General Electric CEO to address grads

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of General Electric Co. Jeffrey R. Immelt will be the principal graduation speaker and an honorary degree recipient at Notre Dame’s May 20 commencement ceremony, University officials said Thursday.

“During his five-plus years as head of the world’s second-largest company, Jeff Immelt has demonstrated the innovative philosophy, leadership traits and personal integrity that make him a business executive worthy of emulating,” University President Father John Jenkins said. “We are delighted that he will join us in May to speak to our graduates and accept an honorary degree.” Immelt, 50, took over at GE, a Connecticut-based company, on Sept. 7, 2001 when he became the company’s ninth chairman in its 128-year history.

Immelt has previously served as President and Chairman-elect beginning in Nov. 2000 before he succeeded Jack Welch.

Born in Cincinnati, Immelt has been widely regarded recently for his “Ecomagination” initiative, GE’s plan to make more earth-friendly products. General Electric — a company which employs over 300,000 people and whose revenue reached $163.4 billion in 2006 — makes and sells products ranging from home appliances to jet engines.

Since taking over as CEO, Immelt has committed to more-than-doubling the company’s budget for developing environmentally-friendly technology. He has also pledged GE to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by one percent and to increase energy efficiency 30 percent by 2012. Immelt studied applied mathematics at Dartmouth College and later earned a masters of business administration from Harvard University.

He began his career at GE after graduating from business school in 1982. Over his 28-year GE career, Immelt has served as President and a Board member. Immelt has been the morning show’s guest on ABC Daytime.

University tuition hits $44,477

Increase marks the sixth in 6 years

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

The price of a Notre Dame education just got a little steeper — $2,340 steeper to be exact.

The University announced Thursday that tuition for undergraduates will increase 5.4 percent for the 2007-08 school year — up nearly $2,500 from the current academic year’s bill.

Decided at the winter Board of Trustees meetings, the total cost for a year of undergraduate education will be $44,477, including $33,187 for tuition and $9,290 for average room and board rates.

Tuition increases for the other schools connected with Notre Dame are 5.4 percent as well, bringing costs for the Graduate School to $35,580 and both the Law School and Master’s of Business Administration Program to $35,490.

This year’s increase signals a small percentage decrease in comparison to year’s past. While the 2006-07 academic year saw a 5.8 percent increase, the 2005-06 academic year saw a 7 percent rise, slightly higher than 2004-05’s 6.9 percent and 2003-04’s 6.5 percent increases. The 2001-02 and 2002-03 rises, however, were more

Parents, Holtz arrive on campus for JPW

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

Former head football coach Lou Holtz will be in town this weekend to speak to the parents of more than 1,200 juniors arriving in South Bend for the 55th annual Junior Parents Weekend (JPW).

Holtz will be speaking at Sunday’s closing brunch, the culminating activity of the three-day event designed for junior parents at Notre Dame.

“We’re particularly excited for Lou Holtz,” Associate Director of Student Activities Brian Fremeau said.

Fremeau said the organizing committee was fortunate to get a speaker who is “so loved” by the Notre Dame community to speak at JPW, an event intended to give parents the chance to learn more about the “people and places that comprise [their] son or daughter home away from home,” JPW 2007 chairperson Kerry Carroll said in a letter to junior parents.

Focused on the Notre Dame family, JPW enables parents to “become part of see JPW/page 4

Monologues return to College

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

For the third consecutive year, the Saint Mary’s community will gather to share stories of hope, sexuality and femininity during two weekend performances of SMC Monologues.

Modeled after Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues,” the SMC Monologues will tell personal stories submitted by members of the College’s community — addressing issues that affect women on a daily basis.

Monologues producer and director Donna Woodward said:

“Our monologues don’t just scratch the surface of issues facing Saint Mary’s women,” she said. “They dive head-first see SHOW/page 8

Parents, Holtz arrive on campus for JPW

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

Former head football coach Lou Holtz will be in town this weekend to speak to the parents of more than 1,200 juniors arriving in South Bend for the 55th annual Junior Parents Weekend (JPW).

Holtz will be speaking at Sunday’s closing brunch, the culminating activity of the three-day event designed for junior parents at Notre Dame.

“We’re particularly excited for Lou Holtz,” Associate Director of Student Activities Brian Fremeau said.

Fremeau said the organizing committee was fortunate to get a speaker who is “so loved” by the Notre Dame community to speak at JPW, an event intended to give parents the chance to learn more about the “people and places that comprise [their] son or daughter home away from home,” JPW 2007 chairperson Kerry Carroll said in a letter to junior parents.

Focused on the Notre Dame family, JPW enables parents to “become part of see JPW/page 4

Monologues return to College

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

For the third consecutive year, the Saint Mary’s community will gather to share stories of hope, sexuality and femininity during two weekend performances of SMC Monologues.

Modeled after Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues,” the SMC Monologues will tell personal stories submitted by members of the College’s community — addressing issues that affect women on a daily basis.

Monologues producer and director Donna Woodward said:

“Our monologues don’t just scratch the surface of issues facing Saint Mary’s women,” she said. “They dive head-first see SHOW/page 8

Parents, Holtz arrive on campus for JPW

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

Former head football coach Lou Holtz will be in town this weekend to speak to the parents of more than 1,200 juniors arriving in South Bend for the 55th annual Junior Parents Weekend (JPW).

Holtz will be speaking at Sunday’s closing brunch, the culminating activity of the three-day event designed for junior parents at Notre Dame.

“We’re particularly excited for Lou Holtz,” Associate Director of Student Activities Brian Fremeau said.

Fremeau said the organizing committee was fortunate to get a speaker who is “so loved” by the Notre Dame community to speak at JPW, an event intended to give parents the chance to learn more about the “people and places that comprise [their] son or daughter home away from home,” JPW 2007 chairperson Kerry Carroll said in a letter to junior parents.

Focused on the Notre Dame family, JPW enables parents to “become part of see JPW/page 4

Monologues return to College

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

For the third consecutive year, the Saint Mary’s community will gather to share stories of hope, sexuality and femininity during two weekend performances of SMC Monologues.

Modeled after Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues,” the SMC Monologues will tell personal stories submitted by members of the College’s community — addressing issues that affect women on a daily basis.

Monologues producer and director Donna Woodward said:

“Our monologues don’t just scratch the surface of issues facing Saint Mary’s women,” she said. “They dive head-first see SHOW/page 8

Parents, Holtz arrive on campus for JPW

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

Former head football coach Lou Holtz will be in town this weekend to speak to the parents of more than 1,200 juniors arriving in South Bend for the 55th annual Junior Parents Weekend (JPW).

Holtz will be speaking at Sunday’s closing brunch, the culminating activity of the three-day event designed for junior parents at Notre Dame.

“We’re particularly excited for Lou Holtz,” Associate Director of Student Activities Brian Fremeau said.

Fremeau said the organizing committee was fortunate to get a speaker who is “so loved” by the Notre Dame community to speak at JPW, an event intended to give parents the chance to learn more about the “people and places that comprise [their] son or daughter home away from home,” JPW 2007 chairperson Kerry Carroll said in a letter to junior parents.

Focused on the Notre Dame family, JPW enables parents to “become part of see JPW/page 4

Monologues return to College

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

For the third consecutive year, the Saint Mary’s community will gather to share stories of hope, sexuality and femininity during two weekend performances of SMC Monologues.

Modeled after Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues,” the SMC Monologues will tell personal stories submitted by members of the College’s community — addressing issues that affect women on a daily basis.

Monologues producer and director Donna Woodward said:

“Our monologues don’t just scratch the surface of issues facing Saint Mary’s women,” she said. “They dive head-first see SHOW/page 8

Parents, Holtz arrive on campus for JPW

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

Former head football coach Lou Holtz will be in town this weekend to speak to the parents of more than 1,200 juniors arriving in South Bend for the 55th annual Junior Parents Weekend (JPW).

Holtz will be speaking at Sunday’s closing brunch, the culminating activity of the three-day event designed for junior parents at Notre Dame.

“We’re particularly excited for Lou Holtz,” Associate Director of Student Activities Brian Fremeau said.

Fremeau said the organizing committee was fortunate to get a speaker who is “so loved” by the Notre Dame community to speak at JPW, an event intended to give parents the chance to learn more about the “people and places that comprise [their] son or daughter home away from home,” JPW 2007 chairperson Kerry Carroll said in a letter to junior parents.

Focused on the Notre Dame family, JPW enables parents to “become part of see JPW/page 4

Monologues return to College

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

For the third consecutive year, the Saint Mary’s community will gather to share stories of hope, sexuality and femininity during two weekend performances of SMC Monologues.

Modeled after Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues,” the SMC Monologues will tell personal stories submitted by members of the College’s community — addressing issues that affect women on a daily basis.

Monologues producer and director Donna Woodward said:

“Our monologues don’t just scratch the surface of issues facing Saint Mary’s women,” she said. “They dive head-first see SHOW/page 8
INSIDE COLUMN
Mom, Dad, welcome to college

Today, yesterday and tomorrow, parents are streaming into Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campuses, dorms, classrooms, dining halls and anywhere else that students can go. Every hotel room within a 10-mile radius is most likely booked solid for this weekend. There are probably no more reservations available in any restaurant in town, and the line will be ridiculously long. It’s pretty sweet to think about, though. Mom and Dad are coming here to see what their baby girl/hus is doing all the way out here in (very) snowy South Bend.

My own parents came in from central New Jersey around 11 last night complete with bulky luggage, various items I left at home when I came back from Christmas break and hopefully some quarters we’ve got I can do more laundry between the rushing to clean and vacuum my double-turned-single-room, trying to get all my homework done for Thursday and Friday before they got here, and actually going to my classes, I’m about ready to collapse. Too bad that last trains start tonight. There is a pretty easy solution to that. I’ll gulp down an energy drink (or two, or three), throw on my best stilletto heels (hope I don’t fall), and prepare myself to spend the entire weekend with my mom and dad.

I’m not going to lie. I’m excited, despite the always-ominent snowfall. Being from Jersey, my parents don’t really get to come here is like for us. Mom, Dad, welcome to Saint Mary’s!

Contact Mandi Strione at astrio01@ndmgs.edu

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

CORRECTIONS
The Observer regrets noll as a professional publisher and reviews for the highest standards of editorial quality. We, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you could give a gift to the universe, where would you give the money to?

To the Office of Residence Life and Housing, so somebody wouldn’t buy curtains that actually cover the shower stalls.

The Filipino American Student Organization (FASO) practices a cultural dance called “linking” but with a slightly more modern twist Thursday.

OFFBEAT
Man grabs shark with hands, blames alcohol
SYDNEY, Australia — A man who caught a 4-foot shark with his bare hands off an Australian beach said on Friday he only tried the feat because he was drunk on vodka.

Phillip Kernhof was fishing off a jetty at Louth Bay, a town on South Australia’s state’s Eyre Peninsula 870 miles west of Sydney, when he spotted the bronze whaler shark swimming in the shallows, the Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported.

“I just snuck up behind him, and eventually I went for the big grab and I bloked it and got him,” Kernhof said.

“He was just thrashing around in the water ... starting to turn around and try to bite me and I thought ‘well, it’s amazing what vodka does,” Kernhof said.

Turtle eaten by retriever survives
BRANDON, Fla. — A palm-sized pet turtle and the golden retriever that gulped it survived the misadventure thanks to the quick actions of a 12-year-old girl, a veterinarian said.

The saga of Pepper the red-eared slider turtle and Bella the golden retriever started last week. Shelby Terhyl, 12, moved her pet pond turtles indoors to protect them from a cold snap — a plan that worked well until Bella found some of the turtles in a bathtub, the Tampa Tribune reported.

A quick headcount confirmed Bella had swallowed one of the turtles. Shelby insisted on a rescue mission and, on the advice of a vet, her parents made Bella vomit. Out came Pepper, still alive despite a shattered shell and an estimated 10 minutes inside Bella’s belly.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF
The Second City Comedy Tour will perform at Washington Hall at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. today. Student tickets are $5 and are available at the LaFortune Box Office.

Junior Parents Weekend begins today with the Opening Gala and will end Sunday with the Closing Brunch.

The SMC Monologues will take place today and Saturday at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College. A donation of $3 is suggested.

The men’s lacrosse team will play Loyola Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Lufus Sports Center. Admission is free.

Indie rockers Spitalfield of Chicago will perform live at Legends Saturday at 9 p.m. The event is free of charge and open to all ND, SMC and HCC students.

Sister Teresa Okure, a professor at the Catholic Institute of West Africa in Nigeria, will be giving the lecture “Salvific Option for the Rich: A Gospel Challenge for Mission in the Twenty-First Century” Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Moreau Seminary auditorium.

The women’s tennis team will take on Wake Forest Sunday at noon at the Courtney Tennis Center.

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

PAGE 2
Friday, February 16, 2007
Parents arrive at College

By KATIE KOHLER
Assistant News Editor

During the spring semester, students often use their only summer break — spring break — for a week of sitting on the beach with friends instead of going home to see their families. Fortunately for sophomores at Saint Mary’s, they’ll have the opportunity to do both this weekend.

The weekend events — which are coordinated by the sophomore class and Student Activities — will revolve around the theme “We are so Classic” to emphasize the deep-rooted traditions at Saint Mary’s, said student coordinator Sarah Dalston.

Over 200 people are expected to attend the weekend events. “We have all been working hard since the beginning of this year for the big weekend,” she said.

The planning of the event went smoothly, Dalston said, and she promises a “lot of special touches throughout the weekend” dedicated to past Saint Mary’s women. Events start Friday with an academic open house in the Student Center at 5 p.m. “This is a great chance for parents to get to meet our teachers and see more familiar with them than we were at freshman orientation,” Dalston said.

Tours of the South Bend Chocolate Factory, the Snite Museum and the College Football Hall of Fame are all offered for sophomores and their families beginning Saturday morning. The Hall of Fame is the only activity which requires a fee, but a discounted group rate will be available for Saint Mary’s sophomores and their parents.

The signature event is the dinner and dance at the Century Center beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday.

“Sophomore Parents Weekend is such a tradition at Saint Mary’s and it’s going to be a memory that we are spend with each other and our parents,” Dalston said. “We tried to focus a lot of effort into the dinner.”

Prior to dinner there will be raffles, appetizers and music, Dalston said. The Sophomore Board is raffling off approximately 25 gift baskets and all of the proceeds will go toward future class events.

“Our love for this school has really developed over the past year and a half and it will be really exciting for our parents to experience that with us,” she said.

A sophomore Mass will precede dinner at 4 p.m. in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto.

Many sophomores are looking forward to seeing their parents, especially those who live far away. Mary Beth Harris, who lives in Iowa, is using this weekend as an opportunity to spend some quality time with her parents. “I am really excited to see my parents because last semester I was an ocean away in Rome,” she said. “It will be great to show my parents the campus.”

Megan Ryan is anxiously anticipating the weekend for another reason. “I am the first one in my family to ever attend Saint Mary’s, so this is the first parent-event my parents have the chance to come to,” she said. “I think it’s going to be a great time.”

Contact Katie Kohler at kkohler1@saintmarys.edu

What is the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative & what is the Millennium Villages Project?

Are you wondering what the Millennium Development Initiative is all about? Are you wondering how Notre Dame intends to make a difference through its participation in the Millennium Villages Project?

Are you wondering why Notre Dame is participating in the Millennium Villages Project?

Come to an information session and discussion about the Millennium Development Initiative conducted by Fr. Bob Dowd, CSC and Tim Lyden.

Friday, February 16, 4pm
Hesburgh Center Auditorium, Hesburgh Center for International Studies

Refreshments to follow in the Great Hall of the Hesburgh Center.
Enrollment on the Web site, the event —
continue from page 1

Address
continued from page 1

24-year career at the compa-
nny, Immelt has "held a series of
global leadership roles in
GE's Plastics, Appliance, and
Medical businesses," accord-
ing to the GE Web site.

Immelt has been named one
of the world's best CEOs by
BusinessWeek and has been
praised for the way he
led GE, named the
"World's Most Admired
Company" in a poll conducted
by Fortune magazine.

Immelt serves as chairman
of The Business Council and
sits on the boards of the
New York Federal Reserve
Bank, Robin Hood, an organiza-
tion which addresses New
York City poverty, and Catalyst, an
organization focused on
advancing women in busi-
ness.

Immelt currently resides in
Connecticut.

Contact Kate Antonacci at kantonac@nd.edu

Election
continued from page 1

I feel that we really just
want what's best for the stu-
dent body and no clear
majority makes it difficult to
determine what students
really want," Smith added.
"Either candidate would do a
great job.

Braun acknowledged that
the vote is out of the candid-
dates' hands.

"At this point, whatever's
supposed to happen now will
be," Braun said.

Even in the hands of
Student Senate, the process
can be stressful.

"Whenever the vote goes to
the Senate it gets a lot more
personal because everyone
knows the candidates a lot
better," Braun said. "But
votes according to dorm
majority) will determine
who's fit to be the next
leader.

Of the student body, 1,067
freshmen, 1,046 sophomores,
761 juniors, 474 seniors and
three five-year students cast
their ballots.

Despite the seemingly
unclear outcome, Judicial
Council president Liz Kozlow
said Thursday represented "a
successful run-off election."
Voter turnout remained rel-
avtively stable from Monday's
election, which had 3,492
ballots, she said.

"I hope that we raised
awareness [about elections]
and the debate had a very
good turnout," Kozlowski
said.

Whatever happens on
Sunday, both tickets feel that
the process has been excel-
ent experience.

"It's nice to see hard work
pay off," said Smith. "We
pushed really hard."

Braun said that looking
back, it is nice to know that
"you couldn't have done any-
thing more."

Contact Sonia Rao at
srco1@nd.edu

Come and Listen
Come and Read
Come and Play
Lectio@Eleven
A Late Night Cabaret for the Soul
11:00 pm every Tuesday at Recker's
Free pizza supplied by First Year of Studies!
February 20 featuring:

Music by d'Oscar
Readings by Prof. Henry Weinfield (PLS)

Program postponed from February 13.

Lectio@Eleven brings a cabaret of
great music and great writing, read aloud, for the Notre Dame
community. Come to Recker's and hear it with your own ears!

We are always looking for more readers and musicians. If interested, contact Jonathan Couser at
jcouser@nd.edu or call 631-3923.

Sponsored by First Year of Studies

Want to write for News?
Contact Kate at 631-5323.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Al-Qa'ida leader wounded in Iraq

BAGHDAD — The leader of al-Qa'ida in Iraq was wounded and an aid was killed in a clash Thursday with Iraqi forces north of Baghdad, the Interior Ministry spokesman said.

The clash occurred near Haditha, a major U.S. base about 50 miles north of the capital, Brig. Gen. Abdul Karim Khalid said.

Khalid said al-Qa'ida in Iraq leader Abu Ayyub al-Masri was wounded and his aide, identified as Abu Abdullah al-Majemaai, was killed.

Khalid declined to say how Iraqi forces knew al-Masri had been injured, and there was no report on the incident from U.S. authorities.

A U.S. military official said that U.S. forces engaged with insurgents Thursday with Iraqi forces north of Baghdad, where cars rigged with explosives went off. But he said the details about those engagements were not available, which kills 440,000 people and costs our

Iraq

Security forces face insurgents

U.S., Iraqi forces push into Sunni neighborhoods, struggle to stabilize Baghdad

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. and Iraqi forces pushed deeper Thursday into Sunni militant strongholds in Baghdad — where cars rigged with explosives went off, their leaders2 were killed.

For their part, Iraqis in southern Iraq used shipping containers to block suspected weapon smuggling routes from Iran.

Iraqi soldiers rode in an armored vehicle near a Baghdad checkpoint in Sadr City, Iraq, as U.S. and Iraqi forces confront Sunni resistance Thursday.

“Baghdad — which is key to current campaign of security forces, said an Associated Press reporter traveling with the unit.

U.S. Bradley fighting vehicles fired 25mm rounds into homes shielding the gunmen, said a spokesman for the military buildup in Iraq. The series of car bomb blasts, which killed at least seven civilians, touched off the gunmen, said an Associated Press reporter traveling with the unit.

U.S. forces are now concentrating on those who are perpetrating the violence and terror acts in all districts,” he said — an apparent reference to the Shiite militia stronghold of Sadr City.

Around the capital, U.S. and Iraqi soldiers set up dozens of roadway checkpoints and conducted top-to-bottom searches of vehicles and motorbikes.

But in one blockade, Mohammed al-Jubouri said people are willing to put up with delays so long as the security sweep shows some results after bombings that have killed hundreds of civilians this year.

“We are fed up with these stalling words,” al-Jubouri said. “We want only the security and stabilization.”

Mohammed Ali Jassim, a 40-year-old Sunni owner of a spare parts store, was already fed up with delays. “We are sick of looking at bodies lying on the ground every day. Nearly 300 people in 39 states have fallen ill since August, and federal health investigators said they strongly suspect Peanut Pan peanut butter and certain batches of Wal-Mart’s Great Value house brand — both manufactured by ConAgra Foods Inc.

CDC studies salmonella outbreak

ATLANTA — Government scientists struggled Thursday to pinpoint the source of the first U.S. salmonella outbreak linked to peanut butter, the kid favorite picked up in massive amounts on Sunday.

Nearly 300 people in 30 states have fallen ill since August, and federal health investigators said they strongly suspect Peanut Pan peanut butter and certain batches of Wal-Mart’s Great Value house brand — both manufactured by ConAgra Foods Inc.

At least 15 people have died, including a 2-year-old boy in Massachusetts who was among the seven children who died.

Health officials have found salmonella in peanut butter, but the bodies were found inside, Fire Chief Don Sink said.

The fire did not appear suspicious, but investiga-

tions were on the scene to the city to the city about 25 miles southeast of South Bend, Sink said.

Authorities did not immediately identify the victim.

Pelosi warns against Iran invasion

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday that Pakistan’s Bush lacks the authority to invade Iran without specific approval from Congress, a charge echoed to the president in chief on the eve of a symbolic vote critical of the Bush administration.

Pelosi, D-Calif., noted that Bush consistently said he supports a diplomatic resolution to differences with Iran “and I take him at his word.”

At the same time, she said, “I do believe that Congress should assert itself, though, and make it very clear that there is no previous authority for the president, any president, to go into Iran.”

Pelosi spoke in an interview in the Capitol as the House moved through a third marathon day of debate on a nonbinding measure that disapproves of the military buildup in Iraq while expressing support for the troops.

Passage of the measure was expected Friday, and across the Capitol, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid unexpectedly announced plans to hold a test vote Saturday. Partisan bickering has prevented a Senate vote on the troop increase, with Republicans insisting on equal treatment for an alternative rules package that would allow for a final showdown vote on the troop increase.

Bush administration officials and their allies are resigned to House passage of the resolution and have worked in recent days to hold down defections by GOP lawmakers.
Friday
Feb. 16th
10PM

Come see Legends transform into a raucous PianoBar

NO COVER | ALL AGES WELCOME | ND.SMC.HCC ID REQ'D | LEGENDS.ND.EDU

SPITALFIELD
LIVE IN CONCERT

SATURDAY, FEB. 17TH @ 10 PM • LEGENDS OF NOTRE DAME

NO COVER | ALL AGES WELCOME | ND.SMC.HCC ID REQ'D | LEGENDS.ND.EDU
Chrysler restructures, cuts jobs

DETROIT — Shrink to grow, that’s the mantra coming from Detroit, where all three of the traditional domestic auto companies have announced thousands of job cuts, due in part to hopes of turning red ink to black.

But they all say they can’t cut their way to profitability. In the end, they have to build more cars and trucks that people want to buy. They say that means smaller and more fuel-efficient vehicles.

There’s no doubt that the easier part of the two prongs of restructuring is cost-cutting,” said Ulf Enevold Levy, senior industry analyst with Standard & Poor’s. “The hard part is getting the vehicles that consumers want.”

With Chrysler’s announcement Wednesday that it will cut 13,000 jobs and shut down one plant and some assembly lines, all the traditional domestic auto manufacturers have downsized considerably in the last two years. Ford Motor Co. will cut up to 38,000 blue-collar jobs and another 14,000 salaried positions. General Motors Corp. has trimmed its salaried ranks and about 35,000 production jobs.

GM alone says it has cut about $20 billion from the cost of building each car.

All three lost billions last year and were forced to shrink as expensive gasoline prices and demand for gas-guzzling trucks and sport utility vehicles to smaller, more fuel-efficient models, sending the Big Three on a scramble to come out with new models to try to recapture buyers who fled to Asian competitors.

The domestic brands’ share of the market had shrunk from more than 70 percent in the 1980s to 53.7 percent last year. And with the big new family cars such as the Toyota Camry likely will unseat Ford as the No. 2 auto seller in the U.S. this year.

With many of their new products already in the market, several industry analysts say the jury is still out on whether the automakers can recover.

“There are some new products that have taken hold and there are others that are questionable,” said Tom Libby, J.D. Power and Associates’ senior director of industry analysis.

Among the successes he points to is the Pontiac Solstice, a niche car that sits only a short time on dealer lots and has sold roughly 1,000 to 2,000 per month since its introduction in October 2005. The sleek two-seat roadster is priced around $20,000. You have a combination of this sexy appeal of a car with this low price,” Libby said. “You have to have both, and that proves itself with the Solstice.”

GM and the others have to duplicate that success with higher-volume vehicles like Ford’s Fusion, the Saturn Aura and Dodge Caliber Libby said.

Ford sold 142,502 Fusions last year, growing in its share of the midsize market to around 7 percent. The midsize Aura, on the market for only six months, is selling between 4,000 and 5,000 per month, while the Caliber small SUV, introduced in February 2006, sold just over 92,000 last year. Demand for it has been so high both in the U.S. and overseas that dealers are complaining about shortages.

Early sales of GM’s new pickup trucks, the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra, also have been good, Libby said, although the full model line is just now reaching the showrooms.

All of those are bright spots, Libby says, but they fall far short of Toyota’s Camry, the largest-selling car in the U.S. with 1,417,104 sold in 2006.

Chrysler’s new Sebring midsize car, introduced in October, got a bit of a slow start and will have a tough go because Chrysler has had few successful entries in the midsize market, Libby said.

Domestic companies restructure

Auto manufacturers announce job cuts to concentrate on competitive models

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shrink to grow, that’s the mantra coming from Detroit, where all three of the traditional domestic auto companies have announced thousands of job cuts, due in part to hopes of turning red ink to black.

But they all say they can’t cut their way to profitability. In the end, they have to build more cars and trucks that people want to buy. They say that means smaller and more fuel-efficient vehicles.

With Chrysler’s announcement Wednesday that it will cut 13,000 jobs and shut down one plant and some assembly lines, all the traditional domestic auto manufacturers have downsized considerably in the last two years. Ford Motor Co. will cut up to 38,000 blue-collar jobs and another 14,000 salaried positions. General Motors Corp. has trimmed its salaried ranks and about 35,000 production jobs.

GM alone says it has cut about $20 billion from the cost of building each car.

All three lost billions last year and were forced to shrink as expensive gasoline prices and demand for gas-guzzling trucks and sport utility vehicles to smaller, more fuel-efficient models, sending the Big Three on a scramble to come out with new models to try to recapture buyers who fled to Asian competitors.

The domestic brands’ share of the market had shrunk from more than 70 percent in the 1980s to 53.7 percent last year. And with the big new family cars such as the Toyota Camry likely will unseat Ford as the No. 2 auto seller in the U.S. this year.

With many of their new products already in the market, several industry analysts say the jury is still out on whether the automakers can recover.

“There are some new products that have taken hold and there are others that are questionable,” said Tom Libby, J.D. Power and Associates’ senior director of industry analysis.

Among the successes he points to is the Pontiac Solstice, a niche car that sits only a short time on dealer lots and has sold roughly 1,000 to 2,000 per month since its introduction in October 2005. The sleek two-seat roadster is priced around $20,000. You have a combination of this sexy appeal of a car with this low price,” Libby said. “You have to have both, and that proves itself with the Solstice.”

GM and the others have to duplicate that success with higher-volume vehicles like Ford’s Fusion, the Saturn Aura and Dodge Caliber Libby said.

Ford sold 142,502 Fusions last year, growing in its share of the midsize market to around 7 percent. The midsize Aura, on the market for only six months, is selling between 4,000 and 5,000 per month, while the Caliber small SUV, introduced in February 2006, sold just over 92,000 last year. Demand for it has been so high both in the U.S. and overseas that dealers are complaining about shortages.

Early sales of GM’s new pickup trucks, the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra, also have been good, Libby said, although the full model line is just now reaching the showrooms.

All of those are bright spots, Libby says, but they fall far short of Toyota’s Camry, the largest-selling car in the U.S. with 1,417,104 sold in 2006.

Chrysler’s new Sebring midsize car, introduced in October, got a bit of a slow start and will have a tough go because Chrysler has had few successful entries in the midsize market, Libby said.

Stocks rise after Bernanke’s forecast

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street extended its February rally Thursday, growing confident that interest rates will hold steady even as Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies before Congress next week. The cooling growth and inflation with a reminder that price pressures remain a concern.

The Dow Jones industrial average was giving its February rally Thursday, triggered Tuesday and had its second straight record Thursday. The reports showed a big jump in unemployment claims last week, a huge drop in industrial output in January due to large cutbacks and layoffs in the auto industry, and weaker-than-expected manufacturing turning in the Philadelphia region.

"The Fed is still data-driven, so we will be looking at the data in the ensuing months," said Jim Herrick, manager of equity trading at Baird & Co. "There’s a strong possibility we’ll continue this uptrend.

Also boosting the market were a stock buyback by Caterpillar Inc., an analyst upgrade of chip maker Freescale Inc., and Boeing Co. finalizing an order from United Parcel Service Inc. for 27 cargo planes.
Show continued from page 1

...into them and make a big splash.

While the event has the beginnings of a campus tradition in its third year, Woodward acknowledges that not all members of the campus community embrace the annual performance — something she said she hopes to change.

"I would like those who may not embrace this type of performance and dialogue to come with an open mind and heart and truly see this production for what it is," she said.

SMC Monologues faculty advisor Catherine Pittman mirrored Woodward's mission of promoting the necessity of the Monologues within the community — a production she deemed more powerful than "The Vagina Monologues." "On this campus there is no better way to learn about the diversity of Saint Mary's women's experiences with their own sexuality," she said.

While Pittman stressed "The Vagina Monologues" aren't focused on the College campus, she said the SMC Monologues' unique approach has received praise from both Saint Mary's administration and Enabler. This powerful performance has received a lot of national attention, she said, and has been presented at academic conferences in New York, California and Wisconsin.

"We have been directly contacted by colleges interested in following our model," she said. "In fact, one college even requested that we allow them to perform some of our monologues."

As the monologues highlight the diverse experiences of Saint Mary's students, both Pittman and Woodward said the performance also works to demold stereotypes. "The production has a potential to open one's eyes to what a Saint Mary's woman is really all about and debunk the stereotypes," Woodward said.

The SMC Monologues were the perfect way for Woodward to channel her interest in women's issues, she said, and those involved with the production are "doing nothing wrong or immoral. We're telling the stories written by the community."

Although Pittman acknowledged "the vast majority of individuals on campus are supportive or neutral about the Monologues," she is the skillful writing of the student submissions that has gained the SMC Monologues' acceptance amongst the faculty, she said.

"Faculty have seen it as a production reflecting women's leadership and academic freedom," she said — the exact issue that has drawn the Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson to attend the weekend performance.

"College campuses have the most appropriate places to share ideas and exchange points of view," she said. "It's all about learning."

The learning process began when College faculty, staff, students and alumnae anonymously submitted their personal stories during November, December and January. A panel comprised of faculty, staff and students evaluated the 15 submissions and chose eight new monologues for this year's performance, Pittman said.

While the audience anticipates eight new monologues, Pittman said some of the "classics" from past years will be included in the performance. "We couldn't do without the famous 'Valerie Vagina,'" she said.

The production — sponsored by Feminists United and the Women's Resource Center — will take place Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium. There is a suggested $3 admission donation for the S.O.S rape crisis center at Madison Center in South Bend.

Contact Kelly Mchau at kmchau01@saintmarys.edu

Show continued from page 1

...experience so widely admired by our peers and so keenly cherished by our graduates."

While addressing the continuing concerns parents, University officers and trustees have about finances, Jenkins said that the success of Notre Dame graduates and the high retention rate points to the high performance of the University. The University has a retention rate of 98 percent from freshman to sophomore year. Ninety-six percent of students graduate on time and 99 percent of graduates pursuing "jobs, graduate school or volunteer service are able to find career opportunities within one year or less of graduation," according to a University press release.

"Beyond graduation, our success is further demonstrated by the fact that 92 percent of our alumni indicate that they are pleased with their time at Notre Dame and found great value in the experiences," Jenkins said.

Contact Kate Antonacci at kantonac@nd.edu
African nations agree with France

Associated Press

CANNES, France — Looking to end the crisis in Darfur, France won agreement on Thursday from three involved African nations that they would not support armed rebel movements on each other's territories.

Sudan, Chad and Central African Republic made the commitment in a declaration signed Thursday night, on the sidelines of an African summit that France hosted in the Riviera city of Cannes.

There were still no signs that Sudan was any closer to agreeing to a key international demand: that it accept the deployment of U.N. peacekeepers to Darfur, its western region where fighting has killed more than 200,000 people since 2003.

However, French President Jacques Chirac's spokesman hailed the African nations' pledge and their call for continued United Nations and African Union involvement as an indication that they don't want the crisis to worsen.

"We hope that all those who took part in this meeting did so because they don't want the Sudan to establish itself," said the spokesman, Jerome Bonnafont.

France and other powers fear the Darfur violence is spilling over and could engulf the entire region. Tensions have mounted over and could engulf the entire region. Tensions have mounted over and could engulf the entire region. Tensions have mounted over and could engulf the entire region.

The mere fact that presidents Omar al-Bashir of Sudan, Idriss Deby of Chad and Francois Bozize of Central African Republic met was in itself seen as noteworthy.

"There is clear suspicion between the three countries and a clear willingness from African countries, in particular the African Union, and the international community to dispel it," said Bonnafont.

Whether their pledge would have real significance was open to question. Deby and al-Bashir signed a similar agreement a year ago to normalize diplomatic relations and deny refuge to each other's rebel groups.

Chad has accused Sudan of backing rebels in the country. Central African Republic also has alleged that Sudan supported a rebellion there. Sudan denied both charges and has accused Chad of backing rebels in Darfur.

More than 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million have fled their homes since 2003, when Darfur tribes took up arms against the Sudanese government, accusing it of targeting and discriminating. The Arab-dominated government responded with a military offensive in which the janjaweed militia has committed widespread atrocities. The U.S. government has described the violence as genocide.

A 7,000-strong African Union peacekeeping force has been trying to quell the ongoing violence, but the force is underfunded and ill-equipped. Al-Bashir rejected a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for 22,000 U.N. peacekeepers to replace the AU force in Darfur. But he also has sent mixed signals about a joint U.N.-AU force.

The United Nations and African Union envoys to Darfur said on Thursday that they were "encouraged" about prospects for peace in the country's troubled region after two days of talks with factions in Sudan.

The two — U.N.'s special envoy tasked with re-energizing the Darfur peace process, Jan Dilmunis, and AU's Salim Ahmed Salim — have been in Sudan this week for meetings with Khartoum officials, rebel leaders and stops in Darfur.

Do you know about OIS's Summer Programs?
Earn ND credits and grades while abroad this summer!

Summer 2007 only:

• Vienna, Austria
• Paris, France
• Milan, Italy
• Rome, Italy
• Auckland, New Zealand

Offered every year:

• Dublin, Ireland
• Puebla, Mexico
• Toledo, Spain
• Kampala, Uganda
• London, United Kingdom

For more information attend an Information Session on
Tuesday, February 20, at 5:30 pm in 131 DeBartolo or visit
http://www.nd.edu/~ois/Locations/Locations.html

The application deadline for most summer programs is March 1, 2007

Attention

JUNIORS and SENIORS

interested in teaching English, researching, or studying abroad for one year after graduation:

Come to an information meeting on

FULBRIGHTS

Monday, February 19 at 7pm
or Tuesday, February 20 at 5:30pm
in Room 118 DeBartolo

If you cannot attend but would like information, please contact the Fellowships Office
105 O'Shag fellows@nd.edu

Write for The Observer.
Call the News Desk at 1-5323.
When questions arose last spring about sponsorship and endorsement of potentially controversial student productions, debate erupted. Outraged faculty members spoke out against the University administration, vehemently defending academic freedom and the right of academic departments to sponsor events like the "The Vagina Monologues." Ten weeks later, University President Father John Jenkins released a statement intended to close out the heated and often polarized discussion that he began. That statement said the "Monologues" would not be banned on campus, as long as they were performed in an academic setting with departmental sponsorship. Faculty members - at least those willing to comment publicly - widely regarded Jenkins's decision as moderate, expressing satisfaction that academic freedom was preserved.

So one year later, why are academic departments so slow to jump on board with the upcoming "Monologues" and "Qlassics," last weekend's follow-up to both "Gay and Lesbian FilmMakers, Spectacularity and Narratives" and, before that, the Queer Film Festival? This year's installment of "The Vagina Monologues" will now definitely join the "Monologues" in the list of sponsored events. And "Qlassics," while supported financially by the Film, Television and Theatre department and the Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, usually went a name change because faculty warned organizers against using the words "gay" and "lesbian" in its title. At this point, it's unclear why departments seem hesitant in sponsoring. It's possible student committees just got a slow start in asking for support. It's possible other priorities are taking precedent. It's also possible department chairs aretelegraming in a form of self-censorship, tired of arguing with the University about the place of Eve Ensler's sexually explicit play on a Catholic campus.

Whatever the case, it's concerning that department chairstowards that strain of criticism that deplores the practice of self-censorship and, thus, "Monologues" and "Qlassics" would bring up this issue, of all things, seemingly out of nowhere. This question claims that the relationship between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's is, by design, separate but proud. I believe that this relationship has even become part of the tradition of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Since both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are Saint Mary's students act as if they are not Notre Dame students do pay a (constant) $60 additional fee is the price they pay for the convenience of living on campus, or just unnoticed - it will hurt the whole University community. So when he issued his closing statement last spring, Jenkins commented students and faculty members for engaging in thoughtless, concerned debate. Unfortunately, that debate now seems to be lost. Maybe the campus is tired. But if Notre Dame students are "separate but proud" - be given the privilege to buy season tickets, a luxury that many other universities don't offer students. Of course, Notre Dame students do pay a constant $60 additional fee is the price they pay for the chance to see Notre Dame foot-ball, they should be willing to pay it and not try and use this policy against Notre Dame. It really bothers me that they wouldn't bring up this issue, of all things, in an argument over their contributions to this "partnership." If they don't want to pay the fee, I am sure there are thousands of alumni who can fill these seats. As a general rule, as a resident of Keean Hall, I am grateful that Saint Mary's allows us use of O'Laughlin Auditorium for one week each year. We are charged a fee (which I believe is in excess of cost) and the College maintains the right to censor material it deems unsuitable. Fair enough - we don't complain. But all hard feelings aside, we cannot allow us to lose sight of the fact that they are not my students. Of course, I am glad that they are. And the most important factor in your vote for student body president? Football tickets worth extra fee for those voting yes. For the second year in a row, I was most irritated at the football ticket debate. Here is a team that, regardless of national rankings, rank sells out every game. For every person sitting in that stadium there are countless who would gladly pay double or more for the privilege. All they are asking is that the price they pay for the chance to see Notre Dame football, they should be willing to pay it and not try and use this policy against Notre Dame. It really bothers me that they wouldn't bring up this issue, of all things, in an argument over their contributions to this "partnership." If they don't want to pay the fee, I am sure there are thousands of alumni who can fill these seats. As a general rule, as a resident of Keean Hall, I am grateful that Saint Mary's allows us use of O'Laughlin Auditorium for one week each year. We are charged a fee (which I believe is in excess of cost) and the College maintains the right to censor material it deems unsuitable. Fair enough - we don't complain. But all hard feelings aside, we cannot allow us to lose sight of the fact that they are not my students. Of course, I am glad that they are. And the most important factor in your vote for student body president? Football tickets worth extra fee for those voting yes. For the second year in a row, I was most irritated at the football ticket debate. Here is a team that, regardless of national rankings, rank sells out every game. For every person sitting in that stadium there are countless who would gladly pay double or more for the privilege. All they are asking is that the price they pay for the chance to see Notre Dame football, they should be willing to pay it and not try and use this policy against Notre Dame. It really bothers me that they wouldn't bring up this issue, of all things, in an argument over their contributions to this "partnership." If they don't want to pay the fee, I am sure there are thousands of alumni who can fill these seats. As a general rule, as a resident of Keean Hall, I am grateful that Saint Mary's allows us use of O'Laughlin Auditorium for one week each year. We are charged a fee (which I believe is in excess of cost) and the College maintains the right to censor material it deems unsuitable. Fair enough - we don't complain. But all hard feelings aside, we cannot allow us to lose sight of the fact that they are not my students. Of course, I am glad that they are. And the most important factor in your vote for student body president? Football tickets worth extra fee for those voting yes. For the second year in a row, I was most irritated at the football ticket debate. Here is a team that, regardless of national rankings, rank sells out every game. For every person sitting in that stadium there are countless who would gladly pay double or more for the privilege.
Americans have become as outrageously fickle with political specifics as they are forgetful of generalities. This primarily presidential election cycle is rampant with negativity. More often than not, voters cling onto insignificant imperfections and candidates while ignoring overwhelming breadth of a candidate's character and platform. Pollsters call this the bean counter’s approach to politics, which candidate would you prefer to be with to drink a beer.

Ironically, the primary system is as fickle. Retired General Wesley Clark lost the Democratic nomination in 2004, simply because he campaigned late and missing the Iowa caucuses. Conflicted Iowa Democrats sought a nominee with strong military credentials to combat terrorists, but also wanted someone who would not be a repeat invasion of Iraq. Before Iowa, Senator John Kerry’s campaign floundered on virtual life support while former Governor Howard Dean had yet to implode. As the nation’s first contest, Iowa voted for the more credible candidate because it was a foregone conclusion which gave great momentum to Kerry’s lifetime campaign. The rest is history. As the U.S. House of Representatives concludes its debate today with a vote to disagree with President Bush’s new military “surge” tactic, Senator Hillary Clinton finds herself on the defensive against hard-core antiwar Democrats. Similarly, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani fends off Republican conservatives who oppose his so-called “liberal” stands regarding abortion and gay rights. Coincidentally, both Clinton and Giuliani have significant Kaleidoscope McDaniels’ feebly legitimate answer — they are New Yorkers.

New Hampshire Democrats recently peppered Clinton in search of an apology. They wanted her to admit that her vote in favor of authorizing the president to go to war with Iraq was a mistake. Clinton replies that she “regrets” her vote and “takes responsibility for her vote,” but that the president “missed and mismanaged” the war effort. She further proclaims that if she was president at the time, she “would have gone to war.”

Clinton’s firsthand experience in the White House gives her a view of presidential reality from the other side of the looking glass. In her mind, a president needs and deserves the authority to lead the country if he is correct to assert that as president she would not have marched to war because she would have been able to push conservatives massaging intelligence to invade Iraq. However, to the dismay of staunchly antiwar Democrats who fixate on nothing less than an apology, she will not admit that her vote was a mistake. Clinton need not apologize. Other senators whose votes reek of cowardly personal political expediency fell prey to the patriotic urge whipped up by the White House, Clinton, on the other hand, had no choice but to rally New York with her vote. She could criticize him when she represented the land which created the World. It is this country’s human remains and smoldering wreckage.

Giuliani faces a similar Republican onslaught of criticism and cynicism, but over his domestic stands on gay rights and a woman’s right to choose an abortion. His critics come primarily from the Jerry Falwell self-proclaimed social conservative wing of the party who want the party to quarter a century ago by defining “conservatism” with a blustery political bent. Yet Giuliani is not the only Republican in their cross hairs. They also distort Senator John McCain’s motives and harangue negative feelings that stem from his 2000 campaign. Interestingly, the godfather of modern conservatism, the late Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater’s seat which ironically McCain currently holds, never ascribed to Falwell’s type of conservatism.

Rather, Goldwater’s self-proclaimed social conservatives lie in limited government — so limited that it recognizes everyone’s personal equality and freedom regarding gay rights and a woman’s right to an abortion.

Giuliani, however, can use Clinton’s exact response. Giuliani is a New Yorker who presided over an inclusive and tolerant city. He became America’s mayor when his city and our nation survived a tragedy. Republican voters should not ignore Giuliani’s even-handed administration, nor the immense breadth of his abilities by foolishly following Falwell’s type of conservatism.
**The Observer**

**S**

Friday, February 16, 2007

---

**The Queen** Paints Succinct Portrait of Modern Controversy

By BRIAN DOXTATER

Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a five-part series on the 2007 Oscar nominees for Best Picture.

"The Queen" is much like the British royal family itself—elegant and old-fashioned, but with an air of importance and respectability that makes it impossible to ignore. It has been an overwhelming critical success (it rests among the best reviewed films of the year), and is a legitimate contender for the Best Picture Oscar.

While Princess Diana never appears as a character (except through archive footage), the pull of her shadow hangs heavily over "The Queen." The film explores the day after the death of Princess Di, deeply examining how the royal family dealt with the tragedy. Though the royal family believes that private mourning is appropriate, the contemporary subject matter complicates the film's perspective.

**FILM, HISTORY MAKE COMPLICATED BEDFELLOWS**

By BRIAN DOXTATER

Princess Diana's passing was less than a decade ago, yet already "The Queen" is in theaters. All of the principles in the film (Elizabeth II, Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Tony Blair) are all still alive, which gives the film a much different historical feel than it might otherwise maintain. Because the event is so recent, it's almost impossible to give "The Queen" a fully historical perspective, especially since we equate the "history" with events that occurred long ago.

Though numerous films are made about real-life events, they often feel much different when made so soon after the event has taken place—this is perhaps why they often strike a chord with audiences. A film like "United 93," made only five years after 9/11, resonates much differently to a contemporary audience than it would had it been made years from now. Similarly, a movie like "All the President's Men," which follows the Watergate investigation, was made in 1976, only a few short years after the scandal itself—for American audiences in 1976, the event itself was still very fresh in history, and contextualizes the film in a much different way than it would with a more detached audience.

Thus, it becomes much more difficult to judge such films based on their cinematic merits alone, and it becomes even more difficult to discern how audience reactions are affected by time and context.

For example, would "Titanic" have been as successful, or perhaps even more successful, had the film been made only a few years after the boat actually sunk? Or did the passage of time radically change our perception of the event, allowing the love story between Jack and Kate—rather than the sinking itself—to dominate the film?

Fifty years from now, audiences will look at films like "The Queen" and the "Black Hawk Down" much differently. Without the context of an event so close to our time, they simply become historical movies, without contemporary perspectives weighing them down. This detachment allows for much greater critical clarity—today's audiences can easily see that both "Triumph of the Will" (1933 Nazi film) and "Birth of a Nation" (1915 film that celebrates the Ku Klux Klan) are cinematic marvels, but morally reprehensible.

"The Queen" is no doubt a great movie, but its contemporary subject matter and modern content make it a difficult film to assess on its cinematic merits alone. Like "Schindler's List" or "Saving Private Ryan," to criticize the movie seems to be criticizing the context, which is especially difficult considering the sensitive (and rightfully so) nature of the stories and history associated with those films. It is important to detach from the context and judge the film itself, because different movies can approach the same topic from a variety of angles.

For example, both "United 93" and "World Trade Center" deal with 9/11, but each does so in its own way. The former takes a stark, almost documentary-style approach to the subject matter, while the latter is more characteristic of traditional Hollywood-style storytelling. While the strengths and weaknesses of each film may be categorized within the context of the tragedy, this is not, ultimately, how we should assess a picture.

History grants clarity and distance from an event will allow us to see it much more clearly. As Elizabeth II makes clear to Tony Blair in director Stephen Frears' film, time will tell how history views "The Queen."
A twisting narrative that retells the same story from different perspectives, 1951's "Rash" ("Ikiru") was notable for its innovative storytelling and all-time classic status. Akira Kurosawa's major works, "Rash" was a huge international success and, essentially, put the filmmaker on the global map. The film follows three men in 12th century Japan — a woodcutter (Takashi Shimura), a bandit (Toshiro Mifune) and a priest (Minoru Chiaki) — who take refuge during a rainstorm. As the men begin talking, they retell of a bizarre trial that involves a murdered man and a rape victim — and, as it turns out, the bandit is the accused. All three involved in the trial retell their version of the story (the murdered man, the bandit, chuyển the witness), each of which is equally plausible, though the truth seems to lie somewhere in between. The woodcutter, however, has secrets of his own, which are slowly revealed over the course of the film.

An intriguing rumination on human nature, "Rash" is a deeply philosophical piece, matched only by Kurosawa’s "Ikiru" in terms of elegant humanism, Kurosawa has a lot to say regarding the complexities of the human condition, especially in the wake of World War II, but he cloaks his ideas in the film's plotting, which is fascinating and engag­ing without the work.

"Rash" is anchored by the performance of Kurosawa muse Toshiro Mifune as Kurosawa’s famed "Seven Samurai," whose performance of Kurosawa’s "Ikiru" is inarguably his first masterpiece. At a mere 82 minutes, "Rash" moves at a remarkably quick and energetic pace, especially when contrasted with some of the director's later works, which tend to be much longer. Kurosawa’s "Rash" is in his capable hands, directed and edited the film himself, adapting it from a short story by Ryunosuke Akutagawa.

The influence of "Rash" is incalculable, with its long-lasting impact being felt in a wide gamut of films, from "The Usual Suspects" to "Hero." Those two films in particular, for example, elect to use a similar twisting narrative style to that featured in "Rash." As a director, Kurosawa’s influence is felt by almost every major figure in modern filmmaking, to the extent that Sergio Leone’s "For a Few Dollars More" is based on "Yojimbo" and George Lucas’ "Star Wars" is loosely based on "The Hidden Fortress." His particular brand of swashbuckling swordplay and elegant philosophy, however, remain nearly unparalleled.

Kurosawa would go on to do bigger and arguably better things — among them the masterpiece "Ikiru" (1952), "The Seven Samurai" (1954), "Yojimbo" (1961) and "Ran" (1985) — but "Rash" was the director's critical breakthrough. It won the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival in 1951, bringing a new global awareness to Japanese cinema. Along with Yasujirō Ozu, Kurosawa remains one of the great Japanese directors. His sights are in rare form throughout "Rash," which is inarguably his first masterpiece.

"Rash" will be screened on Saturday at 3pm in the Browning Cinema of the DPCA as part of the PM Classic 100.

Contact Brian Doxtader at bdoxtade@nd.edu

---

Mitchell’s latest appears to fans of modern folk

By MARTY SCHROEDER

Some music rocks, some displays brilliant composition and some is perfect for spending a rainy day sitting and looking out a window. Anais Mitchell’s latest album, "The Brightness," is definitely of the third variety.

With her girlish, innocent voice, complemented by piano and folk melodies, her songs calm listeners and remind them that electric guitars are not always the best option. Appropriately released on Ani DiFranco’s Righteous Babe Records, Mitchell presents an authenticity and quiet passion absent in so many modern folk albums.

The two opening tracks on "The Brightness" tweak the listening process by slowly delving into emotional catatrophie and then ending abruptly. Any form of catharsis is denied, a tactic that keeps ears perked and leaves the listener wondering what comes next when the final emotional release is not delivered. The sound may create an auditory experience similar to listening to any random folk recording out today. However, Mitchell does delve into clichés at times, as she calls herself a "beautiful fly on the wall" in the album’s third track, "Namesake," Confrontations like this abound throughout the album, making it a prime example of first-class songwriting that is both familiar and alien at the same time.

Songs such as "Shenandoah," which Mitchell sings in particular, use a melodic theme chains on the album. This may sound like some form of hipie-minded technique from New England (Mitchell is a Vermont native), but the sincerity inherent in Mitchell's vocal style quickly discounts any political haranguing except to the most cynical.

One track in particular, however, challenges modern political situations. "Song of the Magi," made famous by the Bible and the most recent version of the Nativity, today, she weaves a story about shepherds praying and passing by checkpoints. Mitchell's voices crawl meanderingly on top of her snarled vocals with a political message dehumanizing the region, but she adds an allusion to a general belief in non-violence that mostly refrains from taking sides.

Barthe, Mitchell calls for a return to the concept of nonviolence that many say Jesus delivered. "Roho’s Song" is the most energetic track on the album — if any of the tracks can be labeled "energetic" — that adds a bluegrass mix to the pervasive folk aesthetic. The lyrics are well wrought, but Mitchell's vocal stylizations don’t mix as well with the song's bluegrass elements. Her voice is far more conducive to the album's overall neo-folk feel. Rather than trying to sound punchy, Mitchell would do well to keep to her folk-minded warbling and leave the bluegrass to those with the gravel voices.

Mitchell thrives with a style of acoustic strumming and singing that trickles across the notes like a stream over pebbles. Those of more rock-minded musical persuasions, however, might want to look elsewhere. For listeners seeking to expand their horizons and explore music that may never see a radio dial (because it's too good), "The Brightness" is an excellent choice. The first half of the album is for the melomaniacs in us all, and the latter half piques intellectual interest as the songwriting delves into more complex and complicated themes and images. "The Brightness" is a well-made album from this rising folk star.

Contact Marty Schroeder at mschroer@nd.edu
**Around the Nation**

Friday, February 16, 2007

**Compiled from The Observer's Wire Services**

**NHL**

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Record</th>
<th>Pts.</th>
<th>Last 10</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>New Jersey</td>
<td>35-16-6</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>7-2-1</td>
<td>32-24-2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pittsburgh</td>
<td>30-17-9</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>6-9-1</td>
<td>26-8-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NY Islanders</td>
<td>27-22-8</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>8-5-4</td>
<td>24-11-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NY Rangers</td>
<td>27-24-6</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>4-5-1</td>
<td>23-24-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Philadelphia</td>
<td>19-23-8</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>3-7-1</td>
<td>21-23-7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Record</th>
<th>Pts.</th>
<th>Last 10</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Buffalo</td>
<td>36-15-4</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>6-4-3</td>
<td>32-20-2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>30-22-5</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>6-3-1</td>
<td>23-19-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montreal</td>
<td>28-24-6</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>7-7-1</td>
<td>28-18-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Toronto</td>
<td>27-22-8</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>6-5-2</td>
<td>23-23-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston</td>
<td>19-23-8</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>5-5-2</td>
<td>23-23-7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Record</th>
<th>Pts.</th>
<th>Last 10</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Atlanta</td>
<td>30-21-9</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>3-6-1</td>
<td>25-17-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tampa Bay</td>
<td>32-24-6</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>8-2-0</td>
<td>25-14-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carolina</td>
<td>29-23-7</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>6-4-2</td>
<td>23-19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Florida</td>
<td>22-26-11</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>3-6-1</td>
<td>24-23-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Washington</td>
<td>23-26-3</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>3-6-1</td>
<td>23-23-3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Western Conference, Central Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Record</th>
<th>Pts.</th>
<th>Last 10</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nashville</td>
<td>36-16-3</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>6-4-2</td>
<td>31-17-4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dallas</td>
<td>36-19-6</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>7-5-1</td>
<td>34-19-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. Louis</td>
<td>23-26-9</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>3-5-1</td>
<td>21-21-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago</td>
<td>22-27-8</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>4-5-1</td>
<td>21-27-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Columbus</td>
<td>27-30-5</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>2-5-2</td>
<td>24-28-3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Western Conference, Northwest Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Record</th>
<th>Pts.</th>
<th>Last 10</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Vancouver</td>
<td>32-21-4</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>5-2-2</td>
<td>30-19-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calgary</td>
<td>30-19-6</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>4-4-2</td>
<td>25-14-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>31-22-6</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>6-3-1</td>
<td>27-23-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edmonton</td>
<td>28-24-5</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>5-5-1</td>
<td>25-20-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colorado</td>
<td>32-20-4</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>4-4-2</td>
<td>27-19-4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Western Conference, Pacific Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Record</th>
<th>Pts.</th>
<th>Last 10</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Anaheim</td>
<td>33-16-8</td>
<td>74</td>
<td>2-7-0</td>
<td>33-16-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>San Jose</td>
<td>36-26-1</td>
<td>73</td>
<td>4-5-1</td>
<td>31-26-2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dallas</td>
<td>34-22-7</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>6-5-1</td>
<td>32-21-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phoenix</td>
<td>25-30-2</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>1-6-0</td>
<td>26-29-2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Los Angeles</td>
<td>19-31-0</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>2-4-3</td>
<td>18-30-0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**MLB**

**Giants, Bonds agree to one-year deal**

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds finally signed his $12.8 million, one-year deal Thursday, ending more than two months of wrangling between the slugger and the San Francisco Giants over contract language.

With both sides satisfied, Bonds is scheduled to report Monday to spring training. He is likely to participate in the Giants’ first full-squad workout Tuesday.

“I expect he will be ready to go,” general manager Brian Sabean said.

The 42-year-old Bonds is 22 home runs shy of breaking Hank Aaron’s career record of 755.

Bonds’ deal was approved by the commissioner’s office. His agent, Jeff Borris, and the Giants reached a preliminary agreement on Dec. 7.

The team announced the deal Jan. 29 and Bonds did an interview via conference call. But he never signed the contract, and problems developed.

At issue were specifics about what would happen if Bonds were to be indicted or face further legal trouble, along with details about a personal-appearance provision that was rejected by the commissioner’s office.

The Giants sent revised documents to Borris, which Bonds signed Thursday.

Only the personal-appearance provision was deleted from the deal, two baseball officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

A federal grand jury is investigating whether Bonds perjured himself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution case that he hadn’t knowingly taken any performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds long has denied knowingly using steroids.

Bonds will fill the final hole in the Giants’ 40-man roster, which had stood at 29 after other Mike Matheny went on the voluntary retirement list with a concussion.

The seven-time NL MVP has been working out all offseason at UCLA and appears as healthy as ever, according to the Giants, Bonds’ trainer and his agent. He had arthroscopic surgery on his troublesome left elbow after the 2006 season.

After missing all but 14 games in 2005 following three operations on his right knee, Bonds batted .270 with 26 homers and 77 RBIs and drew 115 walks in 130 games last year.

**In Brief**

**Yankees’ general partner arrested for DUI**

LARGO, Fla. — George Steinbrenner’s son-in-law and designated successor to run the New York Yankees was arrested early Thursday for suspicion of driving under the influence.

Yankees general partner Steve Swindal was arrested by the St. Petersburg Police at 4:26 a.m., according to a copy of the charge report posted on the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office’s Web site. He was booked for a misdemeanor and released at 9:53 a.m. on $250 bond.

“Mr. Swindal apologizes profusely for this distraction during the Yankees’ spring training and no further comment will be made until this is resolved,” said Steinbrenner’s spokesman, Howard Rubenstein.

The 42-year-old Swindal, who lives in Largo, was three operations on his right knee, Bonds batted left elbow after the 2006 season, according to the Giants, Bonds’ trainer and his agent. He had arthroscopic surgery on his troublesome left elbow after the 2006 season.

**NCAA Tennis**

Div. I Women’s Standings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Points</th>
<th>Prev.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Stanford</td>
<td>748</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Notre Dame</td>
<td>738</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Georgia Tech</td>
<td>724</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Florida</td>
<td>722</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 USC</td>
<td>720</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Northwestern</td>
<td>699</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 North Carolina</td>
<td>684</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 Miami</td>
<td>672</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 California</td>
<td>667</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Baylor</td>
<td>663</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11 Duke</td>
<td>647</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 South Carolina</td>
<td>640</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13 Georgia</td>
<td>631</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14 VCU</td>
<td>626</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 UCLA</td>
<td>626</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PGA Tour**

2007 Nissan Open

3 p.m., GOLF

**NCAA Basketball**

Cornell at Princeton

7 p.m., ESPN

**PPG Tour**

**NCAA Basketball**

Cornell at Princeton

7 p.m., ESPN
LOST COCKAPOO

REWARD OF $500 FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF
MILO, OUR DOG, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

By now, tear stains would have formed near Milo's eyes into his fur, which would appear dark brown. He could be wearing a red sweater and would have a teal colored collar, with matching leash. I believe his rabies shot was given by Kryder Clinic so he should have that tag on his collar. Milo was apprehensive of people he didn't know. He was a "puppy mill" dog. We believe he would run from someone if he was approached.

If found, please contact Animal Hospital of South Bend (MILO'S VET) 282-2303
Belles bid farewell to leaders Lipke, Broderick

By MICHAEL BRYAN

Saint Mary’s (11-11, 10-5 MIAA) locked up a No. 3 seed in the MIAA tournament after its 71-63 overtime victory Wednesday against Albion. Hope (20-3, 12-3 MIAA) clinched a No. 2 seed in the MIAA tournament after defeating Alma Wednesday.

The only two teams still competing for postseason seeding are Albion and Olivet — tied for fourth place in the conference with 8-7 records. Hope defeated Saint Mary’s 67-42 on Nov. 28. But despite the 25-point loss, Belles head coach Jennifer Henley said her team has progressed in the last few months.

"We’re both different teams now," Henley said. "There’s definitely some motivation to prove that we can play with and beat them."

Lipke and Broderick will be honored before the contest — the last regular season game of their careers. Lipke, a guard from Hinsdale, Ill., averages 12.4 points and 4.5 assists per game, good for first and second on the team, respectively. Broderick, a forward from St. Clair, Mich., has fit into a role coming off the bench and has provided the team with invaluable leadership and communication.

"Our seniors have been the rock of this team all season long," Henley said. "They’re both very intelligent players and great leaders we’re going to miss a lot."

In Saint Mary’s win over Albion Thursday, a jumper by Albion guard Jessica Babcock forced overtime and Saint Mary’s scored on six of its last 10 possessions to put the game away.

The Belles were led by guard Allison Kessler, who scored a game-high 23 points to go along with her eight assists. Sophomore Erin Newson crashed the boards for her fifth double-double of the year with 13 points and 15 rebounds. Lipke also put up 18 points in the winning effort.

Big East tournament culminates season for ND squad

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Notre Dame has focused the entire season for this weekend’s Big East tournament in Akron, Ohio, and now that it has finally arrived, Irish coach Joe Plano has one goal in mind. “We’re going there to try to win it,” he said.

The Irish will send 31 men and 22 women to compete in the conference championship.

The middle distance runners, led by senior all-American Thomas Charnney — the No. 1 seed in the 800-meter and 1,000-meter races — anchor Notre Dame’s male contingent. On Feb. 3 at the Meyo Invitational, Charnney cemented his place atop the Big East by running the 800 in 1:47.82, the second fastest time in school history.

Notre Dame’s sprinters and distance runners are also strong. Four Irish runners rank in the top eight in the conference in the 400 — seniors Ryan Postel and Jordan Powell, junior Austin Weibert, and freshman Balazs Molnar. Postel ranks first in the Big East in the 400 and also qualified for the 200.

Leading the distance team is junior Jake Watson, who won the mile at the Meyo Invitational in 4:00.71 to provisionally qualify him for the NCAA Tournament in addition to the Big East. Sophomore Patrick Smyth will run the 5,000 after running the Big East’s third-best time at 13:08.10. "We have a pretty broad based track team on the men’s and women’s sides," Plano said. "We’re going to have good people everywhere. And it’s the same on the men’s side. We’re not a one-dimensional team."

Plano also feels that he is sending a very well-balanced team on the women’s side of the Big East championship.

Heading the Irish effort will be the sprint team, including senior Maryann Eriglia, who double qualified in the 60 and 200 meters. The Irish distance squad is paced by senior Amy Kohlmier and freshman Lindsey Ferguson, both of whom could run in the mile or 3,000. Kohlmier will also run in the 5,000-meter event.

In the field events, the Irish will be best represented in the jumps. Senior Canelle Gallenkson leads the jumpers as the No. 2 high jumper and No. 4 triple jumper. Notre Dame is also sending sophomore pole vaulters Mary Saker and Kate Mattison, who have matching season-bests of 12 feet, 5.5 inches.

"We have a pretty broad based team on the women’s sides," Plano said. "We’re going to have good people everywhere. And it’s the same on the men’s side. We’re not a one-dimensional team."

"Leavelle has some of the best long jumpers and triple jumpers in the country and they are going to score major points in those two events," he said. "Their squad probably isn’t as deep as ours in some areas, but in others — i.e. the long, triple — they’re as good as anybody in the country."

On the women’s side, Plano sees Connecticut as the biggest threat to his team’s success. "They’ve got some pretty good sprinters and they are doing well."

"They’re probably doing well in the distance program, but they have a lot of very good field event kids," he said of the Huskies. "It’ll be interesting to see the least."
ND Women's Lacrosse

Irish take on JMU in opener
No. 5 Notre Dame travels to Virginia

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

No. 5 Notre Dame begins its quest for a national championship Sunday as the Irish face No. 12 James Madison on the road.

The Irish enter the season with high expectations after a 13-2 record last season, highlighted by a trip to the NCAAs.

The team wrapped up its practice with precision and scrumming this week, highlighted by an exhibition match with No. 6 Hofstra.

Notre Dame fell 14-13 to the Big Green in exhibition last Sunday afternoon, after a morning of controlled offensive and defensive scrumming between the two teams.

Despite the loss, Irish coach Tracy Coyne was impressed by her team's performance.

"For the first game of the year, it was a very high-caliber and well-scrambled team - what you would expect from two national four teams," Coyne said.

The team will try to use the experience gained by this exhibition match to defeat the Delaware Blue Hens Saturday.

"I feel like the Dartmouth exhibition definitely has helped us focus on practice things to attack and cover, as well as exposed areas that needed improvement," Coyne said.

The team will be led by a talented group of returning starters, including three members of the preseason All-Big East team.

Junior midfield/attack Caitlin McKinney and sophomore midfield/attack Jillian Byers were unanimous selections to the team, joined by senior defender Meaghan Fitzpatrick.

In addition to their No. 5 preseason ranking, the Irish were also picked to finish second in the conference.

The inaugural Big East championship will be held this May, and stand near the top of the long list of goals for the Irish this season.

Notre Dame has a tough task, however, with No. 12 James Madison, who the Irish beat 12-11 at home last season.

"They're a very competitive team that plays a very physical, hard-nosed game," Coyne said.

Senior Meghan Murphy said the team felt very prepared and confident for Sunday's game.

"Our goal is to improve with every competitive opportunity, whether it be a scrimmage, game, or practice," Murphy said.

"We want to come out strong from the opening whistle very strong and show what 2007 Notre Dame lacrosse is capable of."

Contact Michael Bryan at mbryan@nd.edu

Men's Lacrosse

Team faces off against Greyhounds

Loyola (Md.) is 5-0 all-time against ND

By PAT R. O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame starts the 2007 regular season by hosting Loyola (Md.) at 1 p.m. Saturday. This is the first of six home games for the No. 11 Irish as the team faces off against the No. 13 Greyhounds.

The Irish finished last season 10-5 (5-2 GWLL) and earned an NCAA Tournament bid. Six returning starters, including preseason honorable mention inside Lacrosse - All America picks - goalie Joey Kemp and attack Brian Hohmann - lead the team entering the season.

The Irish open with two new assistant coaches — defensive specialist and Notre Dame MBA graduate Gerry Byrne and faceoff specialist Brian Fisher.

"I love the experience that both coaches bring," Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said.

"Brian (Fisher) is a graduate from St. John's and he has talent. Gerry (Byrne) is professionally developed and highly motivated."

The players also had good reviews of the additions to the coaching staff.

"Coach Byrne has come in and done a great job," Irish defender Ross Zimmerman said.

"It is the first time that I've had a defensive specialist as a coach."

Kemp thought the combination of offensive and defensive expertise had benefited the team as well.

"Coach Fisher is an expert on faceoffs, and Coach Byrne adds a different dynamic on defense for our team," Kemp said.

The match against highly-scouted Loyola will be a good indicator of how far this team has worked during the off-season.

Although the Greyhounds finished 6-6 last season, they are 5-2 in their last 10 matches against the Irish.

"We're ready to play. We've had five weeks of preparation," Kevin Corrigan Irish coach

Softball looks to defend Big East title in 2007

Softball

Irish to compete in Tiger Invitational

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame begins its quest to defend last year's Big East title this weekend at the Tiger Invitational.

The Irish return 13 letter winners to their 16-player roster from the 2006 squad that finished 21-22 overall and 17-5 in conference play.

This year's team was selected to finish third in the Big East in a coaches poll taken Jan. 10.

Senior captain Stephanie Brown will lead the team entering the season, joined by senior and junior starters, including three members of the preseason All-Big East team.

Junior midfield/attack Caitlin McKinney and sophomore midfield/attack Jillian Byers were unanimous selections to the team, joined by senior defender Meaghan Fitzpatrick.

In addition to their No. 5 preseason ranking, the Irish were also picked to finish second in the conference.

The inaugural Big East championship will be held this May, and stand near the top of the long list of goals for the Irish this season.

Notre Dame has a tough task, however, with No. 12 James Madison, who the Irish beat 12-11 at home last season.

"They're a very competitive team that plays a very physical, hard-nosed game," Coyne said.

Senior Meghan Murphy said the team felt very prepared and confident for Sunday's game.

"Our goal is to improve with every competitive opportunity, whether it be a scrimmage, game, or practice," Murphy said.

"We want to come out strong from the opening whistle very strong and show what 2007 Notre Dame lacrosse is capable of."

Contact Michael Bryan at mbryan@nd.edu

Anlan Properties, LLC

Off-Campus Student Housing

Currently Renting For 2007/08 and 2008/09 Academic Years

Walking Distance To Campus!

For Info & Appointments

574-532-1896
anlanproperties@comcast.net

Studebaker Cottage for Rent

Junior Parent Weekend, Graduation, Reunions, Home Football Games

1894 Queen Anne Architecture, 3 Floors 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bathrooms, Kitchen, 3rd level entertainment area, sleeps 3+, off street parking, basketball court & hot tub, located 1 block from Studebaker Museum & 3 blocks from downtown restaurants/Transpo Stadium Shuttle.

574-233-9157

For Info & Appointments

574-532-1896
anlanproperties@comcast.net

The Observer • Sports
Friday, February 16, 2007
Irish look to make a statement in tourney
ND takes on Pepperdine in the first round of the National Team Indoor Championships

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

It may have been five years since the Irish have seen the courts at the National Team Indoor Championships, but Notre Dame is ready.

"You are playing every match as a dual match and we have already seen a lot of the teams that are here," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We have seen these guys, we know what is out there."

The trip back to the tournament will be a familiar event for Bayliss. The Irish last played in the tournament in 2002, and were ranked No. 10 nationally when they upset No. 7 Pepperdine 4-3.

No. 9 Notre Dame will take on No. 10 Pepperdine again in the first round of the indoor matchup.

The team will compete alongside many opponents it has already seen in regular season play. Notre Dame practiced alongside Pepperdine and Duke on Thursday in the 18-court Midtown Tennis Club in Chicago.

"We had a look at Pepperdine and I think we had a good workout, we have prepared for this pretty well," Bayliss said. "They looked aggressive, they hit the ball clearly and decisively."

Bayliss is confident that the team will perform well come match time, and the Irish will continue to focus on improving their doubles game. Notre Dame dropped the doubles point in their last match to Wisconsin but rallied to take the 6-1 win.

No. 33 Andre Begemann defeated Elliot Wronsik 6-2, 6-0 at No. 1 singles.

Irish senior Stephen Bass will take on Begemann at No. 1 singles today. Begemann, a strong server and volleyer will present Bass with a challenge, but Bayliss feels that the senior is ready.

Bayliss knows that the Irish will be facing many top opponents and players, but he feels the team is prepared to make a strong showing.

"We want to show some poise under pressure," Bayliss said. "We are at a point where we can make a dent in this field."

If the Irish knock off Pepperdine they will take on the winner of Georgia and University of Pennsylvania. No. 1 Georgia is the defending ITA National Team Indoor Championships and was the top seed in last season's NCAA Tournament, eliminating the 18th-seeded Irish in the Sweet 16.

Even with their sights on the possibility of playing Georgia, the Irish are focused on their matches today.

"Sunday's opponent is a ways off and is not worth speculating about right now," Bayliss said. "No matter what the outcome of the weekend, Bayliss said that the team is grateful to get an opportunity to play against top opponents — every team is guaranteed three matches in the tournament.

Notre Dame will look to further their six-game winning streak starting with Pepperdine.

"I think we are ready to go," Bayliss said. "We are prepared and we have done everything we need to do and we are anxious to be in play."

Contact Deirdre Krasula at dkrasula@nd.edu
Texas
continued from page 24

shine, but said that the Lotus Center provides a solid location for winter infield drills.

"The training will probably struggle," Schrage said. "We'd better pitch it well and we'd better play (defense). That's what will keep us in games at the start of the season. Also, we've been the ball in the air, so pop up could be an issue.

Outfielder Dave Schrage said that the lack of outdoor practice might not affect his play.

"We've got to roll with the punches," he said. "Hopefully it won't be too big of an issue."

Wade Korpi, sophomore David Phelps and sophomore Sam Elam are expected to start this weekend for the Irish, but Schrage said that he wants to get several pitchers action with each on a pitch count.

"Right now, our pitchers are going to be limited to about 75 pitchers," Schrage said. "Hopefully that gets them five innings.

Sophomore closer Kyle Weliland will not pitch this weekend. He is still recovering from a broken collarbone suffered when he slipped on ice in December.

"He's fine," Schrage said. "He actually threw a little bit today, but he's not full-speed yet.

Five-year senior Matt Weglarz, a transfer from Missouri State, won the starting pitching job in the opener after returning starter senior Sean Gaston was lost for the year with an injury. Weglarz is enrolled in Notre Dame's MBA program.

Schrage said he remembered Weglarz from when his old team, Evansville, played Missouri State.

"I remembered his name from playing against him," Schrage said. "He has some power and he puts the bat on the ball pretty consistently.

In the infield, sophomore Jeremy Barnes will start at first base, junior Rosie Brzesky at second, junior Brett Lilley at shortstop and freshman A.J. Pollock at third base.

Dressman will start at center field, with freshmen Billy Borkford, Michael Wright and Brayden Ashdown rotating into the other two spots.

"We'll be playing a lot of guys (in the corner outfield) this season as we try to get into the swing of the season.

"I hope we can get our team to improve on a weekly basis. "I think that to finish in the top half of the field (this weekend) would be a good start for us," he said. "Obviously we want to continue to get better up until the Big East tournament and the NCAA's.

The Irish, who have won the Big East the past three years, have six tournaments to play before the conference tournament in April.

At the John Hayt Invitational in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Sunday.

In the offseason, the team practiced daily in its brand-new indoor practice complex, the $2.1 million Robert and Marilyn Bolli Family All-Season Varsity Golf Facility.

The added winter practice has led to marked improvement.

"I'd imagine each guy will have dropped a few strokes from his average," said Kubinski. "The new facility has been such a help to us.

But despite their productive winter practice sessions, Kubinski said that his team must continue to improve with each tournament.

Last weekend, the Irish Alumni Matches gave the squad an opportunity to get on the course with former Notre Dame golfers at the Saddlebrook Resort in suburban Tampa.

"It was a very good weekend for us," Kubinski said.

The team again heads to the Sunshine State this weekend. The John Hayt, which is hosted by the University of North Florida, will be the first intercollegiate tournament of the spring season for the Irish. The field for the event includes 10 of the nation's top 50 teams, according to Golfweek.

"This weekend will be a great start for us," said Kubinski. "Hopefully we can get the ball rolling against the stronger teams.

The Irish are currently ranked 51st by Golfweek, which would be good enough for a berth in the NCAA Tournament. However, Kubinski said he wants his team to improve on a

ND Men's Golf
Irish start with high hopes

ND looks to improve on promising fall at John Hagt Invitational

By FRAN TOLAN
Spinn Web

After a fall season in which the Irish recorded the second-best team scoring average in school history, coach Jim Kubinski hopes the team will continue its strong performance in the John Hayt College Invitational in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Sunday.

In the offseason, the team practiced daily in its brand-new indoor practice complex, the $2.1 million Robert and Marilyn Bolli Family All-Season Varsity Golf Facility.

The added winter practice has led to marked improvement.

"I'd imagine each guy will have dropped a few strokes from his average," said Kubinski. "The new facility has been such a help to us.

But despite their productive winter practice sessions, Kubinski said that his team must continue to improve with each tournament.

Last weekend, the Irish Alumni Matches gave the squad an opportunity to get on the course with former Notre Dame golfers at the Saddlebrook Resort in suburban Tampa.

"It was a very good weekend for us," Kubinski said.

The team again heads to the Sunshine State this weekend. The John Hayt, which is hosted by the University of North Florida, will be the first intercollegiate tournament of the spring season for the Irish. The field for the event includes 10 of the nation's top 50 teams, according to Golfweek.

"This weekend will be a great start for us," said Kubinski. "Hopefully we can get the ball rolling against the stronger teams.

The Irish are currently ranked 51st by Golfweek, which would be good enough for a berth in the NCAA Tournament. However, Kubinski said he wants his team to improve on a

Tar Heels
continued from page 24

with three really good double t eam s.

North Carolina enters Friday with a 9-2 record in dual match play, suffering losses to No. 4 Florida and No. 8 Georgia Tech.

The Yellow Jackets also handed the Irish their lone loss this season.

"I hope we can get our team to improve on a weekly basis. "I think that to finish in the top half of the field (this weekend) would be a good start for us," he said. "Obviously we want to continue to get better up until the Big East tournament and the NCAA's.

The Irish, who have won the Big East the past three years, have six tournaments to play before the conference tournament in April.

At the John Hayt Invitational in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Sunday.

In the offseason, the team practiced daily in its brand-new indoor practice complex, the $2.1 million Robert and Marilyn Bolli Family All-Season Varsity Golf Facility.

The added winter practice has led to marked improvement.

"I'd imagine each guy will have dropped a few strokes from his average," said Kubinski. "The new facility has been such a help to us.

But despite their productive winter practice sessions, Kubinski said that his team must continue to improve with each tournament.

Last weekend, the Irish Alumni Matches gave the squad an opportunity to get on the course with former Notre Dame golfers at the Saddlebrook Resort in suburban Tampa.

"It was a very good weekend for us," Kubinski said.

The team again heads to the Sunshine State this weekend. The John Hayt, which is hosted by the University of North Florida, will be the first intercollegiate tournament of the spring season for the Irish. The field for the event includes 10 of the nation's top 50 teams, according to Golfweek.

"This weekend will be a great start for us," said Kubinski. "Hopefully we can get the ball rolling against the stronger teams.

The Irish are currently ranked 51st by Golfweek, which would be good enough for a berth in the NCAA Tournament. However, Kubinski said he wants his team to improve on a

TERESA OKERE, SHCJ
CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF WEST AFRICA

SALVIFIC OPTION FOR THE RICH
A GOSPEL CHALLENGE FOR MISSION IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2007
7:00 P.M.
MOREAU SEMINARY AUDITORIUM
DISCUSSION AND RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Sponsored by:
HOPE CROSS MISSION CENTER

ERASMS Books
• Used Books bought and sold
• 25,000 Hardback and Paperback books in stock
• Out-of-Print search service
• Appraisals of books and manuscripts

OPEN noon to six Tuesday through Sunday
1027 E. Wayne Street
South Bend, IN 46617
232-8444
Irish

continued from page 24

East has had success in its home gym this season, despite losing eight of their last nine games. Irish coach Muffet McGraw believes that the game will be tough, but that her team will be ready.

"This game is really important to us because they beat Louisville at home, and took us because they beat us," she said. "It's going to be important for us to be focused on them."

McGraw also stressed the difficulty of playing Providence, who is 8-5 at home, on its own floor. "They've played a lot of teams close — at Providence," she said. "They have a big home-court advantage, so we're gonna be ready for them."

Providence guard Chelsea Marandola averages 16.2 points per game on 43.8 percent three-point shooting. Marandola will be one of the toughest tests Notre Dame will face this season.

"They have really good guards," McGraw said. "They're very good at penetrating to the basket, and they can do a lot of little things well.

Role-player guard Breona Gray, who hit two of Notre Dame's three 3-pointers against Villanova, rounds out the Irish lineup.

"I think Breona Gray has made some big shots for us," McGraw said. "She's a really good offensive rebounder, that's probably her strength. She does a lot of little things well."

Finishing the games may be aitch for Notre Dame. Against Villanova, the Wildcats brought the game to within three points in the second half. Providence is capable of similar production — against St. John's
games and averaged 22.4 points in her last six. Allen leads the team with 17 points per game on the season and sixth in the Big East in scoring.

"Offensively, she's been playing really well," McGraw said of Allen. "She's been looking for her shot a little bit, and going with the flow of the offense. We're really starting to peak right now. We're playing well together, everyone's doing what they can do."

Right there with Allen is freshman guard Ashley Barlow, who at 11 points per game is second on the team in scoring. Receiving a lot of playing time but not starting until recently, Barlow brings a good deal of skills in Notre Dame's offense.

"What I'm looking for from her is to continue to rebound," McGraw said. "She's a really good offensive rebounder, that's probably her strength. She does a lot of little things well.

The Irish are in good position to continue to execute. We've had a lot of games where we've had leads, and a lot of games that have been close, and we've had a lot of poise and a lot of confidence."

Although intensely focused on the game at hand, McGraw acknowledged the importance of the outcome in the future.

"It's a great time for us," she said. "And it's a great time for our resume for the NCAA Tournament, because resumes are so important."

Contact Bill Brink at wbrink@nd.edu

Clinch

continued from page 24

to accomplish," senior goaltender Dave Brown said.

Brown stopped 38-of-41 shots against Alaska (9-15-6) last weekend for 2-1-1 on the season, earning two victories at the Joyce Center. The Nanooks came into that weekend ranked No. 14 in the country, but have won only three of their last 16 games since coming to South Bend. They currently sit in ninth place in the CCHA standings and will be hosting for a home playoff series this weekend.

"It's a great time what has happened since [we played], but they still scare me from a coach's perspective," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

Alaska coach Scott McMillan has a great deal of respect for Jackson and the rest of the Irish.

"Top offense, top defense, top goalie, top coach in the country — what else do you want to bring at us?" McMillan said. "To come and face [the best] is what makes sports not only exciting, but worthwhile. The challenge is to want to play Notre Dame enough to be a part of it. If you're on the ice, you're going to be playing intramural volleyball."

In the 2006 playoffs, Alaska was forced to make the trip to Notre Dame for its first-round matchup. The Nanooks swept the Irish in a series that developed into a battle of blood and bone between the two teams.

"Those guys play a really chippy style of hockey, not necessarily a clean style of hockey — which is sort of like me — so it will definitely be a good series up there," junior defenseman Brock Schiavoni said.

Sheahan, who lives in Lethbridge, Alberta, is the team's only native of Western Canada — an area the Nanooks recruit heavily. He has played with all but one of the members of the Alaska club, Brandon Kneelsen, since he was in peewees.

"Most of them are good guys, but they can be a little different on the ice," he said. "They won't be my buddies on the ice, that's for sure.

The ice surface at the Carlson Center, Alaska's home rink, is significantly larger than what Notre Dame has played on all year long. They play on an Olympic-sized sheet, which is 200 feet by 100 feet, as compared to the standard NHL-sized rinks used in most college hockey arenas (200 by 85).

Notre Dame will step up the intensity on its forecheck throughout the game in order to take advantage of the different size ice, as well as the passive style of play that Alaska has adopted this season.

"We are going to be a little more aggressive, because they can kind of lull you to sleep," Sheahan said. "We just want to make sure we play our game."

The games will be held at 7:05 AKT both nights, but Friday night's game will be broadcast on tape delay on WHME 46 in South Bend at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Contact Dan Murphy at dmurphy6@nd.edu
Win continued from page 24

Poll: "There has been no bigger win this year than this one after the two losses," Irish Coach Mike Brey said after the game.

Providence dominated the first 10 minutes, leading 24-12 with 10:52 left in the half. Sensing the game — and a possible NCAA Tournament bid — slipping away, the Irish quickened the tempo and fought back. Kept by eight points from forward Zach Hillesland and nine from Falls, Notre Dame trailed 42-36 at the half.

Hillesland, who tied a career high with 14 points, positioned himself near the free-throw line for most Irish offensive possessions and helped break down Providence's 2-3 zone.

"It was nice to be able to catch and turn and have a little space," Hillesland said of the offensive scheme. "The open looks finish, we get the game with eight rebounds, three assists and two steals to go with his points.

"Once I got going, the juices started flowing," he said.

Notre Dame opened the second half with a 7-2 run and took a 53-52 lead with 7.9 seconds left, but Carter free throw and a Hillesland steal sealed the victory.

Falls hit two free throws and Friars guard Brian McKenzie hit a three to provide the final margin.

Notre Dame has to turn around and play Cincinnati on Thursday night. Providence big men Herbert Hill and Jonathan Kale combined for 25 points and the Friars entered the locker room with a four-point lead. Then something changed.

The Irish tightened their inside defense in the second half. Hill and Kale netted only 10 points in the second stanza and Notre Dame was able to win the rebound battle. What was the difference? A couple of feet.

"I think we did a better job of pushing Hill and Kale off the post so the post move was coming about four feet deeper," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "The jump hook was outside the paint instead of inside like the first half. That was the key."

A couple of feet means the difference between a lay-up and a tricky seven-foot jump shot. By keeping Hill and Kale away from the basket, the Irish were able to affect their rhythm and force some missed shots.

"Thanks to Notre Dame's post defense, nobody from Providence was in the paint to collect the rebounds off these missed shots. The Irish were able to cut down on Providence's second chance opportunities — something they had trouble doing earlier this season — and get their transition game going off the defensive glass."

"Once we tightened up the defense, we were able to get out and run a little bit more," said Irish forward Zach Hillesland.

This allowed Notre Dame to build a lead and earn the victory.

The Irish play DePaul again Thursday night and if they hope to advance deep into March, post defense is going to be the difference. Odds are they will run into one of these teams again at the Big East tournament, not to mention a possible Big Dance matchup against Ohio State, Texas or North Carolina.

It's no coincidence that the Irish scored under 70 points in their last three losses. Notre Dame's offense works best when it can push the ball up the floor and score before the opponent is set (see: Syracuse, Alabama). If opposing defenses can work the ball inside and earn layups or trips to the free throw line, they can slow the pace of the game down and force the Irish to face set defenses.

Notre Dame's season does not rest on Colin Falls and Russell Carter's shooting touch. Falls scored 26 in the loss at South Florida, while Carter scored 22 against St. John's. Falls and Carter are the type of players that will get their points, so long as they are healthy. The season does not play, we were able to get out and run a little bit more, and make plays," Irish forward Zach Hillesland said.

This allowed Notre Dame to build a lead and earn the victory.

The Irish play DePaul again Thursday night and if they hope to advance deep into March, post defense is going to be the difference. Odds are they will run into one of these teams again at the Big East tournament, not to mention a possible Big Dance matchup against Ohio State, Texas or North Carolina.

"Once we tightened up the defense, we were able to get out and run a little bit more," said Irish forward Zach Hillesland.

This allowed Notre Dame to build a lead and earn the victory.

The Irish play DePaul again Thursday night and if they hope to advance deep into March, post defense is going to be the difference. Odds are they will run into one of these teams again at the Big East tournament, not to mention a possible Big Dance matchup against Ohio State, Texas or North Carolina.
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Deep fried

Five players end with double figures in win

By CHRIS KHOREY
Assistant Sports Editor

Colin Falls scored 16 points and Rob Kurz and Russell Carter each added 15 as Notre Dame erased an early 12-point deficit and kept its hopes for a first round bye in the Big East tournament alive by beating Providence 81-78 Thursday at the Joyce Center.

The Irish (19-6, 7-5 Big East) were coming off a two-game losing streak that dropped them back to sixth in the conference and out of the top 25 in both the AP and Coaches.

See Also
"Big men step up on defense"

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Saturday's game against the Panthers will be the first time the Irish have played outdoors this season. Schrage expressed concerns about Notre Dame's hitting and catching fly balls in the sunshine.

HOCKEY

No. 1 Irish can lock up conference

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame makes the long trip to Fairbanks, Alaska this weekend with the opportunity to lock up the program's first ever CCHA regular season title in a two-game series with the Nanooks.

With two wins the No. 1 Irish (24-3-3, 18-3-3 in CCHA) will increase their point total to 43 on the season, putting them out of the reach of second place Miami. The RedHawks have 34 points with four conference games (eight possible points) remaining on their schedule.

"Our main focus is going up there and getting four points and that's what we're looking for..."