Students encouraged to cast votes
Judicial Council, Kozlow hopeful that e-mail will remind community to participate

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

Any time 1,500 women are combined in a small setting, competition — especially pertaining to body image — is bound to ensue. But while many women at Saint Mary’s believe eating disorders are a problem, those working to fix it say few are aware of a problem, those working to fix it say few are aware of how deep the issue runs.

“Eating disorders are a huge problem for our specific population — millions of college women suffer from eating disorders. [Saint Mary’s] is very competitive and there is a strong focus on appearance,” said junior Justine Ray, the head of Freedom Revolution at the College. Posted throughout campus, particularly in bathroom stalls, the fliers for the self-proclaimed “revolution” boast: “We’re making Saint Mary’s a place where women accept and celebrate our bodies.”

Ray clarified the Freedom Revolution’s goals.

“I’m starting a movement that allows women to be satisfied with their bodies,” she said. “So many people in our society are ready for a culture change, and it’s beginning here at Saint Mary’s.”

The movement plans different activities including fundraisers, meetings and on-campus lectures. Organizers have their eye on motivational speaker Jenni Schaefer, who lectures nationwide on the topic of eating disorders.

Residence Life currently runs Freedom Revolution, but the group hopes to be affiliated with the Counseling Center as well. Angela Bryant, licensed mental health counselor of the Saint Mary’s Counseling Center, said a good portion of the campus struggles with body image, but generally only about 15-20 students a year admit to having eating disorders.

When a student who believes a friend has an eating disorder comes into the Counseling Center, the first thing Bryant does is commend her for caring, she said. Risking a friend’s anger in order to help her is admirable, Bryant said, and she often sees how the eating disorder impacts both the student and the friend.

Then, Bryant said, she tells the student how to confront and deal with her friend’s problem and directs her to the Counseling Center.

Israel threatened by nuclear Iran, Inbar says

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Israel is more secure than it’s ever been, but the country still faces major threats, professor Efraim Inbar said in a lecture Thursday night at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Inbar, director of the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, outlined Israel’s position in terms of its immediate surroundings, the Middle East and the world.

“The resilience of the peace process is striking, the reluctant acceptance of Israel by other Middle Eastern countries,” he said.

The peace process has only succeeded, he said, because Israel is able to present a “credible military threat” to its neighbors and deter them from taking action.

“Israel has been successful in fighting wars because they are understood as wars of no choice,” Inbar said. “Israel is only 50 miles wide and is vulnerable from all sides.”

The greatest threat to Israel today is a nuclear Iran, Inbar said. Nuclear weapons would give Iran the capability to destroy Israel before Israel could defend itself.

“I am amazed at [the] lack of response in [the] free world to see INBAR/page 8

‘Ragtime’ explores race issues

By EMILY KEEBLER
News Writer

Members of the Paquerrilla East Musical Company (PEMCo.) — joined by faculty members and a graduate student — facilitated exploration into the emotionally charged issues of race, class and the American dream Wednesday night in their production of “Ragtime, the Musical.”

Director and senior Jack Carrick explained that this year’s production is to “watch it, reflect on it and learn from it.” The leaders of PEMCo. decided to hold an academic panel to facilitate this discussion on the Wednesday between the two performances.

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**IN BRIEF**

Ragtime, the Musical, will be performed by members of the Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMC) tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets, $5 for students and seniors and $8 for adults. They can be purchased at the LaFortune box office.

The Student Union Board will present the movie "Flags of Our Fathers" in place of "Bobby" tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. in DeBartolo. Admission is $3.

Notre Dame men's hockey team will play Nebraska-Omaha tonight at 7:35 and also at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday at the Joyce Center. Tickets are available by calling the Joyce Center box office.

The primary elections for student body president and vice president will take place Monday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Students can vote online with their own computers or use computers set up in LaFortune, Mendez or DeBartolo Hall.

Former U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige will speak Monday at 7:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall as the keynote speaker for Black History month. This event is free.

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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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Recruiting mania**

Aug. 15, 2003: Grand Rapids, Mich., prospect Chris Khorey announces his top choices for college. Notre Dame is high on the list. Message board posters consider Khorey a lock to be Irish because of his legacy status.

Khorey looks to be one of the top history major prospects in the Midwest, but some recruiting analysts worry he has the flexibility to be a political science or psychology major.

Sept. 22, 2003: Fresh off writing a cover story in his high school newspaper, Khorey trims his list to five schools — Notre Dame, Duke, Virginia, Boston College and Wake Forest.

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Oct. 3, 2003: Khorey announces his intention to apply early action to Notre Dame. Irish fans rejoice, assuming this means he is a sure-bet to come to South Bend. So long as set admissions don't go in the way, that is.

Nov. 25, 2003: Khorey announces that he met with admission officials, news­paper editors and baseball coaches.

Dillon Hall. During his visit, he meets with academic officials, news­paper editors and baseball coaches. Notre Dame is losing its hold on him. Irish fans breathe a sigh of relief that Admissions let him in.

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Professor receives NEF award

Special to The Observer

Debdeep Jena, assistant professor of electrical engineering at Notre Dame, has been named the recipient of a 2007 National Science Foundation (NSF) Early Career (CAREER) Award. The CAREER program, which was established by NSF in 1995, recognizes and supports junior faculty who exhibit a commitment to conducting research and providing educational opportunities for students. It is the highest honor given by the U.S. government to young faculty in engineering and science. Awards are distributed based on a detailed description of the applicant’s planned research and educational activities for a five-year period. The competition is highly competitive, with a success rate between 15 and 20 percent. Jena will receive a total of $580,000 over the next five years to implement his plan.

Jena’s proposal, “Dielectric Engineering of Quantum-Wire Solids: Fundamentals to Applications,” addresses the fundamental properties of tiny semiconductor nanowires and includes research activities and curricula encompassing undergraduates, graduate students and high school outreach.

A Notre Dame faculty member since 2003, Jena’s research focuses on two topics: the growth and properties of III-V semiconductors, which are complex electronic materials capable of operating faster than silicon, the traditional workhorse for the semiconductor industry, and their application to solid-state devices such as high-speed electronic devices and photovoltaics (solar cells); and the investigation and development of nanoscale devices based on quantum wires.

Jena’s work on quantum wires is part of a collaboration with Masaru Kuno, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry. In its initial stages, the interdisciplinary team is seeking to better understand the charge transport properties of single and networked nanowires so that they may apply the knowledge to the development of devices such as wearable transistors, photo detectors, sensors and photovoltaic cells.

In addition to the CAREER award, Jena’s research has attracted funding from the Office of Naval Research, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the Army Research Office. Jena earned his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering, with a minor in physics, from the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur in 1998 and his doctorate in electrical and computer engineering from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 2003.

Pursue medicine in army, alumnus urges

By BRIDGET KEATING

With medical school tuition steadily increasing, graduating medical school students now have the highest average debt of any professional education.

But there’s a solution, army and non-commissioned officers told students Thursday — join the military.

Notre Dame alumnus Brig. Gen. Philip Volpe, the recipient of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, delivered a lecture in DeBartolo Hall Thursday night. He was joined by Maj. Doug Muscatt, 1st Lt. Bob Schlau, aide de camp to Volpe, Sgt. 1st Class Bill Hill and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Vanover.

All the officers encouraged students to pursue a medical profession while serving in the military, citing the advantages of full-tuition payments, world-class training, camaraderie and intangibles such as the pride of serving one’s country.

"More people should explore such options," Hill said. "Eliminating this major financial burden is something I personally highly recommend." Muscatt discussed the perks of life as an Army medical student.

In addition, free tuition, students receive full pay with benefits and are promised no deployments while in school or residency.

Military doctors also escape the insurance, business operation and administrative costs involved in operating a private practice, he said.

Muscatt said that while a military income might seem comparable to a civilian practice, the military pay includes comprehensive benefits, discounts and tax opportunities — making the two figures very different indeed.

Volpe, who graduated from the University in 1977, incorporates Notre Dame memories into his talk. While he was an undergraduate, Volpe coached Flanner Hall to a victory in the Interhall football championship and had enough foresight to hire a student named Charlie Weis as his assistant coach. He also recalled visits to legendary campus landmark, "The Grotto works," he said. "I passed all my exams. Another former Flanner resident, Al Rucci, listened to the lecture and called Volpe "as great an American hero and Notre Dame man as he is a soldier and a card-carrying doctor with the values of Notre Dame."

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Notre Dame Law School is pleased to announce its Law School Diversity Conference.

As part of the Law School Admissions Council sponsored National Minority Law School Recruitment Month, the conference is designed to provide guidance to students interested in or considering attending law school. The conference is free of charge and open to all.

Friday, February 16, 2007
12 noon to 3 pm

The program will include a Student Panel (Question and Answer session focusing on law school student life), a presentation on Applying to Law School Topics including: Preparing for the LSAT, Personal Statements, and Letter of Recommendation Choices and a presentation on Financing a Legal Education.

You can register online through our website www.lawadmissions.nd.edu or by calling (574) 631-6626 on or before February 9th.

Lunch will be served during the conference.
Saturday @ 10PM

If you love the 80's and you love to party come hang out with Art & the Artichokes!
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

North Korea nuclear talks resume

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"We were in need of a vehicle or mode to educate main- stream Saint Mary’s about what each person encompasses (diversity-wise)," Hodges said.

For three days, a series of workshops will examine religious, ethnic, cultural, sexual orientation and gender issues related to diversity.

"We try to celebrate all kinds of diversity," Hodges said. "We are attempting to educate par- ticipants about various modes of diversity not generalized in a societal norm.

College President Carol Mooney will open the conference March 1 by speaking about the diversity initiative, as well as how it’s views on how to better prepare the campus for experi- ences of cultural competency.

Many of the workshops will take place Mar. 2, including one directed by keynote speaker Peggi McIntosh.

Mcintosh, a professor at Wellesley College, was the former professor at Harvard. Trinity College in Washington D.C. and Durham College in England, is a major figure in the recogni- tion of white privilege in the United States. She explains what the conference is about in every way, Hodges said.

"She is a catalyst in shaping society to a culturally compre- hensive environment," she said.

Mcintosh will present her keynote speech, "How I’ve Come to See I Had White Privilege and What I’m Learning I Can Do With It" before the closing banquet Mar. 3 in Carroll Auditorium.

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"Now we know that students are interested, and that this interest is growing. It’s possible that chairs of departments will begin to make hiring faculty with an interest in Native American Studies] a priority," Greene said. "It could take two to three years before beginning to get new faculty, or it could take five or more.

DeLemos and her committee are already working at speed to set up the process in order to make the minor a reality.

"We are working on increasing student awareness for minority recruitment, general, and also specifically for Native American recruitment," DuMouchel said.

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B I S I N E S S

Dell founder wants turnaround

Recent restatement of CEO Michael Dell shows company’s desperation

Michael Dell, founder of Dell Inc., was reinstated as CEO Wednesday. He hopes to make a comeback in company profits after significant losses under former CEO Kevin Rollins.

NEW YORK — Michael Dell offered up some harsh advice a decade ago on how to fix struggling Apple Computer, words that now provide an ironic sting for the newly minted CEO of his own slumping company.

"What would I do? I’d shut it down and give the money back to the shareholders," he said at a technology conference in the fall of 1997.

Of course, Apple’s investors and CEO Steve Jobs have gotten the last laugh. Back then, Jobs had just returned to lead the company he had founded, beginning what would become an exception to the digital transformation. Dell Inc., on the other hand, has yet to find its business go the other way, and Mr. Dell has been recalled to the helm by shareholders back on track.

When founders give up operational control of companies, they often leave on a positive note. They’ve watched their baby flourish, and it then becomes time for someone with fresh ideas or skills to lead the next wave of growth.

But when those same founders retake the helm, Wall Street often reacts poorly. Their return to the executive suite generally means the company has a hit a serious rough patch and is desperate for help.

Founders can offer things outsiders cannot. They know the business, so there isn’t a big learning curve. It also signals someone wants to get things fixed fast since they typically have large financial stakes in the outcome.

All those factors surely played into the reinstatement of Mr. Dell, who founded the company in his dorm room in 1984 and was named as defendants and said they had been actively participating in the cleanup.

The environmentalist group Riverkeeper has campaigned for years for tougher state action against the companies. The organization’s president, Alex Matthiessen, said Exxon Mobil’s days of treating Brooklyn “like a dumping ground are numbered.”

When the Coast Guard first noticed the spill in 1978, some experts estimated that it totaled 17 million gallons — about 6 million more than the tanker Exxon Valdez is believed to have spilled.

“Exactly how the oil got in the ground is a matter of debate. One theory is that it is from a 1950 explosion, while Exxon says it was probably from a series of leaks from now-closed refineries and terminals in the area.”

The state also gave notice Thursday of its intent to sue two other companies for unrelated contamination in the creek. KeySpan, which is responsible for a defunct gas plant, and Phelps Dodge, which operated a now-demolished copper smelting plant.

“Last year alone, the state has cited Exxon and KeySpan for pollution Chúng cụ thể hóa lần đầu tiên sau một thập kỷ với sự cố môi trường.”

NEW YORK — Wall Street pulled back Thursday after investors were largely unimpressed by retail sales figures and strong profit reports from Walt Disney Co. and Electronic Data Systems Corp. Weakness in housing stocks also weighed on the market.

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NEW YORK — Just when the gloom looked to be lifting, Kodak took out its well-worn job as one more time.

As it steers through the final months of a bumpy journey into a new world of digital imaging, the picture-taking pioneer said Thursday it will eliminate another 3,000 jobs — bringing its planned tally of layoffs to 28,000 since 2004.

By year-end, its workforce will slip below 30,000, less than half what it was just three years ago.

The cuts are needed to accommodate Eastman Kodak Co.’s $2.35 billion sale in January of its health-imaging unit and its costly foray this week into a high-margin ink-jet printer market dominated by Hewlett-Packard Co.

“The dream was that we would wake up in 2008 with the digital company that we want to have. We’re still right on that track,” Executive Antonio Perez said at an annual meeting of Kodak analysts and institutional investors.

“We will finish this year. This is done. This is the last year of restructuring.”

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NY to sue Exxon over slow cleanup

NEW YORK — New York’s attorney general is considering Exxon Mobil and two other oil companies Thursday that he intends to sue them for taking decades to clean up a giant underground pond of petroleum left by the refineries that once lined Brooklyn’s waterfront.

In a statement, Andrew Cuomo accused Exxon Mobil of leaving a “toxic footprint” in New York City, the defense “as little as possible to address the dangers that it created.”

The subterranean slick, hidden beneath more than 100 warehouses and businesses, is believed to have been floating on Brooklyn’s water table for at least half a century.

Exxon accepted responsibility for much of the spill in 1990 and con­structed a pumping system that has helped to gradually extract 9.3 million gallons of oil from the ground. It has said the recovery’s delicate nature makes it difficult to extract any faster.

“We take our environmental respon­sibility very seriously, and we are very committed to cleaning up the site,” company spokeswoman Preem Nair said.

Other defendants will include the oil companies Chevron and BP, which own facilities believed to have contributed to the pollution. Spokesmen for the companies objected to being named as defendants and said they had been actively participating in the cleanup.

The environmentalist group Riverkeeper has campaigned for years for tougher state action against the companies. The organization’s president, Alex Matthiessen, said Exxon Mobil’s days of treating Brooklyn “like a dumping ground are numbered.”

When the Coast Guard first noticed
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encourages the student to bring her friend to the Counseling Center.

When a student comes in who admits to having an eating disorder, the process is more complex. The initial action is creating an environment where the student feels safe and secure enough to trust the counselor with all of her problems. The counselor then works to help the student find ways to overcome her problems, both physical and emotional.

The options can range from traditional counseling to in or outpatient rehabilitation. Bryant said.

The Center also works with Health and Wellness, nutritionists, the student’s family physician and other sources to help the student overcome her disorder.

The Center’s waiting room houses a mini-library of books and pamphlets, including 22 books on eating disorders.

The Freedom Revolution can be reached at freedom@saintmarys.edu. The Counseling Center, located in 166 LeMans Hall (in the main lobby by the fireplace), can be reached at (574) 284-4565.

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world to Iran’s hostility toward Israel,” Inbar said. “Israel cannot tolerate a nuclear Iran.”

Students pressed Inbar to elaborate.

“Diplomacy and economic sanctions will probably fail,” he said. “Israel is considering shirking down Iran’s nuclear program by force if the Americans and the international community cannot convince Iran to stop its weapons program through negotiation.”

Inbar said Israel understands it is not the Iranian people who are its enemies, but the regime.

“The elite in power are determined to continue to build their nuclear program,” he said. “Iranians will have to give up their cars and use donkeys, fine, as long as the regime stays in power.”

For Israeli security, peace with Egypt and Jordan are the most important local factors, Inbar said. He also credited the United States as being Israel’s strongest ally.

“There is close military cooperation between the U.S. and Israel,” Inbar said. “After Sept. 11, Americans began to understand the violence the Israelis confront every day,”

Israel is involved in a “low-intensity conflict” with the Palestinian people and their elected government, the group Hamas, Inbar said.

“Hamas has a clear agenda gain strength and remove Israel from the map,” he said. “It was a mistake on our part to allow [Hamas] to participate in [Palestinian] elections.”

The war between Israel and Lebanon last summer also drew questions from students, especially because of the large number of civilians killed by the Israeli offensive.

“There was no excessive use of force in Lebanon,” Inbar said. “Israel has to choose between Israeli lives and bad publicity. Israel’s choice is clear.”

Inbar said the ultimate hope for security in the Middle East cannot come from outsiders, although U.S. intervention is sometimes necessary to keep the peace.

“When it comes to the Middle East, outsiders can do little,” he said. “They have good intentions, but we will continue to conduct our business on a daily basis. The ability of outsiders to do good is very limited.”

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weekends of shows. The last two performances of Ragtime will take place today and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Panelists included Donald Pope-Davis, dean of the graduate school; Peter David Moore, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and advisor to the black men’s group; David Wabruka; Martin Wolfson, associate professor of economics; and policy studies, graduate student Crystal Blount and Christy Fleming Greene, advisor for Shades of Ebony and assistant in professional specialist in the First Year of Studies.

The panelists reflected on the show, which is called “an ambitious production.” Blount agreed that Ragtime is a thematically different show, one to put on and to watch.

“It did seem to be a difficult performance — not only for the cast, but for the audience as well — because of the emotional issues involved,” Blount said.

Blount conducts research on the impact of psychological stress from incidents she calls “micro-aggressions” — daily insults that result from racial or ethnic discrimination.

Black and multi-racial panelists and audience members acknowledged such discrimination and the far-reaching effects.

“The racial tension that was here when I was at Notre Dame — that still exists,” Fleming Greene said.

She and other panelists urged students, regardless of nationality, to speak out against racial discrimination and live the concept of the Notre Dame family on a daily basis.

“We have to say that if this affects you, this affects me,” Pope-Davis said.

Another theme of the forum was about accepting personal accountability for one’s language and actions, especially since the use of racial slurs in the musical caused controversy about whether it should be performed on campus.

Calefart said listening to experts and students express their views was a rewarding experience.

“Ragtime is an emotional story,” he said. “It’s important to know that this is at the core of the debate.”

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Centerfold collapses in Florida hotel room
Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Anna Nicole Smith, the pneumatic blonde whose life played out in an extraordinary tabloid tale — Playboy centerfold, jeans model, bride of an octopus find — "he said. She was 39.

She was never going to fight. She died Thursday after collapsing at a hotel. She was 39.

The Broward County Medical Examiner's Office, said the cause of death was under investigation and an autopsy would be done on Friday. Just five months ago, Smith's 20-year-old son, Daniel, died suddenly in the Bahamas in what was believed to be a drug-related death.

Seminole Police Chief Charlie Tiger said a private nurse called 911 after finding Smith unresponsive in her hotel room, which is on an Indian reservation. He said Smith's bodyguard administered CPR, but she was declared dead at a hospital.

Dr. Joshua Perper, the chief Broward County medical examiner who will perform the autopsy, said if her death was caused by drugs, it was no secret that "she had a lot of problems." He added that he had no question she used alcohol. "Leeds told us that she had a very troubled life" and had "so many, many problems," he said.

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Through the '90s and into the new century, Smith was famous for being famous, a phenomenon that became evident with her exaggerated curves, her little-girl voice, her ditzy-blond persona, and her over-the-top revealing outfits.

Recently, she lost a reported 69 pounds and became a spokeswoman for Trinxpa, a weight-loss supplement. On her reality show and other recent TV appearances, her speech was often slurred and she seemed out of it. Some critics said she seemed drugged-out.

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WASHINGTON — From the dawn of the space program, America's astronauts have been treated like stars, saluted as red-white-and-blue heroes, and indoctrinated in NASA's can-do, failure-is-not-an-option ethos.

Could that explain the downfall of Lisa Nowak, the astronaut accused of attempted murder? Were the expectations too high? The pressures too great?

No one may ever know exactly why Nowak drove 900 miles to confront a woman who was reportedly her rival for the affections of a space shuttle pilot, but experts say the same traits in astronauts that make such high achievers can combine to aggravate emotional problems and strain relationships.

"I really believe that NASA goes overboard in promoting how heroic and super all these people are," said Dr. Patrick Santos, a former NASA psychiatry consultant and author of the book "Choosing The Right Stuff."

"They themselves have forged these are ordinary people with and in that kind of celebrity culture, there's a sense of entitlement.

Santy said the astronaut corps is "like a family, but it's almost like a dysfunctional family when it comes to understanding that some interpersonal issues have profound implications."

Former astronaut Jerry Linenger said astronauts take pride in their self-discipline and "you set a goal and it's just going, going, going and you let nothing get in your way."

That single-minded pursuit reminds Linenger of Nowak's drive from Houston to Orlando, Fla., to confront an Air Force captain from Florida who she allegedly believed was involved with the same space shuttle pilot she loved.

"It was more commonplace than I thought," Linenger said. "The astronauts were not sure because overachievers had no major goals in front of them."

Among earlier astronauts, "most every one of them came back had adjustment issues," he said.

NASA flight crew operations director Ellen Ochoa said the agency is considering whether to do more to look after astronauts who have suffered from space, "Individuals may wonder when they can let it all out," she said. "It's a puzzle."

Buzz Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, became depressed and had problems with alcohol after returning to Earth.

Aldrin said the space agency "can deal with the physics and engineering and the science of things. They behave according to predictability but you can't predict the human reaction and response and how complex it is. It is not easy for NASA."

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The Notre Dame Student Senate’s “Eating Disorders and the Campus Culture” conference began Thursday. This conference marks a monumental achievement for women and men, in particular college students, who suffer, have suffered, or know someone suffering from an eating disorder. It is a significant event for someone who feels the constant pressure to lose a few pounds, eat less, or work out more. In fact, it probably has affected, even in a small way, anyone who has found him- or herself looking in the mirror that one extra time and feeling concerned before they go out on a Friday night.

As a college woman, I can honestly say that the pressure to think about my weight and try to perfect my body is omnipresent in my life. As a member of a dorm community, I can say that I have seen the stress and worry on my friends’ faces as they decide what to eat in the dining hall. As a friend, I can say that I have watched someone I love starve herself in an attempt to find self-confidence and self-assurance. As a sister, I can say that I have watched someone overeat in an attempt to feel loved and accepted. I am just one person, one of many at this University, and I have been affected by eating disorders in almost every sphere of my life: my dorm community, my closest friends, my family, and even in myself. I do not feel that I am alone in this predicament. It is for these reasons that I am so appreciative of the conference this weekend, and it is for these reasons that I fully support our current Student Senate.

Unfortunately, it is for these reasons that I was shocked by Thursday’s Kaleidoscope McDaniels comic strip. In case anyone missed this comic, allow me to recap it. The comic depicted two exaggeratedly overweight men discussing the upcoming eating disorder conference. The first man initially mistakes the conference for an eating disorder contest. The second then states that “I think women need to be aware...you know...of their bodies...and stuff...on their bodies.” Then the first man comments that he hopes the conference will not impact the availability of free-yo on campus. I have several reactions to this comic.

My immediate reaction to the column was one of extreme concern. An eating disorder is classified as a disease. It worries me to think that anyone would demean or mock something as serious as a conference related to disease prevention. What precedent does this comic set? Will we soon have to endure comics mocking the runs to raise money for breast cancer or conferences supporting autism research?

Secondly, I question the actual content of the comic. Eating disorders are clearly a female-dominated issue, however the number of men suffering from eating disorders is growing. It puzzles me then that a male student would write a column featuring male characters in response to this conference. The use of only male characters in a comic such as this one gives the impression that the conference is strictly for women, and that men are merely spectators in the fight against this growing problem. This may cause male students who suffer from eating disorders to feel as though they are out of place, or that the conference is not intended for them.

My final reaction, and the reason for this letter, is one of concern for the conference itself. Dealing with an issue as sensitive and private as an eating disorder is a difficult task. By nature, sufferers of eating disorders may feel apprehensive about attending a conference that may expose their conditions. So a comic such as this one, that mocks the conference, discourages attendance—threatening the entire cause. This comic has the potential to discourage many people, or even just one, from attending this conference. That person may have been the one person who really needed this conference.

And so I conclude with this thought: students of Notre Dame, do not let the ignorance of some hinder you from seeking the education or assistance that you need or desire.

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Iraq and the crisis of American ideals

Hegel observed, in his most oft quoted metaphor, that wisdom comes to us only when it is past the prime of its use. A philosopher would think such a thing, because a philosopher constantly faces the disappointment of realizing the ideas in his head do not spring forth with the purity and power he had hoped for. Thus, Hegel argued, though one hopes otherwise, for every disappointment there seems to be a practical wisdom seems always to come to life too late. The truth is more painful. Ideas have consequences, but most of the time human beings carry out their lives cheerily numb to the best ideas and in unconscious thrill to the worst ones. Moments of violent historical crises, however, tend to provoke changes that would not have thought possible a few years, sometimes a few days, earlier. Though one hopes otherwise, for instance, it is plausible that significant change to environmental policy will only come after some further, unmistakable natural disaster. World War II unleashed radical intellectual energies across the world that manifested themselves in national and Marxist revolutions. The conclusion of World War II, in contrast, snuffed out those energies almost entirely, so that the globe could settle into a cold hypostasis of two powerful ideologies for nearly five decades.

These are crude examples, but I think the premise holds: the routine crises of our history are the birth pangs of beautiful ideas becoming actualized and, at least some of the time, the birthing pangs of teratoms to make the hopeful humanist shudder.

Half a decade later, we find ourselves mired in Iraq, the promise of a democratic Middle East only occasionally — often only occasionally — a success, as an excuse for an invasion with devastating consequences and justification for an occupation prolonged. If one watches Fox News, one hears that serious reflection since we got to this point should wait until the mission is accomplished. If one listens to the most prominent Democratic voices in Congress, one learns that, however unfortunate the war, slow and steady steps must be taken to achieve some kind of victory. Right and Left appear mired not only in Iraq but in a kind of thinking that cannot move beyond the framework of realpolitik.

I sympathize with both these positions. One must appreciate how much the media are anticipating the million or so of insurgents in Iraq, and how devastating it can be to question one's country's beliefs at home when they are threatened abroad. And one must commend the gradualism of the political process to the extent that it arises from prudent policy rather than current party interest, even if we allow this moment of crisis — this intractable conflict in Iraq — to pass without the voicing of some bold ideas would be a great opportunity missed.

First, and above all, let us drop the cascade of spreading democracy in the Middle East or around the globe. Democracy is not an atoma to make the hopeful humanist shudder. It would be the freedom that stems from democracy.

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These propositions will no doubt call forth the same objections as the previous propositions. As one can see, by anything that stems from corporate interests.
This Saturday, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will showcase "Classics: Reimagining Sexuality and the Self" in Recent American Cinema, a student-organized academic film event that focuses on several important lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender films produced in the past few years.

The films featured in Saturday's presentation are well regarded and critically acclaimed not only for their content but also for the ways in which they challenge and re-imagine perceptions of self, community, history and authenticity.

The "Classics" series is a continuation of the academic mission that originally began with the Queer Film Festival, as well as last year's "Gay & Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narrative, Spectatorships." While last year's selection featured Ang Lee's Academy Award winning "Brokeback Mountain," this year's series provides a new selection of films to raise questions and change perspectives.

The "Classics" series is sponsored by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, and co-sponsored by the English and History departments as well as the Gender Studies Program and the Hesburgh Program in Public Service.

The films to be shown in the "Classics" series are the following:

**Watermelon Woman** (dir. Cheryl Dunye, 1996) 2 p.m. "Watermelon and Women" tells the story of Cheryl (Cheryl Dunye), a young black lesbian who works in a video store in Philadelphia with her best friend Tamara (Valerie Walker). She tries to make a film about her search for an obscure black actress from the 1930s who was known as the Watermelon Woman.

As Cheryl continues her search, she becomes involved with Diana (Guinevere Turner), a white woman, which strains her friendship with Tamara. "Watermelon Woman" won the 1996 Teddy Best Feature Film award at the Berlin International Film Festival.

**Desperate Housewives** (dir. Des McAnuff, 2005) 7 p.m.

"Desperate Housewives" stars Felicity Huffman, left, and as a struggling transsexual.

**Transamerica** (dir. Duncan Tucker, 2005) 7 p.m.

"Transamerica" stars the talented Felicity Huffman as Bree, a California native about to undergo sex reassignment surgery when she discovers that her son is living in New York.

After Bree takes an impromptu flight to meet her son Toby (Kevin Zegers) for the first time, the two begin a cross-country road trip from the East Coast back to Los Angeles. During their voyage, they encounter numerous people and experiences that force them to examine the preconceptions that each held regarding the other.

Her performance in "Transamerica" garnered Huffman both an Oscar nomination and a Golden Globe win for Best Actress.

The screening of "Transamerica" will be introduced by Indiana University South Bend sociology professor Betty Lusal.

Each film selected in the "Classics" series allows viewers to see the complicated issues and questions broached with different viewpoints and unique perspectives. Huffman's award-winning role in "Transamerica," for example, brings public attention to the difficulties that transgendered men and women face in a society that often seeks clear-cut definitions of gender identity and sexual orientation.

The films will be shown sequentially in the DPAC Browning Cinema on Saturday. All of the screenings are free, but do require tickets for admission. Tickets can be reserved online at the DPAC's Web site, performance.nd.edu, by calling the ticket office at 574-631-2800 or for purchase at the ticket window.

Contact Erin McGinn at emcginn@nd.edu

Directed by Notre Dame Film, Television and Theatre professor Jill Godmilow, "Roy Cohn/Jack Smith" features a dualistic look at the lives of homosexual men.

1994's "Go Fish," directed by Rose Troche, precedes similar programs like TV's "The L Word" in following the lives and loves of a group of young lesbians.
LIZ BROWN  
**president**

**vice president** MARIS BRAUN

Who They Are

Brown, student government’s current chief executive assistant, is a junior in Cavanaugh Hall majoring in political science and peace studies. Braun is a sophomore in Breen-Phillips Hall majoring in finance.

In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** Brown and Braun plan to further address the issue of community relations by integrating students into the off-campus community and increasing consumerism at local businesses. Some ideas include a “Taste of South Bend” event, a community-based curriculum and off-campus Diner Dollars.
- **First Priority:** “Guest Meal Exchange Program.”

Brown and Braun want to allow students to substitue one of their unused meals for a meal voucher to be used as a guest pass for a separate meal in the future.

In Our Words

- **Best Idea:** A South Bend Regional Airport shuttle, a convenient way to lower costs for students and to encourage use of South Bend transportation.
- **Worst Idea:** None.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** Putting suggestion forums and student government applications online.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** Getting Notre Dame to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a University holiday.
- **Fun Fact:** Brown got a pencil in her eye when she was three and had to have surgery to get it removed. Braun skied into a tree and is now forever indebted to the friend who saved her.

♦ **Notable Quote:** “If you don’t love what you do, you’re not going to do it well.”

Bottom Line

Brown and Braun balance each other well and their experience in student government is unmatched by any of the other candidates. They are articulate and complementary of one another — and both seem genuinely interested in leading the student body. They have many reasonable ideas that they plan to pursue immediately upon taking office. No one can predict how smoothly the women would transition into the highest positions in student government. But the pair’s experience and professionalism are tops in this election.

GARRETT COGGON  
**president**

**vice president** MIKE PADBERG

Who They Are

Coggan is a freshman pre-professional studies major living in Zahm Hall. Padberg is a freshman engineering major living in Zahm Hall.

In Their Words

- **Top Priority:** Havoc. Their campaign revolves around “wreaking havoc” on campus. This is not clearly defined.
- **First Priority:** To begin the five-year process of making Notre Dame an all-male institution again.

In Our Words

- **Best Idea:** Expand the sidewalks so there are separate lanes for fast and slow walkers.
- **Worst Idea:** Squirrel-hunting activities. The freshmen want to organize hunting activities and propose squirrels “be taken for consumption by slingshots.”
- **Most Feasible Idea:** None.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** To eliminate women at Notre Dame (possibly combine the existing women with Saint Mary’s — creating something like “Notre Mary’s”). They would keep female professors, though they would only teach introductory classes.
- **Fun Fact:** Coggan’s nickname is Juice. Padberg can wreak havoc with his pinky finger — and Coggan said he can, unfortunately, attest to that.

♦ **Notable Quote:** “We aren’t, to say, ‘in bed’ with any of the University administrators like some of the other candidates.”

Bottom Line

Coggan and Padberg are just two more Zahm freshmen running for this office. Although the havoc-based ideas are entertaining, this ticket has no real plans for student government. These freshmen have creative ideas, many of which relate to eliminating women at the University, but their interests might be better served in another arena than as leaders of the Notre Dame student body.
CIPRIANO RIVERA president

Who They Are
Rivera, formerly a Marine, is a freshman living in St. Edward's Hall majoring in accounting and Arabic. Kane is a sophomore in Welsh Family Hall majoring in history and pre-professional studies.

In Their Words
- Top Priority: Rivera and Kane want to improve the quality of life for students and will focus on goals like having ID cards work at all doors in dorms and expanding Domer Dollars usage options.
- First Priority: To arrange for roll-over meals in the dining hall so unused meals are not just wasted.

In Our Words
- Best Idea: Free tutoring for all students. They want to build on the First Year of Studies tutoring programs and offer sessions for upperclassmen as well.
- Worst Idea: Student government column in The Observer.
- Most Feasible Idea: Peer advising groups.
- Least Feasible Idea: To get rid of Burger King in LaFortune and replace it with Chipotle.
- Fun Fact: Rivera is saving money to climb Mt. Everest. Kane helped deliver her mother's 11th child this summer.
- Notable Quote: "I'm 23. I'm probably older than anyone in this room." Rivera, on why he shouldn't be typecast as an inexperienced freshman.

Bottom Line
The candidates, though they have good intentions, are inexperienced and their ideas are not well researched. The duo is unprepared and not ready to take on the role of representing the Notre Dame student body. Their platform is incomplete, especially in the important realm of community relations. Rivera and Kane's plans for dining hall and meal plan reform are not feasible. The two do not seem to have a true idea of what they would be getting into if elected, and they should use next year to get more involved in student government.

DANNY SMITH president

Who They Are
Smith is a junior political science and philosophy major who lives in Alumni Hall. Weiss is a junior English and art history major who lives in Breen-Phelps Hall.

In Their Words
- Top Priority: The majority of Smith and Weiss' plans revolve around using technology — whether to download music, spread Domer Dollars off campus or implement electronic football ticketing — to benefit students.
- First Priority: "Ruckus music downloading." Ruckus Network, Inc. provides students access to legal downloadable music and video files to all persons with an "edu" email address — and Smith and Weiss want to make sure Notre Dame students have access to it too.

In Our Words
- Best Idea: Multiple Domer Dollar initiatives.
- Worst Idea: Creating more payment options for on-campus prescriptions and health care. Smith and Weiss offered to help students pay their insurance co-pay if they are unable — a nice thought, but unrealistic.
- Most Feasible Idea: Student government blog.
- Least Feasible Idea: Lower tuition.
- Fun Fact: Smith can whistle five different ways. At age 12, Weiss was a chess champion — and she said she never admits that to anyone.
- Notable Quote: "If USC can do it, why can't we?" Said in reference to a football ticket system based on student IDs, not paper tickets.

Bottom Line
Both Smith and Weiss have intense, strong personalities. Both have learned how to lead, with Smith serving as Alumni Hall senator and Weiss serving as chair of the Senate Gender Relations Committee. This ticket has run its campaign admirably and has talked to numerous administrators about its proposals. The two have visited all dorms to get input and to engage the student body in student government. The resulting platform is ambitious, but not as achievable as Brown and Braun's. Ultimately, the downside of Smith and Weiss' commendable passion is the less-than-realistic nature — and importance — of some of their ideas.
The Observer endorses Brown-Braun ticket

Every year, candidates for student body president and vice president promise a slew of supposedly feasible initiatives to improve the campus community — and every year, it's a toss-up as to who can actually deliver. Platforms get stacked with every possible upgrade to student life in a desperate attempt to win votes, and this year is no exception.

With their extensive student government experience, Liz Brown and Maris Braun have the best shot at executing their goals. They're poised and prepared, and while it's almost certain they won't be able to accomplish every platform plan — at least in its original form — the two demonstrate a solid understanding of what channels they'll have to work through.

Since last spring, Brown has served as current student body president Lizzi Shappell's chief executive assistant, the No. 3 position in student government. But just as importantly, she's been through the spectrum of related positions: Campus Life Council task force chair, Cavanaugh senator and Sexual Assault Advisory Committee member, to name a few. Braun has also put in the time. Between the two of them, they've sat on seven of the nine Student Senate committees. In taking over the helm of student government for just a one-year term, that kind of background is essential.

Brown and Braun have also tried to update the tired theme of community relations, although whether their approach will actually do anything to strengthen town-gown interaction is doubtful. However, broad is a relative term in this election, where each ticket has gravitated toward student life — probably a reaction to a past focus on heavy, hard-to-approach subjects, like academic freedom and diversity. The Brown-Braun platform isn't especially innovative or unique. As mentioned earlier, extending the reach of Domer Dollars is a common theme this campaign season and central to both the Smith-Weiss and Cipriano Rivera-Catherine Kane platforms.

Smith and Weiss come across as natural, genuine leaders with lots of ideas. But they don't seem as practiced — the presentation is a little rough around the edges. What's more, their ideas — however well intentioned — are too expansive, or simply confusing. Can two students revolutionize the Health Services prescription system? What about the tuition plan? And does free television show downloading from a service that already offers free music to college students really constitute a legitimate main platform goal?

Cipriano Rivera and Catherine Kane also mean well — but don't know how to even begin. Getting Chipotle in LaFortune requires more research than calling the company and asking if it has any campus locations. Freshmen Garrett Coggan and Mike Padberg are clearly in it for the attention. While returning to a more "traditional" all-male Notre Dame isn't going to happen, if elected, the pair could probably deliver on its promise to wreak havoc.

Brown and Braun may not be creative, but they aren't to blame. As most upperclassmen understand, student government is inherently limited in what it can do. If Notre Dame doesn't want to create a guest meal exchange program or make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a University-recognized holiday — two Brown-Braun ideas likely to face major administrative stumbling blocks — it won't. That's why working within the system is a necessity.

That's also why having leaders who are articulate and professional is important. Of the four pairs running, Brown and Braun are the most polished. The two make the best partnership — when they talk, it's clear that their strengths are complementary. Neither dominates the other.

The Observer endorses Liz Brown and Maris Braun for Notre Dame's 2007-08 student body president and vice president.

**THE OBSERVER'S TAKE ON THE ISSUES OF THE 2007 ELECTION**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Brown & Braun

Their campaign revolves around community relations. Related planks include off-campus Domer Dollars and a "Taste of South Bend" event.

Smith & Weiss

Their ideas to improve relations with student government come from getting more off-campus students involved in student government.

Coggan & Padberg

They don't address this issue in their platform.

Rivera & Kane

They want students to get involved in South Bend through community service at local organizations.

**STUDENT LIFE**

Brown & Braun

They want to organize a regular shuttle to and from South Bend airport.

Smith & Weiss

They want to change the meal plan system and allow for "rollover meals."

Coggan & Padberg

They don't address this issue in their platform.

Rivera & Kane

They want their students to get involved in South Bend through community service.

**STUDENT APATHY**

Brown & Braun

They want to promote greater sexual assault awareness.

Coggan & Padberg

They have no plans related to student apathy.

Rivera & Kane

They want more students to get involved in South Bend through community service at local organizations.

**GENDER RELATIONS**

Brown & Braun

They want to get rid of women at Notre Dame.

Smith & Weiss

They have no plans related to gender relations.

Coggan & Padberg

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Rivera & Kane

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**ATHLETICS**

Brown & Braun

They want to bring Domer Dollars to the Stadium and the Joyce Center.

Smith & Weiss

They have no plans related to gender relations.

Coggan & Padberg

They want a new system for the away game ticket lottery so it goes faster and more smoothly.

Rivera & Kane

They want to start a squirrel-hunting program and eat the squirrels.

**THE OBSERVER ENDORESSES**

Vote for student body president and vice president on Monday.
The Observer

CD REVIEW

R.E.M. collection includes best of early work

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

It's easy to forget, in the wake of their downhill slide throughout the '90s and beyond, that R.E.M. was once one of the best and most popular bands in the world. Yet most people forget that R.E.M. were once the godfathers of alternative, with an aerial appeal that stretched from the edgy, punky sounds of their first album, "Out of Time," to the smooth, polished, and radio-friendly sound of their later work, "Automatic For the People." For once, they're ridiculously beautiful. Hardly surprising, given the priming and airbrushing that most celebrities undergo to look remotely acceptable to the public. You've seen those "Celebrities are just like us" commercials, right? "Us Weekly," when Brooke Shields and Kate Hudson are left without makeup or airbrushing? Slightly morbid? Perhaps, but it's a reminder that, while R.E.M. may not have the staying power of some of their contemporaries, they remain one of the great bands of the '80s and '90s.

R.E.M.'s career has two distinct eras — the independent eras (with IRS) and their time with a major label (Warner). Their first (and arguably best) album was on IRS, and those works from the late-70s through the mid-80s are the focus of the band's hits from the period, such as "A Year in the Life," "Losing My Religion," and "It's the End of the World As We Know It." The band's first five albums form the core of early-Atlantic and independent music, striking at the moment in which post-punk was evolving into alternative.

This isn't the first disc to compile songs from R.E.M.'s early days, but it's easily the best, remaining 1988's "Eponymous" album. The two-disc set contains all of the band's hits from the period, such as "Losing My Religion," "Fall on Me," "The One I Love," and "It's the End of the World As We Know It," all while mixing in a good selection of album tracks and fan favorites like "Pretty Persuasion" and "Gardening at Night," one of the band's earliest songs. There are few notable outliers such as "Bad Day," which became a hit in a re-recorded version that appeared on "In Time," the classic "Gardening at Night," one of the band's earliest songs. There are fewer notable songs missing, like "Superman" and "Wolves, Lower," but on the whole it's a pretty complete set. Even lesser known fan favorites such as "Life and How to Live It" and "Guaymaya" are included, adding depth to the collection. It's this tracklist that both illustrate the breadth of R.E.M.'s early catalogue as well as help explain why they were such an influential act in the 1980s.

Along with "In Time," a previous compilation that documents the Warner years, "And I Feel Fine" summarizes R.E.M.'s career succinctly. At its height, they were a great band that released a lot of classic albums. But most importantly, R.E.M.'s early work retains a timelessness that doesn't necessarily evoke any particular era. This is a hallmark of truly great music, which is why "And I Feel Fine" is such a welcome compilation.

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NHL
Crosby nets only goal of shootout: Caps dethrone Kings

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Sidney Crosby scored the only goal in a shootout to lift the Pittsburgh Penguins over Philadelphia 5-4 Thursday night, extending the Flyers' franchise-worst home-losing streak to 13 games.

Mike Knuble's second goal with 1:24 left in regulation forced overtime, and Simon Gagne had two power-play goals for Philadelphia, which has the fewest wins (31) and points (34) in the NHL. Flyers captain Peter Forsberg had three assists.

Hold scoreless during regulation, Crosby, the league's scoring leader, beat Antero Nittymaki on the Penguins' third shot in the shootout. Marc-Andre Fleury then stopped Gagne to win it.

With Nittymaki pulled for an extra skater, Alexei Zhitnik's slap shot hit in at 4.

Mark Recchi and Erik Christensen scored 30 seconds apart early in the third period, and Jordan Staal and Michel Ouellet also had goals for the Penguins, who've improved this season team. Pittsburgh has won 10 of 12 with two overtime losses.

The Flyers haven't won at home since beating former coach Ken Hitchcock in his debut with Columbus on Nov. 24, and have just three victories there in 25 games. Philadelphia fell to 0-6-1 against Pittsburgh this season. It was just the second time in 33 games the Penguins won when Crosby didn't have a point.

Nittymaki stopped Christensen on the first shot of the shootout, but Jeff Carter missed the net on his chance. Evgeni Malkin and Peter Forsberg traded shots off the post.

Fleury, who hasn't lost in regulation in 11 games since Jan. 9, had an assist on Ouellet's goal. He stoned Mike Richards on a short-handed breakaway in the final minute of the second period.

Beccia, a fan favorite during two stints with the Flyers, gave the Penguins a 3-2 lead by scoring his 19th goal during a scramble in front 34 seconds into overtime.

Crosby didn't have a point.

Penguins forward Sidney Crosby, right, scores a shootout goal on Flyers goalie Antero Nittymaki. The Penguins won 5-4.

Islanders forward Andy Hilbert, center, is checked by Devils center John Madden, left, and defenseeman Brad Lukowich during New Jersey's 2-0 win in the Meadowlands Thursday.

Crosby nets only goal of shootout: Caps dethrone Kings

Crosby scored the only goal of the shootout, a rebound off the far post during a 3-on-3 power play.

But Gagne, giving 40-year-old Sean Burke a night off, allowed three goals in a rough second period. He whiffed glove-side on Gordon's short-handed shot from the blue line, was slow to react on a wraparound by Ouellet and let a close-in shot from Clark trickle over the goal line. Ouellet got the second assist on Crosby's goal.

Devils 2, Islanders 0
Martin Brodeur posted his NHL-best 10th shootout of the season on Thursday night, stopping 25 shots to lead the New Jersey Devils to a victory over the New York Islanders.

Jamie Langenbrunner broke a scoreless tie midway through the second period and Jay Pandolfo added a short-handed goal with 3:36 left to lead the Devils to their fourth straight win and 13th in 20 games.

The Devils moved to within four points of the Buffalo Sabres for the best record in the Eastern Conference. New Jersey has played one fewer game.

Brodeur, who benefited from a shot off the post by Jason Blake in the second period, had to work hard late to preserve his 90th career regular-season shutout. He made a great glove save on Brendan Witt's slap shot with about six minutes to play, before stopping Tom Poti, Blake and Mike Sillinger during the power play on which Pandolfo scored.

The loss overshadowed an outstanding 35-save performance by Islanders goalie Rick DiPietro, who posted his 11th NHL shootout win. He also marked the first time in nine games that New York failed to earn a point (5-3-1).

Brodeur has 90 career shutouts, fourth behind George Hainesworth for second in NHL history. Terry Sawchuk has the record with 103.

Langenbrunner started and ended the play on the Devils' first goal. He sent a back pass from along the boards in the Devils zone to Paul Martin. The defenseeman made a quick cross-ice pass that sent Zach Parise and Travis Zajac on a break.

Islanders defenseeman Bruno Gervais prevented Parise from getting a good shot, but DiPietro seemed to lose his footing. Langenbrunner swatted the loose puck past him on the second try.

Senators 4, Canadiens 1
Dany Heatley scored his team-high 32nd goal early in the second period and Peter Schaefer scored during a five-on-three power play later in the period, leading the Ottawa Senators to a victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday night.

Jason Spezza scored his 21st with 1:21 remaining, an unassisted effort that pushed Ottawa one point ahead of Montreal for second place in the Northeast Division.

Chris Phillips scored in the first and Ray Emery made 27 saves for the Senators, who lost 3-2 in Buffalo on Wednesday. Ottawa is tied for fourth in the Eastern Conference with the Pittsburgh Penguins, whose 5-4 shootout win in Philadelphia dropped Montreal to sixth.

Canadiens rookie Guillaume Latendresse scored on a penalty shot late in the second to cut Montreal's deficit to 2-1.

The 19-year-old forward was awarded his first career penalty shot with 2:28 remaining in the frame when he was high-sticked and cut the nose during a breakaway by Phillipes, who was also assessed a minor penalty. That was served after Latendresse scored his 11th goal.

Ottawa has allowed goals on each of the four penalty shots they have faced this season, including three against Emery at home.

With Andre Markov sidelined by a knee injury for a third straight game, Montreal's defense took another hit when Eric Staal was unable to play because of illness. Phillips opened the scoring at 1:42, with a point shot off Cristobal Huet's glove for his seventh this season. The Montreal goalie raised his hands to his head as he toppled face down on the ice after watching the puck trickle slowly behind him.

Staal stuck out his right hand and swept Andrej Meszaros' shot off the line and out at 10:12. Ottawa defenseeman Anton Volchenkov recorded his second straight assist 25 seconds into the middle period when Heatley made it 2-0 after he took Jason Spezza's centering pass and beat Huet from the slot.

Schafer increased the lead to three with his 10th of the season at 16:05.

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Cowboys hire Phillips as head coach

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys hired Wade Phillips as their new coach Thursday to replace the retired Bill Parcells. Phillips’ hiring was confirmed by a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the Cowboys had not introduced the coach.

The Cowboys scheduled a late afternoon news conference. While the team wouldn’t give the reason for the news conference, it was following the same procedure as it has for past coaching hires, including Parcells four years ago.

The 59-year-old Phillips, the son of longtime Houston Oilers coach Bum Phillips, spent the last three seasons as San Diego’s defensive coordinator. He is a former NFL head coach who has been in the league 30 of the last 31 years.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones left the Valley Ranch complex early Thursday afternoon, apparently to meet with Phillips and his agent, Gary O’Hagan, at a different location.

Jones interviewed 10 candidates to become the Cowboys’ seventh coach, the sixth he will hire since buying the team in 1989. Parcells retired Jan. 22 after four seasons in Dallas and 19 years as an NFL head coach.

Phillips joins Tom Landry and Jimmy Johnson as the only Dallas natives to be in charge of “America’s Team.” Parcells is the only other coach who had previous head coaching experience before getting to Dallas.

His departure would be another loss for San Diego. Last month, Chargers offensive coordinator Cam Cameron became the Miami Dolphins’ new coach.

Phillips’ head coaching record is 48-42 over three years with Buffalo, two with Denver and seasons ending interim stints with New Orleans and Atlanta. That includes 3-4 as a fill-in and 0-3 in the playoffs, most notably the “Music City Miracle,” when Tennessee used a trick kick return for the winning touchdown in the closing seconds.

The last candidates interviewed by Jones were two Super Bowl assistants, Indianapolis assistant head coach and quarterback coach Jim Caldwell on Wednesday and Chicago Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera a day earlier.

IN BRIEF

U.S. Senior Open to be played at Sahalee Country Club

PAR HILLS, N.J. — The U.S. Senior Open will be played at Sahalee Country Club in 2010, the first year that Seattle-native Fred Couples will be eligible for the premier event in senior golf.

Sahalee, a tree-lined course in the Seattle suburb, hosted the 1998 PGA Championship won by Vijay Singh and a World Golf Championship in 2002 won by Craig Parry.

It was supposed to hold both the 2010 PGA Championship, but the PGA of America took it away and awarded it to Whistling Straits as part of a long-term deal that included a Ryder Cup.

Instead, Sahalee officials went after the U.S. Senior Open, the top event for 50-and-older players. Couples, a former Masters champion and one of the most popular players in golf, grew up in Seattle.

Miller gives up lead at world championships

ARE, Sweden — This is what happens when Bode Miller fails to finish with a flourish.

Leading after the downhill leg of the world championships combined event, Miller was on track for a medal, perhaps gold, until he inexplicably slowed down in the final gates of the slalom and finished sixth.

“I was mystified. I thought he would get the job done today. He was in such a good position,” said U.S. men’s head coach Phil McNichol. “He did a good job at the top, he was carrying good speed. But then it was a little uncharacteristic. It looked like he was either having a difficult time at the bottom or he backed off.”

“It’s a great example of what just finishing gets you. Everyone can give him a hard time for not finishing, but he was either having a difficult time at the gates of the slalom and finished sixth.”

Williams to play for Fed Cup team for first time

Fresh off her Australian Open tilt, Serena Williams has agreed to play for the U.S. Fed Cup team for the first time since 2003 — joining older sister Venus on the squad that faces Belgium in the first round in April.

“I was very happy when Serena called me and said she wanted to play, especially coming after her big win in Australia,” U.S. captain Zina Garrison told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Thursday. “She had texted me a couple of times and said she was contemplating playing Fed Cup. She actually let me know last week she’ll play.”

The U.S. Tennis Association made a formal announcement later Thursday. Venus Williams’ participation was announced last week.

“I’m excited to see them back on the court and working hard and defying all the odds of what people think or say about them,” Garrison said.

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BOSTON — Paul Pierce didn’t get the standing ovation, but one inspira­tional book Celtics owner Wyc Grousbeck left for him. The Boston captain was in the hospi­tal with an elbow infection that derailed his return from a bad foot, and the book remained in his locker.

Wally Szczerbiak left the book behind when he went to get his ankle taped after a 91-79 loss to the Miami Heat extended Boston’s franchise-record losing streak to 16 games Wednesday. And Tony Allen’s copy of “The Adversity Advantage,” by blind mountain climber Erik Weihenmayer, was still in his locker, too; it’s probably tough to carry a lot of stuff when you’re walking in a full leg cast.

The first blind climber to sum­mit Mount Everest, Weihenmayer went on to win the first Gold Medal in the heat game Wednesday night as part of the Celtics’ “Heroes Among Us” campaign. Grousbeck insisted the visit was long­planned and not timed to snap the team out of its franchise­record losing streak.

“If there’s an advantage in adversity, I haven’t found it yet,” he said.

Neither has his team. The Celtics matched their magic number with their 16th loss in a row — one for each of the titles that once made them the pride of the NBA. The league record of 23 straight in one sea­son was set by the Vancouver Grizzlies in 1996 and matched by the Denver Nuggets in ’98.

“Every game they’re close,” Grousbeck said. “Every game, there are three or three plus three that you can win. There’s someone scoring 23, someone scoring 27, getting rebounds, people diving for home­balls. There’s a lot to like about it, and they’re playing hard for Doc.”

“But it’s time for a W,” Grousbeck said. “We’ve got to shoot the ball better.”

The Celtics are 2-21 without Pierce, prompting one fan to hold up a poster that said: “Wanted: Paul Pierce. Reward: a win.”

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Pierce avowed his previous visit to Chapel Hill — a 77-65 loss to Duke — by blowing seven shots and affecting several others.

“Offensively, she didn’t score enough,” Grousbeck said. “But defensively, it was a monster,” Grousbeck said. “She was just too many shots.”

Pierce countered with a clinch­ing 14-3 spurt led by Waner and Bales. Bales started the run with a wide-open layup and later added seven points, six of them from behind the arc, as Butler scored three straight bas­ket­balls.

Her last field goal deflated the sellout crowd at Carmichael Arena, jumping in front of the corner, then pulled up and knocked down a jumper, making the score 61-50.

“I thought that was the dag­ger,” Grousbeck said.

Bales lead grow to 61-50 on a late free throw by Bales, who had 16 points, in a rough offensive game — finishing with just seven points, six of them from behind the arc.

“It makes us feel a little bit bet­ter about the losses we had in the past, but not a whole lot,” Duke coach Gail Goestenkors said.

Camille Little scored a season­high 21 points and Errin Larkins had 14 rebounds for the Tar Heels (24-1, 8-1), but star point guard Ivory Latta finished with just nine points on 3-of-20 shooting and five 3-point attempts.

“It's pretty simple — we've just got to shoot the ball better,” North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said. “It's been tough, but we've had a game ... where the rest of the team shot as poor­ly as we did.”

North Carolina twice rallied to tie in the second half, the last coming when Alex Miller's jumper with 7:50 left made it 47- 45.

Boston forward Paul Pierce is learning how to act as a captain for the worst team in the NBA. The Celtics have lost 16 straight.

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Boston forward Brandon Crone, right, drives against Cleveland State forward J'Nathan Bullock in the Bulldogs' 92-50 win.

Associated Press

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Ranked higher in the AP poll than at any time in school history, Butler (23-2, 11-1 Horizon) extended its winning streak to nine in a row with an eye-popping display of offen­sive efficiency and marksmanship.

Butler, which knocked off Notre Dame, Indiana, Tennessee and Gonzaga earlier this season, dominated the overmatched Vikings (8-18, 2-11) from the opening tip. Mike Green added 14 points, Brandon Crane 13 and A.J. Graves 12 for the Bulldogs, who set season-highs in points, field goals, assists and margin of victory.

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Cycling

Embattled Landis won't race in France in 2007

Tour de France champ agrees to doping terms

Associated Press

PARIS — Floyd Landis will still ride the Tour de France — and all races in France this year — as part of an agreement with French doping authorities in a case that could strip him of cycling's most prestigious title.

Last year's Tour champion had hip-replacement surgery 4 1/2 months ago and was unlikely to have competed in this year's Tour. He agreed Thursday not to race again in France until 2008, and in return, the French anti-doping agency postponed its decision on whether to suspend him from competing in France for a maximum of two years because of a positive doping test.

"Floyd is pleased that the AFLD has agreed with his counsel's request that they suspend this proceeding," spokesman Michael Henson said.

Earlier, AFLD president Pierre Bordry said Landis "understood perfectly that if he didn't act today, we would start the procedure immediately."

Landis will go before the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on May 14 and, following that, the AFLD will deliver its verdict in June.

"We will let Landis defend himself as he wishes," Bordry said.

The American, who has denied wrongdoing, did not appear at Thursday's meeting of the AFLD's nine-member panel, but sent a lawyer who read his request for a delay. In the letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, Landis said the parallel cases in France and the United States were complicating matters. He asked the French agency to hold off until after the U.S. agency rules. The USADA will hold its hearings May 14.

"In this case, and in order to avoid any misunderstanding, I agree to voluntarily not partici­late in any professional or amateur cycling event in France until December 31, 2007, and in particular the Tour de France 2007," Landis said in the letter.

Bordry said Landis deserves to be heard by the USADA. However, Bordry echoed Tour de France president Christian Prudhomme's senti­ment that the American agency was dragging out its process.

Landis spokesman Michael Henson said Landis was happy with the AFLD's decision.

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ND TRACK

ND travels to Windsor for meet

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Sports Writer

Notre Dame is doing all it can to qualify as many athletes as possible for the Big East champs­ionships in one week, and as a result will compete Saturday at the Windsor Team Challenge in Windsor, Ontario.

("The goal is to give those kids that are there the opportunity to get qualified for the Big East or to try to just do a little sharpening, or tapering you might say, for the Big East championship the following weekend," Irish coach Joe Piane said.

Piane is sending 22 Irish ath­letes up north, an equal number of men and women. The majority of the Irish athletes are sprinters, although there are three distance runners point to the women's side. The only jumper participat­ing this weekend will be sopho­more Blair Majcina. There are no distance runners for the men's team.

"It's mostly kids that either didn't qualify yet for the Big East meet or they might need a little sharpening," Piane said.

One strategy Piane hopes to use for the athletes competing this weekend who have already qualified for the Big East is to have them run in an event that is shorter than what they are used to racing.

"We might put a quarter-miler and put him in the three hun­dred, or we might take someone who is in the two hundred and put them in the sixty," he said.

"It's really just to get kids a little sharpening," Piane said.

The remaining Irish athletes not participating in the Windsor Team Challenge will continue to practice as usual this weekend in order to stay sharp for next weekend's conference champi­onship.

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No. 9 Irish take five-game win streak on road

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Upsets aren't anything foreign to Notre Dame and Wisconsin. The question is, can the Badgers get another one this weekend?

The No. 9 Irish come off a successful three-match weekend at home where they defeated No. 13 Florida State and Toledo 5-2 and 7-0, respectively. Wisconsin is a clear underdog to start off with that nine-inning game. "Our season is not a marathon," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Our season is not a sprint it's a marathon."

Wisconsin is a clear underdog against Notre Dame, even after upsets No. 10 Miami 4-3 on the road Monday. The match was tied at three with only the No. 2 singles match left to play. Badger junior Nolan Polley dropped the first set 6-0 to Josh Cohen, but rallied to take the next two sets 6-4, 7-6 for victory.

"It was a great weekend for us but it's kind of like winning the first inning of a 9-inning game," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Our season is not a sprint it's a marathon."

Notre Dame will look to continue in doubles play. Bayliss said the Irish took the double point in both matches against Toledo and Duke to take the 1-0 lead early. "It helps so much to start off with that doubles point in hand," Bayliss said. "The momentum that it gives you, particularly on the road, puts you in a position where you feel like really have a chance to win the match."

A win against Wisconsin will give the Irish the consistency that they are looking for. Notre Dame upset Ohio State for the Buckeyes' first loss, who finished the season No. 4, last year. But the team did not see the desired results for the remainder of the season. Although they won the Big East Championship and finished 19-5, losing to top-seeded Georgia in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, just playing in the postseason was not good enough. Bayliss said that senior captain Stephen Bass along with fellow classmates Barry King and Ryan Keeckley have really aided the Irish in their quest for success this year. "I think the senior leadership has been extraordinary this year," Bayliss said.

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Andrew Roth returns a serve Feb. 2 against Florida State at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Although Roth lost this match to Chris Clouser at No. 6 singles, the Irish topped the Seminoles 5-2.

Selig says MLB will recognize Bonds if he passes Aaron

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds might get a telephone call from baseball commissioner Bud Selig instead of a hand-shake if the San Francisco Giants slugger breaks Hank Aaron's home run record.

Selig wouldn't say Thursday whether he would aid any Giants games if and when Bonds closes in on the mark.

Selig insisted that Major League Baseball would celebrate Bonds' potential feat exactly as it does any other major milestone, such as a pitcher's 300th win. Last year, Selig telephoned San Diego closer Trevor Hoffman when he became the career saves leader.

"I wasn't there when Roger Clemens won his 300th game. That's a matter I'll determine at some point in the future," Selig said at a baseball luncheon hosted by Fox Sports Bay Area. "Let me say it, and I'm not going to say anymore. That's it."

Does he even want Bonds to pass the 753 home runs of Aaron, who played his final two seasons in 1975 and '76 with the Selig-owned Milwaukee Brewers?

"It is a fact Hank Aaron and I have been friends for 50 years, close friends," Selig said. "When you're the commissioner, you don't just think about that. I have said before if and when Barry Bonds breaks that record it will be handled the same way that every other record in baseball that's been broken was handled."

There has been wide speculation Selig would prefer that Bonds just retire now to avoid further scrutiny as the seven-time NL MVP pursues the mark of Hammerin' Hank. The 42-year-old Bonds, whose $15.8 million, one-year contract with the Giants remains unresolved less than a week before the team begins spring training, begins his 22nd major league season only 22 home runs from passing Aaron — and Bonds is healthier now than in recent seasons.

"This is a matter between the Giants and Barry," said Selig, who was treated to his favorite frozen custard dessert flown in from Milwaukee. "As far as I'm concerned, as long as things that are being done are in the best interest of the sport, whether it's contractual or anything else, I don't make those judgments."

Bonds and the Giants have differing views of certain language in the deal and Bonds has yet to sign a revised version that omits the promotional clause that runs adul of baseball's new labor agreement. The version Bonds signed did contain a provision that says the Giants can terminate the contract if Bonds is indicted.

This season, there will be further speculation about whether his quest for the record was fueled by steroids. Bonds long has denied knowingly using steroids.

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ND Women's Tennis

Irish look to build upon No. 2 finish at ITAs

Team to face first Big East opponent of '07

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

On the heels of their second-place finish at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships last weekend — the best in program history — the Irish are looking to build momentum for the rest of the season.

"It's our first Big East team we play and they are always big matches," Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback said.

Louderback said the No. 3 Irish (15-1) will use this match as another opportunity to sit at least one of three players who need to miss a match this spring because they played too much in the fall.

"[Seniors Christian and Catriona Thompson and sophomore Keely Telf] have to sit out a match, and we may sit out one or two on Friday," Louderback said. "We won't decide who will sit until Friday morning. They've had some injury problems so we'll see where they're at Friday morning."

Louisville enters the contest after dropping its last two matches against Troy and SMU, and the team has struggled with illness and injuries to multiple team members. Meanwhile, the Irish are recovering from their 4-2 loss against No. 1 Georgia Tech in the ITA Team Indoor Finals Sunday.

"I thought we played well against Georgia Tech," Louderback said. "We definitely had a chance to win it if we could've won the doubles point. Georgia Tech played a lot more confident after they got the doubles point." Sunday's match marked the first time in 10 tournament appearances the Irish advanced to the finals of the ITA Indoors, a tournament that featured many top-ranked teams from across the country.

"How we played there gave us the confidence that we can play with anyone in the country," Louderback said. "There are 10-15 teams that could win the NCAA Tournament this year, and that's a good thing."

Freshman Cosmina Ciobanu continued her strong play at the tournament, winning each of the four singles matches she played. Ciobanu finished second to fellow freshman Colleen Rieley at the ITA Midwest Regionals in October and has a 6-0 record so far in dual match play.

"[Cosmina] is a great competitor," Louderback said. "She volleyes well, hits ground strokes well and serves well. She's got a lot of speed and covers the court. As a freshman especially, she does a great job."

So far this season, Notre Dame has posted four wins against teams in the ITA top-25 rankings, including a 4-3 win over No. 6 Northwestern in the semifinals of the ITA Indoors.

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SMC Basketball

Kalamazoo is next test for Belles

By DAN COOPER
Sports Writer

The Belles will look to rebound from Monday's debacle at Calvin when they travel to Kalamazoo and face the Hornets Saturday at 3 p.m.

Saint Mary's had won four straight before the 75-44 loss to Calvin. The Belles shot a dismal 21 percent from the floor in that game and committed a season-worst 17 turnovers.

The Belles — now 9-11 overall and 8-5 in conference play — are in the second spot they currently occupy in the conference standings.

Junior guard Alison Kessler will look to surpass the 1,000-point mark for her career in Saturday's game. Kessler is just 13 points shy of the milestone, which only seven players in school history have attained.

The Belles have worked on rebounds during the last few weeks of practice, and their hard work has shown come game time. Against Calvin, Saint Mary's outrebounded the Comets by a 46-42 margin.

Another Saint Mary's strength is free throw shooting. The Belles have stayed consistent from the charity stripe all year, making it to the line 99 times more than their opponents. Free throws account for 25 percent of Saint Mary's scoring output this season.

After a tough loss, the Belles are favored against Kalamazoo. The win would be crucial to building momentum for the rest of the season.

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game — in a December series, allowing three goals in each of their two wins over the Wolverines, and have since lowered their goals-allowed average to 1.73 goals per game.
Irish goalie Dave Brown continues to make a strong bid for the Hobey Baker every weekend, holding the second-best goals-against average in the country (1.79), behind Vermont’s Joel Fallon (1.66). Brown’s dominance is aided by the 22.9 shots per game that his blueliners allow the opponent to get off.
“You’re not going to get many pucks past [Brown], that’s your first issue,” Mavericks coach Mike Kemp said. “They have a good, solid defensive corps and just with the system they play, they don’t give you many opportunities. They always have numbers back.”

Another key matchup will be the battle between the Maverick power play and Irish penalty kill. The two teams met Nov. 24-25 inOmaha split a series that saw Notre Dame lose 3-2 on a late power-play goal by defendant John Utst in the second game.

The Mavericks power play has continued to capitalize on its opponent’s mistakes, converting 21.7 percent of its chances. But the Irish penalty kill has made a name for itself as well, successfully running down 915 percent of its man-advantage situations.

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Loss

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the ball — and Kurz’s lower body. Kurz and Irish coach
Mike Brey looked for a foul call, but received nothing.

“I definitely think I got fouled, but you know, what are
you going to do,” Kurz said. “You can’t harp on one play, it’s
in the referee’s hands, and you’re on the road and tough
things happen.”

Brey said he designed the final play for Jackson to get
into the lane and make something happen off the dribble.

“They designed the last play) very well. Having said
that, we still had some opportuni­ties with rebounds and
stuff,” Brey said. “Usually a put-back gets you the win or
the tie in those situations. We had two of them and couldn’t
convert it.”

The Irish (18-6 overall) grabbed a 66-62 lead with 2:04
remaining in the game, thanks to a 3-pointer by guard Tory
Jackson. A rebound bucket by DePaul forward Marcus Heard
cut the lead to one.

Still, the Irish had a 66-65 lead with 27 seconds left and
the shot clock turned off. That meant the Blue Demons (14-
11, 5-6 Big East) would have to foul. Notre Dame put the ball
in the hands of its best free­offense to a more fast-paced,
in the 66-62 go-ahead bucket for the Blue Demons.

“Certainly they were in a sit­uation where we thought they were going to foul and proba­bly would have something in that situation,” Brey said.
“Oared we lost the ball somehow. That’s the guy I want
shooting free throws. So I felt pretty good when he caught it
70 feet from the basket.”

DePaul guard Dreelan Burns stole the ball from Kurz and
found a streaking Chandler in the corner, who stuffed it
in the 66-62 go-ahead bucket for the Blue Demons.

“But the Irish could not capital­ize on Notre Dame’s lead
ever got higher than three of the rest of the game.

The second half saw the teams go back and forth. Kurz,
DePaul started hot again, grab­
ning a 48-42 lead with 14:36
left, but then cooled off. The Irish
chipped away, and then
retook the lead 55-54 with
8:34 remaining, but would
not be on the upside of the score­
board until Jackson’s 3-pointer
with just over two minutes left,
offering the Irish shot 41
percent for the game, but only
7-for-22 beyond the arc and
scored only five bench points to
DePaul’s 20. The Blue Demons
kept Notre Dame guard Russell
Carder in check, limiting him to
just nine points, while the Irish
cracked down on the defensive­
ness, allowing just six second­
chance points. Burns grabbed
seven rebounds to go along with
11 points on 4-for-12 shooting
for the Blue Demons.

The Irish wrapped up their
three-game road trip with a 1-
2 record and will have a week
off before facing Providence
next Thursday at the Joyce
Center.

“Big East basketball is hu­mbling, but I still like my position,
even though this one hurts,” Brey said. “We got a week to get a little healthy first and then work on some things before Providence.”

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men’s and women’s rankings. Last week at the Midwest
Duel, the Irish finished 2-0 on
both the men’s and the women’s side. The Notre Dame
men beat Indiana 22-5, Michigan State 20-7 and
Purdue 24-3.

The Irish women topped the Hoyas 23-21 as guard
Burns finished 2-point game, is one of three
starters who average more than 10 points per game.

Females Alle Quigley (11.3 points) and
Samina Rubino (12.2 points) are the other two.

“Even the ones that aren’t
averaging double figures will be
pretty soon,” McGraw said.
“They do have a very balanced team and they’ve had a
lot of injuries and really I’ve
gotten a couple of kids back.”

The Blue Demons’ offensive style may present challenges
to the Irish. The team lacks a bona
fide center, which lends its
offense a guard-dominated style.

“They really play a five out,
fives guard kind of offense,”
McGraw said. “We’re going to
have to figure out how to guard
that. They have good 3-point
shooters. It’s going to be a diffi­
cult matchup for us because
we don’t have the big center like we have.”

Poor shooting has hampered the Blue Demons in big games. In its 78-61 loss to St. John’s, DePaul sank only 19 percent of its
efforts from 3-point range. In the
86-68 loss to Louisville, the Blue Demons only managed
29 percent of their field goals.

Notre Dame comes into the
game having won its last two

2 and the Boilermakers 27-0.

Duke

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10 points per game. Guards
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Irish forward Luke Harangody
fell, hard, that the Blue Demons
were falling off before facing
Purdue. “In the last eight games, an impressive offensive
performance and a defensive
shutdown of Louisville. Guard Chad Allen
led the Irish with 21 points on
8-of-15 shooting against the
Cardinals, and guard Breona
Gray was 3-7-of-3-point range,
sco­ring 12 total points.

Freshmen Ashley Barlow and
Erika Williamson saw consider­
able playing time against
Louisville and made good use of
it. Barlow dropped 15 points
and grabbed six rebounds in 30
minutes while Williamson
helped neutralize Cardinal center
Chantae Wright in the
paint.

DePaul averages 41.5
rebounds per game, 1.6 more than it allows its opponents and
3.9 more than Notre Dame. Rebounding will be addressed
in practices leading up to the
air. “I believe that they will be a challenge for our girls,
especially.”

On the men’s side of the
sabre, the Irish will be without
2006 NCAA runner-up Patrick
Ghassays. The senior will
be competing in international
competition this weekend to
garner points and increase his
national ranking ahead of the
2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

No matter the personnel
problems, Bednarski said Duke
is always a tough environment.

“It’s a lot of noise, a lot of
cheering and a lot of emotions
going around,” he said.

That is, if the Irish ever get
there.

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DePaul guard Cliff Clinkscale (12) and his teammates celebrate with defender Jarell Lott on the court against the Louisville Cardinals after DePaul’s 67-66 win over Notre Dame Thursday.

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GOD IS MY SONG AND MY REDEMPTION.

~Psalm 35:11

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Top-ranked icers take on Nebraska-Omaha

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson stood near center ice at practice Thursday and blasted his players for poorly executing a defensive system.

"You can't be strong in the neutral zone against this team," he yelled. "You have to be great in the neutral zone."

Jackson was referring to the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks, who play the No. 1 Irish in a two-game set starting tonight at the Joyce Center. And the second-year coach had every reason to be on edge the day before the CCHA series began — the Mavericks bring one of the nation's most potent offenses to face off against the best defense college hockey has to offer.

Nebraska-Omaha (13-12-7, 10-9-3 CCHA) has become the fifth-best offense in the country (3.81 goals per game) behind the duo of senior forwards Scott Parse and Andy Rjackowski, an entire offensive unit that has lifted the Mavericks to fifth place in the CCHA, more than compensating for a lackluster defense.

"You're going to have to defend well — I don't care who you are — against Nebraska, they're an offensive team," Jackson said. "You can key on Parse, then you have Nikiforuk beating you — they have sever-
al very good players and Parse is a great player, there's no question. If you focus on one guy, someone else will burn you."

The Irish (23-5-2, 17-3-2 CCHA) are No. 12 overall against Michigan — college hockey's top offense with 4.40 goals per game. The Irish have a new set of problems. The field at Duke includes Air Force, Duke, Johns Hopkins and North Carolina. The Falcons are ninth in the current USFCA poll on the men's side while the Blue Devils received votes but are outside the top 10 in both the current poll.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team looks for third straight Big East win

Irish hope to capitalize on DePaul's road woes

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

After an impressive second-half comeback over Louisville, Notre Dame faces DePaul with a chance to capture its third victory Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

DePaul (12-9, 5-6 Big East) has lost its last three games on the road, falling to Connecticut, St. John's and Louisville. Irish coach Muffet McGraw appreciates the home court advantage her team will have Sunday.

"I think we'll (well) real confident playing at home," McGraw said. "I think particularly for the freshmen it's just easier for them to play at home. And I think they enjoy the crowd. The crowd is really helping us win games right now."

The Blue Demons defeated South Florida 72-65 Tuesday. Forward Caprice Smith led the team with 17 points and 15 rebounds, and was one of five players in double figures during the game.

Guard Brenna Gray, center, takes off on a fast break in a come-from-behind victory over Louisville at the Joyce Center Wednesday.

ND heads to match at Duke

Weather strands team at O'Hare just hours before the competition

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's trip to Durham, N.C. for the Duke Duals got off to a bumpy start. Sitting in O'Hare International Airport waiting for his team's flight, all Irish coach Janusz Bednarski wanted, quite literally, was for his squad to get off the ground.

By 9 p.m. Thursday, Notre Dame's flight had been delayed four hours due to tire problems on the plane scheduled for the 750-mile flight. And the Irish were just hoping to get to North Carolina in time for the competition, which begins at 9 this morning.

"I don't want to be sitting here," Bednarski said by telephone. "I would rather have us be fencing. ... We are sitting here, waiting for information. I just hope we will make it today."

When the Irish finally arrive at the two-day Duals, they will have a new set of problems. The field at Duke includes Air Force, Duke, Johns Hopkins and North Carolina. The Falcons are ninth in the current USFCA poll on the men's side while the Blue Devils received votes but are outside the top 10 in both the current poll.