Two students die in unrelated cases

University releases little information; rectors inform halls during Sunday Masses

By KAREN LANGLEY and MARY KATE MALONE

Two Notre Dame students died this weekend in separate cases. One was penned by the instructor, as a new policy puts faculty in that position, "we think it's better not to tend to the Linderaker restaurants were unfazed by the JPW results in increased sales for local businesses.

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INSIDE COLUMN

What's in a name?

"When dealing with people, let us remember we are not dealing with creatures of logic," writes Dale Carnegie in one of the first best-selling self help books, "How to Win Friends and Influence People.

"We are dealing with creatures of emotion, creatures bringing with them preconceptions and motivations by pride and vanity."

The book explores various consequences of that principle, one of which is the importance of calling people by the name Carnegie puts in grander terms, writing, "Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language."

He gives plenty of examples. Most notably he chronicles how another Carnegie — Andrew, Steel King — applied the principal. When he wanted to sell rails to the Pennsylvania railroad, he built a steel mill in Pittsburgh called "Edgar Thompson Steel Works." The president of the Pennsylvania Railroad at the time was J. Edgar Thompson. Let's just say that when J. Edgar Thompson needed to buy rails, he didn't go to Bob's House-of-Steel.

Dale Carnegie lived out his les sons, having changed the spelling of his name from "Carnegey" at a time when unrelated Andrew Carnegie was a widely revered and recognized name.

One doesn't have to look far to see the principle in action today. DeBartolo, Jordan, Guglielmino, and O'Neill are recognized for financial contributions. Others are recognized for financial contributions. The principle in action today.

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I want to highlight this whole naming business because, elsewhere, the financial contribution is beginning to be a driver. I'm referring specifically to Win a few days.

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OFFBEAT

301 pennies auctioned off for $10.7 million
LONG BEACH, Calif. — A penny saved is not necessarily just a penny earned: One man's collection of rare American cents has turned into a $10.7 million auction windfall.

The collection of 301 cents featured some of the rarest and earliest examples of the American penny, including a cent that was minted for two weeks in 1793 but was abandoned because Congress thought Lady Liberty looked frightened. Thai coin and a 1794 cent with tiny stars added to prevent counterfeiters each raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to the Dallas-based auction house Heritage Auction Galleries, which held the sale in Long Beach on Friday night.

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IN BRIEF

As part of the Margaret Hill endowed lecture series, Emmy Award-winning actress and author Camryn Manheim will speak tonight in the Little Theater at Saint Mary's at 7:30. Manheim is most known for her work on "The Practice." Recently, her book, "Wake Up, I'm Fat," was named to the New York Times bestsellers list. Student tickets are $5.

As part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series, professor Karen Hunt Ahmed from the department of finance at DePaul University will speak at 10:40 a.m. Friday in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

There will be Stations of the Cross Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

The 50th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will begin Friday at 7 p.m. with a concert featuring at least four different bands. The festival will conclude Saturday with an afternoon concert at 1 p.m. and an evening concert at 7 p.m. All events will be in Washington Hall.

Thank you for your effort. It has been a success.
NDAA appeals to seniors
Class of 2008 can start establishing connections to alumni clubs online

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

As graduation nears, seniors can begin to take advantage of opportunities offered by the Notre Dame Alumni Association (NDAA), smoothing their transition into life after college.

Seniors can use the Alumni Association's online network, Irish Online, to begin establishing connections to Notre Dame alumni around the world.

"We would really like to encourage the Class of 2008 to register and login to Irish Online before they graduate," said Meeghan Mousaw, assistant director of Early Alumni Services. "It only takes a few minutes to register and after logging in they will be able to see all the things available."

Through Irish Online, seniors can look for an alumni mentor, search for a job, find a former classmate or alumnus, update their contact information and create a personal Web page.

Irish Online also allows seniors to sign up for e-mail forwarding.

"After you leave Notre Dame, your nd.edu address will only be good until early July," Mousaw said. "E-mail forwarding is a free service available to all Notre Dame alumni that only requires users to obtain an e-mail address in the form, your-name@alumni.nd.edu."

Any e-mails sent to the student e-mail will automatically be forwarded to the user's new address.

Mousaw said this is an important and easy way of staying connected to the University and other graduates.

Mousaw also said the Alumni Association will be giving out free gifts to all seniors who register with Irish Online and select their future alumni club. Students who do not know where they will be living next fall can select up to four clubs, in case they at least have a few possible locations in mind.

But no matter where students go after graduation, the Alumni Association is hoping to welcome them there — especially in larger cities — by clubs hosting "Young Alum Orientations" in August and September.

The Notre Dame Club of Chicago, for example, will be hosting an event called "Chicago-O" — spun off from "Frosh-O" — "so that the newest alums can be welcomed to their new city," Mousaw said.

Seniors who wish to participate in these events across the country must provide Irish Online with their personal information, Mousaw said, so they can be contacted by their respective alumni club, she said.

Seniors will receive in March a copy of "Onward to Victory," a newsletter that details each of these opportunities.

Also in March, voting will conclude for the 2008 Alumni Board of Directors elections, she said. Each member on the board serves a three-year term and represents all graduates on alumni issues. Seniors have until March 12 to cast their ballots.

The Alumni Association will be holding a Senior Open House on April 3 at the Eck Center where students can learn more about these opportunities.

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ND astronaut helps discover new planets
Special to The Observer
The simultaneous discovery of two exoplanets slightly smaller than Jupiter and Saturn by an international team of astronomers that includes David Bennett from Notre Dame gives astrophysicists an important clue that solar systems like ours might be quite common.

The report, to be published in the Feb. 15 issue of the Journal Science, describes the series of observations that began March 28, 2006, when a collaboration known as Optical Gravitational Microlensing Equipment (OGLE) detected a signal, possibly due to a planet in microlensing event OGLE-2006-ILG-109, that the researchers had discovered and announced two days earlier.

After the OGLE group announced this possible detection of a planetary system via e-mail, other astronomers from the Microlensing Follow-Up Network (MicroFUN), Microlensing Observations in Astrophysics (MOA) and Probing Lensing Anomalies NTWork (PLANET) collaborations also began intensive, round-the-clock observations of this event. The combined data from these four groups revealed a series of brightness variations over the ensuing 11 days that indicated that two planets orbit a star half the mass of the sun located 5,000 light years from Earth. This star, called OGLE-2006-ILG-1091, and its planets were discovered using a technique known as gravitational microlensing.

Early calculations by the report's lead author, Scott Gaudi of Ohio State University, and the MicroFUN group indicated that most of the telltale brightness variations were due to a planet with a mass similar to that of Saturn, but that there was a brief additional brightening observed from Israel and Chile that could only be explained by an additional planet with nearly the mass of Jupiter. However, Gaudi's calculations did not provide a perfect fit to the data and involved several approximations.

Subsequently, Bennett performed more sophisticated calculations in his office at Notre Dame using his own advanced computer program that included an important additional feature: the orbital motion of the Saturn-mass planet.

"Even though we observed the microlensing effect of the Saturn for less than 0.3 percent of its orbit, the observations simply could not be explained without accounting for the orbit," said Bennett, a research associate professor of astrophysics.

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The Observer is accepting applications for a 2008-09 Business Manager and Controller. Responsibilities include preparing a yearly budget and handling payroll for a 200-person staff.

Since the Controller will take over as the 2009-10 Business Manager, Controller applicants should be sophomores, or juniors staying for a fifth year.

Both positions are salaried, about six to 10 hours a week. Please contact Maddie Hanna at mhamm1@nd.edu or Kyle West at kwesti1@nd.edu if interested.

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them to make sure they will schools that are right for justice system than in the be able to succeed there, she said. "I think what's exciting and interesting is that we'll start to not look at things purely on a financial basis.... We now have the power to fix problems that are entangled in the criminal system," Cole said. "But more black men doormats of our classes," she said. "And more white.

the office to non-profits, community centers and schools, offering educational fun for these organizations, Mulholland said.

"Our impact is helping community groups, the environment and education components," Mulholland said. The model also includes the establishment of Green Counts.

"The test case in Lewis Hall provides an excellent means for illustrating a change as simple as that of a light bulb," Cole said.

insufficiency of light bulbs, and require the development of a different body of about 3,000, according to Kempf. "We're here to be educated and to learn so if you know something outside of a class, we should." The new policy will apply to professors and teaching assistants alike. Contact Davis Rhorer, Jr. at drhorer@nd.edu

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China concerned about spy satellite

BEIJING — China said Sunday it was concerned about U.S. military plans to shoot down a damaged spy satellite that is heading toward Earth with 1,000 pounds of toxic fuel.

The U.S. military said it hopes to smash the satellite as soon as next week — just before it enters Earth’s atmosphere with a single miss to kill. U.S. space officials are concerned about damaging debris in space.

“Relevant departments of China are closely watching the situation and working out preventive measures,” Liu said. Xinhua did not elaborate.

U.N. employee falls from 19th floor

UNITED NATIONS — A woman who worked for the United Nations died Sunday after falling from the 19th floor of the U.N.’s Secretariat Building, authorities said.

Police and U.N. security officers at the scene, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case publicly, said the woman in her 40s had jumped from a window after showing up to work early in the morning.

A 38-year-old member died after falling from the 19th floor of the U.N. Secretariat Building. A deputy spokeswoman Marie Okabe said, “At this time there is no suspicion of foul play.”

Sugar refinery explodes

FORT WAYNE — Getting married just got a little more dangerous.

A small explosion at a sugar refinery in Port Wentworth, Georgia, killed one and injured nine people, authorities said.

“The academy will phase out the services starting April 1,” the academy’s president, Stephen Selk, said. No one was injured in the earlier explosion, but they worried more about their children getting caught in the crossfire at home than away at college. "In the centerfields" of DeKalb.

Protests mark Kosovo declaration

PRISTINA — Revelers fired guns, waved red-and-black Albanian flags and set off fireworks over Kosovo Sunday after parliament proclaimed independence from Serbia and Russia, which condemned the declaration of the world’s newest nation.

A decade after a bloody separatist war with Serbian forces, Kosovo declared itself an independent country and pledged to make it a “democratic, multiethnic, pluralistic” state. Its leaders called it a "great experiment in the Balkans,."

Northeastern Illinois University lab supervisor Mary Wyzard offers comfort during a church service held at Cathedral of Praise Church in DeKalb, Ill., Sunday for shooting victims.

“Reaction to it is as expected,” said President Bush’s campaign spokeswoman Ada Rogers. “It’s a great battle. We’re going to have to fight this.”

Kosovo

Country declares independence from Serbia

Associated Press

Serbia called the declaration illegal and its ally Russia denounced it, saying it threatened to touch off a new conflict in the Balkans. Russia called for an emergency session of the U.N. Security Council, which met later Sunday.

In the capital, Pristina, the mood was jubilant. Thousands of ethnic Albanians braved subfreezing temperatures to ride on the roofs of their cars, singing patriotic songs and chanting “KLA! KLA!” the acronym for the now-disbanded rebel Kosovo Liberation Army. They waved American flags alongside the red Albanian banner adorned with a black, double-headed eagle.

Many dressed in traditional costumes and played trumpets and drums, and an ethnic Albanian couple named their newborn daughter Pavaroz — Albanian for “independence.”

“This is the happiest day in my life,” said Meketi Shuto, 68. “Now we’re free and we can celebrate without fear.”

By contrast, police in the Serbian capital Belgrade fired tear gas and rubber bullets in skirmishes with protesters who opposed the declaration. Groups of masked thugs ran through downtown Belgrade smashing windows and ramming police cars. At least 30 people were injured, about half of them police officers, hospital officials said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Georgia refinery explosion kills 9

SAVANNAH — Dust that collected in a piece of safety equipment caused a small explosion at a sugar refinery Tuesday after workers fired a bullet that killed nine workers, a federal investigator said.

U.S. Chemical Safety Board, has few details of the explosion Feb. 7. He could not say whether the earlier blast contributed to the massive explosion Feb. 7. The Gazette of Colorado Springs had few details of the explosion Feb. 7.

Clergy adds marriage prerequisites

CICERO, 111. — The mid­class Chicago suburbs that send their sons and daughters to Northern Illinois University struggled Sunday to make sense of the latest in the country’s latest mas­ sacre — this time the gun­ man grew up among them in a community some con­sider “Mayberry.”

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LOCAL NEWS

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Wildfire victims still awaiting FEMA homes

Associated Press

RAMONA, Calif. - Patty Reedy is still waiting for some- one at the Federal Emergency Management Agency to call her about the mobile home she was promised before Christmas.

In December, agency inspec- tors said she wouldn't get a government home to replace the one she lost during last year's wildfires because it would be too difficult to haul the 60-foot, three-bedroom prefabricated unit up a winding road to her remote mountain-top property.

Reedy isn't alone. FEMA brought dozens of mobile homes to Southern California after the fires, only to find their own guidelines prevented them from getting them on many properties in rough terrain. San Diego County officials say dozens of homeowners with denied homes because their terrain is too difficult for federal trucks, didn't have connections into the electrical grid or were on hillsides deemed at mudslide risk.

"They don't have any famil- arity with these areas so they can't even conceive of the needs being different," said Deena Raver, a contractor who was hired by San Diego County to help fire victims. "You're talk- ing about one area with sewage and water and other places are very dry." The mobile home delay is another blemish on the agency's image. When the fires broke out in five Southern California counties, forcing half a million peo- ple to flee, many thought FEMA would be there against all odds.

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"FEMA wasn't really tested here," said Pam Light, a profes- sor of public service at New York University. "It really wasn't a dry run for a response and recovery." But in Santa Barbara, James McIntyre said the agency applied lessons it learned in Katrina to streamline its opera- tions in Southern California - like the need to respond quickly.

Two days before President Bush declared a federal disas- ter, 5,00000 homes were moving into fire-stricken zones and set- ting up at San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium.

DA orders frozen beef recall

California slaughterhouse subject of animal abuse investigation

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Sunday ordered the recall of 143 million pounds of frozen beef from a California slaugh- terhouse, the subject of an animal-abuse investigation that provided meat to school lunch programs.

Officials said it was the largest beef recall in the United States since 1999 when 35 million pounds of ready-to-eat meats were recalled.

"A lot of parents were act- ing like college kids, just drinking and having fun," said Roxanne Szczesnowski, a bartender at The Benefish Grill in a phone message left for Westland/Hallmark after an undercover video from the Humane Society of the United States surfaced showing crip- pled and sick animals being shoveled with forklifts.

Two former employees were charged Friday with federal counts of animal cruelty and three misdemeanors were against an employee who provided meat to school lunch programs.

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Economic confidence declines

Fears of recession, high prices of gas weigh on American consumers

Even when experts were declaring the economy healthy, many Americans voiced a vague, but persistent, dissatisfaction.

True, jobs were relatively plentiful over the last few years, but wages were very cheap. The sharp rise in the value of homes and plentiful credit cards encouraged a notion of consumers to get out and buy. But to most people, something didn't feel right, even if they couldn't quite explain why.

Now the economic tide is receding and the understanding that there was all along is getting stronger.

Take away the easy credit and consumers are left with paychecks that, for most, haven't nearly kept pace with expenses and propel to spend.

The frustration of $3 gas and $4 milk, the worries about health care costs that have risen four times the rate of pay, become much more real. The retirement security that is only as good as the increasingly volatile stock market seems much less certain.

"Americans' declining confidence in the economy is triggered by a storm of very recent pressures, including plunging home prices, tight credit, and heavy debt. But it is compounded by anxiety that there was all along, the result of a long, slow drip of worries and vulnerabilities. "The economy is currently in recessions, which are closed to recession and that's certainly weighing on the collective psyche," says Mark Zandi, chief economist of forecaster Moody's Economy.com. "But I do think that there is an important level of angst that is more fundamental and is not going to go away even when the economy improves."

Much of that anxiety is the uncomfortable, but expected jolt of the economic roller coaster: During a downturn, people become less confident about keeping their jobs or being able to find new ones, meeting household expenses and about the prospects for the future.

But there may be more to it than just cyclical ups and downs.

What does the economic future hold? Many Americans feel increasingly unequipped to answer that question with assurance, and they apprise it with a sense that they are less in control of the outcome.

In Westminster, Colo., a Denver suburb, George Apodaca bears that uncertainty from the maintenance workers, drivers and others reeled in the home budgeting class he teaches. Many have steady jobs, but are just getting by. They talk about challenges like the rising cost of getting to work or medical bills, not as new problems but as a continuing struggle.

"People in my class, they don't know what a recession means or what a boom means," says Apodaca, a counselor for Colorado Housing Enterprises. "They're worried about buying the groceries.

A year ago — months before economic alarms went off — nearly two of three Americans polled by The Rockefeller Foundation said that they felt somewhat or a lot less economically secure than they did a decade ago. Half said they expected their children to face an economy even more shaky.

Programm Rennie Sawade takes the bus home to Woodinville, Wash., from his job in Seattle Wednesday in order to save money.

Homeless live in foreclosed properties

CLEVELAND — The nation's foreclosure crisis has led to a painful irony for homeless people: On any given night they are outnumbered in some cities by vacant homes. Some street people are taking advantage of the opportunity by becoming squatters.

Foreclosed homes often have an advantage over boarded-up and dilapidated houses abandoned because of rundown conditions: Sometimes the heat and running water are still working.

"That's what you call convenient," said James Bertan, 41, an ex-convict and self-described "bando," or some­one who sneaks into abandoned homes.

While no one keeps numbers of below-the-radar homeless finding shelter in properties left vacant by foreclosure, homeless advocates agree the locations — even with utilities cut off — would be inviting to some.

There are risks for squatters, includ­ing fires from using candles and con­frontations with drug dealers, prosti­tutes, copper thieves or police.

Many homeless people see the foreclosure crisis as an opportunity to find low-cost housing (FREE!) with some privacy," Brian Davis, director of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless, said in the summary of the latest census of homeless sleeping outside in downtown Cleveland.

The census had dropped from 40 to 17 people. Davis, a board member of the National Coalition for the Homeless, cited factors including the availability of shelter in foreclosed homes, aggressive sidewalk and street cleaning and the relocation of a homeless feeding site. He said there are an average 4,000 homeless in Cleveland on any given night. There are an estimated 15,000 single-family homes vacant due to foreclosures in Cleveland and suburban Cuyahoga County.

In Texas, Larry James, president and chief executive officer of Central Dallas Ministries, said he wasn't surprised that homeless might be taking advantage of vacant homes in resi­dential neighborhoods beyond the reach of his downtown agency.

"There are some campgrounds and creek beds and such where people would be tempted to walk across the street or climb out of the creek bed and sneak into a vacant house," he said.

Bertan, who doesn't like shelters because of the rules, said he has been homeless or in prison for drugs and other charges for the past nine years. He has noticed the increased avail­ability of boarded-up homes amid the foreclosure crisis.

He said a "fresh building" — recent­ly foreclosed — offered the best prospects to squatters.

"You can be pretty comfortable for a little bit until it gets burned out," he said as he made the rounds of the annual "stand down" where homeless in Cleveland were offered medical checkups, haircuts, a hot meal and self-help information.
Monologues' discussion important

First of all, I would like to express my appreciation for the courage that Bob O’Ferrall’s “Monologues promote non-violence,” Feb. 12 and Christina Holmstrom’s “Monologues encourage mistreatment of women,” Feb. 11) showed in being one of the first important in shaping the new college that I have become. My freshman year was challenging. For a number of months, I realized that I had happened and I did not understand it or my mind. A few months later, journal those experiences as the “Vaginal Monologues,” something that I was able to have a monumental impact on my life. It was only then that I began down the long road of recovery and healing. It has been a long journey, but how important my family and the support systems were at that time. But the “Vaginal Monologues” was a different and very powerful kind of support. As a cast member, I was surrounded every day by these issues, and was able to share my own healing. It was comforting to know that I was not alone, that many women all over the world had experienced violence and were living through it. It was important for me to be a part of something that gave such support to those women and to have a support system myself in the women of the 2005 cast and crew. They taught me that when I was ready, I could share my real self, that it was mine and my healing was a process that I could go at my own pace. They gave me back the power and dignity that the rape had taken away. Those women, and that experience, turned my life around and brought an entirely new perspective to my then broken spirit. I can say with all certainty, that without that experience, without that support, I would not still be at this university.

This is my experience with healing. What I am trying to do is share my experience with others, to show that healing is possible and to encourage others to seek support. If someone has been the victim of violence or abuse, I encourage them to seek support and to talk about their experience.

Jordy Brooks
Guest Commentator

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Yatarola should check fascism facts

Most of the time, I am more than happy to be taking on the loads that are paying for my Notre Dame tuition. Sometimes, though, I wish I had settled for "two-fifty in late fees" at the local library. Reading Greg Yatarola’s Feb. 12 column (“Are you fascist?”) provoked such a response in me.

To be honest, I am not writing to defend liberal values or to criticize conservative ones, but rather to decay the fact that a "300 pound bodyguard" could pen a piece so stunningly devoid of critical thinking. Yatarola’s column was flawed from the start. One of the keys to good argument is credible sources and his choice of Jonah Goldberg and George Will — two hyper-conservative partisan-in-arms to modern liberalism leaves much to be desired. This bias clearly affects the editorial when, like a child mimicking the arguments he heard his parents make. Yatarola unquestioningly accepts Weimer’s "fascist" claim that liberals are "measner than conservatives. Yet aren't liberals the ones branded as "hating our troops" and "baby killers"? And was it not Ann Coulter who labeled a Democratic Presidential candidate a "fagot"? Liberals are not right on any of these subjects, but to claim there be a sort of large discrepancy between the groups is ignorance, whether willful or inadvertent. (Neither would surprise me.)

Also, in making his argument, Yatarola should modern conservatism very closely and dismisses any conservative argument that many people, the "Vaginal Monologues" does aid in the healing process after sexual trauma. For some people it doesn’t. And for those people, I sincerely hope that they find their own particular path to healing. But for many people it does help to heal. I hope it always finds a home here. In my experience, it was what ultimately got me through. To be in a community of women, who were working to end violence, was a kind of survival. And for me to be a part of something that is as incredibly empowering and healing.

The most important aspect of all this is the discussion. This is the very reason the organizers wanted to bring the play back to campus. We believe that everyone is entitled to their position on the issue of the "Vaginal Monologues." I sincerely hope that they find a home here. In my experience, it was what ultimately got me through. To be in a community of women, who were working to end violence, was a kind of survival. And for me to be a part of something that is as incredibly empowering and healing.

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Feb. 15
Respect bishops’ wishes, move ‘Monologues’

Something is wrong here. The University is planning on hosting the “Vaginas Monologues” on campus at the expense of a visit from our esteemed Catholic bishops. Last year our own Bishop John D’Arcy said no to the “Monologues” and the recent actions of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) to move their theological seminar off campus reiterate that our Church has been taken to task on all along. The “Monologues,” despite its good intentions, violates the truth about women, the truth about sexuality, the truth about male and female and the truth about the human body” (D’Arcy, 2005).

We hear a lot about “discussion,” but do we even stop to consider the statements of our own bishop? Whether you spend all your time in the library working on the latest political report or the actions of the USCCB? By avoiding the misconceptions and vulgarities contained in the “Monologues,” our bishops are not trying to censor but lead us into an authentic search for truth. Sam Cuhill said it best in his Feb. 13 Letter to the Editor (“Monologues’ promote discussion”). “We are at Notre Dame to find the truth: Let’s seek it with courage and charity, truthfully, but God will not mislead us.” I, for one, wholeheartedly trust that God will not mislead me! We must put our search for truth on the shoulders of God’s Word, not Eve Ensler’s “Monologues.” As such, we must find a uniquely Catholic way to end violence against women and empower men and women to live in the fullness of their sexuality. For example, the Edith Stein Project is one way our Notre Dame community already discusses issues of human sexuality in a respectful manner. Saying no to the “Monologues” does not imply that we are saying no to women’s issues, instead, we respect the dignity of women so much that we must deny any material that attempts to empower women through sin. This is a wake up call, Notre Dame. If our own Church officials refuse to even step foot on our campus, something has got to be wrong. Our bishops sincerely said no to the “Monologues” because they see something that no one else apparently sees: encouraging promiscuity is not the way to end violence against women. Our bishops need to stop worrying so much about what others think. Whether you spend all night in the library because of some quiz that is only worth five percent of your grade, you climb the StairMaster for four straight hours at Rolfs trying to look like a Freshman, or make some good friends in the process, then Joe’s is the place for you.

Tom Martin

Class of 2008

Feb. 16

Yatarola oversimplifies complex ideas

In his column “Are you a fascist?” (Feb. 12), Greg Yatarola claims that liberals are more similar to fascists than conservatives are. Not only is this a gross oversimplification of a complex set of ideas into a simple, number-line-style concept, but it also represents a fundamental misunderstanding of what that spectrum represents.

Yatarola clearly takes offense at the fact that conservatism is placed closer to the fascist end of the scale of ideologies. This scale, however, is not meant to condemn conservatives or the actions of the USCCB. By avoiding the misconceptions and vulgarities contained in the “Monologues,” our bishops are not trying to censor, but lead us into an authentic search for truth. Sam Cuhill said it best in his Feb. 13 Letter to the Editor (“Monologues’ promote discussion”). “We are at Notre Dame to find the truth: Let’s seek it with courage and charity, truthfully, but God will not mislead us.” I, for one, wholeheartedly trust that God will not mislead me! We must put our search for truth on the shoulders of God’s Word, not Eve Ensler’s “Monologues.” As such, we must find a uniquely Catholic way to end violence against women and empower men and women to live in the fullness of their sexuality. For example, the Edith Stein Project is one way our Notre Dame community already discusses issues of human sexuality in a respectful manner. Saying no to the “Monologues” does not imply that we are saying no to women’s issues, instead, we respect the dignity of women so much that we must deny any material that attempts to empower women through sin. This is a wake up call, Notre Dame. If our own Church officials refuse to even step foot on our campus, something has got to be wrong. Our bishops sincerely said no to the “Monologues” because they see something that no one else apparently sees: encouraging promiscuity is not the way to end violence against women. Our bishops need to stop worrying so much about what others think. Whether you spend all night in the library because of some quiz that is only worth five percent of your grade, you climb the StairMaster for four straight hours at Rolfs trying to look like a Freshman, or make some good friends in the process, then Joe’s is the place for you.

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Climate change a very real problem

I was disappointed but not surprised to read Matt Gore’s Letter to the Editor (“Stop the climate change propaganda,” Feb. 7). Like many, I am one of those people who continue to resist mounting evidence of the negative global impacts of climate change, he believes that denying the severity of a very real problem.

As any discerning reader should, Gore questions the validity of the claim that climate change could cause mass extinction. He mentions a study by Chris D. Thomas that found that only the Costa Rican Golden Toad has gone extinct due to “global climatic shifts.” Being the climate change believer that I am, I double checked this citation. To my surprise, however, in the first line of Thomas’ report “Extinction Risk from Climate Change” (Nature, 2004, Vol. 427, p. 145), the author concedes that indeed, climate change has caused the extinction of only one species within the last three decades. But alas! All is not well for Gore, for later on the same page of the report, Thomas states that even in the minimum expected climate change scenarios (read: inevitable), between nine and 31 percent of species are predicted to go extinct, depending on their dispersal abilities. While I grant that nine to 31 percent of species is not most or all of the global species’ extinction, the climate change induced extinction of such a significant portion of global biodiversity would be a large blow to the human community.

Gore also argues against the claim that climate change will threaten the existence of life on Earth. He points out that species have persisted through more intense climate changes in the past and may do so in the next few centuries. I agree — just look at cockroaches. The larger point at hand, however, is how life in general will fare, but individuals. Although the majority of species, including Homo sapiens, could likely persist through expected climate change scenarios, individuals of those species may not emerge unscathed. As Professor Dario Navaquez hinted in her Feb. 5 letter (“A call to conserve”), there is widespread acceptance among the scientific community that climate change will severely and adversely affect many human communities.

Additionally, most research knowledge that certain areas of the world could benefit. Some economies may boom as agriculture yields increase with warmer weather and reduced precipitation in some areas may limit transmission of diseases like malaria. The cost for other communities, however, will be profound. As we all have heard from various media sources, people around the world are at risk for reduced water supply in already water-stressed areas, loss of arable land due to increased temperatures, and massive flooding due to sea-level rise. (For a detailed summary, read the executive summaries of reports by the United Nation’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.) The potential consequences of climate change are inescapable, and are not to be taken lightly. While I appreciate Gore’s ultimate agreement that we should take steps to conserve energy, I worry that his resistance to the potential consequences of climate change is indicative of a mindset that denies sans reason the gravity of our situation. By labeling people who vocalize concern as “fear mongers” and by exaggerating their claims, naysayers in the discussion prevent others from working to curb this catastrophic change. If we are going to make a positive difference, however, we all must work together. It is true that no one knows the future and the exact climate change, or how severe they will be. Personally, however, I choose to err on the side of caution.

Eric Burns

Commentary

Feb. 8

The Observer

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On Friday night my fifth grade dreams came true— at the Spice Girls concert in Chicago. When I found out that my favorite girl group of the 90s was reuniting for a world tour, I was desperate to get tickets. I missed the boat the first time around and I wasn’t going to let it happen again.

Judging from the sold-out concert, I wasn’t the only one who refused to let this opportunity pass by. I have an odd feeling that this is the last and only Spice Girls reunion tour we’re going to see. For some reason I can’t picture Scary, Sporty, Ginger, Posh and Baby walking “Wannabe” and racking about “goal power” at ages 43 or 50.

The crowd was overwhelmingly lacking children and boys. Ten years ago, the United Center would have been packed with junior high girls wearing platform shoes and glitter. All those tweens were now grown up and buying beer at the concession stands. An interesting side note: A 20-year-old offered me $20 to buy her an $8 beer before the concert started. She was less concerned with the fact that I just saw Eddie Murphy’s baby and the Beckham boys. I appreciated that she never tried to gloss over a pivotal part of their history. Ginger’s early departure from the group. At the end of “Viva Forever,” Ginger (who even donned her Union Jack sparkling leotard at one point in the evening), descended through a trap door, leaving Scary, Sporty, Posh and Baby—the four who worked on a third album together—to perform “Make You Holler,” a single from that album.

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Walking into Chicago's United Center for the Spice Girls concert Friday night was, I can only imagine, very similar to going to a Cher concert. There were almost as many men in teeny-tiny outfits and heels as there were women in the same attire.

Among the many drag queens in attendance were four dressed as the Spice Girls, something I expected of the girls in attendance, not the boys. There was also a man dressed up as Wonder Woman, which may or may not have been a tribute to "Spice World" the movie, in which one of the girls dresses up as Wonder Woman for a photo shoot.

Not every male in attendance was dressed in drag; there were, surprisingly, several groups of guys scattered throughout the arena dressed perfectly normally. These were definitely the minority, though.

By the time the five Spice Girls rose to the stage and began the concert with "Spice Up Your Life," I had already seen more sequins, leopard print, pigtails, and crimped hair, on girls and guys, than I ever wanted to.

For their part, the Spice Girls themselves seemed more than aware that their fan base had grown up. The show featured quite a bit more risque implications than would've been expected of the girls when they were catering to the 12-year-old audience of the 1990s.

Though not every act featured it, the girls demonstrated the sexual nature of their songs. During "Two Become One," the girls danced on platforms with candy-striped stripper poles while dancers used feathered wings for accompaniment.

Scary Spice, Melanie Brown's solo act, an unsuspecting man was strapped to her "machine," a giant metallic "A" shaped stand. "He has no idea what I'm going to do," she said while she danced around the stage in her signature leopard print with a whip singing "Are You Gonna Go My Way" by Lenny Kravitz.

The song concluded with Brown running up to her prisoner and mimicking oral sex before the lights went down. During the song "Hollie" which was released after Ginger Spice (Geri Halliwell) left the group, the four Spice Girls got extremely touchy-feely with the dancers. At one point they walked down the "catwalk" portion of the stage with the four male dancers crawling in front of them on leashes.

Despite being in their 30s, all five sported the same type of skimpy outfits they wore during the 90s. In the opening few songs, the girls all wore metallic-inspired outfits that mimicked their signature styles.

For "Lady is a Vamp," the Spice Girls sported 1940s lounge inspired outfits which included Halliwell wearing what appeared to be a man's dress coat. They also sported classic outfits such as Posh Spice (Victoria Beckham) wearing her usual tight little dresses and Halliwell wearing her well-known Union Jack dress.

Baby Spice (Emma Bunton) was probably the most mature looking with dresses that reached mid-thigh as opposed to just above the butt. The Spice Girl who changed the least, Sporty Spice (Melanie Chisholm), still seemed content to wear studded track suits or, if she absolutely had to, some form of pants suit.

Then, they decided to throw a curve ball at fans. During the song "Mama" the four Spice Girls who are now mothers brought their children on stage to demonstrate that they are grown up now, even if their wardrobes don't demonstrate as much.

All in all, the Spice Girls lived up to their name, bringing fans the type of show they might've expected during the height of their popularity, with a few twists and turns.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Dallas goaltender Marty Turco savored a huge win. "It's not like he's not trying, he's trying his tail off," Dallas coach Dave Tippett said. "But it was good to see him get results. He had saves at the right time. It was tough time against Detroit. It was those saves. We've always had a good chance. I don't know how to explain how Marty is playing," Turco said after registering his season-high sixth straight loss, 1-0 Sunday.

"Somebody had to stop them. We've run into teams like this before. The Stars were unable to get the puck in and out of the Dallas zone, and Turco didn't make any big mistakes," Dallas coach Dave Tippett said. "He had saves at the right time. Those were some big saves. It's not like he's not trying, he's trying his tail off," Turco said. "It was good to see him get results. He's trying his tail off," Dallas coach Dave Tippett said. "It's not like he's not trying, he's trying his tail off," Turco said. "It was good to see him get results. He had saves at the right time. It was tough time against Detroit. It was those saves. We've always had a good chance. I don't know how to explain how Marty is playing," Turco said after registering his season-high sixth straight loss, 1-0 Sunday.

Wings goaltender Jimmy Howard failed to make his third straight game against Dallas. He had saves at the right time. Howard made 28 saves for his 201st victory. "Now I'm focused on evening things up against them."

Dallas center Blair Betts attempts to hit a puck past San Jose goalie Evgeni Nabokov during New York's 3-1 over the Sharks Sunday. Nabokov stopped 30 shots, playing in his seventh career game and getting his fourth career start in place of Dallas No. 1 goalie Chris Osgood. "A loss is a loss. Howard gave us a chance to win but we came up short. It's terrible, what can you say? It's tough, it's a real good test for us and we need to build on," he said. "We have a physical, talented team," forward Brett Lebda said. "It's not like he's not trying, he's trying his tail off," Turco said. "It was good to see him get results. He had saves at the right time. It was a huge win."

Hugman said at 3-13 of the third period, matching his career-best 21st of the season and eighth game-winner from a sharp angle to the left of Detroit's third-string goaltender Jimmy Howard.

Howard failed to control the rebound of Jere Lehtinen's shot, and Hugman lifted the puck over Howard, making his first start of the season. Lehtinen drove it toward the net off the back door, Hugman said. "I got a good bounce and it was easy for me to put it." Howard stopped 30 shots, playing in his seventh career game and getting his fourth career start in place of Dallas No. 1 goalie Chris Osgood.

"We missed by a couple of inches on some of our shots, and Marty played really well," Howard said. "Coach Mike Babcock gave Howard the assignment after Osgood lost his fourth previous start and had been replaced by Howard in the previous two games. Babcock has accepted it with a big injury. Howard was fighting the puck early, but the Stars were unable to capitalize.

"The first couple of shots came off him like crazy, but that's just a kid being nervous," Babcock said. Babcock also switched up his lines in an attempt to spark his struggling team, but the Red Wings fell to 0-5-1 in their last six games.

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NASCAR

Penske driver Ryan Newman celebrates after winning the Daytona 500 Sunday at Daytona International Speedway. The victory ended Newman's 81-race winless streak and was owner Roger Penske's first victory at the event.

Penske scores big with Newman's 500 win

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Ryan Newman snapped an 81-race winless streak Sunday, using a huge push from teammate Kurt Busch to give car owner Roger Penske his first Daytona 500 victory.

Penske, the most successful owner in open-wheel history with 14 wins in the prestigious Indianapolis 500, now has a victory in NASCAR's showcase event. It took him 23 years to get it.

It came in the historic 50th running of The Great American Race, and it came in brilliant fashion.

"We did something very special for the Captain tonight," runner-up Kurt Busch said.

The Penske cars were quiet for 199 of the 200 laps, letting Joe Gibbs Racing stars Tony Stewart and Kyle Busch race each other in a battle of Toyotas. With one lap to go, it appeared Stewart finally would get a Daytona 500 win in his 100th try.

Running out front in the high line, he held off the two Penske cars as they circled the famed speedway. With a pair of teammates closing in on him, Stewart didn't feel safe running out alone with no allies.

So at the last second, he dropped low on the track to line up in front of Kyle Busch. The JGR teams had talked about using teamwork all week, and Stewart thought he'd need Busch to make it to the checkered flag.

But the decision backfired when the two Penske cars flew past him on the top, and Newman pulled away for his first win since New Hampshire in September 2005.

"I just made the wrong decision on the backstretch," a dejected Stewart said. "My intention was to get in front of Kyle and pull Kyle along with us. It's hard to explain. It's probably one of the most disappointing moments in my racing career.

And for Joe Gibbs Racing and the entire Toyota camp.

Toyota seemed destined to win its first points race in NASCAR's top series behind the strength of JGR, which joined the manufacturer this season and gave it instant credibility. After a strong month of testing and a Denny Hamlin win in one of Thursday's qualifying races, the JGR cars seemed poised to battle mighty Hendrick Motorsports for the win.

Tigers' Rogers starts strong at spring training

LAKELAND, Fla. — Kenny Rogers threw a pitch and pivoted to get back on the mound to throw another one.

Detroit Tigers pitcher coach Chuck Hernandez stepped between Rogers and the bullpen catcher, ending the session on Sunday.

"Get out of here!" Hernandez roared.

Rogers reluctantly walked away, with sweat on his brow and grass stains on his knees.

"I just keep going until Chuck stops me," Rogers said with a smile.

Rogers has spent three-plus years of his life at spring training — a fact he said was "weary," and still enjoys rolling around on the infield like a kid during pitcher's batting practice.

"Yes, that's his favorite part.
Hampton tries comeback

Veteran pitcher ready for last attempt after missing 2 seasons

Hampton is attempting to pitch this year after undergoing Tommy John surgery in 2006.

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Mike Hampton rubs down the ball, stares toward home plate and delivers a pitch that swoops across the outside corner. Mark Konatay never gives the fat of his shoulder.

The southpaw nods approvingly toward the mound. "That's better," Konatay says.

Brayan Pena is even more enthusiastic. "That-a boy!" the catcher harks, giving a slight pump of the fist.

For Hampton, it's another baby step in one of baseball's longest-running comebacks.

"If you guys are starting to come around," he said a few minutes later, standing by his locker in the Atlanta Braves' clubhouse. "My arm's been feeling pretty sound. I'm happy where I'm at right now."

Remember Mike Hampton? Left-handed pitcher. Former 20-game winner. Perhaps best known for getting one of the richest contracts in baseball history.

Well, he's still around, though no one could be blamed for thinking he retired or took up coaching or settled for a job overseas. Hampton hadn't made it through a full year since 2004. Heck, he hadn't pitched at all over the last two seasons.

"Put yourself in his shoes," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "You like to play, you like to pitch, you like the competition — then, all of a sudden, it's taken away from you. It hurts."

But, now, entering the final year of that infamous eight-year, $121 million deal he signed with Colorado in 2001, the 35-year-old Hampton is back on the mound, trying to show in the early days of spring training that he's still got a little something left in that scarred-up pitching arm.

I've been preparing for this day since the day after the surgery," Hampton said. "I'm excited."

For the record, he's referring to last year's operation on his balky left elbow, the one that cut short Hampton Comeback, Version 2007. At that time, he was coming off Tommy John surgery, which replaced the ligament in his elbow and cost him the '06 season. When the pain returned, he went back under the knife for a torn flexor tendon.

Another season gone.

From all outward appearances, Hampton never let two major operations dampen his enthusiasm for the game or his determination to get back on the mound. During two full years of rehab, he often studied through the Turner Field clubhouse cracking jokes or ribbing teammates.

"When you're sorry for yourself and at the end of the day you're still feeling sorry for yourself, well, your mind is messed up and your arm still hurts. It doesn't really help anything," Hampton said. "I decided to keep a positive mindset, get it taken care of and look forward to the day when I could compete again."

A cynic might find it hard to muster a whole lot of sympathy for Hampton. After all, those big paychecks kept on coming, and he's due to make $15 million this season, no matter how much he pitches for the Braves.

Then again, it wasn't his fault that Colorado doled out such a foolish contract, or that Hampton's sinker-heavy repertoire just wasn't cut out for the Mile-High City. He can even laugh about his experience with the Rockies.

"When I was in Colorado, I forget how to throw everything," Hampton joked. "I was like, 'What in the hell are you doing?' I was throwing a sinker down here, and they were teaching me to throw up here — and my four-seamer from up here — his arm rising above the head. 'I went straight brain dead. Now, I'm pretty comfortable.'"

That's just what the Braves want to hear.

While they're not counting on Hampton for as much as they did a year ago, they know he could make a stronger rotation look downright formidable. The Braves already have John Smoltz, Tom Glavine and Tim Hudson. A healthy Hampton would give them four top-line starters, the sort of rotation that could help Atlanta challenge the free-spending New York Mets and defending champs on Philadelphia Phillies in the NL East.

"Everything we get from him is a bonus," Smoltz said. "There's no other way to put it."

Hampton had hoped to start his comeback in the Mexican Winter League, but that plan lasted all of three outs. Yes, he hurt himself again, pulling his right hamstring and then the ligament in his elbow when he threw. He had to re-examine his workout routine, giving more attention to his legs and making sure he shows up early enough to do plenty of streching.

"I really care how Hampton throws in spring training, as long as he makes it to opening day without getting hurt again. 'I'm sure he'll be rusty a little bit,'" Cox said. "But we're not looking for that. We're looking for health."

Actually, the aborted stint in Mexico boosted Hampton's confidence. "My arm wasn't hurt, and when he watched a video of the inning that popped up on YouTube, he was relieved to see that his mechanics looked basically the same as they did before all the injuries."

"It's like Smoltz told me, 'Dude, you don't forget how to pitch,'" Hampton said. "It's like a bicycle. You don't forget how. You might need a refresher course, but you don't forget how. When I saw that video, I was like, 'Dude, you look just like you did before.' I'm fine."

Hampton tries comeback

Veteran pitcher ready for last attempt after missing 2 seasons

Hampton is attempting to pitch this year after undergoing Tommy John surgery in 2006.
Kessler scores 22 as Belles ride 34-8 run to blowout victory

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s was actually down four to Kalamazoo at one point in its 71-39 win Saturday. Then, five and a half minutes into the game, the Belles (10-12, 6-8 MIAA) decided it was time to start playing.

With 14:37 left in the first half and the score tied at 5-8, Saint Mary’s senior guard Alison Kessler scored two of her game-high 22 on a layup. It was the last time Kalamazoo (4-18, 1-13 MIAA) snuffed the lead. That’s because Kessler’s layup began a 34-8 Saint Mary’s reserves saw the court for the latter portion of the game.

The blowout victory was a big change for the Belles, who have an average margin of victory of 6.6 points in their MIAA wins this season. Belles junior guard Katie Rashid finished with 13 points, and classmate Erin Newsom netted 11 to go along with seven rebounds. The Belles also got a solid performance from freshman guard Liz Wade, who scored seven points, grabbed seven rebounds and had seven assists off the bench.

Kammrath said after the game that the win was a big one for the Belles, especially with the end of the MIAA season coming closer.

“Getting this win means we are for sure playing on Tuesday once [the] conference [tournament] starts next week,” Kammrath said. “It also helps team morale, a win like this.”

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish battle to 2-2 split in Arizona

Game against No. 1 Wildcats rain out

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

In a rare rainy weekend in Tempe, Ariz., Notre Dame came up even in Arizona State’s Kajikawai Classic, defeating Utah and Cal but losing to Western Kentucky and No. 3 Texas A&M to start the 2008 season.

Officials cancelled Friday’s game against top-ranked Arizona because of the rain. “I like how the girls came out,” Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. “They really showed a lot of fight, and I think it was a great learning experience.”

The Irish jumped all over previously undefeated Utah 7-1 to snag a 6-2 win in the opener on Friday. “It’s important to get our feet wet,” Gumpf said. “It was a good chance to see where we’re at in our real game situation.”

On Saturday, Bargar got the win, allowing three hits and two earned runs in seven innings. Bargar fanned six and surrendered two solo home runs. "It was a good chance to see where we’re at in our real game situation.”

Western Kentucky beat Notre Dame 6-5 and scored the final run after an Irish throwing error in the seventh inning. “We lost due to some things that are really controllable,” Gumpf said. “We have some growing pains that we need to work on.”

The Irish jumped out to a 3-1 lead off a Pinzenberger double and a sophomore Christine Lux sacrifice fly, but the lead would not stand.

Western Kentucky’s Rebecca Horosky hit a grand slam off of freshman Jody Valdivia to give the Hilltoppers a 5-3 advantage.

Sophomore Heather Johnson tied the game at 5-5 in the seventh with a two-run homer, but the Hilltoppers responded for the win.

The Irish lost 4-1 to the fearsome Aggies.

Bargar kept Texas A&M scoreless through four innings. Before allowing three earned runs in the final three innings, Bargar also struck-out nine.

“Brittney really gave us a chance to win both games,” Gumpf said. “It was just three or four pitches that went wrong for her.”

The final game on Sunday against Cal was a chance for the Irish to make up for the previous day’s mistakes, and they took full advantage.

Senior second baseman Katie Laing went 2-for-4 and had RBIs, including a two-run homer in the third inning to propel the Irish to a 4-3 comeback win.

In the bottom of the seventh, Laing showed her power in the clutch, knocking the first pitch she saw into right-center field to plate freshman Katie Fleurty.

“Katie really led this team all weekend,” Gumpf said. “The single-handedly scored three runs for us in the last game and led the team to victory.”

The Irish will spend the week working on the little things before traveling to Gainesville, Fla., next weekend to participate in the Aquafina Invitational.

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Wake Forest upends second-ranked Duke
Freshman Teague scores 26 for Deacons


Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Freshmen Jeff Teague and James Johnson helped Duke upset No. 2 Wake Forest on Saturday. Instead, they helped the Demon Deacons shock the No. 2 Blue Devils 86-73 on Sunday night, snapping Duke's 12-game winning streak and giving the first-year coach his signature victory as the heir of the late Skip Prosser's program.

"I watched them on TV (and) dreamed about (North Carolina and Duke)," Teague said, adding that he and Johnson "talked about that when we first got here. "Playing Duke, they're going to pressure you."

"That's why I want to play. I'm not an All-American or nothing, but I want to go out and try to beat one."

Johnson added 24 points and a personal-best 16 rebounds for the Deamon Deacons (16-8, 6-5 Atlantic Coast Conference), who claimed their first victory against a top-five team since Chris Paul's sophomore season in 2004-05. This time, the tie-dye-clad "Screamin' Demons" student section crowded the court to celebrate the program's biggest win since they knocked off the then-No. 4 Blue Devils on Feb. 2, 2003.

The Demon Deacons' third straight victory improved them to 14-14 on their home court and snapped a five-game losing streak in the series. They did it on the strength of a 17-2 run midway through the second half and some smothering defense, forcing Duke into a season-high 22 turnovers.

"Teague did a great job on defense, but I think it was just not being as aggressive as we've been all year, taking the right shots, and just pressing up a lot of shots that we should have taken, and second-guessing ourselves early," freshman Nolan Smith said. "Lackadaisical turnovers, but Duke's a great team."

The Blue Devils (22-2, 10-1) entered this one only a one-point overtime loss to Pittsburgh away from a perfect record, and had won their previous 12 games by an average of 14.3 points. But this time, the Demon Deacons held Mike Krzyzewski's team without a field goal for more than 7 minutes in building the first double-figure lead of the game for either team, with Teague's three-point play with 4:58 left making it 72-62.

After Kyle Singler's layup at the 11:20 mark gave the Blue Devils their largest lead of the half at 60-52, they missed 11 consecutive shots before Paulus ended the drought with a 3 with just over 4 minutes left. They didn't get closer than six points the rest of the way.

"Tonight, we played like we've already done something, and the team that had to win won," Krzyzewski said. "The sign of a champion. That's a part of learning. We have some young guys who haven't been champions before, and they're trying to learn how to be that. Sometimes the best lessons are ones that are taught in defeat."

Smith, a freshman, scored a career-high 35 points for Wake Forest. Nelson had 18 points and singer finished with 17 for the Blue Devils, who had all five starters foul out in the closing moments in losing for the fourth time in five visits to Wake-Salem.

"The foul trouble caught up with us, and they continued to play hard and well," Krzyzewski said. "The team that fought harder and had more energy won ... I don't think it meant what we just had down and died. Our kids fought. At this time of the year, you have to match or be better than the other team."

In a way, the Demon Deacons beat the Blue Devils at their own game, spurring things out on the offensive end of the court and turning up the pressure on defense. Singer, who entered having made 15-26 attempts from beyond the arc in his previous four games, was just 2-6 from the arc.

"We can go (twice) four guards, just like these guys have, and we have bags ... that can move out there," guard Ishmail Smith said. "So what we tried to do is play a little small, but still control their shots.

Jamie Skov added 10 points for Wake Forest, which came out determined to honor Prosser's memory and give Gaudio a signature win, rocking the Joel Coliseum like it hadn't been in years.

Junior Katie Potts started singles play with a 6-2, 6-0 victory, and Gaudio and Bielel followed suit with convincing wins to clinch the match for Notre Dame.

Having won the match, there was no pressure as freshman Kristin Rafael, who primarily plays Nos. 2 and 3 doubles, made her singles debut in the No. 6 slot. Rafael took advantage of the opportunity and easily disposed of her opponent 6-0, 6-3. The second half of singles play also included wins from Krizick and Teff.

Teff played No. 1 singles for the second straight day and is now 2-0 from that slot for the dual season and a perfect 9.0 in singles overall. Her 6-3, 6-0 win finished the 7-0 sweep for the Irish, and five total seniors celebrated the win for Teff and the Irish with traditional student section push-ups. It was Notre Dame's second straight 7-0 victory over Wisconsin. The Irish improved to 3-0 at home and broke the .500 mark for the first time since a season-opening win over Louisville.

"It's the sign of a champion. That's why I want to play. I'm especially impressed with the play of our freshman, Kristin Rafael," Louderback said. "She played real well all weekend. I think she gained a little confidence winning her singles match against Wisconsin, and that carried over into the rest of the week."

Gaudio and Bielel upended junior 1st Bas and senior 1st Cruze 8-5 in the final doubles match.

No. 62 Gaudio beat Mueller 6-1, 6-2, and No. 64 Bielel dropped the first two games of the first set but turned her play around against No. 4 for a 7-6, 6-2, 6-0 victory.

No. 82 Potts secured the third win of the weekend with her 6-3, 6-3-defeat of Bielel.

Notre Dame will travel to Durham, N.C. to face a surging Duke team Thursday. The Blue Devils topped No. 6 Florida earlier in the week, and Louderback is not taking them lightly.

"(With Duke) you've got to be a tough, tough matchup," he said. "They're really under ranked. With their talent, they are definitely a top five team, so we have a tough test ahead of ourselves."

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**Men's Tennis**

Irish lose twice in ITA tourney

By MIKE GOTIMER

Facing some of the toughest competition in the country, Notre Dame split its first two matches in the ITA National Team Indoor Championships this weekend in Seattle and earned a spot in the consolation final before falling to No. 12 North Carolina Sunday.

On Friday, the Irish faced off against No. 8 UCLA in the first round and lost a tough one to the Bruins, 4-0.

The Irish began the match by losing the doubles point despite a strong showing from seniors Sheeva Parbhau and junior Brett Helgeson, who beat UCLA seniors Harel Sruog and Freshman Nic Meister 8-2.

Notre Dame senior Andrew Roth and freshman Stephen Havens lost a close match to Bruins juniors Max Mira and freshman Holden Segno by a score of 8-6.

The final Irish pair of freshman Tyler Davis and junior Santiago Montoya came up short against UCLA junior Mike Look and sophomore Jeremy Dean by a score of 8-4.

The Bruins took the momentum from their doubles win into their singles and won their first three matches to secure the 4-0 win.

The Irish loss to UCLA set up a Saturday match in the second round of the consolation bracket against No. 16 Penn State, whom the Irish defeated on Jan. 29 in Philadelphia. The Irish would be able to rebound from the tough loss to UCLA on Friday to pick up a 4-2 win.

The Irish started slowly and lost the doubles point. Parbhau and Helgeson lost to Penn State junior Adam Slagter and freshman Eddie Bourchier, 8-5. The second Irish doubles pair of Davis and Montoya dropped the second match 8-4 to Nittany Lions senior Michael James and junior Brendan Lynch.

Despite the slow start in doubles, the Irish came back strong in singles play to surge ahead of the Nittany Lions. The Irish picked up their first two singles wins from Havens and fellow freshman Dan Stahl.

Havens earned the first Irish win after Bourchier withdrew from the match. Stahl then defeated Penn State freshman Jake Toole in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

The Irish dominance in singles continued with No. 11 Helgeson, defeating No. 51 James in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4, which gave the Irish a 3-1 lead. Penn State took the next point as Lynch defeated Roth, 6-2, 6-2.

Notre Dame earned its fourth point when Parbhau defeated Slagter in three sets, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, to clinch the Irish victory.

The Irish could not keep their momentum from the Penn State win going into North Carolina and were shut out 5-0 Sunday against the Tar Heels. Parbhau and Helgeson lost the No. 1 doubles point 8-5 against North Carolina's David Stone and Lenny Gulian. But the Tar Heels dominated the rest of the match, taking every other point in both doubles and singles.

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goals in her first collegiate game, and senior Heather Ferguson scored twice.

With Notre Dame hanging onto its slim lead, the Irish made the necessary adjustments. Notre Dame rallied off three consecutive points, pushing the lead to 22-9. The rally included three goals from Byers and two from McKinnon.

Ashley Gray led the Griffins with three points in the game. Ashley card and Chelsea Martinez scored twice each.

Notre Dame outscored the Knights 14-6 in the final period, but Saint Mary's put up a strong fight.

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while picking up the victory.

"My performance was pretty good," Keegan said. "I give credit to my defense."

Koppens and junior attack Jake Wilcox led Loyola offensively. Koppens finished the game with one goal and two assists while Wilcox added two scores and one assist. Freshman attack Matt Langas and goalie Andrew Morelock and Cooper MacDonnell each netted one goal to aid the effort.

In net, Hagenon finished with 11 stops.

The Irish play next Sunday.

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**NBA All-Star Game**

ledBn named MVP in close East victory

NEW ORLEANS — In a proud city still restoring its unique beauty, the Eastern Conference defeated its own image.

Ray Allen scored 28 points, making three straight 3-pointers in the final 3:15, and LeBron James added 27 of the performance. The East, widely considered the NBA's weaker half, beat the Western Conference 134-128 in Sunday night's All-Star Game.

But last year, the West humiliated the East in a 153-132 rout in Las Vegas when Kobe Bryant and Co. rewar they the event's record books. However, this time led by Allen's 14 fourth-quarter points and a stunning dunk by James with 53 seconds left, the East salvaged some pride and can return to the season's second half with bragging rights.

James, who added nine assists and eight rebounds, was the MVP for the second time in three years. He also won the honor in 2006.

"We didn't want to come out here and get blown out again," James said.

Amare Stoudemire, Brandon Roy and Carlos Boozer also scored 18 points apiece to lead the West, which ran up a 17-point lead by 13 entering the fourth quarter and rallied behind New Orleans' Chris Paul. The guard's seventh assist of the final period set up Roy's layup to give the West a 122-119 lead.

But Boston's Allen, the final player added to either roster, knocked down his second career 3-pointer in 48 seconds to tie it before Paul answered with a 3 of his own, sending the home-state crowd into a frenzy.

Allen finally missed and James poked away the ball, and then came up with the night's most stirring moment. Slashing through the lane, Cleveland's megastar rose and dunked over several West defenders, much like he did in the first half of the NBA's 2006 All-Star game.

The weekend in New Orleans was about much more than spectacular dunks, a game featuring marginal defense or collecting strings of beads while strolling down Bourbon Street. The NBA came to the Big Easy hoping to help this special city continue its comeback from Hurricane Katrina, the effects of which are still being felt.

Many of the players were moved by the experience and came away with a greater sense of what the area has gone through and the monumental work that lies ahead in the Gulf Coast Region.

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end, but the ball ricocheted out of bounds off three Scarlet Knights.

On the ensuing Notre Dame possession, junior guard Kyle McAleary drained two free throws. Scarlet Knight Gorey Chandler missed a desperation 3, and the Irish left Piscataway with the win.

Jackson was a bright spot on an otherwise ugly day for Notre Dame. She put up 19 points and eight rebounds — two boards shy of his first triple-double.

"I came and I knocked down some shots," Jackson said by phone after the game.
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**ND Women's Basketball**

Orange crushed

Allen, Williamson get double-doubles in win

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

It just hadn't been Melissa Lechlitner's night. The sophomore guard was 0-for-5 from the floor, and her only two points came on free throws. But moments after coming off the bench late in the second half, two quick jump shots salvaged her game. Lechlitner hit a jumper with 2:52 remaining and another with 2:17 left to spark No. 16 Notre Dame's offensive resurgence. The Irish outscored Duquesne 25-7 in the fourth quarter on the way to a 69-54 win over the A10 runner-up to go 5-0 (8-3 Big East) on the season.

Midfielder Caitlin McKinney was a key component in pushing the tempo all season, says Irish coach Tracy Coyne. "Generally, we like an up-tempo style's going to be. "

If Friday was any indication, the Irish attack will be. Ten different players scored for both squads. Ten different players scored for both squads.

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The Irish stopped the bleeding with freshman midfielder Zach Brennen scoring past Loyola freshman goal tender Jake Hagenlin for a 6-5 Notre Dame advantage. Senior attack Shane Koppens fired right back and tied the game at six with fewer than seven minutes left in regulation.

"It was a good win," Irish senior midfielder Zach Brennen said after the game. "We got a lot of breaks on our side, which is going to be a key factor in our success this season. It's a win, and we have to keep it going."

Junior midfielder Dan Gibson, sophomore attack Colin Hogg, junior attack Duncan Swasey and Wharton all recorded one goal and one assist for the Irish. Junior attack Ryan Hoff also netted a goal while sophomore attack Neal Hicks added an assist.

On the defensive side, Kemp made 13 stops for Notre Dame.