Peer advocates give pre-hearing advice

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Writer

Following the University's decision to suspend star basketball player Kyle McAlarney, the Notre Dame community has reignited an oft-inflamed debate over discipline. Fueling the fire is widespread confusion about Notre Dame's policy - confusion which a group of 10 students known as Peer Advocates can straighten out.

Unfortunately, most on campus don't know they exist.

Dating back to the 1970s, the Peer Advocacy Program provides a student facing charges from the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH) with a student advocate to counsel him as he prepares to defend himself. While advocates are available for basic meetings (termed "conferences"), students most often employ them when they've committed more serious infractions and are facing a hearing - complete with two ORLH representatives, a rector and witnesses.

McAlarney, for example, underwent a hearing before his suspension.

Under the watch of Judicial Council President James Lello and Vice President of Peer Advocacy John Trippi last year, the program strives to bring itself more attention. Twelve advocates were hired and a publicity push drove many more cases than the year before, said Gina Dolan, who took the reins of the program this year.

"Lello, Trippi and I kind of looked at this program and realized it was an untapped resource," Dolan said. "We realized there was a lot of influence and power a group of students could have over each body.

Despite last year's efforts, most students remain in the dark about the Peer Advocacy Program - and the program's leaders are quick to explain why.

First, although 90 percent of ORLH cases result in the minor conferences, judicial Council President Liz Kozlow, ORLH only sends information about the Peer Advocacy Program to students facing the more serious hearing.

A second reason, Dolan suggested, could be that students receive a referral to the Peer Advocacy Program from ORLH itself - meaning they associate it with the disciplinary heavy hand.

"Sometimes then, they're hesitant to get involved with us, in terms of not trusting us, or thinking we're biased or not on their level," Dolan said, noting that some of this year's advocates have themselves been disciplined by ORLH. "We want to make

Jenkins encourages truth, holiness

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

The importance of seeking both spiritual and intellectual salvation was the main theme of the homily delivered Monday at the annual Mass in celebration of the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas.

"Many universities speak about their goal being truth, but our goal is love," Jenkins said.

More than a hundred people filled the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to commemorate the feast day of Aquinas, the patron saint of Catholic universities and students.

Jenkins asked the University community to remember "while we seek the truth, we also seek to be holy.

At this Catholic university, let us be reminded that we are oriented toward truth in our faith, truth that we should witness in our lives," he said.

Jenkins drew from his background as a philosophy professor, explaining that he studied Aquinas for many years because the writing was "simple, but powerful.

He pursued truth, but through faith and hope," Jenkins said.

Recalling the words of Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical "God is Love," Jenkins said the teachings of Aquinas draw students to "a deeper faith.

"We are reminded that we are called to the pursuit of truth," he said, "not just to inspire the mind, but to love God and one another.

Junior Jarrod Waugh said

Return hard for abroad students
Reverse culture shock affects some as they re-adjust to campus life

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

For students who study abroad, returning to the familiar campuses of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's means seeing old friends and professors and walking familiar paths to old classroom buildings. But for some students, returning from abroad can cause a reverse culture shock and lead to feelings of alienation and frustration rather than comfort.

To help students deal with the stress of returning to school, the University Counseling Center offers counseling sessions for returnees, said Staff Psychologist Dr. Wendy Settle.

"Many times readjustment

Essay contest held on Pope's 'God is Love'

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

The Office of the President aims to spur discussion of Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "God is Love" with an essay competition and a student conference in the spring to discuss the work.

The encyclical was chosen because it addresses issues that face not only the church, but the world as a whole, said Sahine MacCormack, the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh C.S.C., Professor of Arts and Letters. MacCormack is the faculty advisor for the competition and the committee that will run the referral to the Peer Advocacy Program.

"It's the first encyclical of this papacy," MacCormack said.

"It is on a topic that is a very broad concern not just in the church, but I would say in the world in that it has two parts. The first part is theoretical, philosophical, theological and the second part is practical.

The essay contest will award prizes for essays submitted by students in three categories - freshmen and sophomores, juniors and seniors and graduate students. The guidelines for the contest are open-ended so students are encouraged to think about the encyclical in a way that suits their interests; MacCormack said.

"Basically, students are encouraged to think about the encyclical in the context of the

London Program to be updated
Popular abroad spot will see changes

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

The London Program, Notre Dame's oldest and largest undergraduate study abroad opportunity, will undergo significant changes beginning in fall 2007.

Director of the London Program Paul Bradshaw said in an e-mail he recognized the need to make certain changes, specifically, modifying the current scheduling system, enhancing residence life and increasing internship opportunities.

In the past, there have been problems coordinating breaks and start dates that correspond to those at Notre Dame; he said.

"The principal motivation behind [these changes] is to bring the program more in line with the dates of the semesters on campus," he said.

"In the future, we shall begin and end our classes each semester within a few days of the beginning and end of classes on [the main] campus.

The mid-semester break in London will shift to the same time as fall break in South Bend, "opening up the possibility of London students meeting up with students at home and traveling together through the United Kingdom and Europe," Bradshaw said.

These calendar changes, he said, will also provide advantages in the British faculty teach-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Dear Selena Roberts

A few weeks ago, you boldly stated that 'the vibe out of Notre Dame was that Charlie Weis was surprised by the demands of the job and that he wants to leave.' I'd venture to guess that you're not the only one wondering if Notre Dame's long-suffering fans might be in luck. If Charlie Weis is unhappy, then... well, who isn't? We all have our moments when we're not exactly thrilled with the way life is going. But it's about asking, 'Is my access to power worth the while?'

That's the question I've been asking myself lately. I've been thinking a lot about the way things have been going on at Notre Dame. It's not that I'm a fan of Ty Willingham - I think he's done a great job of turning around a program that was in a bit of a funk - but I've been wondering if Notre Dame might be better off without him.

Willingham has been with the Fighting Irish for almost three years now, and I can't help but wonder if he's been able to make the most of his time there. He's taken over a team that was struggling and has turned it around, but I can't help but think that he might have been better off trying to turn around a different program.

I know that the job of a head coach is not an easy one, and that it's important to have a coach who can keep a team winning. But I've been wondering if Notre Dame might be better off with a coach who's been able to turn around a program that's had a bit more success in recent years. I mean, after all, Notre Dame has a long history of producing great football teams. It's not like they're starting from scratch.

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Sports Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH DORM, OTHER THAN YOUR OWN, IS YOUR FAVORITE? Why?

Beth Daley, freshman
"I really like the dorms at Notre Dame, but if I had to choose one, I'd say "Whispers," because that's what everyone else said."

Christie Hjorne, freshman
"I only like Lyons!"

Emily Brunner, junior
"Dillon, because I spend all my time there."

Emily Popoff, junior
"Is there any other dorm besides Walsh?"

Maria Petrucci, freshman
"Morrissey, because it's as close to Lyons as you can get."

Theresa Bea
freshman
"Lyons, because Maria and Christie live there!"

OFFBEAT

Mysterious ice chunk smashes car

GLENDALE, Fla. — Raymond Rodriguez was changing a tire when an 18-inch chunk of ice plummeted from the sky with a piercing whistle, then a metallic crunch. The ice chunk crushed the roof of a nearby Ford Mustang on Sunday morning. No one was hurt.

"I was scared," Rodriguez said, who was only feet away.

"It's crazy, man.

The Federal Aviation Administration is reviewing flight schedules to see if the ice fell off a plane. The ice did not have a blue tint that would indicate it came from a plane's engine.

Woody breaks groundhog gender barrier

HOWELL, Mich. — Woody has something the nation's other prognosticating groundhogs don't. Female intuition. Gen. Beaurgard Lee in Georgia, Sir Walter Wally in North Carolina and, of course, Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania might be more established, but Woody from Howell has a pretty good track record.

She has correctly predicted when spring would arrive six out of eight years.

Why is she so successful?

She relies on her stomach, Richard Grant, executive director of the Howell Conference and Nature Center, told the Detroit Free Press.

Grant said groundhogs eat a lot before the winter, but don't consume much during the colder months.

So, on Friday, if Woody comes out of her home, eats any of the food placed in her, such as bananas and peanuts, and stays out for at least 30 seconds, then spring is coming soon. If not, we're in for another six weeks of winter.

Information compiled from The Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Naushal Singh, assistant professor of political science and Kellogg Institute Faculty Fellow, will speak about "Military Weakness and Civil Wars in Africa," a Work in Progress Seminar, today from 12:30 p.m. to 2 in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

The box lunch will be served following the seminar.

Gwendolyn Oxenham, the 2006 Sparks Prize Winner, will read from her new collection "Esence Game" in the Hesburgh Room of Bockers today from 7:30 p.m. to 9. The event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program.

Tenor Mark Beudert performs a faculty recital with mezzo-soprano Karen Lynes and pianist Timothy Chek at Leighton Concert Hall, Delbarton Performing Arts Center this Wednesday at 8 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students.

The Winter Career and Internship Fair will be held Thursday in the Joyce Center.

The student group, Pasquerella East Musical Company (PEMCO), proudly presents "Ragtime" on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. "Ragtime" will also be playing Feb. 3, 9 and 10. Tickets available at Lafontaine box office and are $8 for seniors and $8 for adults.

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

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Podcasts transform education

Professors integrate iPod technology with lesson plans and projects

By LAURA WILCZEK
News Writer

The iPod has changed the way people think about music and videos, and now it's altering how Notre Dame students plan course projects.

Last semester, professor Christopher Clark, an associate professional specialist in the Kaneb Center, had students in his Applied Multimedia Technology course create podcasts for one of their five projects.

Podcasts are portable audio files that students may play with an MP3 player and are similar to television or radio broadcasts, but utilizing a different channel.

Their popularity gave Clark the idea to have his students make "Snitecasts" about an artwork in the University's Snite Museum, a project meant to challenge students and keep them up to date in the growing world of technology.

The popularity of podcasts prompted Clark to challenge his students with a project that would keep them up to date in the growing world of technology.

"The objective (of the project) was for students to gain experience using audio editing in a practical project," Clark said.

Students began their podcast projects with just the title of the artwork and a short description.

"The next step for students was to formulate a review about the piece of artwork as well as set their podcast to music," said Ann Knoll, associate director of the Snite Museum.

For senior Erik Flores — whose podcast discussed traditional Japanese masks known as Okame — writing the review was the most difficult part of the project, not figuring out how to record the podcast and use the equipment.

"The project took about four hours to complete (and the actual recording took about half an hour)," Flores said.

A grant from Notre Dame's Center for Creative Computing allowed students to use high-tech digital audio recording equipment to create quality three to five minute-long podcasts.

The grant is awarded each year to faculty, groups of faculty members or faculty-student teams with the intention of "supporting new and innovative initiatives with digital technologies that contribute to the integration of new media into the research or teaching environment," according to the Center for Creative Computing Web site.

The high-end technological equipment did not intimidate students in Clark's class, who said they found it rather simple to use.

"It wasn't really difficult at all," junior Zach Labrecque said. "Professor Clark arranged for us to use portable recording equipment and we edited the sound files using software called Audacity. We were also required to add background music from garageband.com or a similar free-domain site.

Labrecque's project was on Chakaia Booker's free standing rubber sculpture titled "Latent Emissions: The Snite Museum is likely to continue support of such projects in the future, Knoll said, and plans to upload the "Snitecasts" to the museum's Web site.

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"It would be more desirable to have just Notre Dame students (in the residence)," said Geraldine Meehan, associate director for recruiting for the London Undergraduate Program.

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professional qualifications they may be getting or hoping to get — like law, business, medicine — or in the context of one of the humanistic disciplines, or in the context of any or all of the natural sciences," MacCormack said.

An example of a practical application of the encyclical would be the discussion of charitable work, MacCormack said.

"The encyclical talks about the work of Catholic charities, but it also talks about charitable activities broadly speaking," MacCormack said. "The pope emphasizes that it's important to live the faith by one's actions as well as speaking (the faith) in one's words. You can call that a practical application.

Students who are not Catholic can also explore the meaning of the encyclical, MacCormack said.

"For those people who are not Catholics or Christians, we thought the document of the encyclical could be a basis for dialogue on a number of vital issues — like war and peace, poverty," MacCormack said.

She added that students can also submit short stories.

"It would be difficult to think of anything that wouldn't be welcome," she said.

The first place winner in each group will receive a $1,000 prize and the runner-up in each group will receive $300, MacCormack said, for a total of six prizes in all.

There has also been some discussion of awarding additional prizes in the arts, MacCormack said, although she said she was not sure how this would happen at this time.

A student conference will also be held April 27-28 in the Hesburgh Center. MacCormack said by e-mail.

"A group of students is organizing a conference where they will present papers (about the encyclical) and they are right now working on inviting a couple of keynote speakers," MacCormack said.

As far as MacCormack knows, holding essay contests with high monetary prizes is a new practice at Notre Dame.

"It's certainly new in the experience of any student who is at Notre Dame now," she said. "They might have done it 10 years ago, but I'm not aware of it.

Individuals have not yet been appointed to judge contest submissions.

"The essays will be judged by a faculty committee and that hasn't been appointed yet," MacCormack said. "I'm going to try and get as widely representative a group as possible in that there is somebody from the humanities, somebody from the social sciences, somebody from law and business and somebody from the natural sciences.

MacCormack said she couldn't make a good guess about how many students would submit entries for the contest.

"I've had questions from maybe a total of fifty or sixty students who are interested, but it's hard to say whether they will actually go forward (in writing an essay on submitting it)," MacCormack said. She said she suggested to some students that they discuss the contest with professors to see if they could get class credit for contest submissions.

"Obviously it would be nice if lots of people get interested," MacCormack said.

Winning essays and essays written by runners-up may be published in a booklet.

"I think the booklet will either be given out free or sold at a nominal price," MacCormack said.

The deadline for contest entries is May 4. MacCormack said contest winners will be announced either at or before commencement.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Warlord to face war crimes court THE HAGUE, Netherlands The International Criminal Court on Monday ordered an alleged Congolese warlord to be tried on charges he recruited child soldiers and sent them into battle, making him the first suspect to stand trial at the permanent war crimes court.

The evidence against Thomas Lubanga was strong enough to "establish substantial grounds to believe" that he was responsible for war crimes consisting of enlisting and conscripting child soldiers under the age of 15," said presiding judge Claude Jorda of France.

The children were forced to take part in armed conflicts, the three-judge panel said in its ruling Monday. "This is a great loss," said a co-star of the war crimes court.

The court, created by the United Nations in 1998, releases its assessment every five or six years - although scientists have been observing climate change since as far back as the 1960s.

While critics call the panel overly alarmist, it is by nature relatively cautious because it relies on input from hundreds of scientists, including skeptics and industry researchers. And its reports must be unanimous, approved by 154 governments - including the United States and oil-rich countries such as Saudi Arabia.

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FRANCE

Scientists to assess global warming

Report expected to confirm temperature changes, raise environmental concerns

PARIS - Scientists from around the world gathered Monday in Paris to finalize the first draft, authoritative report on climate change, expected to give a grim warning of rising temperatures and sea level worldwide.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is to unveil its latest assessment of the environmental threat posed by global warming on Friday.

"At no time in the past has there been such a global appetite for reliable information on global warming, the panel's chairman Prof. Rajendra Pachauri of India, told the conference.

"Scientists are keeping quiet about the contents of the report, but say it is both more specific and more sweeping than the panel's previous efforts."

Early drafts of the document are expected to be more sweeping than that of the last report, in 2001, foreseeing smaller increases in average temperatures than predicted previously. But most scientists reject the new figures as not new enough.

They do not include recent melting of big ice sheets in two crucial locations - the Greenland and Antarctica.

That debate may be central at this week's meetings at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. After four days of closed-door, word-by-word editing involving more than 500 experts, they will release the first of four major global warming reports by the IPCC expected this year.

"We're hoping that it will convince people that climate change is real and that we have a responsibility for much of it, and that we really do have to make changes in how we live," said Kenneth Beaman, one of the report's authors and senior scientist at the National Center for Climate Modelling and Analysis.

It has been an unusual winter in some parts of the world, and awareness of the consequences of climate change is growing.

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Pelosi keeps bloggers in mind

WASHINGTON - Shortly after her swearing-in as the first female House speaker, Rep. Nancy Pelosi took time to tweet on Twitter and join Internet bloggers on a conference call that was off limits to mainstream media.

Last week, Pelosi's aides arranged for bloggers to question two Democratic House leaders on another conference call shortly before President Bush's State of the Union speech.

Pelosi also hosted a full-time staff member this month dedicated to blogger outreach, and is making plans to launch a blog of her own.

The day she was sworn in, bloggers were given special accommodations at the Capitol to cover the event, and fed lunch.

"They've gone from an initial writing blogs, then moving to skepticism, then moving to Ok, maybe, we can find a way of working with these guys," said John Aravosis, who runs a blog called PolitiFact.

"It's a power base and it's influential and it's an opportunity. And you know what? It exists," Aravosis added.

"It should only scare you if you're on their bad side."

"Blogs are also a way for Pelosi and others to communicate directly with a politically engaged audience, without filtering by traditional media."
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can be even more challenging than the initial culture shock when studying abroad, because it can take you by surprise," Settle said.

Re-entry shock begins with disengagement as the mind shifts toward home, then turns into euphoria as the student gets more excited about going home, Settle said. The student may feel frustrated and alienated from his peers but can then begin a gradual readjustment and start to feel less unsettled by his surroundings.

Claudia Kselman, director of the Office of International Studies (OIS) at Notre Dame, said students should consult the Counseling Center if they experience severe reverse culture shock that impedes their normal daily functions.

"Otherwise, they should eat and sleep well, exercise, get involved with campus activities and get together with their friends from the program and others," Kselman said.

Kselman also advised students to come to OIS returnee sessions organized by program, where they can talk about their transition back to campus as well as their semester abroad.

"The staff of [OIS] is happy to talk with returnees individually as well," Kselman said.

Junior Liz Howard returned this semester from the Notre Dame Toledo program. She didn't experience reverse culture shock, but said she didn't experience culture shock to begin with in Spain.

"I had an amazing experience, but it's very comforting to be back on campus," Howard said.

Notre Dame junior Erin O'Shea studied in London in the fall. She said she attended a London reunion.

"It was nice to see people. It wasn't a formal reception, just a tea party," she said.

Dr. Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership at Saint Mary's said most students do experience "at least a little bit of reverse culture shock upon returning to [the College]."

She strongly encouraged returning students to take advantage of the opportunities the College provides to process their experience because many feel a little disconnected from their old friends who have not studied abroad.

"A very few find it deeply stressful emotionally, and those we refer to our counseling center, who have skills in supporting these students and collaborate with us in doing so," she said.

Saint Mary's offers a range of programming to support students through re-entry once they are back. There was a general re-entry event to welcome all those returning to campus and help them make their transition from abroad. Further get-togethers will be facilitated as desired, Meyer-Lee said.

Readjusting to campus life

One reason for feelings of frustration upon return could be the students' residence situation. Some returning students aren't able to return to their dorms and either switch to a different dorm or move off campus.

Howard did not have a problem in securing a room in Cavagnola Hall upon her return, but knew people in her program who had to switch dorms or move off campus.

The Notre Dame Office of Residential Life and Housing did not respond to Observer phone calls on this issue.

At Saint Mary's, all students who wish to live on campus for spring semester have guaranteed housing, said Meyer-Lee.

"We at Saint Mary's do everything we can to make the logistical aspects of their transition smooth and welcoming," she said.

Students who study abroad in the fall have the opportunity to pick their own rooms in advance during the spring housing process and those studying abroad in the spring are able to participate in the process for next year via proxy, Meyer-Lee said.

Academic opportunities

For students who want an academic opportunity to reflect in-depth on and articulate their learning while abroad, and how it relates to their education and intercultural experience, Saint Mary's offers a re-entry course entitled "Analysis of Study Abroad Learning."

"Many schools have realized recently the importance of integrating this powerful education experience rather than letting it be sort of a surreal memory in a vacuum for students, and are interested in starting such courses," Meyer-Lee said.

The Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership has presented on this course nationally and written a chapter on it in a book on study abroad curricular integration. The College is also starting a list serve for interactive discussions of key issues for this course.

Spirituality after study abroad

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart held a welcome-back liturgy last Tuesday for all those returning from abroad. O'Shea, a member of the Folk Choir, found it very helpful.

"(The liturgy) was just another way for abroad students to get back into their spiritual core here," she said. "The sermon spoke well to the different emotions you feel when coming back."

It has been hard for her to be away from close friends for so long, but O'Shea believes her time abroad was a worthwhile experience — one she recommends to all.

"There's a different dynamic on campus now... you have to find your place again... it was definitely a transition." O'Shea said. "I don't recognize some of the faces [on campus]. But I see [new] faces, my friends from abroad... You can't expect things to."
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In Brief

Verizon adds 2.3 million customers

NEW YORK — Verizon Wireless added 2.3 million customers, most of them priced monthly subscribers, to put a shine on a fourth quarter when Verizon Communications Inc.’s profit was cut by restructuring costs.

In reporting the 38 percent drop in quarterlies yesterday, Verizon also emphasized that growth in its DSL and new high-capacity fiber-optic Internet businesses has outpaced the loss of traditional telephone customers.

In the final three months of 2006, Verizon earned $1.63 billion, or 59 cents per share, down from $3.16 billion, or 92 cents per share, in the quarter of the previous year. The latest figures reflect a charge of $541 million, or 19 cents per share, for taxes triggered by the sale of Verizon’s operations in the Dominican Republic. It also included 3 cents of costs related to the spinoff of the company’s phone book and online directories business, as well as 3 cents in charges for severance, pension, merger and headquarters relocation expenses. Excluding those charges, Verizon earned 62 cents per share, edging past the average forecast of 61 cents among industry analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial.

McDonald’s chooses healthier oil

CHICAGO — McDonald’s Corp. has finally selected a new trans-fat-free oil for cooking its famous french fries after years of testing, the fast-food chain said Monday. While it has developed a healthier new oil, the company is still not saying when it will be used in all 17,800 U.S. restaurants. It already traits competitors in committing to a zero-trans fat oil.

Spokesman Walt Biker said the oil is currently in more than 1,200 U.S. restaurants after extensive testing, but declined to provide a time line on timing of locations.

The choice of a new oil comes as McDonald’s and others face a July 1 deadline to begin complying with an ordinance passed by New York City last month making it the first U.S. city to ban all restaurants from using artificial trans fats, for the convic tions to be overturned, saying there was a lack of evidence. But the judge disagreed.

Windows Vista makes debut

Microsoft Corporation unveils ‘launching point’ of future gaming systems

NEW YORK – Microsoft unveils the version of its newest operating system designed to be a gateway to the Internet. “When people think about their PC, they think about Windows even more than who the manufacturer is. That determines how it looks, how you navigate, what the applications are that are available,” Gates told The Associated Press.

And in this case, Vista is pushed in folders that users once bought separately — including automated backup systems and some software protections.

Microsoft built Vista so that different layers could be upgraded separately, so it’s possible that this is the last major, all-in-one update for Windows. No matter how Microsoft chooses to roll out Vista’s successor, Ballmer said there’s still work to be done.

Survey shows directors’ ignorance

NEW YORK — Shareholders worried about runaway executive pay are likely to be stunned by the find ings of a new study showing many board directors still have no idea how much their CEOs would collect if they were fired today.

Board members also acknowledge they are struggling to rein in bloated executive compensation, but are counting on investors to lead the cause if it does not work.

Those conclusions aren’t a decade old, but are part of a recent survey from the consulting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Corporate Board Member magazine, which culled responses of more than 1,300 directors at U.S. companies. Its bottom line: Directors still don’t have as much control over corporate decisions that many believe is needed to curb super-sized compensation.

This truly is shocking. Directors’ primary duty is to represent the interests of shareholders, and it’s hard to imagine them willing to let the CEO walk away with a multi-million dollar severance package.

But the dynamic in the boardroom is far from perfect. While more boards are independent of management, there are still plenty of cases where directors using flawed judgment or kowtowing to demanding executives who are pushing their own agendas.

The list of such behavior runs long. As the housing market swooned, the board at mortgage lender Countrywide Financial Corp. gave the CEO $10 million in retirement pay even though he wasn’t retiring. Directors at Caremark Rx Inc. approved a takeover by CVS Corp. that will give them job security and provide some with severance pay outs. Boards have rubber-stamped incentive pay for executives even when stock or earnings performance has lagged.

Shareholders are left wondering how such things could go on. This new study gives some telling insight.
Choose, don't force fair trade

Over the last semester, Amnesty International's fair trade coffee campaign has made great progress on campus, most notably through the Student Senate's Oct. 18 resolution, which demanded that only fair trade coffee be served on campus and that students be educated about the value of fair trade coffee products. I had the privilege of attending Amnesty International's meeting at the CSC Coffee House last week, and I was moved by the group's genuine commitment to improving human rights and the conditions of fellow men. According to the group's Web site, its push for fair trade coffee on campus is driven by Pope Benedict's encyclical "God is Love," as well as the American Conference of Catholic Bishops' endorsements of fair trade purchases "as an effective and easy way for the faithful to demonstrate their charity."

Fair trade organizations demonstrate an innovative approach to charitable giving through the use of business to raise money for their beneficiaries/producers. Ten Thousand Villages, a retailer of hand-made crafts that follows fair trade principles, is a great example of what fair trade can provide to the world's disadvantaged people. Ten Thousand Villages uses the proceeds from its sales to pay the producers of its goods a good wage and provide them with technical and financial training. The artisans who supply Ten Thousand Villages are often able to then attain the capital and knowledge needed to start their own independent businesses. Purchasing crafts and other handmade items from fair trade organizations is in most cases an easy and fun way not only to get a first-rate product, but also to help people in the developing world become independent and free from poverty. There are few charitable organizations operating that use the free market so effectively to help those in need as Ten Thousand Villages, and we should certainly make a concerted effort to educate ourselves and others about the value of such organizations and their products.

The reasoning for fair trade coffee is slightly different than that for handmade items. According to the Society for the Advancement of Education, in 2003 15.5 billion pounds of coffee were produced while only 12 billion pounds were consumed. As a result, coffee prices are lower than the cost of production and many coffee farmers are suffering. The root cause of low coffee prices is oversupply in the market, and without encouraging farmers to diversify their crop production beyond coffee, there will be no long-term improvement. Unfortunately, I could find no mention of diversification among the materials provided to me by Amnesty international or on the Web sites of our campus fair trade coffee suppliers. Pure Vida, which gives away all of its profits (unlike other fair trade suppliers), is clearly committed to helping farmers but it must do more to address coffee oversupply. We have the ability to affect change most by voluntarily drinking Pure Vida, and there is no need for the University to make that decision for us. Most Notre Dame students are dedicated to doing the right thing, and our University's commitment to service and faith is part of what makes Notre Dame special. Unfortunately, the fair trade coffee campaign shares too much similarity with that weakens many proposals for change. First, the lack of focus on the market-based reason for low coffee prices demonstrates a belief that capitalism and competition are somehow inherently unjust. Second, the insistence on removing coffee options rather than expanding them reveals an underlying belief that ingefal change cannot be accomplished through individual choice, but only through forcing everyone to act in a particular manner.

Global economic competition is a tremendous force that has raised wages, improved standards of living, cultural exchange and created bounds of peace. Though CNN's Lou Dobbs may throw a daily tantrum about his perceived "outsourcing of America," the one-partisan Congressional Research Service reported that the US actually experienced a net gain of 1.9 million jobs from outsourcing from 1977-2001 and that the presumed global "race to the bottom" in wages has never begun. As workers are empowered in emerging economies through free and fair trade, they earn higher pay and receive improvements in working conditions. Well-intentioned but irresponsible proposals, such as congressional efforts to obstruct new fair trade agreements and CLAP's Living wage, only serve to delay global economic development and distort the connection between productivity and earnings. This only harms the intended beneficiaries of such policies.

There are certainly problems within the system, including the problems of exploitative regimes (which lack competitive or open markets) and unbalanced negotiations between producers and buyers, but capitalism is what we make it and cannot cure us to anything. Like the mirror which serves as "the heart of the Wal-Mart" in South Park, we determine what companies do through our purchases — for good or ill. Whether we boycott Wal-Mart because of labor standards, refuse to shop at Target because they say "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas" or purchase crafts from Ten Thousand Villages, our individual decisions shape the face of the capitalist system. That force for change is enhanced when the opportunity to choose other products is removed as the Student Senate resolution demands or when we make tácionism instead of blaming capitalism and restricting choices, we should fight for more markets and make wise choices that form a more compassionate economy.

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"No more IRAQ WAR"

"Sounds like YES too me..."

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on."

Robert Frost poet

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Quote of the Day

"Living a balanced life and in a balanced environment is the best way to maintain a good life."

Michelangelo
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Women's basketball deserves more support

Women need crowds as well

While it is wonderful to see the enthusiastic crowds at the men's basketball games and hear about high ticket sales, I'm disappointed in the lack of support in general given to the women's basketball team. The point was made that supportive crowds create a homecourt advantage and help teams win. I think the women could use and deserve the same support.

Tara Pillai
Freshman
Pasquerilla East

Students called to attend more games

As a long-time ND fan and additionally, a women's basketball fan, it's truly disappointing to witness the lack of student body support for this year's women's team. These ladies are representing your university and they deserve your support.

The local community shows up, game in and game out, to cheer our ND teams and they certainly appreciate our ladies on the court. These women work out, practice and travel countless hours in addition to their studies. Can't you give up a few hours once every week or two to cheer them on? Other than our loyal, enthusiastic hand members and a handful of students who sit directly in front of them, there really is no student section to speak of.

Contrast that to the men's games and it's a sad comparison. These ladies truly know how to play basketball too! They work hard, they sweat, they dive and they get injured. All to wear the Blue and Gold.

Please come out and let them know that you appreciate their efforts. Home court advantage can make a difference and you can help make that happen, but only if you're in the stands, cheering and making your presence known. Because these women are your friends, classmates and fellow students and some of you know these ladies. And if you don't, you should! They are fine representatives of our University and our athletic programs. So bundle up and get over to the JACC. I challenge you to come out to the next women's home game and prove that "We (truly) are ND!" Go Irish!

Debbie Blasko
Senior Staff Assistant
Law School Dean's Office
Jan. 24

What about a student Catholic film festival?

For anyone who happened to miss the 2007 Notre Dame Student Film Festival: I hate to tell you, but you missed an amazing show. This was my first year attending the film festival and I was truly impressed with the quality and creativity of the 13 student productions.

My sincere congratulations to the student directors, actors, production teams and professors for the pleasant mix of great humor, captivating dramas, insightful documentaries and provocatively challenging student productions. Thanks to the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center for showing the films. My hats off to all for the countless hours of hard work that definitely shined through in these short films. These film projects are a great testament to the students and the Film, Television and Theatre program here on campus.

With all the talk at Notre Dame in recent years about "Catholic identity," I wonder if there might be a way to truly inspire such student talent and amazing creativity to share the beauty, blessings and spirit of our Catholic faith. Now don't get me wrong, but I loved the 2007 student productions. I am especially grateful for the thought-provoking discussions I have been deeply engaged in thanks to the provocative, challenging, and entertaining student films.

As Notre Dame continues to promote openness to a multiplicity of opinions, diversity, student creativity, dialogue and academic achievement, I hope that we can also find respectful ways to authentically and creatively share our Catholic faith as well. I would love to find a way to inspire these talented and gifted students to share our Catholic faith in a way that more authentically speaks to college student today. How can we support and encourage these inspiring directors, actors and artists to seek out our Catholic faith and creatively express the beauty and mystery of faith for example through films on the life and faith of our NDMMI partners in Uganda, of student volunteer work, of Notre Dame peace and justice efforts to bring about the reign of God, of faith-filled stories of hope or joy-filled experiences of God's love in the reality of our lives today.

The Notre Dame FTT students, with their amazing gifts and talents, will find their own unique, awe-inspiring and creative ways to express and celebrate the mystery of God working in our lives and the richness of our Catholic identity. And Notre Dame can likewise find authentic ways to continue to support these student productions while more actively encouraging creative expression of faith.

Marty Roers
Graduate Student
Off campus
Jan. 28

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Hi, I'm a candidate for president of the United States...
**CD REVIEW**

Oasis has wrapped up its world tour. Director Baillie Walsh shot most of the film in black and white, lending a unique atmosphere to the project. The film is set to be released in 2007, and a future DVD release of the concert is expected.

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**Oasis**

**Stop the Clocks**

Sony BMG

Recommended tracks: 'Wonderwall', 'Songbird', 'Champagne Supernova', and 'Supersonic'

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**Oasis joins classic ranks with 'rockumentary'**

Oasis, one of Britain's premier rock bands, has finally released a retrospective album. "Stop the Clocks" includes the best material from its previous albums.

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**Lord Don't Slow Me Down**

Black Dog Films

Japan, including head banging in the streets, birthday parties and backstreet dancing during the May 2005 to March 2006 "Don't Believe the Truth" world tour. Director Baillie Walsh shot most of the film in black and white, lending it a timeless artistic feel that renders the band as classic and contemporary. Another reason for fans to be excited is that the film features a new song, also called "Lord Don't Slow Me Down," written by Noel Gallagher and recorded during the "Don't Believe the Truth" sessions. The song was left off of "Don't Believe the Truth" because Noel said he would be singing too many of the album's songs if it was included. Amusingly enough, he also told reporters that his girlfriend thinks "Lord Don't Slow Me Down" is the only Oasis song to which people can dance. Unveiled to coincide with the release of Oasis' best-of album, "Lord Don't Slow Me Down" premiered in the U.K. on Channel 4 on Nov. 19, 2006 at 11:30 p.m. — 10 minutes before "Stop the Clocks" was released. Various fans-only private screenings took place in 2006, and a future DVD release has yet to be settled. However, the band said it would be in 2007. One band that can be seen in the film include Jet and Kasabian — two groups that took part in the "Don't Believe the Truth" tour — as well as Girls Aloud, a new British pop group that appears in a cameo. The best-of album and full-length "rockumentary" both mark an epic moment in Oasis' history, but whether the band can become any bigger than what it has already remains to be seen. Oasis will receive the prestigious BRIT Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music, with the impressive list of previous winners including The Beatles, John Lennon, U2 and The Who. But while the award is an honor, it's also a sign that the band's popularity could stay grounded in the U.K. For whatever reason, the U.S. has been reluctant to crown Oasis as the next Beatles, even though the group's presence happens to be Zak Starkey, son of Beatles drummer Ringo Starr. Fans who continue to indulge in Oasis' music will be more than consoled by this well-made and fascinating documentary, despite what "Stop the Clocks" lacks in fresh material. The outstanding "Lord Don't Slow Me Down" reaches heights of intimacy and power with its source material, giving audiences both phenomenal concert viewing as well as a rare glimpse behind the curtain.

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Commercials take center stage at Super Bowl

Every first Sunday in February, millions of Americans and others from around the world tune in to see the best that the National Football League has to offer. Staggering lineups, flawless ballhawks and rocket-arm quarterbacks amaze and awe every man, woman and child who watches the epic clash of football’s best.

However, there is this little part of the Super Bowl that everyone in for better or for worse, displays of courage on the gridiron: the commercials. The most expensive advertising time of the year often inspires the best marketing minds to create a move 30 seconds of fame for their company.

Some companies have become Super Bowl commercial staples by bringing their A-games every year. Beer corporations like Miller and Budweiser are often among this class of commercials, airing spots that inevitably become future classics. Other companies have had “one-hit wonder” Super Bowl ads, such as Apple’s famous “1984” piece and the “90s-era” Budweiser frogs and chameleons.

But in the end, it’s the audience who is inspired by these commercials to buy their products. The most memorable ones are the ones that catch the viewers’ attention and make them want to know more about the product.

One of — if not the most — famous commercials in history is the Apple Computers’ advertisement during the 1984 Super Bowl. Directed by famed filmmaker Ridley Scott, the commercial depicted a large, smooth-talking character directing masses of grey-garbed workers from a large television screen. A lone woman runs in, dressed in colorful clothing, and throws a hammer at the huge screen to destroy Big Brother and free the masses.

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Hopefully this year’s Super Bowl will be a great game on the field. Even more importantly for some people, the commercials had better be up to snuff. Like last year’s “magic fridge” that gave everyone an ice-cold Budweiser, this year does not seem like it will disappoint. Enjoy the game and enjoy watching the commercials on YouTube afterward.

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**DVD REVIEW**

**Cheesiness, horror reign in ‘Snakes on a Plane’**

By BRIAN DOXTADER

Scene Editor

“Snakes on a Plane” wasn’t quite the blockbuster hit that New Line Cinema was hoping for, but — like most cult classics — its reputation could grow with the home release version. The DVD edition of the movie that’s so bad it’s good isn’t fancy or loaded with extras, but like most of Apple’s commercials in history, it’s worthwhile to look back at where the Super Bowl commercial came from, and where it might be going:

1984: Apple Computers

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1992: Microsoft

This commercial features Larry Bird and Michael Jordan having a competition to see who can make the most difficult shots. At first, the contest seems normal, but then the two characters make off-the-rack shots such as “around the moon,” “off the Space Shuttle” and “nothing but net.”

Bird made his court rival, Magic Johnson, had retired from basketball at the point, so current superstar Jordan was brought in for the ad.

Before fast food and healthy eating were at all connected, it was interesting to look at seeing athletes advertising for one of the companies at the center of the American obesity debate. Also curious was the fact that Bird had retired a year earlier and was now working as a stuntman in the front office of the Boston Celtics. As something of a “passing of the torch,” it must have been exciting to see the star of old and the star of new play on the same court.

Others in the Super Bowl’s history have been just as memorable, such as the “Bud. Weis. Errrr” ad featuring the Budweiser frogs and chameleons in 1995. “Terry Tate: Office Linebacker” also terrorized offices for Boohoo in 2003, back when the Raiders were actually good.

“Snakes on a Plane” is by no means a great (or even a good) film, but it obviously doesn’t want to be. Like a thrill ride, it’s cheap, fun and expendable. It’s self-aware enough to know it shouldn’t be taken seriously, but it’s not self-conscious to the point of distraction. “Snakes on a Plane” does what it does very well, and in that regard, it should be taken on its own terms. Besides, what’s really more fun than watching Samuel L. Jackson ward off poisonous snakes with a spork?

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The venerable Samuel L. Jackson stars in 2006’s horror camp-fest, “Snakes on a Plane.” The film’s DVD release adds various special features, including a music video. **Snakes on a Plane**

New Line Home Video

Fancy special features as long as the image and sound quality are acceptable, and New Line’s DVD edition is better than decent. The 6.1 DTS track is surprisingly immersive, with strong use of surround and deep bass. The special features include a commentary, a dispensable “making-of” featurette, deleted scenes, music videos and a blooper reel. None of the features are particularly outstanding and must be for “Snakes on a Plane” enthusiasts only. It’s hard to imagine that a film like this requires a “special edition” DVD, so the current edition should be more than adequate for most casual fans.

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MINNEAPOLIS — The hard-driving Phoenix Suns had been blowing through the NBA in January, piling up points, high-lighting victories and raising eyebrows at breakneck speed.

They finished the month just one win away from perfection after crashing into a 6-foot-11 roadblock named Kevin Garnett.

Garnett almost single-handedly snuffed the Suns' 17-game winning streak, scoring 39 points and grabbing 11 rebounds in Minnesota's 121-112 victory on Monday night.

"People who say he can't carry the load, take a look at this game film," new Timberwolves coach Randy Wittman said.

The All-Star forward, sometimes criticized for not coming up big in the clutch, was everywhere in the final period against the Suns, dropping turnarounds, jumpers after turnarounds and even a looping fall-away big in the clutch, was every­

Woodson said.

"Better to lose that way than to lose when we beat our­

selfs," Nash said. "Kevin was sensational. We just didn't make shots at the end at the clip Kevin was making them.

The Suns were in deep trou­

ble midway through the fourth quarter thanks to three big shots by Garnett and some nitty-gritty work on the boards by Mark Madsen.

Madsen, an offensive liability for most of his seven years in the league, hit a fallaway jumper just outside the lane to cap an 8-0 run, then gave Minnesota a 107-97 lead with 3:38 to play after scooping up a loose ball in transition.

Garnett followed with a twist­

turning fadeaway on the baseline that brought the crowd to its feet.

Yet the Suns handled their first lost since a 101-99 defeat at Dallas on Dec. 28 much the way they handled all the wins that preceded it — with a collective shrug and "saw sharks."

"It was cool while it lasted," Bell said.

Houston 105, Philadelphia 84

The Houston Rockets have relied mostly on their stingy defense since Yao Ming broke his left leg on Jan. 6.

They added some sharp pass­

ging on Monday night and routed the Philadelphia 76ers.

Tracy McGrady scored 25 points before sitting out the fourth quarter and Rafer Alston had nine of Houston's season-high 11 assists.

"We were moving the ball and getting everybody involved," said McGrady, who also had five assists and three rebounds. "They played very good defense and our defense wasn't where we wanted it.

"Everything we did didn't work and everything they did worked.

Atlanta 93, Orlando 83

Joe Johnson's 33-point game, and third in three wins this season against Orlando, left Atlanta coach Mike Woodson wondering how good his lead­ing scorer would be if he played with the same point guard all the time.

Johnson scored 32 of his 34 points in the second half to help the Hawks answer a third-quar­

ter challenge and beat the Magic on Monday night.

Orlando lost its third straight, including two to Atlanta in four days. The Magic have lost eight of their last nine.

The Hawks won the season series against Orlando 3-1. Johnson scored 31, 39 and 34 points in the three wins and only 16 points in the one loss.

"That makes life easy — if he can do it every night," Woodson said. "He's our go-to guy and they key on him and he gets a

lot of double-and triple-teams. Tonight he was able to beat a lot of it.

Woodson said the Hawks hope to have point guard Speedy Claxton return to practice Tuesday. Claxton, who was expected to be the team's starter, has missed 10 straight games with a sore left knee.

Overall, he has missed 15 games with sore knees this sea­

son.

Meanwhile, backup point guard Tyrone Lue played in his fourth game since missing 16 of 17 games with a groin injury. Lue started and played 26 min­

utes Monday night and "that's too many for him," Woodson said.

Woodson said the team may have to look for help at the position before Johnson often has to fill in as the point guard.

"We've got to probably start thinking about another point guard," Woodson said.

Johnson said he doesn't change his play against Orlando.

"I'm just taking what the defense gives me," Johnson said. "It's not that we're coming out or altering them. I just come out to play.
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Jockey Edgar Prado rides Barbaro to victory in the 2006 Kentucky Derby. Barbaro was put down Monday, eight months after breaking a leg in the Preakness.

Barbaro euthanized after leg worsens

Associated Press

KENNETH SQUARE, Pa. — So many people felt a stake in Barbaro's recovery. They imagined his pain, grimaced each time he faltered, took heart as each day passed and he was still alive, making painfully slow progress.

The 2006 Kentucky Derby winner's fight for survival was their fight, a symbol of strength, courage and comfort — and, more than anything else, a source of inspiration.

He was, after all, winner of the world's most famous race, in a sport desperate for a superstar.

For months he seemed, remarkably, to take everything that came at him: good and bad.

Finally, it was too much.

Barbaro was euthanized Monday after complications from his gruesome breakdown at last year's Preakness, ending an eight-month ordeal that made him even more of a hero than he was as a champion on the track.

"Certainly, grief is the price we all pay for love," co-owner Gretchen Jackson said.

A series of ailments — including laminitis in the left rear hoof, an abscess in the right rear hoof, as well as new laminitis in both front feet — proved too much for the gallant colt. Barbaro was given a heavy dose of a tranquilizer and an overdose of an anesthetic and put down at 10:30 a.m.

"I really didn't think it was appropriate to continue treatment because the probability of getting better was so poor," said Dr. Dean Richardson, chief of surgery at the New Bolton Center.

Richardson, fighting back tears, added: "Barbaro had many, many good days."

The bay colt underwent nearly two dozen surgeries and other procedures, including cast changes under anesthesia. He spent a time in a sling to ease pressure on his legs, had pins inserted and was fitted at the end with an external brace — extraordinary measures for injuries that most horses never survive.

Weeks of positive reports turned into months. Barbaro was putting on the mares, nicker­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­&...
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Pittsburgh tops ‘Nova to reach 20-win mark

Cambell, Green lead way for Butler, allow starters some rest in Bulldogs’ win over Illinois-Chicago

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — With its inside game stifled, Pitt got its transition offense going just in time.

LeVance Fields scored 20 points and Aaron Gray had 14 points and 10 rebounds, leading No. 7 Pittsburgh over Villanova 65-59 on Monday night.

Antonio Graves had 13 points, including a clutch 3-pointer in the closing minutes, to help the Panthers (12-3, 8-1 in Big East) win the 10th time in 11 games. Pitt set a school record by reaching the 20-win mark for the sixth consecutive season.

“It was great to make some adjustments,” Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said. “We were playing stationary. We got better movement and more penetration in the second half.”

Curris Sumpter scored 21 points for Villanova (14-7, 3-5). The Wildcats were seeking their third victory over a ranked opponent this month.

Fields’ fastbreak layup broke a 47-all tie with 6:53 left and Pitt led the rest of the way. Another layup by Fields, following a turnover made it 51-47.

Mike Nardi’s layup cut it to 54-51. After a turnover, Nardi banked one in just before the shot clock expired to cut the deficit to 54-53.

But graves hit a 3-pointer and Fields added another 3 to give Pitt a 60-55 lead with 51 seconds remaining.

Benjamin sank another 3 to extend the lead to 43-37 a few minutes later. Nardi finally ended Pitt’s 12-0 run with a 3-pointer, but Scottie Reynolds’ driving layup tied it at 45.

Villanova turned the ball over on five of seven possessions during Pitt’s run.

“Sometimes breakdowns here or there is the difference,” Nardi said. “They never stopped playing.”

Pete Campbell scored 17 points. Mike Green added 16 and the No. 13 Bulldogs, playing the third of four games in a seven-day stretch, routed Illinois-Chicago on Monday night.

“That was pretty important,” Campbell, the Bulldogs’ top reserve and a 3-point specialist, said of the shared playing time in which all 12 players saw action. “It kind of feels like we’re in the NBA now. You get an understanding how those guys feel playing a game every other night.

“But enough of us did our jobs so the starters could get some rest. It was just a good team effort,” Campbell said.

The Bulldogs (20-2, 8-1 Horizon League), reaching 20 victories in the fewest number of games in school history, finished their busy stretch Wednesday night at Youngstown State. Butler beat Youngstown 67-39 two weeks ago.

Against UC, the Bulldogs hit their first five field goals, 3-pointers by five different players, took a 39-16 lead at half-time, built it to as many as 38 points in the second half and coasted the rest of the way, easily averging their only conference loss of the season.

Nobody played more than 29 minutes for Butler.

“I hope that’s the case,” coach Todd Lickliter said of the benefit of being able to rest his players. “That’s the way we saw it at the time. We thought it would be a good thing. There’s been a lot of travel.”

Kansas 76, Nebraska 56

Nebraska fans were urged to show up early and make Monday night’s game against sixth-ranked Kansas a “red out.”

It turned out to be a blowout. The Jayhawks held Nebraska scoreless for almost 14 minutes in the first half, using a 27-0 run to fuel a victory.

Kansas owns the record for most lopsided win by a Nebraska opponent — 102-46 in 1938 — and it looked as if the Jayhawks would threaten that 56-point margin after going up 39-6.

As the game got further out of hand, fans began to sarcastically cheer Kansas’ missed shots and Nebraska’s rebounds.

When Jay Bilas’ layup ended a scoring drought that lasted nearly 14 minutes, much of the crowd rose to cheer the occasion.

“We didn’t plan to come and blow them out,” said Brandon Rush, who led the Jayhawks with 20 points. “They weren’t making no shots, and our shots were falling. The first 17 minutes the crowd was quiet. They were happy when they made a shot at the end. It was kind of funny.”

The Jayhawks (19-3, 6-1 Big 12) won for the 13th time in 14 games. Their 16th win in 17 meetings with Nebraska gave them a half-game lead over Texas A&M and Texas in the conference. The Huskers (12-8, 4-5) lost their third straight.

Nebraska’s first appearance in 11 years on ESPN’s “Big Monday” had fans in a partying mood. The school’s athletic marketing department encouraged them to show up early and to wear their red.

The Jayhawks took the crowd right out of the game.

Julian Wright, who had 13 of his 17 points in the first half, scored the first eight for Kansas. Then Rush hit two quick 3s to break open a 12-0 run and start the decisive run.

“That’s about as well as you can execute,” KU coach Bill Self said. “That’s about the best 17 minutes a team can play. We didn’t play as well after the first 17-18 minutes. We kind of lost focus.”

Ryan Anderson made six 3-pointers and led Nebraska with 19 points. There were no other highlights for the Huskers, who managed only one offensive rebound and were outrebounded 47-21.

“I thought we were ready to play someone like that. The fact of the matter is, we were scared,” first-year Nebraska coach Doc Sadler said. “I’ve never had a team that was scared. I don’t know if it was because it was on TV or what it was.”

Nebraska played KU on even terms much of the second half. The Huskers, who trailed by 35 points in the first half, got the deficit down to 20 in the final minute.

Alexs Maric, Nebraska’s season scoring leader, missed his only two shots of the first half and was held to nine points.

“Three weren’t the head off by attacking Alexs, which we did.”

In Orange, the Longhorns took the lead for good with 11:11 left on a 3-pointer by Lace Thomas. Texas got a 56-42 lead midway through the second half on back-to-back 3s by James Anderson and haulled back to within nine points late in the game.

Texas won its 19th game in 22 tries against Texas Tech and the Longhorns improved their record to 18-4. They also won for the third time in four meetings against the Red Raiders.

Self said TCU offered a better test than Louisville. He said the Horns were fortunate to have a break in the schedule against Utah, which played four days before the game.

“Tcu gave us a chance to prepare,” Self said. "We're not a team of just one guy. But we've got some other people who can score and we can execute."
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Also important for the Irish will be Notre Dame’s ability to shoot over the Syracuse zone. Without suspended point guard Kyle McAlarney, most of the long range duties will fall to senior guard Colin Falls.

Falls scored 23 points against Villanova and is averaging 13.3 points per game despite being limited at times this season by a stomach virus and foot injury.

"He’s due to get in a rhythm now," Brey said of Falls. "Between his foot and the virus, he’s had some things that have set him back. But he’s due for a hot streak now."

Additional outside shooting may come from sophomore Ryan Ayers, Brey said Saturday. Ayers is averaging just 2.5 points per game, but he hit a key 3-pointer Saturday late in the game.

"Ayers really has shot well in practice, but he hadn’t shot well in games," Brey said. "But to hit that three … hopefully that was a confident party."

If the outside shots aren’t falling, the Irish will likely turn to freshman point guard Tory Jackson and senior guard Russell Carter to drive into the lane to disrupt the zone and allow the Irish offense to flow. Carter is averaging 18.4 points per game this season, second in the Big East.

Brey said Jackson, who has shot just 51.6 percent from behind the arc, will especially need to penetrate.

"It’s important that Tory [Jackson] gets in the lane and makes a play," Brey said Irish coach to Jackson. "Brey said. "It’s important that Tory gets in the lane and makes a play."

Mike Brey Irish coach

The Orange (15-6, 4-3 Big East) are coming off a 76-71 loss to Louisville Saturday and have dropped two straight games in conference.

A loss could drop them as low as sixth in the Big East after being alone in second on Jan. 20.

"Syracuse is led by forward Dominique Nichols, who is averaging a Big East-leading 18.5 points per game, and senior guard Eric Devendorf, who adds 13.5 of his own."

Tonight’s game will be televised by ESPN.

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wins alone. They have separat­
ated themselves as one of the truly legitimate teams that have the ingredients necessary to make a run for a national title game, with their suffocating defense, well-rounded forward lines and Hobey Baker finalist, goalie Dave Brown.

Ever since the Irish dropped­

kicked No. 1 Boston College into Boston Harbor with a 7-1 trum­
outing in their third game of the season, the Irish has steadily gunned up each traditional hockey powerhouse it encountered — both at home and on the road. The Irish have had in a 2-6 road loss to top-10 Michigan State — hardly a reason to jump ship.

And on Saturday night with an Indiana snowstorm swirling out­
side the joy, the Irish forced last year’s regular season champion RedHawks to ylimpically wa­

de to flow. Carter is a very­

early player, who has been raucous, until right wing Brian Kaufman broke through for the 2-0 lead in the sec­

ond period. The Irish were lost well into the third period and couldn’t get anything past goalie Jeff Zatkoff. Even several five­

on-three advantages resulted in nothing more than a mad grab for the puck in the Miami zone.

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The fact that Saturday’s game ended in a draw at all is reason enough to throw some money down on the Irish to make it to the Frozen Four in St. Louis.

In short, everything about the night was truer than Knute Rockne’s ghost.

"The Irish center Mark Van Gaal redirected a shot from defense­

men Wes O’Neill past Zatkoff, and suddenly the Irish had an lead through the coffin and began to dig past six feet of dirt.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said Jackson, who has been benched by Irish State, Miami and Lake Superior State are, barring a major
dwarf, almost all guaranteed a berth in the 16-team NCAA Tournament come March — along with their Irish masters.

Frankenstein had been zapped by the Miami zone.

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At Notre Dame

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bles point at hand," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. Bachelor book 6-3, 7-6 (1) win at 11-2, but had to put in a will to a shock in knock off No. 48

Rabenick. Brey was able to regain composure and win a decisive tiebreaker after hav­

ing been blown 5-3 in the second set.

Parsbath had an easier time of getting past Dara McCloughlin, and he eventual­

ly won 6-3, 6-4. Parsbath fell behind 3-2 in the opening set but bounced back to make their way to the Frozen Four at the end of the set enroute to a match victory.

Junior Andrew Roth put in the toughest fight for the Irish at number six singles against upperclassmen. Irish dropped the first set 3-6 but came back to win the second and third sets 6-2, 7-5, respectively.

"In all of those matches we had to overcome some adversity and that’s a good thing for us," Bayliss said. "The Irish kept the pressure on after jumping out to the early advantage — an accom­plishment. Bayliss was espe­

pecially proud of it."

"I think they ability to finish off a pretty tough opponent when we had them down is a great sign for us," Bayliss said. "We’ve had some trou­

ble in the past when we have a team down putting them away but today we handled that job very well.

The win over the Hoosiers improves Notre Dame’s record to 2-1 for the season and 1-0 at home. The Irish will look to continue this winning streak at home. The team takes on No. 15 Florida State and No. 7 Duke starting Friday at home and will look to walk away 3-0 at home.

“Our goal is to try to be unbeaten at home and we have several top-10 teams here that we would have to beat in order to truly be ful­

fill that goal so I guess it starts this weekend," Bayliss said. "Winning the first one was a good start."

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Men's and women's bowling host annual Blue and Gold Classic

Special to The Observer


In the first game, the Irish quickly fell behind 6-1. Despite strong play from sophomore Alex Lewis, the Irish seemed destined to lose.

But stealing a prospect from the Spartans was an outside hitter Joe O'Connell provided firepower at the net, keeping the Spartans on their toes, prior to his injury suffered during the third game.

The team, however, didn't miss a beat as Tim Goldenstern jumped in to keep the set close. Utterly impossible events eventually caused the game to slip away for the Irish, resulting in a 25-22 loss.

With the Spartans one set away from sealing the match, the Irish held their ground. The set was tied at its midway point until the Spartans made a surge forward and the Irish found themselves in a four-point hole.

Freshman Alex Lewis entered the game and provided the spark for Notre Dame, leading the Irish on an 8-2 run, that resulted in a 25-23 win for the Irish.

Just as the previous year, The Battle in The House of Noise went into a fifth and decisive set to 15. Behind the attacking of outside hitter Dan Zbinden, the Irish jumped to an early lead.

However, the lead quickly faded as the Spartans rattled off eight consecutive points. Though the Irish picked up their play and ended the rally, it was too late, too late as the Irish lost the final set, 9-15.

Bowling

Notre Dame hosted the annual Blue and Gold Classic at Hescom Bowl this weekend. The event is one of the largest national collegiate tournaments, with sixty-eight teams participating. Of those teams, 44 are men's and 22 are women's squads.

The tournament featured the defending NCAA National Men's Champion Saginaw Valley State, and defending Women's National Champion, Lindenwood, as well as many other top teams in the country.

The men's event was won by Saginaw Valley State. The entire Saginaw Valley State team averaged over 200 for nine games. Lindenwood, Purdue, Wichita State, and Morehead State rounded out the men's top five.

High game scores for the men's event included games of 296, 284, and 278.

Wichita State captured the women's championship, with their top bowler averaging 201.

Lindenwood, Newman, Morehead State and Purdue completed the women's top five.

Jim Talamo paced the Irish with a 184.9 average, a 208 high game, and a 164 total for nine games. This was good for 69th place in a field of 296 in the men's competition.

Pavan Sadasivani rolled five games for a 166.6 average, and posted the high game score for the Irish, at 224. Kim Lavigne averaged 164.6 with a 211 high game, while Nick Manieri totaled 1237 for eight games, a 154.6 average. Adam Lucock was just behind with a 152.2 average.

James Breen rolled an 819 total for six games, and freshman Ryan Pantanges chipped in with a 470 total in his four games.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

On the road, again

Irish looking for first win at Syracuse in over two seasons

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Nov. 1921 Notre Dame hasn't won a true road game this season. It hasn't won at Syracuse since 2004, and hasn't won two games in a Row in two weeks.

Coach Mike Brey's squad will try to break all those streaks tonight when it takes on the Orange in the Carrier Dome at 7 p.m.

Notre Dame (17-4, 5-3 Big East) moved into a tie for fourth in the conference with a 66-63 win over Villanova Saturday. Brey said the low-scoring, physical game with the Wildcats will help the young Irish against Syracuse and its aggressive 2-3 zone defense.

"It was important to us to mark one out like that," Brey said. "It's a step forward for this group."

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Irish forward Rob Kurz, top, wins the opening tipoff as Luke Harangody, front, Russell Carter and Wildcat forward Shane Clark look on in Notre Dame's 66-63 over Villanova Saturday.

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Notre Dame loses battle for recruit

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Four days after star defensive end Justin Trattou de-committed to Notre Dame and announced he would instead play football at Florida, the Irish saw another defensive line prospect go elsewhere.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Monday that 6-foot-3, 255-pound defensive end Jason Peters of Baton Rouge committed to coach Chan Gailey and Georgia Tech. Peters visited Louisiana State, Oklahoma and Florida this weekend before deciding on the Yellow Jackets, the Journal-Constitution reported.

Peters was one of the few remaining targets on Notre Dame's board, although nabbing the Catholic Junior High School product from the South seemed unlikely.

"He was a guy that they recruited for a while and seemed like he was interested," said Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for Irisheyes.com, a member of the Scout.com network. "But for whatever reason, he didn't seem to have an interest in visiting here... They came on a little late for him."

Notre Dame has offered scholarships to several other players, but it is believed that Peters was the last defensive lineman with such an offer...though Irish coach Charlie Weis could make last-minute offers.

"I'm not sure they'll go after another defensive end, to be honest with you," Frank said. "I think they'll just kind of stick with what they've got. You just can't overcome not having a relationship with guys."

"I think they'll probably just wait it out and see what happens."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish perfect against the Hoosiers

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Monday's match against Indiana was a night of comebacks.

Notre Dame jumped out early and never slowed down, blanking the visiting Hoosiers 7-0.

Notre Dame took the early 1-0 lead by sweeping doubles play 3-0. Doubles team Sheeva Parikh and Ryan Keckley lost its first set to fall behind by one but quickly rallied to a 3-1 lead and finished with an 8-3 win. Senior Barry King and sophomore Brett Helgeson quickly rallied to a 3-1 lead and finished with an 8-3 win. Senior Barry King and sophomore Brett Helgeson quickly rallied to a 3-1 lead and finished with an 8-3 win. Senior Barry King and sophomore Brett Helgeson quickly rallied to a 3-1 lead and finished with an 8-3 win.

Notre Dame's Andrew Roth returns a ball during a match in Monday's shutout of Indiana.

HOCKEY COMMENTARY

Icers at top of sport's elite teams

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
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Only a Brady Quinn pass over Junipor Road away from where one Irish team struggles to win big games, another Notre Dame team has created a cockpit so strong it crushes top opponents flatter than a Fox Doni reconnaissance — and it's on the rocks.

The Irish hockey team — elevated to No. 2 in the country when the polls were released Monday — defeated its sixth ranked team of the year this weekend with a win and tie at home against No. 8 Miami and improved its record to 9-1-3 against the country's elite.

But the history and tradition-bred Irish haven't become this season's "Where the hell did they come from?" storyline on

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