercut that sent Belatti to the ground and caused the referee to call the fight. The big blow came with one minute remaining in the final round.

Leo "The Quiet Man" Rubinkowski vs. Eric "Just So Handsome" Retter

In the final fight of the night, two Stanford Griffins battled for a chance to advance to the next round. Retter, a junior, came away with the unanimous decision.

Despite Rubinkowski's large height advantage, Retter jumped out to an early lead with an impressive first round.

Monahan carried over his advantage in the second, as he landed an immediate right hook. "The Quiet Man" held his own, but ultimately Retter was too much for the freshman.

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Mainieri said earlier this month. "Hopefully [my] 12th season will bring us more fond moments."
Mainieri will hand the ball to the Nanooks amidst the series at home," Trick said. "They've won the last four of Notre Dame's seniors.
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T.J. Nevin Ashley. Ashley batted .328 with one home run and 41 RBIs last season. Outfielder Tim Brewster will protect Ashley in the lineup. Brewer hit .317 with two home runs and 19 RBIs in 2005.
"Hopefully this year is a big thing," Amado said. "He has been effective in killing downs," Mike Walsh said of his role. "I'll never forget it." Walsh has played in all of Notre Dame's 419 innings pitched. He will be the first pitcher in a rotation that includes former No. 1 draft picks Jeff Samardzija (8-1, 3.89 in 2005) and Matt Amado (1-1, 3.97) and sophomore lefy.
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at Memorial Hospital. She began following tennis as a tennis team after Harold Swanagan, coordinator of student wellness and development at Notre Dame, paired Leidy with the squad in a program called Fighting Irish Fight for Life.

The women's team spends time with the child, taking her to movies, bowling alleys and wel-

coming her for home matches. "It's something outside the tennis court really helps to unify the team," senior captain Lauren Connelly said. "It is inspiring to see someone so inspired to watch us play, knowing that Leidy makes us want to play well for her." Her mother said Emma's affection for the team has grown with time and through her treatments. "They gave her a gift card to Build-A-Bear Workshop for Christmas," Leann Leidy said. "But it had to have a tennis outfit, racket and balls because her tennis girls gave it to her. She goes around saying she wants to be a tennis player when she grows up. She adores them." Emma was diagnosed with leukemia in June 2004 when she was just 3 years old. What first appeared as just flu symptoms worsened into the biggest shock the family had ever experienced.

"Nobody in our family has had it before," Leann Leidy said. "So it came as a huge surprise because we thought she had the flu and it wouldn't go away." Soon after Emma's diagnosis, the family was turned to chemotherapy, bone marrow treatments and long hospital stays away from home. This Kenton, 11, and Braeden, 8, were forced to make the biggest adjustments.

"It was hard at first because [Kenton and Braeden] were left out and everything was about Emma," Leann Leidy said. "We were constantly at the hospital and having chemo." Once Emma's brothers under-

stood their sister's situation, they and the rest of their classes raised pennies to donate to the pediatric clinic. But the opportu-

nity in spend time with the Notre Dame women's tennis team has lifted Emma's spirits most.

"There has been a lot of sup-

port for Emma," Leann Leidy said. "But as far as really being there for her, nothing compares to what the girls have been doing in all the outings. They have really focused on Emma." In addition to seeing the film "Hoodwinked" and getting per-

sonal items, Emma also has gone shopping with the team at the Notre Dame Bookstore. Emma has grown to love the University through these activities.

"Emma wanted to go to the bookstore, so a few team mem-

bers met with us to shop with her and she found cool Notre Dame stuff," Leann Leidy said. "She wanted one of everything." And the team also has taken a more serious role in Emma's life. Last fall, Lauren Connelly went with the Leidy family to Emma's spinal tap.

"I wanted to see what a kid her age had to go through," Connelly said. "But it was great to see her attitude about it because she had a smile the whole time. It was really neat to see how she can take a situation like this and make it into some-

thing good." This team dedication has given Leann Leidy a deeper apprecia-

tion for their contribution to her daughter's life.

"Wherever she sees them all, she goes up and hugs them," she said. "It is really awesome to see these girls have an interest in her. They have given Emma a chance to grow up. "But it is also good for the [tennis team] because here is this little girl going through this horrible stuff, and she has cur-

cier, and she is a survivor." Irish senior Kelly Nelson draws inspiration from the 5-

year-old child and friend.

"She is so brave about her treatments. She keeps such a positive outlook," Nelson said. "I think that is very refreshing for us to be around her. She counts on us, and that gives us more of a purpose behind our competi-

tion."

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Members of the women's tennis team pose with Emma Leidy, a 5-year-old with leukemia whom the team supports.

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ond half], and I think that's why we made shots," McGraw said. "We were moving [the ball well]. The Irish improved its perimeter defense following its 79-64 loss to Connecticut. Notre Dame held West Virginia 2-3-of-13 from 3-point range three days after Connecticut shot 10-of-19.

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Anthony Schweiss v. Greg Vallejos

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Bryan Marek v. Daniel Florin

Junior Bryan Marek came out strong against freshman Daniel Florin, relentlessly attacking him in a way to a split decision victory.

Marek's attacks were vicious as he knocked Florin down in the first round. Marek forced Florin to stay on the move to avoid his constant aggression.

Marek continued to work the body in the second round, keeping Florin on defense while still throwing his usual jabs.

The third round was an entirely different story, with Florin showing more aggression and offensive against Marek. The turn-around was due mostly to Florin's ability to finally avoid Marek and deliver his own counterattacks.

But Florin was too defensive in the first two rounds and couldn't overcome this deficit in the third, losing the split decision.

Jack Carroll v. Nathan Dyer

In the only knock out in the first set of matches, the referee stopped the fight in the second round to save freshman Jack Carroll from the beating he received from junior Nathan Dyer.

Carroll had the advantage in height and reach over Dyer, but he could not overcome Dyer's strength and speed. Dyer was dominant throughout the entire fight, roughhousing on Carroll, which led to a knock down early in the first and a standing count shortly thereafter. The fight was in danger of ending in the first, but the better Carroll.

In the second, Dyer came out just as strong, continuing his onslaught of punches to the head and body of Carroll. Only thirty seconds into the second round, the referee stopped the fight.

Dyer was able to get in a few quick jabs consistently in all rounds, keeping himself one step ahead of Young throughout the fight — leading to the win.

Parfait Mwez v. Mark Hinkins

The third match of the night was a very evenly fought contest between junior Parfait Mwez and freshman Mark Hinkins.

Hinkins and Mwez fought equally well in the first two rounds, with Hinkins having a slight edge in the second. Hinkins was able to land quick jabs against the junior, giving himself a very slim lead against Mwez going into the final round.

Mwez battled back in the third, butting Hinkins on the defensive and turning the tide of the fight. But this comeback did not change the result, leading to Hinkins' win in a split decision.

Sean Pearls v. Daniel Liem

The sixth fight of the night was between the more contained sophomore Kyle Cyr and the aggressive junior David Liem, who won in a unanimous decision.

Cyr was strong in the first fight but only connecting a few times. But what was Wieron lacked in proficiency he made up with in strength. Wieron landed haymakers and right hooks, while Cyr focused on his jab.

This trend continued throughout the fight, as Cyr was the more consistent fighter and landed a higher percentage of punches.

Cyr's strategy of attrition did not work against Liem's overpowering blows, leading to the junior's unanimous win.

Matt Pentz v. Michael Gibbons

Senior Michael Gibbons began his fight against freshman Matt Pentz with a relentless attack that would lead to his victory in unanimous decision.

Gibbons was quick, relentless and vicious in his attack and kept Pentz on the run for much of the fight. Gibbons unyielding assault led to him literally chasing Pentz around the ring. Unfortunately for Pentz, Gibbons had the edge on speed and caught him more often then not and continued with the head and body.

Pentz, who never stood a chance against Gibbons' attacks, lost the fight on all three cards.

Mike Young v. Jeffrey Hausfeld

In a close match between senior Mike Young and sophomore Jeffrey Hausfeld, Hausfeld pulled out the win in a unanimous decision.

The two traded punches for much of the fight but Hausfeld seemed to find the edge. The sophomore effectively worked the head, although he was never able to land many good combinations.

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Semi-Finalists:

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19 Lavatory label: 7 UFO pilots
20 Has one's: 7 UFO pilots
21 Keep up: 7 UFO pilots
22 Reading between: 7 UFO pilots
23 Practice, practice, practice: 7 UFO pilots
24 Attract, give this person a chance to win your respect and capture your heart. A good conversationalist is far more entertaining. * * * * *
25 f you want to complete what you started. * * * * *
26 The more you do to reassure those around you, the more you will get in return. *****
27 Your outgoing know-it-all nature will pay off today. Your personal or professionally. Your outgoing know-it-all nature will pay off today. The more you expect to impress around you, the more you will get in return. **
28 What the bill collector said when he completed his mission. Probably your fate today is self-focussed. Know your time is hot. Debate will only lead to a stalemate. **
29 Love is looking good if you get involved in functions that include friends, family or neighbors. If someone doesn't immediately attract you, give this person a chance to win your respect and capture your heart. A good conversationalist is far more entertaining. *****
30 This is the time to push ahead. Believing in your talents will be half the battle. *****
31 It may accompany a col. application
32 Many a news source: 6 No-win situations?
33 Practice, practice, practice: 6 No-win situations?
34 Cruise accommodations: 6 No-win situations?
35 Try to knock down: 6 No-win situations?
36 Anything your little heart desires: 6 No-win situations?
37 Releasing one’s anger: 6 No-win situations?
38 Cruise accommodations: 6 No-win situations?
39 Trying to knock down: 6 No-win situations?
40 How sweet it is!: 6 No-win situations?
41 It may accompany a col. application: 6 No-win situations?
42 Giving this person a chance to win your respect and capture your heart. A good conversationalist is far more entertaining. * * * * *
43 Today is about the future and how you can turn things around. This is the time to push ahead. Believing in your talents will be half the battle. *****
44 You can't make mud cakes from fruit. You can make vicious mud cakes. A good conversationalist is far more entertaining. * * * * *
45 Tiny battery: 7 UFO pilots
46 Practice, practice, practice: 7 UFO pilots
47 Try to knock down: 7 UFO pilots
48 Anything your little heart desires: 7 UFO pilots
49 Desk sights for this puzzle: 7 UFO pilots
50 Lavatory label: 7 UFO pilots
51 Snack, say: 7 UFO pilots
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53 Ancient royal: 7 UFO pilots
54 Grandpa: 7 UFO pilots
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60 Onomatopoeic Smilax title: 7 UFO pilots
61 Tiny battery: 7 UFO pilots
62 Roadside stops: 7 UFO pilots
63 N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer: 7 UFO pilots
64 Cat at a cat
65 Somolent attire: 7 UFO pilots
66 "What is he to Be Done?" Mirror: 7 UFO pilots
67 No-win situations?: 7 UFO pilots
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69 Classic brand with all-oral logo: 7 UFO pilots
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**BENGAL BOUTS**

**Fight Club**

Ford tops Hicks with strong early rounds

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

The second night of the 2006 Bengal Bouts began with junior Tommy Ford and sophomore Phil Hicks squaring off in the ring and Ford winning by split decision.

Ford kept Hicks away in the first round by using his superior reach. This reach troubled Hicks throughout the match, who was forced to try to get inside quickly and work combinations. But Ford knocked Hicks down in the first and cut his nose in the second.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Leading Leidy to smiles

Tennis team "adopts" child with leukemia

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame moved into the top 10 with its upset over No. 9 Harvard last weekend. But in Emma Leidy’s mind, the Irish always have been a high caliber team.

Emma, a 5-year-old leukemia patient, is one of the team’s biggest fans. She attends each match to cheer on “her tennis girls.”

“Every minute she can spend with them is special,” Emma’s mother, Leann Leidy, said. “She just loves being anywhere the girls are. Even if she feels icky, she’s all smiles at the matches.”

Leidy is a patient of the South Bend Pediatric Oncology Program.

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish topple Mountaineers on road

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Dressed in green uniforms for the first time ever in a regular-season game, Notre Dame recovered from a poor first half with a strong shooting performance in the second to win 70-58 over West Virginia Wednesday in Morgantown.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said senior point guard Megan Duffy responded to the new uniforms by scoring 22 points on 7-of-12 shooting (3-of-3 from 3-point range). She added four rebounds and four assists.

Sophomore guard Charel Allen — whose hometown of Monessen, Pa. is less than an hour from Morgantown — scored 12 points on 5-of-12 shooting off the bench. She had her own opinion of the jerseys and referenced the men’s black jerseys debuted in a Feb. 18 win over Seton Hall.

**HOCKEY**

Seniors experienced historic ups and downs

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey class of 2006 has been around for the program’s best season (2005-06) and its worst season (2004-05).

The Irish earned their first-ever NCAA tournament bid and then, one year later, lost 18 straight games in a five-win campaign.

"Last year, we were pretty bad, and the year before, we were really good," right wing Tim Wallace said. "I think we might go down in the record books as the best and the worst class in school history."

The six Irish seniors — goalie Rory Walsh, defenseman Chris Trick, center Matt Amado, center Tony Gill, left wing Mike Walsh and Wallace — will be honored Saturday following the team’s final regular season game against Minnesota.

**BASEBALL**

No. 22 ND challenges Sycamores

Irish face ISU in their season-opening game

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

For the first time since losing to Florida 23-3 in an elimination game in the NCAA regionals last June, the preseason No. 22 Irish return to the diamond at 4 p.m. today in their 2006 season opener against Indiana State in Millington, Tenn.

"Last year we didn’t do quite as well as we would have liked," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said. "This team is different."