Student leaders present suggestions to South Bend Common Council

By MADIE HANNA
Assistant News Editor

South Bend Common Council members said they would consider changes to the city’s Public Nuisance Ordinance after listening to a carefully crafted statement on community relations delivered by six Notre Dame student government representatives at Monday night’s Council meeting.

"I was extremely pleased with the outcome," student body president Dave Baron said after the meeting. "That was exactly what I was looking for when I said I hoped Council members would be engaging us further."

While student representatives addressed the strained relationship between the Notre Dame and South Bend communities and explained how student government has addressed the issue, the core of the presentation was much more controversial, centered on perceived problems with the South Bend Public Nuisance Ordinance.

The ordinance was amended on July 25, 2005 to allow the City to send tenants a notice to abate after one violation instead of the previous three.

Senate Community Relations committee chair Nick Ganzman said while six students received notices to abate and were evicted last semester, "of all the other notices to abate sent to students, there have been no [second] violations."

That fact supports student government’s position that this aspect of the ordinance amendment is unnecessary, Ganzman said, in that it fines both landlords and tenants after a first offense but drops the landlord’s fines if he or she evicts the tenant within 30 days.

"We feel the spirit of the law and enforcement of the law have been inconsistent," he said.

Judicial Council president James Leito mentioned an editorial written by the South Bend Tribune this summer that supported the ordinance and described it as an effective tool to teach students a second-chance drug education.

ND law student to face DUI charges

Police say driver admitted to drinking, refused BAC test

By KAREN LANGLEY
Assistant News Editor

A second-year Notre Dame law student was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated resulting in injury after a Feb. 19 accident in which a Notre Dame senior was injured, officials said.

Jon Schoenwetter, 30, was driving the car that hit Brian Cardile, 20, and was cited for operating a vehicle while intoxicated resulting in injury.

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Dorm debate focuses on academic freedom

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

Academic freedom and the role it plays in a Catholic university was the topic of discussion Monday as students and faculty members engaged in discussion in the basement of Keenan Hall.

About 25 students attended to listen to and interact with Menloza College of Business professor Margaret O’Brien, theology professor Elder Ernest and film, television and theater chair Peter Holland. Each faculty member opened with his or her general thoughts before engaging audience members in a debate.

O’Brien spoke of Notre Dame’s legal right as an institution to make autonomous decisions. She cited as example a Supreme Court Case that struck down a federal sanction forcing any university accepting public funding to allow military recruitment on campus.

Notre Dame has a right to speak for itself, O’Brien said. "That isn’t the Catholic church or the state. The Catholic church can speak, but we have a right to speak."
### INSIDE COLUMN

**Don't mess with Tiger**

Last week, I caught myself watching the Denny's PBA Tour presented by GTE. That's when I realized how desperate things were. The sportsworld had reached its absolute nadir. Little did I know, March Madness would come to my rescue a few weeks early.

For those of you who don't know, the Accenture World Golf Championships is yet again into golf's record books by annihilating underdog would have down by 1 with 20 seconds to play. So Ames did what any logical, obvious underdog would have done in his situation. He insulted his opponent in match play and a feat that was reviving a centuries-old recipe for whiskey so strong that one 17th-century writer feared more than 2,500 voters cast their ballots during a week of voting that ended this month. Winners were announced Frday.

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**Correction**

The Observer regrets itself as a professional public policy and servis as the highest standard of professional. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-643-1 so we can correct our error.

### QUESTION OF THE DAY: **DID YOU VOTE IN THE CLASS COUNCIL ELECTIONS, AND WHY?**

**Andrew Smith**

"No, I have not voted, to be perfectly honest."

**Marc Mejak**

"Yes, I did vote because it's the only effective way to voice my opinion."

**Julie Opet**

"Yes," said Mark Reynier, managing director. "We are as eager as mathematically possible to defeat an opponent in match play and a feat that had never previously been accomplished."

**Alison Fitzgerald**

"Yes. Asked if Ames' comments motivated him, Woods replied, "Yes." Asked if he cared to elaborate, Woods replied, "Yes."

**Sara Loveless**

"Yes, because someone has already bought my vote."

**Will Loftus**

"Yes."

**Freshman Christa Riggins**, left, strums on a guitar in Welsh Family Hall with fellow freshman Claire Hubbard. During midterms week, students all over campus — these girls included — crave respite from studying.

### OFFBEAT

Distillery to revive 184-proof whiskey

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In Brief

A campus and community conversation about "Understanding Juvenile Justice in South Bend" will take place at 6 p.m. tonight at Robinson Community Learning Center on Eddy Street.

Jim Towey, Director of the White House Office for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, will speak about "Compassion for America's Poor: What Happens When God and Government Mix" today at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The departments of Art, History and Design, Film, Television and Theatre and Music are sponsoring a Mardi Gras Celebration of the Visual and Performing Arts tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in the DPAC's Publin Studio Theatre. Music will be provided by the Notre Dame Brass Band and String Quartet.

There will be a Jazz Coffeehouse at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The Asian American Association will sponsor a "Gritto Walk" on Wednesday. They will meet in front of Bond Hall at 11 p.m.

The opening meeting of the Diverse Student Leadership Conference will take place in O'Toolegh Auditorium Thursday at 8 p.m.

AcafeCafe will take place at 10 p.m. Thursday in the Lafontaine basement.

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

Group decides to award grant

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Student government officers awarded a co-sponsorship grant to the Saint Mary's Sociology Club and discussed the upcoming Dance Marathon at the Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Monday night.

Executive Treasurer Jillian Waters presented the co-sponsorship, submitted by members of the Saint Mary's Sociology Club and reviewed by the Student Academic Council (SAC). The original proposal requested $1,267 to help sponsor five seniors and one junior planning to attend the North Central Sociological Association Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. on March 23.

The five seniors will be presenting their senior comprehensive projects at the conference. Waters said SAC members granted $667 to the girls who are going to war.

The expenses of the conference have been fully funded, said in past years, student amount," she said.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) president Jackie Wright moved to approve SAC's offer of $667, of the total $4,478 remaining in BOG's co-sponsorship accounts, which passed.

Following the vote, freshman class president Francesca Johnson gave an update on the Dance Marathon fundraiser. Sponsored by the freshman board and the RHA, the event will benefit Riley's Children Hospital in Indianapolis.

Johnson said she and other board members spent hours compiling "dancer packets" to distribute to participants, which include liability waivers and donation request forms.

"I know it is primarily in case someone sprains their ankle, [we don't want them to sue]," Johnson said in reference to the liability forms.

Dancers will be asked to personalize letters to family and friends requesting sponsorship for their 12-hour participation in the April 21 event, Johnson said.

Johnson and Wright explained the marathon would involve more than just keeping on your feet. Johnson said children from the hospital will be present to share their stories, and guest bands will keep the dancers energized.

Johnson asked all board members to participate and said she hoped BOG would do more than just give money to the event.

"I wanted BOG to put together our own banner because I know we are going to have one from each residence hall," Johnson said. "Since BOG is funding it, I thought it would be nice to have a BOG banner."

In other BOG news:

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21, in front of 1631 East South Bend Avenue — the address of the Linebacker Lounge — that in a Feb. 22 police report, said Terry Lanning, a spokesperson for the South Bend Police Department.

"I heard from a couple of different girls on SAC that they felt the presentation was very poorly done and [that] people were not very nice (in general)," student body president Kellye Mitrani said.

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I think there is much relevance in what Jenkins said in his speech... we don't want people to upset that 'things that are for academic value' is the only way to discuss consolidated sexual violence against women.

"The reality is, we still have an important issue to talk about."

"We can't say that we need here that need to have resources... in many ways, thinking this is the only way... to engage in conversation in violence against women is limited and doesn't do it justice."

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Memorandum reveals port security fears

Week-old document reveals concerns about company’s terrorist connections

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Citing broad gaps in U.S. intelligence, the Coast Guard cautioned the Bush administration weeks ago that a company from the United Arab Emirates assuming control of several U.S. ports posed a potential security risk.

The report followed a review of the security of the companies’ operations, the backgrounds of people working for the companies, and whether other foreign countries influenced operations that affect security.

Sen. Susan Collins, chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, released an unclassified version of the document at a briefing Monday. The Bush administration agreed Sunday to DP World’s request for a second review of the potential security risks related to the deal.

Congressional leaders who brokered the arrangement for a second review hoped it would diffuse a bipartisan political uproar over port security and scuttle any push for legislation this week that would force such an investigation and could embarrass President Bush.

Senators introduced several bills Monday anyway, even though Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., told reporters in Detroit, “I don’t think it’s necessary to legislate.”

Criticism persisted from both Republicans and Democrats.

“[This report] suggests there were significant and troubling intelligence gaps,” said Collins, R-Maine. “That language is very troubling to me.”

Appearing before the Collins committee, administration officials defended their decision not to trigger a 45-day review of national security implications of the business transaction following their initial review.

New Jersey Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan Jr. listens during his state’s hearing about a company from the United Arab Emirates assuming control of several U.S. ports.

Chen ends Unification Council

Associated Press

TAIPEI — Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian on Monday shut down the committee responsible for unification with rival China, significant­ly deepening tensions with Beijing and defying opinion in Washington.

All of the roughly 300 people who attended the National Security Council, Chen announced he was dissolving the National Unification Council and doing away with its guidelines, which limit Taiwan’s eventual unification with the mainland.

“The National Unification Council will cease to function,” Chen said.

“The National Unification Guidelines will cease to apply.”

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term differently.

The conclusion generated multiple compliments for Baron and the representatives, community

professionalism and the strength of their presentation.

"Mr. Baron, we are truly impressed," Council President Puzzello said. "You put up that synergy from the young people and go back to the administration."

"Hopefully we can bridge some gaps," Rose said.

Puzzello, the 4th District Council member who staunchly defended the amended ordinance last fall, also commended Baron.

"First off, I also agree that you made community relations a high priority last year," Puzzello told Baron. "I'm impressed with the way you behaved, impressed with what was said tonight ... I'm very impressed with student government's proposed initiatives and am interested in seeing how it works in the future."

While Puzzello couldn't predict the Council's decision on the proposed modifications to the ordinance or provide a timeframe, she told The Observer after the meeting it would be "something we'll be looking into."

"I don't know what we're going to do just yet," she said. "I don't know how the bill would be amended ... it includes extremely serious issues like drug houses."

Any consideration of changes, Puzzello said, could be a "slow process."

"It's something we wouldn't want to do without a lot of legal assistance," she said.

She noted a decrease in par-

ties during the fall semester and said, "I personally would be interested to see how the spring goes ... things like St. Patrick's Day."

Only one Council member—Council Member at Large Al Kirsits—had a more negative tone.

"I admire you're coming out here, but you still have work to do," Kirsits said. "I'm particularly disappointed with some fifth year architecture students with trash all over their lawn," he said.

Shappell and Senate Community Relations committee member Shawn Finlen also spoke at the beginning of the meeting.

"I think it went well," Shappell said. "I was pleased at the level of professionalism and pleasantly surprised with the feedback we received ... it's a very positive step for my administration in opening the door [to a better relationship with the community]."

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In Brief

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The Constitution is more than just a piece of paper. It is far from perfect, but it is a foundational statement of the choices and locks that keep the green eyes of our would-be oppressors downcast. It is a detailed explanation of what our government may do and (as in much of the Bill of Rights) what our government may not do. It is something so precious and inviolable that without it, everything for which this country stands - life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - is lost. I will be the first to admit that the founders of this nation would never, in their wildest dreams, have imagined the world in which we live today. This fact, however, is not a justification for what the politicians in Washington have done to desecrate the Constitution.

Anyone who has attended a Notre Dame home football game can recognize the preamble: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." It would be impossible for me to count how many times I have heard a left-wing appeal to the preamble to justify price control, socialized medicine, really any grand social scheme imaginable. It is a living document; they claim, it must adapt to provide for today's "general Welfare."

Interestingly enough, the same argument is made by many "neoconservatives" to justify "American global leadership" — the Project for the New American Century's brilliant euphemism for "war" — in bringing about their vision of a free, democratic world. The Constitution is a "living document," they swear, and it need not be wholly respected with regards to foreign policy.

For example, they tell us, just because the Constitution requires a declaration of war, does not mean the government must always comply. Indeed, Congress often abridges their responsibility and, like they did in 2003, delegates the authority to declare war to the president. They have been doing so consistently for the last 60 years, despite the fact that it is dangerous and entirely unconstitutional. In fact, the last time America was at war was 1945; Korea, Vietnam and now Iraq are all something else. Indeed, as former Libertarian Party presidential candidate and current Republican member of the House of Representatives Dr. Ron Paul warned in 2002, "Transferring authority to wage war, calling it permission to use force to fight for peace... is in about as close to 1984 'newspeak' that we will ever get in the real world."

You may believe James Madison to be outdated, but he was right; in a letter to Thomas Jefferson, he wrote: "The Constitution supposes, what the History of all Governments demonstrates, that the Executive is the branch of power most interested in war, and most prone to it. It has accordingly with studied care vested the power of declaring War in the Senate." The president does not have authority to declare war for this very reason, a reason that America has conveniently forgotten. Articles I through III of the Constitution clearly and succinctly explain the powers of the President. They have accordingly with studied care vested its leader deemed worthy. "Any power not delegated by the Constitution to the United States by the Constitution" nor "prohibited by it to the States" do not exist, and if you don't believe me you can read the 1966 Amendment. Such powers are reserved for the states, or for the populace. So it does not matter how "allies," you believe the Constitution to be; unless the states ratify an amendment granting Congress the power to hand out free bananas, Congress may not hand out free bananas. But let us take it a step further: if the Constitution is a "living document," which parts of it are "alive"?

What about the First Amendment? Do we need that anymore? Here is my warning, then, to those with ears to hear it: if the Constitution is alive, its heart vibrates in tune with the party in power. When the ruling parties feel secure enough to ignore the restrictions imposed on them, something priceless and distinctively American is dead. Our Constitution is not without flaws, but it is also not subject to the whims of any one. The founders may not have been able to imagine today's world with the Internet or "Dancing with the Stars," but they could most certainly imagine a boasted centralized government that overtaxed its people, dictated its will across many oceans and made non-defensive war against whatever its leader deemed worthy. In fact, they had just defeated one.

Scott Wagner is the president of the College Libertarians, a club that has an awesome Web site at www.nd.edu/~liberty. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**Editorial Cartoon**

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**Observer Poll**

**What do you think about the tuition hike?**

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**Quote of the Day**

"Give fools their gold, and keep their power; Let fortunate's bubbles rise and fall. Who spurs a field, or plants a plane, Or plants a tree, is more than all." — John Greenleaf Whittier

Quaker poet
Notre Dame provides some wonderful benefits to its full-time workers (clergy, such as health insurance, access to workout and library facilities and the chance for workers' children to attend Notre Dame for free. If but families cannot put food on the table, benefits mean nothing. Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) has calculated the living wage of $12.10 based on the costs of living. A family of four making less than $12.10 an hour would qualify for food stamps. No Notre Dame worker should need to accept federal assistance to feed his or her family. And workers do deserve good healthcare at Notre Dame. Catholicism is neither conservative nor liberal, but transcends the highest Christian traditions. Its concern for justice, happiness, hard-working and loyal employees. Sure, it's going to cost us something. But this is about prioritizing. To consciously withhold just wages to our own advantage is to violate and oppose our cooks, servers and housekeepers, I'd love to know how we could replace them with machines, or even to simply do the “market” dictates. Capitalism arise out of systems incongruent with and contrary to the Sacred Tradition of the Church. We can, as Weber did, to the Protestant Reformation, to Calvin in particular, and we can go to the Enlightenment as the sources of capitalism and its equally materialistic, atheist, society. As an integral part of the Catholic world, the University, to the greatest extent possible, must reject aspects of the Enlightenment, to the desirous, materialistic ways of market-based economies. It ought to base its pay scale not on concepts of “supply” and “demand,” but on the intrinsic worth of every man and woman. That is the Catholic thing to do. Following market forces — particularly when this is unnecessary — only further separates man from his inherent dignity and worth.

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Letters to the Editor

Living wage a necessity

If you went to the basketball game against Marquette on Saturday, you’ve probably seen my face. I was the guy who came in second in the contest for John Menkennap tickets. I’m also the guy who stood up with three or so other guys, and shouted, “That’s a hate mail.” I think you implied the rest of you to get up and stand in support of us.

Quick story. Some of you may have heard of the great message board website NDNation.com. If not, go around the block and ask for it. I engaged in an argument about the student body. Alumni constantly lamented our classes, saying we’ve given up and can’t do it anymore. No, no. I countered, this is only the beginning. Our classes are going to come into town. We’ll get loud.

I’m sad to say, I found nothing that dispels this reputation. I imagine being down a touchdown in Notre Dame stadium with three minutes to go. Would you need a short guy in aviator sunglasses and face paint to tell you you’re losing? Not a chance. The Marquette fans outshouted us. Hold on, let me repeat for emphasis: The Marquette fans were louder than we were.

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The living wage question boils down to a question of our identity. Yes, we’re dedicated to learning as an institution, but we call ourselves Catholic, which is supposed to differentiate us. A living wage is Catholic; it’s justice, it’s human. We’re not just businesses or are we corporate? And if we as a Catholic university won’t implement the changes necessary to create a just world, who will?

Jackie Clark

Web Family Hall

February 24

Support basketballs. Wage shouldn’t be based on market

Laura Aix

University of Connecticut

The Daily Campus

Let me just say this: I’m fine with straight people. I am. I have no problems with heterosexuals, as long as they don’t flaunt it. That opening statement probably sounded a little bit weird to you. All right, how would a person go about “ flaunting” his heterosexuality?

An individual’s sexuality does not define or dictate his character, but gays and lesbians are expected not to “flaunt it,” whatever that’s supposed to mean. I have had many conversations about gays’ equal rights with well-meaning friends who proceeded to say something similar to my opening statement. When I, as an ally, pressed the person for a further explanation of this phrase, “Haunting it,” I am met with whatever that’s supposed to mean. I have no problems with heterosexuals, as long as they don’t flaunt it. That opening statement probably sounded a little bit weird to you. All right, how would a person go about “ flaunting” his heterosexuality?

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U-Wire

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The article originally appeared in the Feb. 27 edition of The Daily Campus, the daily publication at the University of Connecticut.

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The harsh life of a pop star

It's not so bad being a pop star. I get paid a lot of money to make mediocre records. In fact, I don't even have to write my own music. Basically, I just listen to a beat (that's the easy part, because most of them sound the same anyways) and then the record producer finds someone to write lyrics for me. Even these don't have to be that decent, as my manager says, "It's all about presentation."

So I have this beat now and the lyrics and I'm in the studio and I'm freaking out. Apparently the synthesizer on the computer is broken and I might have to actually sing. This might not "seem" like a problem but believe me, it is. As a pop star, I'm not actually singing when I'm live. However, I could strum my sub-par vocal cords on top of the lyrics you have probably seen this happen to other, less talented artists. Besides, I'm probably too busy dancing to do much anything else. It would be nearly impossible to hit a high note just after doing the wave across the stage. I'm just way out of breath. So instead, I just play one of my CDs over a mega-loud sound system and spend the entire concert dancing around the stage matching the words. Do you have any idea how tiring that is for me?

Sometimes I don't even last the entire two-hour concert and have to cut the show short. But hey, for $45 tickets, what do you expect?

One time, the CD actually started skipping while I was on stage. You can't even imagine how embarrassed I was. Fortunately, after being booted off stage, my publicist got together with a TV producer and made a reality show about me. This really restored my public image. Plus, my older, more talented sibling had some nice quotes about me, and everyone just seemed to forget all about it.

I know what you're thinking — this sounds like it's all so incredibly easy. But you don't know how hard it is for me out there. Just the other day, I was enjoying a chai tea latte and an energy bar when a seven-year old girl practically accosted me asking me for my autograph. Fortunately, I had a way out. She was holding a blue Sharpie. I can only sign autographs with Bic gel pens. Sponsorships, you know?

Besides the stinging heat of the limelight, I have to deal with keeping up with my "rockin'" bod. I pay thousands of dollars a week for a personal trainer, a personal chef and a makeup artist to make sure I look good all the time. On top of that, I have to have a maid to keep my house clean in case any celebrities stop by and a mechanic to make sure my nine cars are always running and full of gas. It's a hard knock life.

I like to think that an inspiration to millions of people everywhere. I am proof that it doesn't really matter how well you can sing or act or really do anything. If you're good-looking enough, or have an older more talented sibling who has already made it, you could become a pop star — just like me.

Despite all the terrible hardships of my lifestyle, I chose it. Although it's tough, in all it's really not so bad being a pop star.

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Mega Man, left, faces off against the dangerous maverick, Spark Mandrill. "Maverick Hunter X" is a remake of the Super Nintendo classic. Featuring a brief exchange of words. Zero, and Mega Man's nemesis Vile, have also received elaborated storylines. Also unloekable is a 20-minute movie that can be watched after completing the game. It's additions like this that push the game above the realm of standard PSP games, making "Maverick Hunter X" worth the price of admission.

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Sir James Galway performed alongside his wife, Lady Jeanne Galway, at the Debutaro Performing Arts Center Sunday. Galway's performance in the Leighton Concert Hall was an impressive concert by one of the world's most noteworthy musicians.

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Smith's clutch shooting gives Hawks OT win

Pistons overcome five technical fouls as Ben Wallace and 'Rip' Hamilton lead Pistons to sixth-straight victory

Cleveland forward LeBron James, middle, drives between Detroit forward Rasheed Wallace, left, and center Ben Wallace in the Pistons' 84-72 win. James scored 26 points in the loss.

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**New Jersey center Nenad Krstic, right, shoots over Atlanta center Esteban Batista, middle, and forward Josh Smith during the Hawks 106-104 overtime win.**

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- **Surround the dial**

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**MLB**

- **Oakland Athletics first baseman Frank Thomas smiles during a media conference Jan. 26 in Oakland, Calif.**

**Thomas and Williams discuss issues**

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Former White Sox star Frank Thomas and Chicago general manager Kenny Williams talked by phone for 20 minutes to discuss their escalated verbal feud.

Williams called Thomas "an idiot" and "selfish" Sunday after reading the ex-slugger's comments in a newspaper interview in which he reiterated that he wasn't happy with his send-off from the team after 16 years.

Now with the Oakland Athletics, Thomas called Williams on Sunday night, left a message, and Williams returned the call. "I'm going to tell you this. As long as I don't hear another word about this organization or the members of this organization, I won't have another thought about this. We'll move on," Williams said Monday.

"Thomas, speaking to reporters at the A's complex in Phoenix on Monday, didn't go into details about the conversation with Williams. "You know, it was a heated discussion. Lasted for a while. But, I think everything that needs to be said was said," Thomas said.

"We're finished talking. I mean, there's nothing else to talk about. Actual love lost — I mean, basically there's not much love there over the last five years," Thomas said. "So, you know, we're just moving forward."

"That doesn't mean the rift has been mended. "Patch it up," Williams said. "There is no patching up." Thomas agreed. "There doesn't need to be anything patched up. We're men. We can handle it over the phone. I wished we had handled it over the phone before it became national," he said.

"And it's over. It really is," Williams said. Thomas feels he has been misquot­ed, misrepresented and taken out of context by his comments since the White Sox bought him out for $3.2 million in the offsea­son. Earlier, Thomas said he thought he was coming back to the White Sox and would not have participated in a couple of postsea­son ceremonial duties while he was injured if he were not.

"This talk could have been had way back when if he returned my initial phone call," Williams said.

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**In Brief**

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Andre Agassi will skip the entire ATP clay-court season, including the French Open, to improve his chances of playing at Wimbledon.

The 35-year-old Agassi said cortis­one injections are helping him stay on the court after sustaining a lower back strain and a sprained left ankle in the last few months. "It is not realistic for me to consid­er myself competitive on clay," Agassi said Monday after a first­round win at the Dubai Open. "The wear and tear it puts on my body has set me back the last couple of years. And Wimbledon is something that I don't want to miss this year."

The eight-time Grand Slam champi­on hinted that he has been thinking about retirement. Agassi had a 6-4 record last year on clay, where he's won seven of his 60 career titles.

Charlotte is the favorite for NASCAR Hall of Fame

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The race for the rights to NASCAR's Hall of Fame is in its closing laps, and chairman Brian France remains insistent that three cities are still in contention. Technically, that's true.

In reality, the stock car racing shrine is Charlotte's to lose. France will never come right out and say that, though. NASCAR's top boss instead continues to count Atlanta and Daytona Beach, Fla., among the legitimate contenders. But for either city to actually win the rights, Charlotte would need to see sharply off track.

Logistics and common sense have always made Charlotte the obvious choice to host the Hall of Fame. Although NASCAR's official head­quarters are in Daytona Beach, almost everything else is run out of Charlotte, and France himself recently purchased a house here.

Robertson found guilty of aggravated assault

CANTON, Texas — An East Texas public servant in favor of the lesser charge.

The jury in this small town about 60 miles east of Dallas rejected a prison sentence of two to 20 years. Robertson is serving a prison sentence of two to 20 years. Robertson's son played on Canton's freshman football team along with Kinne's son, who was the quarterback.

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Special K: Rocket gives up blast to son Koby

Detroit closer Percival considering retirement after Sunday’s outing

Associated Press

Roger Clemens’ son took the Rocket deep on his first real pitch of spring training, crushing a trademark fastball over the left-field fence.

“That was probably one of the harder fastballs I cut loose,” Clemens said after throwing to son Koby and other Houston Astros minor-leaguer Monday at Kissimmee, Fla. “He got my attention.”

Then the Rocket got Koby’s. The next time his oldest son came to the plate, Roger buzzed him high and tight with another fastball. The younger Clemens dodged the pitch, then smiled at his father.

“He was like, ‘Sorry about that pitch inside. I was trying to change the view of the ball for you a little bit,’” said Koby, a 19-year-old son took him deep on his first pitch after the screen was moved away.

Clemens threw a total of 66 pitches to Astros minor-leaguers in preparation for the World Baseball Classic, then said he’s no closer to deciding his future beyond the event.

“Obviously, in his mind, he doesn’t think that he’s ready to compete at this level,” Tigers manager Jim Leyland said Monday.

Percival, who signed a two-year, $12 million deal with the Tigers before last season, partially tore a muscle near his pitching elbow last July and finished a 1-3 with a 5.76 ERA and eight saves in 26 appearances.

“Never was I counting on him or not counting on him,” Leyland said. “The plan was to get him in here and we’ll see what unfolds and we’ll take it from there.”

The Tigers signed free agent closer Todd Jones to a two-year, $11-million deal in the offseason. Jones saved 40 games last season with the Florida Marlins.

At Jupiter, Fla., Joe Borowski appears to be the leading candidate to replace Jones with the Marlins, though the former Cubs reliever’s last save came in May 2004.

Borowski’s best season came in 2003, when he had 33 saves and a 2.63 ERA. He missed much of 2004 with a shoulder injury, then broke a bone in his right forearm in spring training last year. After the Cubs released him in June, Borowski joined Tampa Bay and set a club record with 21 consecutive scoreless innings. But then he gave up 15 earned runs in his final 14 1-3 innings of the season.

At Tampa, Fla., New York Yankees outfielder Gary Sheffield took part in most drills Monday, including batting practice and running, after sitting out Sunday with back spasms.
Volleyball upsets No. 5 Illini, takes fifth place

Megan Johnson placed No. 40 among 70 racers in the women's B division. Standing behind a slower group, Johnson managed a very respectable finish, placing 25th.

Ultimate

The Notre Dame Ultimate Club traveled to Baton Rouge this weekend for the annual Mardi Gras tournament. Despite the wet and muddy fields, both the men's and women's teams played well during the two-day tournament. The women's team started out strong, easily defeating their first two opponents, Truman State and TCU, 12-3 and 11-2 respectively.

The rain and wind on Saturday made the disc slippery and passes hard to throw or catch. However, that didn't stop a huge layout score from sophomore Mike Toomey, the site hitter. The Irish dug themselves too big a hole, and ended up losing the second game 25-16.

Cycling

A blend of veterans and first year racers represented Notre Dame at DePauw University this weekend. Freshman Andrew Stives captured first place in the men's C road race, topping a field of 135 racers over the 26-mile course.

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The Irish faced No. 15 Ohio State. The Irish used a series of breaks against the serving of Drew Williams and Ryan Flynn to dominate the Buckeyes and control the entire match. Notre Dame ended up winning 25-16.

In the second round of play, the Irish would have a rematch with Illinois. Coming off of these solid performances after their loss to the Illini, The Irish jumped early on the Illini in the first game. Behind a combination of solid defense and a complex, forceful offense, the Irish won the game 25-23.

Game two was a completely different scenario. Playing point for point to 10-10, Illinois went on an eight point run behind incredible blocking and precise serving. The Irish dug themselves too big a hole, and ended up losing the second game 25-16.

The men's field boasted 52 college teams competing on slippery fields as rain continued throughout play on Saturday. The Irish swept all four opponents before dropping the game 6-0. Excellent upwind play swept the floor with the winning team advancing to the Nationals. Miami will be the top seed, with the Irish seeded second.

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The Notre Dame Gymnastics Club completed this weekend's competition at the Indiana University Big Red Classic. Several gymnasts had strong performances and received their highest scores of the season. The Irish continue to improve and appear to be peaking at the right time.

Most of the season were led by Anne Krishnan and Kristy Stives, who each placed in two events. Krishnan placed second on beam and fourth on vault, while Stives placed fifth on vault and sixth on beam. Additionally, Krishnan placed sixth in the all-around and continues to anchor the team in the all-around.

The team's performance was also turned in by Cecilia Torres, Kellene O'Leary, Kelly Pirzio, and Maura Steed. Several gymnasts increased the difficulty for their routines and qualified on their own. Krishnan and Stives both performed on the floor and received season high scores. The women's meet was won by Ohio State.

The Notre Dame men also turned in a strong performance. Competitors included Brian Dunn, Paul Kane, and Joe Lillie. The Notre Dame men failed to field a complete team score, as one of their members was injured.

The Irish collapsed Ohio 21-0 in the second round, as Junior Callin Shorrock and freshman Maggie Hyde combined to register the club's first shutout of the year. The Irish then faced the host Eastern Michigan squad, and posted a solid 12-3 win in front of their home crowd. The tournament finale saw the Irish drop a 10-4 decision to rival Miami OH. Senior Kristy Bohling relied home two goals, while junior Bridget O'Neil and freshman Kelly Hornor each put in a goal to account for all the scoring.

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**MLB**

'Hall' induc<es 17 Negro Leaguers

**Concussions end Primeau's season**

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Flyers captain Keith Primeau will sit out the rest of the regular season and the first two months of the playoffs after suffer<ing another concussion, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Monday. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because Primeau's plans were not made public. The official announcement Tuesday at the Flyers practice facility in New Jersey.<br>
Primeau was injured Oct. 25 after taking a hit from Montreal's Alexander Perehodin, the latest and most severe in a list of head injuries the center has sustained in a 15-year career. Primeau had not been cleared to play by Flyers doctors and a concussion specialist in Montreal in February. The person said Primeau intended to return when he could, but the Associated Press was told this week that Primeau's doctors did not feel it was safe for him to return.<br>
Primeau's season is over, and the Flyers are 12-8-0 since his injury.<br>
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Cecilia Torres, Kelleen O'Leary, Kelly Pruczzi and Maura Steed. Several gymnasts increased the difficulty for their routines for this meet and received season-high scores. The women's meet was won by Miami of Ohio.<br>
Notre Dame's men also turned in a strong performance. Competitors included Brian Dunn, Paul Kane and Joe Lillie. The Irish defeated the Buckeyes 157-134 in the meet at the Rolfs Aquatics Center.<br>

**Club Sports**

Water polo wins four straight, slips in final

Special to The Observer

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A key moment in the meet came when primeau injured his head while attempting to return to score. The injury forced primeau to leave the game and go to the hospital for further evaluation.<br>
As primeau was being treated in the locker room, the Buckeyes continued to control the game, scoring six more goals in the second half to win, 157-134. Primeau returned to the game in the third quarter, but was unable to contribute to the Irish's victory.<br>
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a career record of 62-27 and a 1.71 ERA. "I have a lot of innings in the circle, and I feel my nerves have left me," Booth has shown her steady nerves already this season, most notably in the Golden Panther Invitational last weekend. Booth allowed only one earned run and had 22 strikeouts in victories over Memphis and Florida International.

She especially dominated Florida International. In the five-inning game, Booth struck out half of the batters she faced, and only three Golden Panthers reached base against her.

The two wins in Miami are a sign of improvement from Notre Dame's opening tournament in Las Vegas, Nev., in which the team lost three of its five games. Booth pitched in all five games of the Desert Classic but dropped two decisions. "Our pitching was not great in Vegas," Booth said of the staff's performance. "It was a good learning experience. But we found our rhythm in Miami."

Irish freshman Brittany Bargar learned from her mistakes in Las Vegas and cemented her role as Notre Dame's No. 2 starter in Miami this weekend. Even though she lost one game, Bargar picked up a crucial win over Buffalo in the tournament to impress her fellow starter. Bargar pitched a four-hit shutout against the Bulls — shoulder­ ing the responsibility when Notre Dame's bats fell silent — and held on for her first career complete game win. "Brittany was phenomenal against Buffalo," Booth said. "She did exactly what she had to do." Booth prepared Bargar in the off-season to be her successor. "We've been working our hitters all winter," Booth said. "I think she will be great for the program and will be an exceptional choice to take my spot on the team when I graduate at the end of this year."

With Booth and Bargar making up one of the best one-two combinations in the Big East, the team is confident heading into this season. "I know we are young, but we are very solid," Booth said. "We have great dynamics and chemistry, and I feel better about this team than any other I have played on."

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son, and we don't expect any­thing different from Indiana," Thompson said. "But it has been our singles that have been getting the job done all year, and that is what we are counting on against Indiana." Thompson, junior Cartrina Thompson and sophomore Break Buck have led the Irish all season. Christian and Cartrina Thompson have lost just one doubles match in the team's first nine spring con­tests. They are currently ranked No. 2 nationally in doubles. But Cartrina Thompson did not compete against No. 21 Wisconsin last Saturday due to a wrist injury, and her status remains unknown for the incoming Indiana match.

"Cartrina has really been a big part in doubles and singles teams all year, and we are hoping she will be able to compete against Indiana," Thompson said. "But we still don't know the severity of the injury."

"Notre Dame will continue its series of home matches against Illinois Sunday."

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NFL

Colts sell rights to new stadium

Lucas Oil will name the 63,000-seat facility in downtown Indy

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts have sold the naming rights for their downtown stadium to California-based Lucas Oil Co. The Indianapolis Star reported Monday, all citing sources they did not identify.

The company will pay the Colts $120 million over 20 years to have the 63,000-seat, retractable-roof facility named Lucas Oil Stadium, WISH reported.

Myra Bordoff Cook, a spokes­woman for Colts owner Jim Irsay, had no immediate comment on the reports. A represen­tative at Covina, Calif.-based Lucas said no one with the company would comment and declined to take a message.

Lucas Oil already sponsors speedways, tractor pulls and boat races. The company's Web site lists itself as the official oil racing, Indianapolis television stations WISH and WRTV and The Indianapolis Star reported Monday, all citing sources they did not identify.

"In the last several years, Lucas Oil has increased the number of possible corporate sponsors for the stadium," said Chris Hanauer.

The Colts will continue to play in the RCA Dome, their home since the team moved from Baltimore in 1984, until the new stadium is completed.

Construction work on the $500 million stadium began last fall, with completion expected by the start of the 2008 football season.

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Tournament.

The Irish enter the contest fresh off a dramatic 75-66 overtime win in Cincinnati Saturday. The Bearcats took a two-point lead with 2.4 seconds remaining, but LaVere found guard Lindsay Schrader after a running layup as the buzzer sounded.

The win was the second of the week for the Irish, who beat West Virginia Tuesday. “It’s nice to put two games together and get two wins in a row,” said Duffy, who scored 10 in the extra session to put the game away. “We’ve been on so many losing streaks this year. But we’re in good position for where we need to be to beat Pittsburgh and we need to win a few games in the Big East Tournament.”

The Panthers have no momentum.

Pittsburgh (18-8, 9-6) lost to Rutgers Saturday in its worst offensive performance of the year. The Panthers scored a season-low 50 points and shot just 30 percent on field goals.

Sophomore center Mercedes Walker leads Pittsburgh in scoring this season, averaging 17.6 points a game on 49 percent shooting from the floor. She is also a force to be reckoned with under the basket with 9.3 rebounds per contest.

Junior guard Mallorie Winn is Pittsburgh’s primary weapon on the perimeter. She averages 15.2 points per game and shoots 36 percent (48-of-134) from three-point range.

Xenia Stewart, a freshman guard, is the only other player on the Panthers averaging in double digits. Stewart, at 6-foot, plays on the interior much of the game and averages 5 rebounds a night.

The 6-foot-3 LaVere will be the key on the inside for the Irish to stopping Pittsburgh’s inside attack. LaVere scored 17 points and connected on 8-of-11 field goals against Cincinnati.

“I’m really proud of Courtney, the way she’s stepped up her game these past six or seven contests,” Duffy said. “From the point of scoring and on the block, and leadership in the locker room, it’s invaluable.”

Notes:
- Duffy was named Big East player of the week Monday for the second time in her career. She averaged 19.2 points and four rebounds a game in Notre Dame’s two victories last week.
- Senior day celebrations will begin approximately 20 minutes before the opening tip.
- Fans are encouraged to arrive early as the team will honor Duffy and LaVere, senior video assistant Janelle Trester and senior managers Meghan Callahan and Luke Hoover.

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night with vested interest. A Michigan-Ferris State tie would have allowed Michigan’s Buckeyes to remain tied with the Irish and the Bulldogs at the season’s conclusion. Tiebreakers would have given the Irish seventh place and the Buckeyes eighth — and sent the Bulldogs on a plane to the Land of the Midnight Sun for the first round.

Instead, Alaska-Fairbanks will stay in South Bend for another week in preparation for this weekend’s match up between the No. 8 Irish and the No. 9 Nanooks.

Such was the way of the parity-rite CCHA in its last regular season weekend. When the ice spray settled, only four teams remained unchanged in league standings — three of which were the top seeds.

Those three teams are No. 1 Miami, No. 2 Michigan State and No. 3 Michigan.

“Michigan State is the hottest team in the league right now,” Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said. “Just from the teams we played in the second half, I think Michigan State is playing the best hockey at the right time of year.”

Northern Michigan jumped into the last bye slot at No. 4 Michigan. Ohio State must neutralize senior center Greg Ball (16 goals, 21 assists) and get offense from sophomore Tom Fritsche (11 goals, 19 assists) and junior Andrew Schermbel (12 goals, 11 assists) if it hopes to survive the first round.

“Ohio State’s really had a tough year,” Jackson said. “They’ve had a lot of injuries and I think that that puts them at a disadvantage. But there’s always the X-factor and that’s [Caruso], in my opinion he’s probably the best goalie in the league.”

The final pairing of the first round is No. 8 Notre Dame versus No. 9 Alaska-Fairbanks in a rematch of last weekend. The Irish had a chance to move up to sixth place with a sweep of Fairbanks, but remain satisfied with their efforts in the second half, to get home ice. “Jackson said. “But now we have to take advantage of it.”

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**ND Women's Basketball**

**Calling all captains**

*Irish look for conference win on Senior Night to end regular season*

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will honor its seniors and play for an improved conference tournament seed when it hosts Pittsburgh at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center tonight.

The Irish are fighting for an NCAA Tournament bid and also can improve their seed in the upcoming Big East Tournament in Hartford, Conn., with a win. Depending on the outcome of this week's conference games, Notre Dame can finish anywhere from No. 8 to No. 11.

"Playing one last time on the JACC floor is going to be awesome, but everyone on the team knows what's at stake," said point guard Megan Duffy, who will be honored alongside fellow senior co-captain Courtney LaVere before the game on Senior Night. "We need to win if we want to get in the NCAA Tournament seed in the conference to turn our seed in the NCAA."

Irish senior Kelly Nelson said. "But we have gone against tough opponents this season."

**ND Softball**

Booth and Bargar lead ND starters

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has played only two tournaments thus far this season, but it already has discovered the value of its pitching — starting with senior Heather Booth, its No. 1 ace.

The former Big East rookie of the year and two-time first-team All-Big East pitcher has dominated hitters as a starter since she her freshman season. Booth assumed the role of No. 1 starter her first year and has not relinquished that position. She started at least 30 games all three seasons and has struck out more than 200 batters in each of the past two seasons — all reasons why she is confident and anxious to continue her dominance.

"As a senior, all my pressures are settled," said Booth, who has

**ND Women's Tennis**

Irish host Indiana in battle of top-40 teams

Injury may sideline Irish junior Catrina Thompson Tuesday

By DAN TAPETILLO  
Sports Writer

No. 7 Notre Dame returns to the Eck Tennis Pavilion to face No. 31 Indiana two days after completing a weekend sweep of ranked opponents.

Despite its successful weekend and a 9-0 record (including two top-10 victories), the Irish will not overlook the Hoosiers, Irish senior Kelly Nelson said.

"We have gotten off to a great start because everyone has been playing really well, especially in close matches," Nelson said. "But we have taken every match seriously, no matter where they stand in the rankings."

The Hoosiers are 9-2 coming off a 5-2 win over No. 28 Tennessee Saturday. It was the team's second victory over a ranked opponent this season.

Indiana beat No. 52 Western Michigan 5-2 on Jan. 15. doubles partners sophomore Brianna Williams and freshman Sigrid Fischer led the Hoosiers Saturday, earning their first doubles win over a ranked opponent when they beat the Tennessee's Blackley Griffith and Victoria Jones (No. 28, 8-2).

"Their win over Tennessee definitely shows that they can compete with top teams in the country," Irish junior Christian Thompson said. "But hopefully our doubles teams will play as well as they have been this season and help us win the doubles point early in the match."

Indiana has impressive wins in its singles matches against Tennessee, as well.

Sarah Batty (8-3) played at No. 1 for Indiana and won in straight sets. No. 2 Laura McGaffigan and No. 3 Brianna Williams also impressed in the Indiana victory.

"We have gone against tough opponents in singles this season," Nelson said.

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**Hockey**

CCHA playoff matchups are set

Miami (Ohio) leads conference with top seed in tournament

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When Ferris State junior forward Zac Pearson beat Michigan goalie Billy Sauer 42 seconds into overtime for a 4-3 win on Saturday night in Ann Arbor, he not only scored the game-winning goal — he also saved his team a 3,500 mile road trip.

Pearson's goal launched the Bulldogs into sole position of seventh place in the CCHA. The goal also had far reaching implications on the rest of the conference. Fifth through eighth place receive opening round home ice, while the first four seeds gain a bye in the 12-team league.

Alaska-Fairbanks head coach Tavis MacMillan followed the Ferris State game via computer from the Joyce Center press box after his team's 2-1 victory over the Irish on Saturday.

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**Left, Irish guard Megan Duffy shoots and forward Courtney LaVere, at right, handles the ball in a 66-48 win over Providence on Feb. 4.**

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**Irish sophomore Mark Van Guilder passes the puck during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Michigan State Feb. 4. The Irish may face the Spartans in the second round of the CCHA Tournament.**

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